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**"Courage is not the towering oak that sees storms come and go; it is the fragile blossom that opens in the snow." ~ Alice Mackenzie Swaim**

Dear friends,

The day before Woodrow Wilson's inauguration as president, on March 3, 1913, 8000 women from the National American Woman Suffrage Association, representing every state, marched in Washington, DC to call for a constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote. Jeannette Rankin was in that parade and it drew hundreds of thousands of spectators. Back then, some of the marchers were attacked by onlookers, but they marched on and successfully catapulted the nation's attention to the issue of women's rights. This weekend, many of you will be in Washington DC, Helena and cities across the country drawing the nation's attention to HUMAN rights, the idea that all of us, regardless of color, creed, gender identity, ability or any other label we can think of are entitled to live free of harassment and discrimination in this country. As Jim Wallis has said, "hope is not a feeling; it is a decision", so thank you for deciding to carry the hopes of this nation into the spotlight. Whether you are marching, singing or watching from home, let us all catch courage from each other -- whether that courage is born of strength or whether it is simply the willingness to keep going when you feel vulnerable and overwhelmed...Betsy



## Calendar

**Friday, January 20, 10 am-8 pm, locations across Missoula** (Forward MT, JRPC, Emmaus House, Imagine Nation Brewing, Free Cycles, Union Club and the Public Library). **Organizing For Power**, a day of workshops designed to propel people toward action on the day of the inauguration. For workshop schedule and descriptions, go to [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1J66YvF-Qg5v\\_zvN7ILoHicWMDfJhFTSvUvMZNiJvFs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1J66YvF-Qg5v_zvN7ILoHicWMDfJhFTSvUvMZNiJvFs/edit?usp=sharing)

Friday, January 20 3:30 pm, Emmaus House. SALAM will be hosting a workshop titled "**Being an Ally to Our Muslim Brothers and Sisters**" as part of [Organizing for Power](#). Contact Eamon at [eamon.ormseth@umontana.edu](mailto:eamon.ormseth@umontana.edu)

Friday, January 20, 6-8 pm, Free Cycles (732 S 1st St W). **Resistance Party/Potluck**, a casual networking and commiserating party for activists, human rights fans, environmental enthusiasts, and anyone who gives a damn. Mingle and make connections, even alliances, with people and organizations who will not stop fighting for a better tomorrow for EVERYONE, no matter the odds.

Saturday, January 21, 10 am-5 pm, Helena State Capitol. Women from around MT will join together to march in solidarity with the **Milion Women's March in Washington DC** for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families -- recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country. To find out more and how you can help, please join our group page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1816567728611093/> Here is the link for signing up for a bus. <https://www.groupcarpool.com/t/ks4tmw>. The bus is free. However donations are suggested at \$25 a seat. Donations can be made at: <https://www.crowdrise.com/help-bus-missoulians-to-helena-for-womens-march-on-montana>

Monday, January 23, 7 pm, Missoula City Council Chambers. Come support "**The People's Amendment**" that will say that "Corporations are not People and money is not speech." The Mayor and City Council proclaimed this annual day to celebrate the progress that is being made each year to overturn the Citizens United decision. Call Sue K 543-3254 for more information

Monday, January 23. **Get on the Bus with the Montana Association of Christians** to speak to your legislator about issues of concern to you, especially anti-immigrant and anti-refugee legislation. Their schedule and registration information is available [here](#). Email [jstaton@montana.com](mailto:jstaton@montana.com) by Jan. 15 to reserve your seat!

Wednesday, January 25, 12 noon, JRPC. **Nonviolent Communication Class** with Patrick Marsolek has moved to the second and fourth Wednesdays, not because it is only needed half as much but because attendance has been low. Please support this much needed skill building.

Wednesday, January 25, 7 pm, Missoula Public Library, Large Meeting Room. **Missoula Ready and Transition Streets** with Dr. Rebecca Bendick, UM Geosciences and Transition Missoula Dr Bendick will discuss how to use the MissoulaReady website for up-to-date and cutting edge scientific information about natural hazards at individual locations and addresses. It is also paired with recommendations for preparedness, historical information and Missoula specific emergency contacts and services. There will also be a brief presentation on Transition Streets.

Friday, January 27, Missoula County Fairgrounds. **Project Homeless Connect** will be held. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: Loreen Hamilton at [loreen.hamilton@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:loreen.hamilton@usw.salvationarmy.org) or 406-549-0710

Saturday, January 28, 3 pm, Imagine Nation. **Where Do We Go From Here?, a post-women's march assessment.** <https://www.facebook.com/events/1330414170365437/>

Sunday January 29, 5:30 pm, Har Shalom. **Dances of Universal Peace.** <https://www.facebook.com/events/1639638406337891/>

Monday, January 30, 12 noon, Capital Rotunda, Helena. **Rally for Public Lands.** RSVP and find a ride at [https://docs.google.com/a/jrpc.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeo1HRpkC\\_ic2z-9AJswx0ukHttaM2\\_1spWfbJVhAlyqObj-Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/jrpc.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeo1HRpkC_ic2z-9AJswx0ukHttaM2_1spWfbJVhAlyqObj-Q/viewform)

Thursday, February 2, 5-7 pm, Imagine Nation. Climate Smart Missoula will hold it's monthly meet-up with the topic – **Toward Zero Waste**

Sunday, February 12, 3-6 pm, Har Shalom. A local group has booked EmpowerMT for an **ally training** day. \$15-\$30 sliding scale based on ability to pay.

Wednesdays, February 15-March 15, 6 pm, Payne Family Native American Center. Empower Montana and YWCA Missoula are returning with the **True Colors Training**, a series of workshops created in an effort to address the unique challenges faced by people of color, as well as white allies taking action against racism. The True Colors training invites community members to rethink race, history, and community. [Register by filling out this form.](#)

Friday, February 17-Sunday, February 26. The **14th annual Big Sky Documentary Film Festival** is proud to announce the OFFICIAL SELECTIONS of the 2017 festival screening at several locations in Missoula.

Thursday, March 2, 5-7 pm, Imagine Nation. Climate Smart Missoula will hold it's monthly meet-up with the topic – **Healthy Community**

Saturday, June 10, 9 am-5 pm, University Congregational Church. Save the Date for our annual **Un-conference**. More details to follow. Call us if you'd like to be on the planning committee. 543-3955

Sunday, October 15, 3-7 pm, Home Arts Building at the Fairgrounds. Save the Date for our annual Peace Party. Call us if you have ideas or want to help with planning!

Friday-Sunday, October 20-22, 2017. **Reflections of the Revolution: The October Revolution and Global Order, 1917-2017**, is an international conference to be held at the University of Montana. This conference commemorates the 100th anniversary of the 1917 October Revolution in Russia. Presentations and discussions will focus on revolutions of the past as well as explore the possibility or impossibility of revolutionary scenarios today. Paper proposals are being accepted through February 20, 2017. Visit the conference website for more information: [www.umt.edu/sell/cps/revolution/default.php](http://www.umt.edu/sell/cps/revolution/default.php).

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## Action Opportunities

SB 97 (Reiger, Kalispell), banning "foreign law" (Sharia Law as main target) will come up for hearing in the [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) on Tuesday, January 24. It's a typical piece of xenophobic legislation intended to spark fear of our Muslim community members, but otherwise accomplish little, as state and federal law already have supremacy in all judicial matters. Engaging with legislators, especially those on the committee linked above, on this issue is a great idea. There are around 20 anti-refugee/anti-Muslim bills currently being drafted this legislative session. Use these links to explore the MT Legislature and find out who your legislator is:

- LAWS Database to track bills in 2017 Legislature: [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0200WS.Startup?P\\_SESS=20171](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0200WS.Startup?P_SESS=20171)
- Find your district and legislator: <http://leg.mt.gov/css/About-the-Legislature/Legislative-Districts/default.asp>

**JRPC is in need of someone to help us with an update and overhaul to our Wordpress website -- call Betsy at 543-3955 or email [peace@jrpc.org](mailto:peace@jrpc.org) if you can help!**

The West Suburban (Chicago) Faith-Based Peace Coalition is sponsoring a Peace Essay Contest with a \$1,000.00 award to the winner, \$300 for the runner-up, and \$100 for third place. Essays have to be directed to a person who can help promote knowledge of the Kellogg-Briand Pact (KBP) and, from whom a response is expected. Essays will be judged not only on the quality of the essay but on the impact of the response. Everyone is eligible to participate; there are no restrictions regarding age or country of residence. Participants are required to take the following 3 steps:

1. To enter the contest send a Peace Essay Request email to coordinator Frank Goetz at [frankgoetz@comcast.net](mailto:frankgoetz@comcast.net). Provide your Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, Phone Number, and, if under 19, Age. Also, provide the Name and Position of the person or persons to whom the Essay will be directed. Your application acceptance as a contest participant will be acknowledged in an email containing your assigned 4-digit Essay Number. [If information is missing or confusing you will be contacted by email or phone.]
2. In 800 words or less write your essay on: How Can We Obey the Law Against War? As soon as possible but at least by April 15, 2017 send the essay to the person named in your application and a copy to [frankgoetz@comcast.net](mailto:frankgoetz@comcast.net) with your Essay Number in the Subject line.
3. By May 15, 2017 send Essay Response documentation to [frankgoetz@comcast.net](mailto:frankgoetz@comcast.net) with your Essay Number in the Subject line.

**We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2018 award. Go to <https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/>**

Fair Trade News



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Check out our **online store** at <http://the-olive-branch.shoplightspeed.com>

## Ongoing Events and Meetings

**Women in Black** Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. [missoulawib@montana.com](mailto:missoulawib@montana.com)  
**JRPC Monthly Potluck & Global Dialogue**, Second Sunday of each month 5:30 pm at JRPC. [peace@jrpc.org](mailto:peace@jrpc.org)  
**Veterans For Peace** first Monday of each month, 4-6 pm, JRPC. [406-363-6150](tel:406-363-6150) or [pvaughan184@gmail.com](mailto:pvaughan184@gmail.com)  
**Citizens Climate Lobby**, 2nd Monday of every month, 6pm, Imagine Nation Brewery. Contact Scott at [sebovard@gmail.com](mailto:sebovard@gmail.com)  
**JRPC Coordinating Council**, Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. All are welcome to attend!  
**350Missoula Coal & Renewables Committee** third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. [leemet@bigsky.net](mailto:leemet@bigsky.net)  
**Women in Black of Polson** Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. [c211p110@earthlink.net](mailto:c211p110@earthlink.net)  
**Knitting For Peace** every Tuesday, 1-3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.  
**Nonviolent Communication Practice Group** Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC [info@patrickmarsolek.com](mailto:info@patrickmarsolek.com)  
**The Cranium** creates origami delights Wednesdays, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. [bonnie@bonnietarses.com](mailto:bonnie@bonnietarses.com)  
**Time Bank Orientation** Contact [info@missoulatimebank.org](mailto:info@missoulatimebank.org) for individual and group orientation for new members at a location TBD.  
**Missoula Moves To Amend** Contact Sue at 543-3254

## Articles Of Interest

Have you read an article that inspired you? Share it with us so we can share it with others!!

**Check out the Library at JRPC for lots of great resources. Donations are always welcome!**

## Ways to Help JRPC

1. JRPC is in need of someone to help us with an update and overhaul to our Wordpress website -- call Betsy at 543-3955 or email [peace@jrpc.org](mailto:peace@jrpc.org) if you can help!
2. We are desperate for some storage space. Do you have some we can use? If so call us at 543-3955.
3. Want to be of service? JRPC is looking for **board members**. Call Betsy to discuss this opportunity .
4. Have a car you'd like to donate? Check us out on **Vehicles for Charity!**
5. Purchase Rhanda Johnson's song, "**Peace Walk**" about a certain peace sign on the hill and some of the profits go to JRPC. <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/rhandajohnson3>
6. JRPC is now enrolled as a participating organization in **Thrivent Choice**, a charitable grant program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year. <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

*Jeannette Rankin Peace Center has been in Missoula since 1986, working to build non-violence, social justice and sustainability. We are pleased to be a member of the Montana Shares Network, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. Give to JRPC through your workplace. [www.montanashares.org](http://www.montanashares.org)*

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