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Monday-Saturday, 10 1m-7 pm
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...Check out some of the **great international dinners** available:

- Evening of Vibrant Vegetables, 1-14-17, **4 plates left!**
- Soltante Pizza, Parte Sei, 1-21-17, **3 plates left!**
- Southern Splendor, 2-11-17, **2 plates left!**
- SOAP Girl's Around the World Dinner, Date TBD, **1 or 2 plates left!**

(Make us an offer and you could enjoy one of these great meals)

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“We cannot despair of humanity, since we ourselves are human beings.”

~Albert Einstein

Dear Friends,

We've kicked off another year -- one that will no doubt be interesting to say the least. We are all a little anxious as we wait to see it unfold. But let us also be hopeful and active and connected and count our blessings to be part of a community of folks who care about what the future holds. Happy New Year to you all. Thank you for supporting us with your time, your money and your ideas and for all you do to make the world a little better. Together we CAN make 2017 more peaceful and just...Betsy



Calendar

Thursday, January 5, 5 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. **Climate Smart Missoula hosts its monthly meetup.** Join them to learn, connect, and get involved. Each month we focus discussion on one of our “buckets” or focal areas from our Community Climate Action Plan. Tonight's focus is "the year ahead". Bring and share your ideas, connect and partner with others, and learn about current climate efforts in Missoula. Short presentation at 5pm, light snacks.

Saturday, January 7, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Depot Park Whitefish. **Love Lives Here community gathering against racism and hate.**

Saturday, January 7, 2-3:30 pm, 208 E. Main (2nd floor Union Hall Building). **New Year Aikido Intro for Beginning Adults** - Try the martial art of harmony with an orientation followed by four guided basics classes. For more information visit AikidoMissoula.com, call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by January 4. <http://www.AikidoMissoula.com>

Wednesday, January 11, 7pm, Missoula Public Library. Missoula Moves to Amend Evening Series with Cookies for Dessert! Following the showing of “**Heist: Who Stole the American Dream?**” Move To Amend decided to have a follow-up discussion to discuss how we can reach across our state and our nation to set aside differences in order to work for common goals and take our state and country back. If you missed “Heist: who stole the American dream?” on Nov. 21, you can watch on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlhYk1Y4ftk>) and you're welcome to come, even if you don't watch it. Questions: Sue K 543-3254

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Friday, January 13, 7-9 pm, JRPC. **2016 National Prison Strike: One Prisoners Story**, The fight against private prisons, and modern slavery. Contact TJ at tjbonawire@gmail.com

Friday, January 13, 6:15-9:30 pm, UC Ballroom. The Mansfield Center hosts the **Art of Diplomacy Symposium**, a public program with a light reception, panel discussions and musical performances. Sessions will focus on how the arts shape culture, including fighting racism and sexism, promoting democracy, and connecting communities.

Sunday, January 15, 5:30 pm, JRPC. JRPC January Potluck will be about **Money in Politics** and the speaker will be Nancy Leifer. Presentation will look at the evolution of corporations in the United States, key court cases that established principles of operation for corporations through the recent Citizens United US Supreme Court decision, and what the remedies are. As large corporations gather strength in the courts and Congress, we are losing our democracy. How will the story end? It is up to us! Come find out more about the greatest threat to our democracy and what you can do about it.

Monday, January 16, 5-9 pm, Caras Park and St Paul's Lutheran. Missoula MLK Day Planning Committee invites community members to the **2017 MLK Jr Day Community Celebration** to honor the work and legacy of the Civil Rights Movement and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to address the work that remains unfinished. This is a free, family-friendly event. Schedule: 5 pm - Youth Rally at Caras Park followed by a March for Justice to St. Paul Lutheran Church; 6 pm - Community Celebration at St. Paul's; 7:30 pm - Dinner and Social in lower level of church (\$5-\$10 suggested donation). For more information, visit the Missoula MLK Jr. Day Community Celebration Facebook page.

Wednesday, January 18, Helena. 350 Montana (formerly 350 Missoula) will be joining with the Montana Information Center to present the petitions we've gathered at the **Public Service Commission (PSC)** meeting. More informatin and ride-shares coming soon.

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](#), a day of workshops designed to propel people toward action on the day of the inauguration. Contact Eamon at eamon.ormseth@umontana.edu

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/> **Let us know if you know of Missoula events for those not traveling or of carpools for those that want to travel!**

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. Email jstaton@montana.com by Jan. 15 to reserve your seat!

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 or [406-549-0710](tel:406-549-0710)

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.

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.

Action Opportunities

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 if you can help!

We are thrilled to announce the national distribution of **BEYOND THE DIVIDE** through **American Public Television** with Twin Cities Public Television as our presenting station. The film will be aired on public television stations throughout the United States beginning this month! To find out when BEYOND THE DIVIDE will be broadcast in your area, visit <http://aptonline.org/catalog.nsf/vLinkTitle/BEYOND%20THE%20DIVIDE?OpenDocument&SearchText=beyond+the+divide>, select the "where to watch" button and then enter your zip code. (Note that the search box often only shows scheduled programming one week in advance and so far no listings for Missoula, but we'll keep checking back!.) **We need to raise funds to cover the cost of this distribution -- about \$20,000 by early 2017. I'm hoping that you can help by making a donation. There are several ways. If you want it to be tax-deductible, use this link to go through our fiscal sponsor, IFP MN or mail a check made out to "IFP MN" to the address below. If you don't need the deduction, you can donate online on the film website www.beyondthedividefilm.com or mail a check made out to "Beyond the Divide" to the address below.**

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



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
United Youth for Peace Saturdays, 11-12 at JRPC, open to kids ages 6-11. **No meeting November 5!** c.schwartz003@gmail.com | sgracecake9@gmail.com
JRPC Monthly Potluck & Global Dialogue, Second Sunday of each month 5:30 pm at JRPC. 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
Citizens Climate Lobby, 2nd Monday of every month, 6pm, Imagine Nation Brewery. Contact Scott at sebovard@gmail.com
JRPC Coordinating Council, Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. **All are welcome to attend!**
350 Missoula Coal & Renewables Committee third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. leemet@bigsky.net
Women in Black of Polson Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. c211p110@earthlink.net
Knitting For Peace every Tuesday, 1-3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.
Nonviolent Communication Practice Group Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC info@patrickmarsolek.com
The Cranium creates origami delights Wednesdays, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonnietarses.com
Time Bank Orientation Contact 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

- We appreciate and count on your end-of-year support!
- 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 if you can help!
- We are desperate for some storage space. Do you have some we can use? If so call us at 543-3955.

- Want to be of service? JRPC is looking for **board members**. Call Betsy to discuss this opportunity .
- Have a car you'd like to donate? Check us out on **Vehicles for Charity!**
- 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>
- 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

The JRPC e-newsletter is sent to our listserv each Thursday. Deadline for calendar items is noon, Wednesday. We always appreciate your contributions, comments and suggestions. If you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please unsubscribe below. To sign up, click this link.

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