"And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.” ~Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Dear friends,

In the spirit of uncovering the gifts we have to give the world and preparing ourselves to be the change that makes those gifts truly come alive, I encourage you to read the five habits of the heart that Parker Palmer outlines in his book, Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit (2011). As we begin this new year with much work to be done, it seems the perfect time to examine our hearts and ready them for the journey ahead.

1. Understand we are ALL in this together
2. Appreciate the value of "otherness"
3. Hold tension in life-giving, creative ways that expand our understanding of ourselves and the world
4. Have confidence in our personal voice and our power to make a difference
5. Plant and cultivate the seeds of community in our lives

To our hearts, the vision! ~Betsy

And we would love it if you consider a “gift” to the JRPC in one of these ways:

- Remember us in your end of year giving -- we are raising money to bring our mission home to pay our own employees a living wage!
- Join JRPC, if you haven’t already. And if you have -- give a gift membership or donation in someone’s honor.
- Become a Rankin file sustainer, contributing $5 or more each month to help sustain us.
- Sign up to volunteer with us on a committee, in our store or on events
- Get your JRPC License Plate and help us spread the message

Calendar

Saturday, January 6, 3 pm, 622 Rollins. Join hosts Andrea Olsen & Kathy Heffernan for a tea and letter-writing HUMAN RIGHTS TEA PARTY!! Make a difference in 2018! It can be as easy as writing a letter! Text or call 552-5350 for more info.

Saturday, January 6, 208 E. Main (2nd floor Union Hall Building) New Year Aikido Intro for Beginning Adults. Try the martial art of harmony with an orientation followed by four guided basics classes. For more information visit http://www.AikidoMissoula.com, call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by January 3.

Monday, January 8, 11:30 am-1 pm, Doubletree Hotel. City Club of Missoula Presents: Reaching Home: Missoula’s 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. Reaching Home coordinator Theresa Williams, and Eran Pehan, director of the city's Office of Housing and Community Development, will review progress over the last five years and outline plans for the future.

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. For more information about the program, contact Empower Montana at 406-541-6891 or email info@empowermt.org

- 11:45 am: Movie Screening of Selma at the Roxy: (community reflections and discussion to follow)
- 5:00 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.
- 5:45 pm: Community Peace March from Caras Park over the Higgins St. Bridge to St. Paul Lutheran Church
- 7:45pm: 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 or info@PatrickMarsolek.com

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 march will go from the Red XX’s to the Wilma at noon. Then a rally will take place in the Wilma - with songs and speeches. The Montana Women’s Chorus Missoula with Director Beth Youngblood will be there. Make plans now to attend.

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

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
Monday, March 5, 7 pm, The Roxy. JRPC, 350Montana, 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.

**Action Opportunities**

**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 ljsilva@ywcaofmissoula.org or (406) 543-6691.

Roots Action and others are joined together to urge the world to support an Olympic Truce. You can sign the petition at https://act.rootsaction.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13181

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**

Do you have any area rugs that you would be willing to donate to The Olive Branch for use in the store? We would love them to jazz up the store a bit. Please call or e-mail our store manager, Jenny Zaso, to let her know! E-mail store@jrpc.org or call (406) 543-3955.

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 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**

**Citizens Climate Lobby**
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

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