



# Jeannette Rankin PEACE CENTER

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Monday-Saturday, 10 am-7 pm  
Sunday, 12 noon-5 pm  
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**Support the Peace Center**

**Check out our special tour of  
South Vietnam with Marilyn  
Marler & Carla Abrams**

**Feb 22-March 9, 2018**



**You are invited to join us on  
this intense**

**13-day hiking and biking field  
adventure to Dong Nai  
Biosphere Reserve.**

<https://jrpc.org/vietnam2018>

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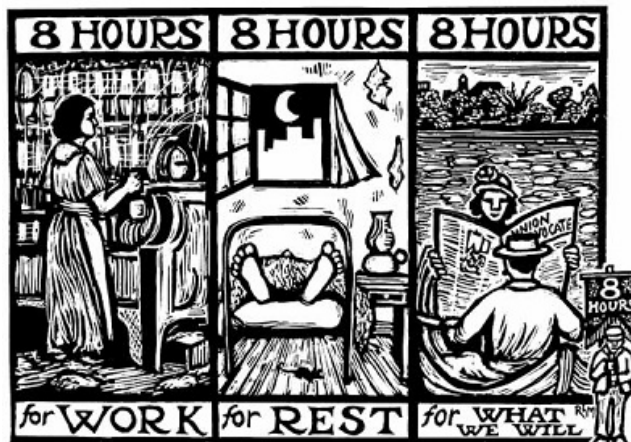
Dear friends,

In October of 1940, the 40-hour work week went into effect . The Fair Labor Standards Act also required employers to pay overtime and restricted the use of child labor. Maybe that is one reason why we celebrate Fair Trade each October and remind ourselves that every purchase we make is a vote for the kind of world we want and the way we want folks to be treated. But it is also a reminder that the work we do matters. These labor improvements did not just happen in one election cycle or with one idea. Decades of labor agitation and a considerable number of lives made these changes possible. Many activists over many years refused to lose hope or to be discouraged by losses and setbacks. They persisted because they believed in the vision they saw -- the world they wanted to live in. The words of Clarissa Pinkola Estes reminds us also that the work we have chosen matters.

*“Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach. Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely. It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good. What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts, adding, adding to, adding more, continuing. We know that it does not take everyone on Earth to bring justice and peace, but only a small, determined group who will not give up during the first, second, or hundredth gale.”*

Thank you all for stretching out to mend the parts of the world you walk in. And call us at 543-3955 if you'd like to purchase one of our remaining dinners...Betsy

- 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



## Calendar

Thursday, October 26, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church (202 Brooks

Thursday, October 20, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church (702 Brooks St.) Standing Alongside Americas Muslims, SALAM, invites you to the final discussion and potluck 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. 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.

Saturday, October 28, 10:30 am, Lewis and Clark Public Library (120 South Last Chance Gulch in Helena). **Montanans Move to Amend is coming to Helena.** We are creating a network of Montanans who want to amend the US Constitution to say that corporations are not people and money is not speech. Sue Kirchmyer [406-240-0610](tel:406-240-0610)

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

Monday, October 30, 6-7:30 pm, Liberal Arts 304-305. **INTERNATIONAL POLITICS of OUTMIGRATION from THE HORN OF AFRICA** presented by Dr. Solomon Gofie Fulbright Visiting Research Scholar from the University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Dr. Gofie teaches political science at the University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He is in residence at UM this year as a Fulbright Research Scholar. Sponsored by UM's Department of Political Science and Montana Model UN.

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 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, November 1, 6:30 pm, UC Ballroom. Diverse U Together Banquet with Ann Holmes Redding, author of *Out of Darkness into Light: Spiritual Guidance in the Quran with Reflections from Jewish and Christian Sources* as the keynote speaker; **"What is our Piece of the Peace?"** All students, UM faculty and staff, church, and community members welcome to join! Free of charge!

Thursday, November 2, 10am-12noon, University Center (3rd floor). Ann Holmes Redding workshop, **"Making Peace with Religion"** as part of the UM Diverse U program. Redding is the author of *Out of Darkness into Light: Spiritual Guidance in the Quran with Reflections from Jewish and Christian Sources*.

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](#)

Wednesday, November 8, 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](http://www.InnerWorkingsResources.com)

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](mailto:openwaysangha@gmail.com)

**Saturday, November 11, 10 am-3 pm, JRPC. Get a deal at our annual Gobble, Gobble Garage Sale! If you have items to donate, you can bring them to the Center before November 8 already priced to sell. We will only be accepting pre-priced items to make it easier on our volunteers. Thanks!**

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](mailto:Lrunningcrane@muihc.org)

Thursday, November 30, 5:30 pm, Masquer Theatre. Lecture: '**After One Hundred Years: Montana and the Great War**' presented by UM professor Harry Fritz as part of the Montana Museum of Art & Culture exhibit "Over There! Montanans in the Great War."

Wednesday, December 6, Details TBA. Join Women's Voices For The Earth for a showing of the film, [Tomorrow](#). This is an inspiring film that highlights innovative solutions to the number of issues our world is currently facing with a strong emphasis on community development. YouTube trailer [here](#).

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](mailto:openwaysangha@gmail.com)

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## Action Opportunities

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The **Peoples' Forest Project** aims to empower locals in Putumayo Colombia to sustain themselves economically, empower locals culturally, and to purchase land for restoration and conservation work. We are forming a non-profit and need some help in raising initial funds for three projects -- to purchase land, build a workshop and purchase instruments. Check out their website: <https://thepeoplesforestpr.wixsite.com/tpfp>

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



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

**October is 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

If that's something you care about, sign the pledge to become part of the Fair Trade Difference! **Sign the Pledge**

**Today:** fairtradecertified.org/the-difference and support Missoula's only 100% fair trade store!!

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](mailto:missoulawib@montana.com)

**Balanced View Clarity Online Call** every Sunday, 11am-noon MT time. Contact: [CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org](mailto:CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org).

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

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## Articles Of Interest

**Missoula Compost Collection LLC** is excited to announce that they are open for business and starting a curbside collection service for pickup of organic food scraps and yard waste for those who can't compost at home or don't have the time. Visit their website @ <http://missoulacompostcollectionllc.com> and follow them on [Facebook](#) to learn more about their services and to sign up. You can also call directly @ [406-370-5876](tel:406-370-5876).

**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!**

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## 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](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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