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Join us as we usher in 2019 with a luminary to pledge our work for peace
12/31/18 from 4 pm to Midnight in Caras Park



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"Do anything that makes the world a better place." ~ Melvin Weiner

Dear friends,

We all want to see and do some grand gestures that will make the world better, But let us remember that it is the little things we do on a daily basis that add up to make a big difference. During this hectic holiday season where we deal with crowds, traffic and lots to do, let us remember there are many in our community who have no reason to celebrate. Whether from grief, illness or tragedy, there are many in our midst who need US. Not a present or a party but just someone to lean on and connect with. I'm sure if we all look -- we can find them -- maybe someone you pass on the street, a neighbor or a family member. Let's make sure we see those opportunities and rise to meet them. The world will be made better by all of us choosing to do one small thing each day for our families, our neighbors and our community. What will your contribution be today?...Betsy



Calendar

Saturday, December 15, 4 pm-6 pm, Missoula Senior Citizens Center. **Gingerbread House Decorating Contest fundraiser** for a UM Grad Student's thesis project to study food borne pathogens. Open to teams of 4 adults and children. Houses will be baked upon arrival and ready to decorate. Complimentary dinner and drinks. Cost: \$40 adults, \$30 Children 9-18 and \$10 Children 8 and under. To Purchase Tickets or get information, contact Shabnam at (406) 880-3340 or shabnam.queshi@mso.umt.edu Online payment option available.

Tuesday, December 18, 6-8 pm, [Western Cider](#). **DIY Garlands** with Earth Within Flowers. Dress up your home with a unique seasonal garland. We will have an assortment of dried local dried flowers, foliage and aromatics to play with. \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. Two tickets for \$80 (use code DIY2018) <https://earthwithin.com/workshops/>

Friday, December 21, 5:30 pm, Missoula County Courthouse. JRPC, the Poverello and other organizations are planning the annual **Homeless Persons' Memorial**. Pay tribute to the homeless folks in our community who have deid. There will be time to share and discuss at dinner after at First United Methodist Church

ANNOUNCEMENT AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

Monday, December 31, 4 pm to midnight, Caras Park. New Year's Eve Peace Sign Luminary Lighting. Ring in 2019 with friends and family while spreading the message of peace by lighting a luminary to help create a giant symbol of peace in Caras Park on New Years Eve day.

Monday, January 14, 5-7 pm or 7-9 pm, Doubletree. Session 1 of the **Missoula Master Plan Public Design Workshop.** Help create the future of downtown Missoula. Also see the following sessions:

- **Tuesday, January 15-Thursday, January 17, 10 am-7 pm, The Public House.** Stop by anytime to see and share your ideas.
- **Friday, January 18, 4-6 pm, The Wilma.** See the final wrap up presentation.

Monday, January 21, 9 am-4 pm, Helena State Capitol. Join MT Human Rights Network for the **2019 MLK Jr Lobby Day.** They will be providing training for how to talk about the issues, how to contact and find your legislators and give you an opportunity to engage your civic leaders and lawmakers. Contact garrett@mhrn.org

Saturday, February 16, 9 am-4 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. Dismantling Hatred: Skills and Strategies You Can Use, presented by the MT Racial Equity Project. \$80 per person. info@themtrep.org

Action Opportunities

TESOL Certificate Program (Teach English to Speakers of Other languages). SPRING SEMESTER 2019 12-14 WEEKS ONLINE COURSE. 100 instructional hours focusing on language and culture, methodology, instruction and assessment, and professionalism. 20-hour practicum providing practical experience through observation and instruction. Instructors from UM's English Language Institute: Jeanie Castillo, MA Linguistics Josh Rosenberger, MA Applied Linguistics. Interested? Contact Josh Rosenberger: joshua.rosenberger@mso.umt.edu 406-243-2084

EmpowerMT announces the **MLK Youth Art and Essay Contest.** Submit a piece of 2-D art work or an essay, poem or letter of no more than 250 words in response to the quote, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others". Handwritten or typed essays will be accepted. Artwork may be any medium but no larger than 8.5 X 11 inches. On the back of each entry please include the student's full name, grade, school, home address and home telephone number. To enter you must be a student in preschool-12th grade in Western Montana. Entries are due no later than December 21, 2018 to the Missoulian (MLK Contest, Missoulian, P.O. Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807). Winners will receive a cash prize, be featured in the Missoulian, and recognized at the MLK Community Celebration on Monday, January 21, 2019. Contact Jamar Galbreath at 541-6891 or jamar@empowermt.org

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2020 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.
Who wouldn't love a gift that brings more peace and justice to the world!!!

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 & Veterans For Peace Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.com

Balanced View Clarity Online Call Sundays, 11am-noon, or Mondays 5-6pm. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org. Visit <http://www.Bright.how>

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

Peace & Conflict Studies Group. Thursday, 1-2 pm, JRPC. 406-697-5032. **NO MEETING ON OCTOBER 11!**

Knitting For Peace every Tuesday, 1-3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.

Jewish Reading Group One Wednesday a month starting on January 23. Read Allegra Goodman's *Kaaterskill*

Falls. readingjewismissoula@gmail.com

Nonviolent Communication Practice Group Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC info@patrickmarsolek.com

The Cranium creates origami delights every 1st, 3rd and 5th 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.
Montana Moves To Amend statewide phone calls 4th Tuesday of each month. Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

What Borders Are Really About and What We Do With Them.

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Ways to Help JRPC

1. ***We want to reimagine our community room space and we are looking for folks to help. If you have ideas or***
2. ***creative energy to share, please call us.***
3. ***We are always looking for good folks to help lead our organization by becoming great board members. Call and talk to us about htis great opportunity to be a bigger part of our great family***

Jeannette Rankin Peace Center ha 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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