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"The color of truth is gray." ~Andre Gide

Dear friends,

Much has been written about the political divide in this country and our need to find ways of understanding and getting along with those who have ideas and perspectives that are radically different from ours. There are two events that JRPC is hosting next week that get to this point well. Both are on Wednesday evening and both will give you much to think about. Janice Springer's book *I Know We Are All Welcome At The Table, But Do I Have To Sit Next To You?* is already one of the most sought after books in our store and we don't even have it in yet!! The title grabs us and invites us inside where Janice outlines the tools we need to make peace happen -- and it's not as hard as you might think. These tools come straight out of her Christian ministry but they apply to all of us of any faith tradition. Janice uses her own journey to demystify the work we all must do. Her honesty and openness give us hope that we can also succeed to find compassion over judgment and transform ourselves and our community. She not only shows us the tools, she shows us how to be gentle with ourselves as we practice and how to share these tools with others in our communities. Come learn more and get your copy of this important book.

Following that, head over to St. Paul's Lutheran Church for a discussion by a young man we know who will share his experiences living in Palestine and help us think more clearly about the prospects for peace in this troubled area. I hope I see you at BOTH of these tables...Betsy



Calendar

Wednesday, August 8, 5:30-7 pm, JRPC. How can we stay in community with people who drive us crazy? How can we live respectfully with those who are against everything we are for? Come hear Janice Springer read from her new book, *I Know We Are All Welcome at the Table. But Do I Have to Sit Next to You?* Using humor, personal anecdotes and wisdom

from many traditions, the book offers tools that invite us not only to the external work of living peacefully, but also to the inner work that makes such peaceful living possible.

Wednesday, August 8, 7-8:30 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church (202 Brooks St) The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center is sponsoring a presentation by a Missoula community member who spent the last year teaching English to Palestinian children in Jerusalem. He will discuss his experiences living in community with Palestinian Lutherans, share his thoughts about the prospects for peace in Palestine/Israel, answer relevant questions, and provide resources to learn more about the area.

Sunday-Saturday, August 12-18, Camp Mimanagish. Pride Family and Youth Camp for LGBT+ families, children, couples, individuals, or any combination of LGBT+. It will encompass a spiritually broad based program to assist attendees to connect with a God of their own understanding without fear of judgment or condemnation for who they are. Program Leader: Bobbie Zenker. Information: www.mimanagish.org

Tuesday-Sunday, August 7-12, Missoula Fairgrounds. The **NEW MADE fair Marketplace at the Western Montana Fair** will showcase over 65 artisans per day in the historic commercial building. JRPC will be the featured local non-profit on Sunday August 12th! Come visit us and support local artists and non-profits at the fair this year!

Monday, August 13, 3-8 pm, Outside Griz Stadium. Join the **Festival @ Griz Stadium** organized by Pearl Jam and Rock2Vote to celebrate the work of several local groups and support the work of groups fighting for MT values and voter engagement. JRPC is proud to be a Festival partner <https://pearljam.com/thehomeshows/missoula-mt/our-partners>

Friday-Sunday, September 7-9, Camp Mimanagish in McLeod MT (<http://www.mimanagish.org>) You are invited to participate in a **Civic Action Retreat**, an opportunity to give voice to civic action and a retreat to relax, repurpose, and rejuvenate. This gathering will nourish people at all levels of civic involvement. There will be reflection time, learning, meeting new people, a chance to integrate body, mind, and spirit, and enjoy nature's beauty. Our hope is that through this retreat experience participants have the chance to engage more deeply in their own journey of civic action. For More Information: Contact Tricia Decker, Program Director (triciapeaks@gmail.com or 406 861 7449)

Saturday, September 9, 10 am-6 pm, EWAM Garden in Arlee. Be sure to attend the **Peace Festival**.

Sunday, October 14, 4:30 pm, Missoula Fairgrounds. Save the Date for our Peace Party!!

Action Opportunities

Move To Amend is looking for volunteers to help with petitions August 10 and 11 at the showing of the film **Dark Money**. Call Joe 406-493-9116 (text or call) or email joeloos7245@gmail.com. And join their monthly statewide call on **Tuesday August 28 at 6:30pm: 4th Tuesday of every month!!!** Call 712-451-1178, Then: 486899#

Do you like to sew/quilt? Gather to make comfort quilts for the children who have endured the heartbreaking separation from their parents at the border. For more details, contact Teresa Jacobs at tcjmontana@gmail.com.

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2019 award. Go to <https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/>

Fair Trade News



Missoula's only all fair trade store, a program focused on JRPC's international peacebuilding efforts! Come see lots of new items arriving every day!!

Ongoing Events and Meetings

Global issues Study Group. Third Monday, 4:30, JRPC

Spanish Conversation Group. Thursdays, 12 noon-1 pm, JRPC. Jim, jimcook47@gmail.com, 529-1917 or Walter, wrwilde44@msn.com, 721-5289

Climate Smart Missoula. First Thursday of every month. Topics vary. 5 - 7 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing Co.

Contact: amy@climatesmartmissoula.org

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, 11 am-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!

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@patrickmarsolek.com

The Cranium creates origami delights every other Wednesday, 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

[How should we protest neo-Nazis? Lessons from German history](#)

University of Montana's Archives and Special Collections has a collection of oral history interviews that were conducted by Dawn Walsh for the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center. The interviewees were former and current members of the Missoula Women for Peace and detail their interest and activities related to peace activism. We have just learned that those interviews (both the audio and transcripts) are now available online at this link https://scholarworks.umt.edu/missoulawomenforpeace_oralhistory/.

Ways to Help JRPC

***Thanks to all of you who respond to our call to increase your yearly donation to help us cover increasing costs or to volunteer your time -- your support means a lot to us!!
We love our members, our donors and our volunteers!***

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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