"Change happens by listening and then starting a dialogue with the people who are doing something you don't believe is right." ~Jane Goodall

Dear friends,

This weekend we will spend extra time with our families as we enjoy a Memorial Day holiday from work. Memorial Day was originally known as "Decoration Day" because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was started by two Mississippi mothers who laid wreaths on the graves of soldiers both Confederate and Union, because, "after all, they are somebody's sons." How far we have strayed from that generosity! Today, we can't seem to even allow "the other side's" opinion to have worth, much less decorate the graves of their dead. And even those who represent us in government fall short as a role model. It seems that Decoration Day was about honor -- the type of honor that recognized the humanity in all of us and was concerned with actually binding wounds rather than enlarging them. We have many wounds to bind. And yet, we cannot even come together to talk about them in civility and respect.

It's more important than ever to be a voice for peace and justice. But at the same time, we must be like those Mississippi mothers and see the humanity on both sides of this great debate -- and we must be willing to meet that humanity in the middle. What a challenge it is to honor others despite our philosophical differences with them -- it is the foundation of peacemaking. Bring a rock or other memento to the Peace Park on Waterworks Hill as a symbol of your honor, reach out to a neighbor you know, or find some other way this weekend to rise to that challenge and BE the change...Betsy

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**Calendar**

**Friday, May 26 and every Friday, 12:15-12:45, Higgins Bridge.** Come stand with Women in Black and Veterans for Peace to support peace and call for an end to violence in any form.
Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 pm. Peace Park on Waterworks Hill. Transcendence Yoga will hold its debut class at The Peace Park on Waterworks Hill. Class will be choreographed to the glorious Missoula sunset, seranaded by a thousand birds and we will practice amidst brilliant sprays of wildflowers. Local herbal tea will be provided after class. All proceeds from this donation based class will be offered to JRPC.

Thursday, June 1, 8, 15 and 29, 5:30 pm. JRPC. Join us for this year's presentation by visiting Humphrey Fellow Scholars from around the world. This is always a welcome event to give us a view of other countries that we cannot get in our media. Please join us. Snacks provided and time to mingle and meet our guests. This week we meet

- Bernardo Perez is an architect from Nicaragua and will be studying Urban and Regional Planning at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). His most recent project was the planning and supervision of an important archaeological site in his city, which integrated environmental and urban issues. This project was a US Government grant, and introduced him to the Hubert Humphrey Scholarship program.

- Dr. Zhenquan Jiao from Beijing, China works for the Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention at the Chinese National Health and Family Planning Commission. Dr. Jiao has worked at Indiana University and the World Health Organization. He is responsible for China’s national HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted disease, and Hepatitis C control and prevention efforts.

Friday June 2, 5-7 pm. JRPC. We are pleased to offer you a special showing and sale of select items that belonged to Michel Colville, our long-time member and friend.

Friday, June 2. Wear Orange 2017 for Gun Sense.

Friday-Sunday, June 9-11, 5:30-8 pm. Missoula Children's Theatre. Missoula Urban Indian Health Center presents free, family indigenous film series, celebrating and encouraging resiliency.

Saturday, June 10, 9 am-5 pm. University Congregational Church. Join us for our third annual Un-conference. This year's theme is "Beyond Us and Them: What is Possible?" to help us learn to reach across the divide and work together. Free for JRPC members and $20 for others with lunch and snacks included.

Saturday, July 1, 8 am, Downtown Missoula. RiseUp 5k in collaboration with Missoula Rises. Net profits will be donated to national nonprofits. http://https://www.facebook.com/events/1791159761200455/

Wednesday, July 19, 11 am-1 pm, Caras Park. Join the JRPC for children's activities at Out To Lunch!

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 19th. For submissions, inquiries, and info on further 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

MoveOn: Tell Congress to **block Trump's Saudi arms deal** [Link](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/congress-vote-no-on-trumps?r_by=1135580)

Reminder -- choose Goodsearch for your internet searches and support JRPC!

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

### Fair Trade News

**Starting today!** A super sale like never before. Buy something from the sale section at 50% off, get 10% off any regular item! I've just added more jewelry, house goods, and decor to the sale section. This deal will go fast though, you only have until May 31st.

Check out our **online store** at [http://the-olive-branch.shoplightspeed.com](http://the-olive-branch.shoplightspeed.com)

### Ongoing Events and Meetings

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<td><strong>JRPC Monthly Potluck &amp; Global Dialogue</strong></td>
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<td><strong>JRPC Coordinating Council</strong></td>
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<td><strong>350Missoula Coal &amp; Renewables Committee</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Knitting For Peace</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The Cranium</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Time Bank Orientation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Missoula Moves To Amend</strong></td>
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### 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. 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](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/rahdajohnson3)
4. Purchase Rhanda Johnson's song, "Peace Walk" about a certain peace sign on the hil and some of the profits go to JRPC. [Link](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/rahdajohnson3)
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. [Link](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.