

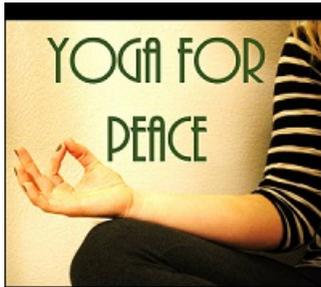


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"Our lives are formed not just by the conflicts that we've experienced, but by the ones we've not resolved." ~Ken Cloke

Dear friends,

Conflict is a normal part of life. It is the alert that lets us know something is not aligned, some need is not met and a situation needs our attention, whether that is within oneself, between people or in a society at large. There would be little argument that much in our world is out of alignment and we are called to navigate difficult divides on a regular basis. How we pay attention is critical. And how we choose to act -- or not -- is even more so. Do you avoid conflicts, accomodate, try to problem-solve, seek compromise or engage in competition with others around differences? There are places where all these are appropriate and yet not all work in every situation. Recently I had a difference of opinion with someone and knew we needed to discuss it. I wished I could avoid it or ignore it and yet I knew it would not go away until I dealt with it -- even if I didn't do so perfectly. When you see children arguing, a teacher or parent separates them to end the conflict. But separation alone does not solve the cause of the conflict. And the same is true when we avoid those people and situations where a difference exists. We miss learning from the deeper, truths that our conflicts represent. How do you handle conflicts in your life? Is there one that needs your attention today?

The US Institute of Peace has an assessment to help you think through and learn more about your approach to conflict. You can check it out at the link below. If we all learned to recognize the gifts of learning and growing inherent in our conflicts, we might just take a step toward a more peaceful world. https://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/2017-02/Conflict%20Styles%20Assessment_0_0.pdf

Wishing you many opportunities to learn, Betsy



Calendar

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](https://www.facebook.com/bitterroot-open-space-community-round-table-tickets-41784489533?aff=eac2)

Monday, January 29, 6-8 pm, UCC (405 University Ave) **Faith and Climate Action Montana meeting, featuring a discussion on Countering Despair: A Call to Community in Challenging Times.** These days, hard news comes at us like ocean waves breaking on the beach...We no sooner recover from one wave (or not) and the next one hits. Many of us feel a sense of despair when confronted with the painful realities of a creation crying out in need of care and protection. Join us for an evening of sharing and reflection on ways that we as people of faith can address and overcome this despair. We'll consider how a "call to community" can help us find new resources that lessen the weight of despair and strengthen the connections among us, empowering us to continue our work to address the climate crisis and protect our planet. Potluck dinner! Please bring something to contribute if you can. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1390269801100922/>

Thursday February 1st, 5-7 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. **Climate Smart Missoula Monthly Meetup: Green Bldg & Energy Efficiency.** Come Learn about some of our upcoming ENERGY SMART projects, including a pilot program to improve energy efficiency in manufactured homes, building energy "stretch" codes, and more! Come at 5pm to mingle, short program starts at 5:15 then stay to chat and connect. https://www.facebook.com/events/364765393995342/?active_tab=about

Thursday, February 1, 7 pm, The Roxy. **Nathan Baring, one of 21 youth plaintiffs suing the U.S. government over climate change, will be speaking about the historic case in which he is a plaintiff.** Juliana v. U.S. has been moving through the federal court system and is expected to go to trial later this year. The plaintiffs allege that the actions of the U.S. government in causing the dire climate crisis are violating their rights to life, liberty and property under the U.S. Constitution. A march and rally across the Higgins Street bridge will immediately follow the youth panel. (Signs will be provided, but even better, make your own!) The event is free and open to the public. Snacks and activities for young children will be offered.

Thursday, February 1, 6-8 pm, Burns St. Center. Join the Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC) for the **2nd annual Farm Fresh Pitchfest** to support our local food system! They have four small food and farming businesses participating this year. Check out the [CFAC blog](#) to learn more about each of the participants. Join us, eat delicious food provided by [Burns St. Bistro](#), make a loan, and be involved in YOUR local food system!

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, 5-6 pm, JRPC Community Room. The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center and Yeti Yoga are teaming up to offer the Missoula community a new yoga class: Yoga for Peace! The class will continue every Wednesday through February -- and maybe beyond! Half of the proceeds go toward JRPC's upcoming projects, including the Peace Toolkit and the recreation of the Missoula Peace Sign. The class will be an hour-long yin style class, which targets areas of the body that become sensitive when remaining seated for long periods of time. Originally, it was designed prepare the body for prolonged seated meditation posture. Yin poses are held for 3-5 minutes to stretch beyond the muscles and access the connective tissue around the joints. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now by emailing yetiyoغامissoula@gmail.com! Cost: \$10

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>

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Wednesday, February 7, 7:15 pm, MCAI (Channel 167). The November 4 panel discussion on **Restorative Justice** that was held at Holy Spirit Episcopal will be shown on MCAI.

Wednesday, February 7, 7 pm, the Natural History Center. The first lecture in the MT Natural History Center series is **Rosalyn LaPier**, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at UM and award-winning Indigenous writer. She studies the intersection of traditional ecological knowledge learned from elders and environmental and religious history of Indigenous people. She will discuss the "seasonal round" or the annual journey taken by the Blackfeet and other northern Plains tribes throughout their territory, share their knowledge of the natural world, places, plants, and animals and their relationship with the supernatural. Check out our full list of speakers and topics here. Cost per lecture: \$10 non-members; \$5 members; FREE for high school and college students. Purchase tickets [HERE!](#) Ticket includes beer and/or wine (if over 21) from The Dram Shop; non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Sponsored by the Good Food Store.

Thursday, February 8, 7 pm, The Roxy. Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund and WildEarth Guardians are co-sponsoring the screening of featured documentary "**To The Ends Of The Earth**" narrated by Emma Thompson. This award winning documentary directed by David Lavalée explores extreme energy, breaking free from fossil fuels, divestment and the future of the industry. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Purchase your tickets at www.mtvoters.org.

Friday, February 16, 7 pm, The Wilma. The BSDFF will open with the film **DARK MONEY**. From Montana-born director Kimberly Reed, DARK MONEY spotlights the historical consequences of dark money's influence in Montana, and the public servants, journalists and citizens that stood up to oppose corporate control of politics. Free admission. A Q&A with the filmmaker and panel discussion will follow the screening.

Friday, February 16-Sunday, February 25. The Big Sky Film Institute is proud to announce the OFFICIAL SELECTIONS of the **15th Annual Big Sky Documentary Film Festival**. And JRPC is proud to be a sponsor again this year. See you at the movies!!

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>

The **ACLU** is coming to communities across the state to discuss advocacy and community organizing. ACLU of Montana staff will discuss volunteer opportunities and how to become involved and contribute at the local and state level. They are looking for a diversity of folks who are keen to provide their time and passion, all while teaching and learning skills. **The will hold trainings in at least 14 communities and will also be holding a teleconference event. [Check out our event page to find a meeting near you!](#)**

Farm Bill policies will affect all Montanans and our regional food system. CFAC will be visiting our Congressional representatives in February. They want to hear from you . Email cfacinfo@missoulacfac.org with your Farm Bill priorities or questions or visit them at [328 E Main St, Missoula](#) to write a postcard message about why the SNAP program is important to you and/or your community.

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



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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@bonnieters.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

What if?... <http://stephendpalmer.com/puzzle-humanity/>

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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