

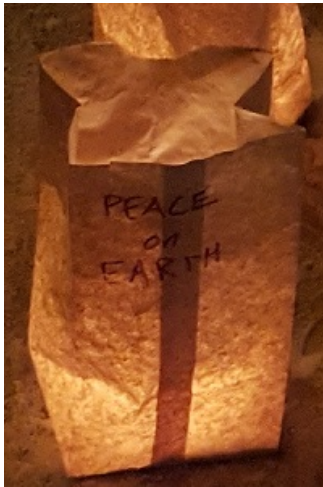


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“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.” ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear friends,

On Monday, we will celebrate the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. All of us have been inspired by Dr King's words of wisdom. They are on our bumper stickers, buttons and T-shirts -- words that make us pause and think. Here are some of our favorites:

“Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

“We must build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear.”

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

“A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom.”

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

These are not words to simply be read and admired. Dr. King did not write them for spectators. They are words meant to be lived and acted on. Today in particular as our country struggles with the systemic and personal impacts of racism and prejudice; the widening gap between rich and poor; the growing violence in our neighborhoods, schools and families; the destruction of our climate; the rising suicide rate of our young soldiers; the destruction of freedoms and the weaponizing of our world, we desperately need the service and action Dr. King inspired. On Monday, our community will come together to celebrate Dr. King's legacy and commit to living his dream in our world (see the listing of all the events below). What will you do? And more importantly, what will you do after Monday is over? Let us not wait to be asked but rather take advantage of every opportunity we see. We shall overcome only with action and service...Betsy



Calendar

Saturday, January 13, 9:30 am-2 pm, University Center Ballroom. The third-annual **Art of Diplomacy Conference**, hosted by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, returns to Missoula to continue the discussion of how culture is shaping our world. The event will be held in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Ballet's 2018 Ballet Beyond Borders, an international dance competition and film festival held in Missoula, MT. The conference will feature performances from around the world, coupled with engaging panel discussions examining the role of art and movement in science, social justice, youth empowerment, leadership, diplomacy and more. The event is free and open to the public; a light lunch will be served. All attendees are asked to register for the event by January 12th.

Monday, January, 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration: "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Check out the following events and locations. For more information about the program, contact Empower Montana at [406-541-6891](tel:406-541-6891) or email info@empowermt.org

- 11:45 am: Movie Screening of *Selma* at the Roxy: (community reflections and discussion to follow)
- 5 pm: Youth Rally at Caras Park Downtown: Youth leaders Meshayla Cox and Sydnie Sinclair will speak on how they're taking action to address social issues and violence impacting young people of color in their community.
- 5:40 pm: Community Peace March from Caras Park over the Higgins St. Bridge to St. Paul Lutheran Church
- 6 pm: Community Celebration at St. Paul Lutheran Church: Keynote Address by Wilmot Collins, Mayor of Helena, Montana. Presentation of awards for the MLK Jr. Youth Art and Essay contest. Performances by Andre Floyd and the Lewis and Clark Peace Choir.
- 8 pm: Community Dinner and Social following the celebration program in the St. Paul Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation \$5-\$10

Mondays, January 15-February 12, 6-7:30 pm, 210 N. Higgins, Suite 207. Join Patrick Marsolek for an engaging exploration of essential communication skills based on the work of **Marshall Rosenberg and the Center for Nonviolent Communication**. You can learn the importance of feelings and how they connect with your inner values and needs and direct your actions, communications, emotional expressions and all forms of behavior. You can practice recognizing and valuing other people's expression of their values and needs. \$75 or \$140 for two. Register Online here: <http://www.innerworkingsresources.com/CommunicationMissoula> Contact Patrick Marsolek at: [406-443-3439](tel:406-443-3439) or info@PatrickMarsolek.com

Tuesday, January 16 6:30 pm-8:45 pm, Missoula Public Library Large Meeting Room. **Wrongful Convictions Film Series brought to you by the Innocence Project presents David and Me.** When troubled teen Ray Klonsky began writing letters to prison inmate David McCallum, both of their lives changed forever. Hundreds of letters later, Ray graduated from university determined to set his wrongly convicted friend free. Two CLE credits available. Panel discussion after each film. Free and open to the public. Contact director@mtinnocenceproject.org, call (406) 243-6698 or visit <http://mtinnocenceproject.org>

Thursday, January 18, 6 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. **Fake News in a Post-Truth Era** is part of Humanities Montana's year-long focus, "Democracy and the Informed Citizen", administered by the Federation of State Humanities Councils. The initiative seeks to deepen the public's knowledge and appreciation of the vital connections between democracy, the humanities, journalism, and an informed citizenry. Join professional journalists and scholars to discuss how we got here, and what happens when we can't agree on the facts. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Saturday, January 20, noon, Downtown Missoula, there will be a **Women's March in Missoula**, as well as Helena and Billings and other cities and towns in numerous states. The Missoula Women's March will start at noon at the XXXX's in downtown Missoula. We will march via the sidewalks to Caras Park for a rally and celebration. The mission of Women's March is to harness the political power of diverse women and their communities to create transformative social change. The Women's March is about Rights, Ending Violence,

transformative social change. The women's March is about rights, ending violence, Environmental Justice and "Powering the Polls" for 2018 Election. The Montana Women's Chorus Missoula with Director Beth Youngblood will be there as well as many great speakers. Make plans now to attend. Donations are needed to cover some costs. You will receive a tax deductible letter from Montana Human Rights Network. <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=mthrn&id=5>

Saturday, January 20, 10 am-noon or 1 pm-3 pm, 102 McLeod (corner of Higgins). **Training the Mind in Compassion, a Day of Teaching and Fellowship with Lama David Curtis.** No cost, but donations gratefully received. Bring a sack lunch for noon hour fellowship. See the Big Sky Mind website, www.bigskymindmontana.org

Sunday, January 21, 6-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing Co. **Beyond Beer: Poetry for a Change.** Come Be the VOICE to empower others. contact Rita Jankowska-Bradley at justpeace4all@yahoo.com

Saturday, January 27, 9 am-4:30 pm, Center for Spiritual Living (328 Fairgrounds Road in Hamilton, across from the High School). YOU are invited to help launch the first ever Bitterroot Open Space Community Roundtable! This uniquely facilitated conference model invites everyone to participate. The agenda will be formed around topics of real interest and value to everyone who attends, and will be determined by the group that convenes around the open space. The title question is: **Nourish our Bitterroot- What If we envision our Food, Society, and Culture thriving and growing?** Offered by Cultivating Connections, a project of Homestead Organics Farm, and the Center for Spiritual Living. Registration and Continental Breakfast 9-9:30. Program will start promptly at 9:30. Lunch as well as snacks, coffee, and tea will be provided. There is no cost to attend and everyone who wants to participate is welcome to attend! Please RSVP by visiting the Eventbrite website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bitterroot-open-space-community-round-table-tickets-41784489533?aff=eac2>

Tuesday, February 6, 3 pm, Missoula Public Library, large meeting room. **MCAT is organizing a special meeting** to give community leaders and key stakeholders a "heads-up" about the importance of public input into a Community Needs Assessment. This special meeting will be led by Sue Buske from The Buske Group, a highly experienced communications consultant who is working with MCAT and the City on the franchise renewal process. At the meeting, we will explain the ways you can be involved as the needs assessment moves forward. This will greatly assist MCAT and the City of Missoula in planning for the future cable and communications needs of our community during the upcoming Spectrum (Charter) cable franchise renewal process. Snacks will be provided. Click here to RSVP

Wednesday, February 7, 6-8 pm, Missoula Federal Credit Union Community Room (3600 Brooks St). Join Climate Smart Missoula and partners for a **Solar-Ease Workshop**, an informational workshop all about going solar: we aim to make it easy! Learn about current opportunities, policy, and the pathway to installing residential solar, from working through a bid from an installer to tax benefits and financing. Meet-and-greet with local installers at 6, informational presentation begins at 6:30, with plenty of time for Q&A and mingling after. Snacks and beverages provided. <https://www.facebook.com/events/373329246461998>

Saturday-Sunday, February 17-18, UM. **Black Solidarity Summit: Reflecting on the Past, Preparing for the Future: Laying the Groundwork for the Next 50 Years.** This February marks the 50th anniversary of the University of Montana's Black Studies program, the third oldest program in the United States. The Black Solidarity Summit will bring together representatives from Black Student Union's, African Student Associations, and Black Studies programs around the United States to support one another and engage in discourse about vital issues impacting black students. Please visit the [Black Solidarity Summit website](#) for more details and information regarding the Summit.

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm-8:45 pm, Missoula Public Library Large Meeting Room. **Wrongful Convictions Film Series brought to you by the Innocence Project presents The Child Cases.** When a child dies under suspicious circumstances, abuse is often suspected. That's what happened in the case of six-month-old Isis Vas, whose death was deemed

“a clear-cut and classic” case of child abuse, sending a man named Ernie Lopez to prison for 60 years. But now a Texas judge has moved to overturn Lopez’s conviction, and new questions are being asked about the quality of expert testimony in this and many other similar cases. Two CLE credits available. Panel discussion after each film. Free and open to the public. Contact director@mtinnocenceproject.org, call (406) 243-6698 or visit <http://mtinnocenceproject.org>

Monday, March 5, 7 pm, The Roxy, JRPC, 350 Montana, World Affairs Council and others invite you to the film, **The Age of Consequences** from award-winning filmmaker Jared Scott. The film investigates growing threats to security on a national and international scale, including increasing resource scarcity, infrastructure risks, conflict and increasing refugee populations.

Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 pm-8:45 pm, Missoula Public Library Large Meeting Room. **Wrongful Convictions Film Series brought to you by the Innocence Project presents The Fear of 13.** After more than 20 years on death row, a convicted murderer petitions the court asking to be executed. But as he tells his story, it gradually becomes clear that nothing is quite what it seems. Two CLE credits available. Panel discussion after each film. Free and open to the public. Contact director@mtinnocenceproject.org, call (406) 243-6698 or visit <http://mtinnocenceproject.org>

Action Opportunities

Missoula Community Connect is having a Clothing Drive, now through Jan 22. Collected clothing will be offered to those in need for free. Winter gear is especially needed. If you have gently used clothing you’d like to donate, clothing will be accepted until Jan 22 at these locations: REI Missoula; Missoula Public Library; Country Courthouse Rotunda & Treasurer’s Office. More info: [406-258-3688](tel:406-258-3688) or skennedy@missoulacounty.us

Call for Participants: Missoula Discrimination Video Project -- YWCA Missoula’s Racial Justice Program is producing a video that will highlight personal narratives of those who have experienced discrimination in Missoula. The video will feature short narratives with community members of different backgrounds. In April 2018, there will be a community screening of the video and a panel discussion, held in conjunction with YWCA’s Stand Against Racism. The goal of this project is to raise awareness of discrimination that exists in our community, promote and validate the voices of individuals from various marginalized groups, and act as a catalyst for community change. They are looking for participants who are willing to share their own experiences of discrimination for this project. They anticipate that participants will need to contribute up to 5 hours during the interviewing and filming process. This is a volunteer initiative with the possibility of a small stipend. To learn more, contact Lydia Schildt, YWCA Missoula Racial Justice Coordinator, at lsilva@ywcaofmissoula.org or (406) 543-6691.

Visit the **Missoula Resistance Library** for great reading lists on topics that are relevant today.
<https://missoularesistancelibrary.wordpress.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



After being closed for inventory and some cleaning and rearranging, we will open today at 10 am. Come see us. Better yet, sign up to volunteer with us!! We'd love to see you and have your help.

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](tel: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

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

Consider a gift membership or honor donation as a great "green" holiday gift for that hard to buy for person on your list!

And we would be honored to have you consider a donation to JRPC as you plan your end-of-year giving.

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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