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Dear friends,

Communities grow and thrive by working together to build neighborhoods, tackle renewables, prevent gun violence, ensure food security and solidarity, empower youth, engage voters, open communication and build hope and faith in action. We appreciate our fellow nonprofits who made the effort to join us last Sunday and we look forward to working closer with all of them to continue to make Missoula a community we all love.

Thanks for the wonderful music from the Shenanigans and the MT Women's Chorus. Thanks Laura and crew for a great dinner. Thanks to the Good Food Store for leading up our support, Robert and Fernanda at Imagine Nation for great beer and the trio from Anderson Zurmuehlen for getting us checked out smoothly. About 60 volunteers worked from Saturday through Monday to make the event happen, and a few started working in August and are still working!!

But it is all of you who attended and bid on items and bought raffle tickets, made art with the children and celebrated together with us that made the party a success. We raised about \$6000 to help re-erect the Missoula Peace signa and we are thrilled to get the planning for that underway. And most importantly, your support is a vote of confidence in our organization and our work. We will do our best to continue to earn your support. This is truly community in the making and we appreciate all of you! With great gratitude, Betsy, Jenny, Carol and the JRPC Coordinating Council

As always, there are still a few dinners available for purchase. Call us at 543-3955 if you'd like to get in on one of these.

- 2 Plates at the Delicious **Mostly Mid-Eastern Dinner that is wheat, dairy and sugar free** - whole30 compliant on Saturday, January 20, 2018 offered by Charlotte Kasl, \$85/plate
- 2 plates at **A Turkish Delight** on Saturday, February 3, 2018 with the Atens, Leslie Burgess and Serena Early, \$375/plate



Calendar

Thursday, October 19, 6:30-8:30pm, Har Shalom (3035 S. Russell St.). Standing Alongside Americas Muslims, SALAM, invites you to the third of four discussions held in

conjunction with a community read of ***Out of Darkness into Light: Spiritual Guidance in the Quran with Reflections from Jewish and Christian Sources*** co-authored by Ann Holmes Redding. The focus of this discussion is the The Path of Surrender. The reading and discussions are leading up to a November 1 and 2 visit by the author, Ann Holmes Redding to Missoula. Ann is a former Episcopal priest who was defrocked for having become Muslim and has spent years addressing issues of interfaith, peace, race and gender. It's not necessary to have read the book to come and participate in these stimulating discussions. The final discussion and potluck will be on Thursday, October 26, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church ([202 Brooks St.](#))

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.

Sunday, October 22, 1-4 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church. **Montanans For Immigrant Justice** is a group of local activists seeking to challenge xenophobic narratives and state and national immigration policies including recent actions to dismantle DACA. Join us for a community conversation in which speakers and members of the community talk about immigration myths and realities, the history of immigration in Montana and the faith based sanctuary movement in the United States.

Monday, October 23, 6-8 pm, UCC Fireside Rm. **Communicating Climate Change: How People of Faith Can Inspire Action to Care For Creation.** Join the Faith and Climate Action group to learn how you can help. Dinner provided. Contact Abby at abby.huseth@gmail.com

Monday, October 23, 7-8:30 pm, The Wilma. Join Soft Landing, the IRC, and representatives from Starbuck's for a free screening of the "Upstanders" series. Each film is about 5 minutes long -- and one is about our very own Mary Poole!. There will be free Starbucks coffee and popcorn, and a cash bar will also be available. Help us fill The Wilma for this amazing celebration! To RSVP, email Jamie.Weinstein@starbucks.com. Include your name, your guest(s)'s name, and include "Missoula" in the email line. [Check out our Facebook event](#), too!

Tuesday, October 24, 7 pm, DoubleTree Ballroom. The World Affairs Council presents **Ambassador Max Baucus, speaking on China, North Korea, and the US: What Happens Next?** as part of the Distinguished Speakers Program, \$15 non-members | \$10 members | Free for students

Wednesday, October 25, 12 noon, JRPC (2nd and 4th Wed. every month). Patrick Marsolek leads a free practice group for those interested in learning to use **Nonviolent Communication Techniques** more effectively. 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. Join him to learn more about this critical skill. www.InnerWorkingsResources.com

Wednesday, October 25, 5:30-7:30 pm, Missoula Public Library (301 E. Main Street) Please join the **Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization** for the first public meeting and open house for the Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan. A short presentation will kick-off the meeting with an open house to follow. There will plenty of time for citizens to provide input that will ultimately help develop priorities for improving Missoula's pedestrian network. *Coffee and light snacks will be provided.* Feel free to RSVP on Facebook and follow [Missoula Transportation Planning](#) for updates as this process continues.

Sunday, October 29, 5:30 pm, Har Shalom (3035 S. Russell). **Dances of Universal Peace** a spiritual community that is experience-based, from the heart and soul, not focused on beliefs or heady discussions. Join them every two months on last Sundays at 5:30pm at Har Shalom (except First Night): December 31 (they hope to be at First Night 2017), February 25 and April 29

Wednesday, November 1, 12 noon-1 pm, US Forest Service building on the SE corner of UM campus (south of the Clapp building, in the 2nd floor conference room). **Tanzania: Island of Peace.** Mdodi Florence leads a non-governmental organization (Save Education and Future Development Foundation) that is environmentally oriented to improve the quality of life of rural Tanzanians. Mdodi is here in the US for four months as part of the US State Department's

Tanzania. He will be here in the US for four months as part of the US State Department's Community Solutions Program. He will describe the environmental challenges and blessings found in his rural community in Tanzania.

Wednesday, November 1, 7 pm, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church (130 S. 6th St. E.). **Restorative Justice: A Community Conversation.** What is it? How does it work? Could it work in Missoula? Be a part of the conversation as we explore potential community-wide alternatives to facilitate healing, growth and restoration.

Wednesday-Thursday, November 1-2, UM. SALAM is partnering with the University of Montana's DiverseU event to bring Ann Holmes Redding, author of ***Out of Darkness into Light: Spiritual Guidance in the Quran with Reflections from Jewish and Christian Sources*** who will be speaking at the DiverseU banquet on November 1st and will also be leading a free workshop titled "Making Peace with Religion" on November 2nd. Watch for times and locations. The goal of *Out of Darkness into Light* is, as the authors write, "to lead from the first impulse to seek spiritual direction to the final stage of a soul peacefully surrendered in service to the Holy One by whatever name you wish to use. Quranic verses are supplemented by sayings of the Prophet Muhammad, the words of Rumi and other Sufi poets, and relevant quotations and insights from Jewish and Christian sources. The book also offers practical suggestions for expanding and strengthening one's spiritual sinews."

Friday, November 3, 5-9 pm, Wilma. Home REsource **7th Annual Banquet & Benefit Auction** - Celebrating Reuse, Building Community. Hand-crafted items in the live and silent auction include pieces from the SponCon building contest & Paint-a-Door activity, a Doodad table by Deb Scott, a painting of the Merc on Merc wood by [B. Martinez](#) and many, many more! [tickets online](#)

Thursday November 9, 7:30-9 pm, Open Way Mindfulness Center (702 Brooks). Mindful Community Conversations Series will feature a discussion on **Self-Harming** led by Linds Sanders. Format: Sitting meditation (10 minutes), Speaker (30 minutes), Open sharing/questions. 549-9005 or openwaysangha@gmail.com

Saturday, November 11, 10:45-11:30 am, Missoula's Rose Park (Mount Avenue and Blaine). **The Western Montana Chapter of Veterans for Peace** will be gathering near the Vietnam War Memorial to commemorate the World War I Armistice. The public is invited. Members will read poetry and remember fallen and injured friends and relatives, and all who attend are welcome to share their thoughts as well.

Monday, November 13, UC Theater Time TBD. Join the REd Willow Learning Center and the JRPC for the film **Almost Sunrise**. Montana will host

Monday, November 13, 6:30-8:30 pm, Missoula Children's Theatre . Join the Japan club for a **Sister State Celebration** and reception with a group of 20 people from Kumamoto, including Gov. Ikuo Kabashima, Yasunari Ishihara of the Montana Club and Montana representative Mako Sakaguchi. Japanese Consul General Yoichiro Yamada from Seattle also will travel with the delegation.

Saturday, November 18, 9am-5pm, Payne Family Native American Center. Missoula Urban Indian Health Center Presents: **Community Resiliency Model (CRM) Workshop** with Dana Eisenberg, Trauma Resource Institute Educator. Free and open to clients, community, and professionals. Breakfast Provided-Potluck Lunch. Professional CEU's Offered: Contact [Lida](#) to make \$25 payment in advance. Questions? Contact (406) 829-9515 ext. 110 or email Lrunningcrane@muihc.org

Thursday December 7, 7:30-9 pm, Open Way Mindfulness Center (702 Brooks). Mindful Community Conversations Series will feature a discussion on **Grief and Loss** led by Greg Gallo. Format: Sitting meditation (10 minutes), Speaker (30 minutes), Open sharing/questions. 549-9005 or openwaysangha@gmail.com

Action Opportunities

Learn about Climate Change firsthand on a 13 day hiking and biking field adventure to Dong Nai Biosphere Reserve in Southern Vietnam with Marilyn Marler and Carla Abrams. February 22 to March 9, 2018. <https://jrpc.org/vietnam2018>

MT Human Rights Network asks us to submit a public comment to support trans and intersex Montanans. Last Thursday, the Department of Public Health and Human Services held a public hearing on a rule change that would make it **much more accessible for transgender and intersex Montanans to correct the gender on their birth certificates**. If passed, the new rule change would drop the requirement for a court order stating that the individual's sex was changed by a surgical procedure. Instead, the individual will need to complete a form stating that they underwent transition or have an intersex condition. Submit a comment by **by 5 pm October 20 (TOMORROW)** BY sending an email to dphhslegal@mt.gov.

You can use the subject line "Public Comment: Amendment of Birth Certificate Gender Designations"

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/>

Fair Trade News



Come say hi to our new Fair Trade Store Manager Jennifer Zaso and let her know your ideas!

October is Fair Trade Month, so stop by and visit The Olive Branch. For more information about Fair Trade, visit <http://www.fairtradefederation.org/celebrate-fair-trade-month/>

The Fair Trade Difference is all about...

- Closing the gap between you and the people behind your products
- Empowering us all to make a shared investment in the communities that provide for us
- Reversing the damaging effects of poverty and injustice
- Turning every shopping trip into an opportunity to make an immediate and lasting difference in the world

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Today: fairtradecertified.org/the-difference

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

Balanced View Clarity Online Call every Sunday, 11am-noon MT time. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org.

Veterans For Peace first Monday of each month (**September 11**), 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!

350Missoula 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@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

Vietnam to Montana: Memories of War <http://www.montanapbs.org/vietnamtomontana>

The Spitting Image of Vietnam Protesters <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/13/opinion/myth-spitting-vietnam-protester.html?>

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 .

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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