"It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.”
~Eleanor Roosevelt

Dear friends,

Pete Seeger tells us that participation is what will save the human race. It is also what keep organizations like the JRPC thriving and growing. The Peace Center is a community resource. The more engaged and involved you are, the more the Center thrives. Have you ever thought of things you’d like to see the Center doing? Or asked, “what can I do to make an impact?” Well, here’s your chance to be the change! There are many jobs to do – perhaps some that fit your skills perfectly -- and many ways that all of you can be part of shaping our work. We are looking for:

1. Folks to work in our FairTrade store and make a difference for artists around the world
2. Volunteers to help plan and implement the 2017 Peace Party
3. Coordinating Council Members to come on board and help steer the future of peace in Missoula
4. Plus, we always welcome your ideas and input!

You know, Jeannette Rankin would never have changed America if she didn't say yes to the opportunity to serve. So whether you sign up to volunteer, give us a suggestion or just learn more about us, send me an email at peace@jrpc.org and find out how you can get more involved. I will be looking forward to your email!

~Betsy

Calendar

Monday, July 17, 7 pm, The Roxy. See the must-see film, TOMORROW, an upbeat documentary whose leading narrative inspiration and spirit come from the global Transition Network. This is part of teh Resistance Now series sponsored in part by JRPC.

Wednesday, July 19, 11 am-1 pm, Caras Park. Join the JRPC for children’s activities at Out To Lunch -- We’ll be teaching them how to make small folded journals -- fun and useful!

Wednesday July 19, 5:30-7pm, UCC of Missoula. You are invited to join Dances of Universal Peace for a special mid-summer evening focused on the sound and movement practices of
the Aramaic Lord’s Prayer developed by Saadi Neil Douglas-Klotz. This evening will be one of five study sessions at UCC exploring the Lord’s Prayer from a number of perspectives. Please bring a light food offering for the potluck supper.

Thursday, July 20, 5:30 pm, JRPC, Come learn about the Peace Agreement in Colombia, the challenges implementing it and celebrate Colombian Independence Day (July 20) with food and drink. Natalia Ramirez is an economist at the National University of Colombia (NUC) and a visiting scholar to Missoula. She has led the construction of the regulatory and public policy framework of the work and education sectors for the last 12 years and was the Deputy Minister of Higher Education between 2014 and 2016. She speaks from her experience with the effects of a 50-year war, the needs of victims, the peace process in Colombia and other countries in Central America and the educational processes necessary to promote peace. There will be time for questions and discussion.

Friday July 21, 6:30-9:30 pm, & Saturday July 22, 10:30 am-4 pm, The Center for Spiritual Living (1720 North 1st St. (Hwy 93) Hamilton) The White Stone Center presents THE HUMAN CONNECTION TRAINING We are in a better position to help others when we first invite our own healing. Interactive Facilitators: Z’eva Singer, Drea Rightsell, Kris Bayer, and Scout Wilkins. Fee: $65. Fresh salads will be served at lunchtime; catered by Kay Rasch. Please register by July 15, 2017 by calling Z’eva 406-544-0864.

Friday-Saturday, September 8-9, Missoula Federal Credit Union (3600 Brooks St). EmpowerMT is excited to announce our Missoula Advanced Leadership Training, an intensive workshop that teaches participants skills necessary for providing influential leadership in ending discrimination, reducing intergroup conflict, and building inclusive communities and organizations. You can find out more about this training and register for it by clicking here.

Thursday, September 21, 7 pm, Shakespeare & Co. Our Written Voices: The Spoken Worlds of Central and Southwest Asia, a poetry reading series celebrating the International Day of Peace and the vibrant diversity of the Missoula community. For the first reading in our series, we invite those from Central and Southwest Asia, those who have visited, and those who have a connection to this region to share original poetry and prose as well as works by authors from this region who have inspired them. The deadline for submissions is August 18th. For submissions, inquiries, and info on furthers readings, please contact Susannah Cragwick at susannah.cragwick@hotmail.com or 406-207-9217.

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

MPR is looking for folks who protested the Vietnam war, were writing letters home and/or have been affected by Agent Orange. If you’d like to tell your story, contact us at JRPC and we will connect you. (peace@jrpc.org or 543-3955)

From July 29-August 4, UM's African-American Studies Director and Associate History Professor Tobin Miller Shearer will ride 500 miles to raise money for the 50th anniversary and the next 50 years of UM's African-American Studies Program and Black Student Union. To contribute or join the self-support ride, go to: http://hs.umt.edu/aas/news-pages/solidarity-ride-page.php. To support UM's African-American Studies Director's 500 mile fundraising ride from July 29 through August 4, please consider doing one or more of the following:

2) Attend the ride's send off at 8 am on Saturday, July 29, on the UM oval.
3) Join him for a leg (or all!) of the 500 miles. Contact him at tobin.shearer@umontana.edu for route information.
4) Offer a meal or bed space for a night in one of these communities: Hamilton, Salmon, Dillon, La Hood, Helena/Sieben, Great Falls
6) Invite your business or organization to sponsor the ride.
7) Frequent one of the ride's corporate sponsors.
8) Join him for an evening meal (bring your own food!) and a discussion of black history in Montana. Just text him at 406-662-8227 for a link to locations.
9) Did we mention you can contribute funds at: http://hs.umt.edu/aas/news-pages/solidarity-ride-page.php
10) Tell someone about the ride and how they can support it by doing any of these top ten things.

Climate Smart Missoula is challenging our community to cut wasted energy 10% by 2018, and 20% by 2020. Learn more and sign up today at http://www.missoulaclimate.org/energy-smart.html.

equalmeansequal.org is a collective of Americans that are dedicated to securing our rights for future generations of women and girls -- to pool our power and provide Americans with the information and tools they need to get the ERA passed.

Visit the Missoula Resistance Library for all your resistance needs and great reading lists. https://missoularesistancelibrary.wordpress.com/

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

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Fair Trade News

We are temporarily changing our hours. We will be open 11 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday and closed Sundays. If you'd like to volunteer, please call us at 543-3955.

The Fair Trade Resource Network has developed a series of Fair Trade lesson plans. There are four distinct lessons, covering four subject areas in relation to Fair Trade: Changing the Rules of the Global Economy: An Introduction to Fair Trade; Gender Equity and Fair Trade; Child Labor and Fair Trade; and Environmental Sustainability and Fair Trade. Learn more and download the lesson plans here: bit.ly/FTLessons

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

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Ongoing Events and Meetings

Women in Black Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.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 (except July & August), 4-6 pm, JRPC. 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 Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC. info@patrickmarslelk.com

The Cranium creates origami delights Wednesdays, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonniertarses.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

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Articles Of Interest

The Age of We Need Each Other https://charleseisenstein.net/essays/the-age-of-we-need-each-other/

On 7 July 2017, 122 states at the United Nations voted in favour of a legally binding instrument banning nuclear weapons.

Here's the link to our 2017 Peacemaker celebration, honoring Mary Poole http://162.219.73.99/Cablecast/public-site/index.html#/show/7227?channel=1

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. We are desperate for some storage space. Do you have some we can use? If so call us at 543-3955.
2. Want to be of service? JRPC is looking for board members. Call Betsy to discuss this opportunity.
3. Have a car you'd like to donate? Check us out on Vehicles for Charity!
5. 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/](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)

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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