Rally and vigil for Immigration Justice
Wednesday, June 20, 5pm,
Missoula County Detention Center

Join us to support immigrants and people of color that are experiencing an escalation in racial profiling, ICE detentions, and deportation in Missoula and throughout the United States.
Let's tell them, "we see and hear you"

"There is no such thing as other people's children."
~Glennon Doyle, author, activist and founder of Momastery

Dear friends,

Children torn from their parents at our border as punishment for desperate parents; Children held in cages; Children in Yemen orphaned by war and dying of starvation; Children in Guatemala lost in the aftermath of a volcano; Millions of children in Syria, Palestine and many other places displaced by war, famine and unrest endangered by the very need to find safe passage; Children trafficked into slavery and sex trades; Children trapped in the criminal justice system; Vulnerable children turned away at our borders; Child victims of domestic abuse and gang violence; Indigenous children disconnected from their heritage; Children forced to work in sweatshops and farms to grow our food and make our products; Child victims of genocide, past and present; Children in communities across the world -- even the wealthiest and even Missoula who are hungry, homeless, abused, neglected or abandoned; Children that are part of the tired, poor, and huddled masses, yearning to breathe free. None of these children are expendable -- they are all our children and seeds of our future. Let your mind see their faces and resist the words used to hide, shame or deny them -- illegal, undocumented, alien and others. They belong to us and they need champions to help the world see them. Let us all be fathers and mothers. Let us open our hearts and be moved to act...Betsy

Calender

Thursday, June 14, 5:30 pm, JRPC Community Room. Join us for the first of our annual summer presentations by Humphrey Fellows from around the world. This year, the presentations are grouped by subject area and will allow more time for discussion. The first evening will focus on Education & Technology with representatives from Benin and Central African Republic. Following presentations over the summer include:

- June 21: Natural Resources and Agriculture – Iran, Mongolia and Cuba
- June 28: South America – Ecuador, Colombia and Chile
Saturday, June 16, 10 am, Front St, Helena (between 13th and Neill) ACLU of Montana invites you to Big Sky Pride Events in Helena to celebrate LGBTQ Montanans and allies! The parade starts at 11 am RSVP now to join us in the march. Plus -- look for the JRPC banner -- we'll be there!! Following the parade, ACLU and others will be tabling at Pioneer Park from noon to 5 pm. To volunteer or get more information, contact morenoz@aclumontana.org. Follow us on Instagram for Pride month updates. Visit the official Big Sky Pride 2018 website.

Saturday, June 16, new Parks and Recreation soccer fields at Fort Missoula. Soft Landing is hosting the Second Annual World Refugee Day Cup! This year's Soccer Tournament will be a round-robin set up of 7 v. 7 teams so each team plays at least 2 games. The World Cup Match of the final two teams will be held in the late afternoon, followed immediately by the community celebration. There will be food, drinks, kids activities and music into the evening. Registration is available through Parks and Rec. Information on how to register for the tournament can be found here.

Monday, June 18, 4:30 pm, JRPC. Join JRPC and others interested in our newly forming Palestine Action Group. Bring friends, ideas and an open mind.

Tuesday-Friday, June 19-22, Yellowstone Park. LGBTQ Retreat open to people regardless of their orientation or gender identity. Family members, friends, allies, supporters, educators, and all interested persons are encouraged to attend and there may also be financial aid and scholarship opportunities for formal and informal educators. People can inquire about such assistance via info@yellowstone.org or by calling 406 848-2400 from Monday through Friday. https://www.yellowstone.org/programs/yellowstone-lgbtq-retreat/

Wednesday, June 20, 5pm, Missoula County Detention Center (2340 Mullan Rd, Missoula, MT 59808). Rally and vigil for Immigration Justice sponsored by several area groups including JRPC. Please show up to support immigrants and people of color that are experiencing an escalation in racial profiling, ICE detentions, and deportation in our community and throughout the United States. Currently, undocumented people are unjustly being held in the Missoula County Detention Center. Show up and stand up by attending this rally and send the message that we see and hear these people.

Thursday, June 21, 6 pm, YWCA Missoula. YWCA monthly Book Club in partnership with The Montana Racial Equity Project Book Club. JOIN to talk about the book So You Want to Talk About Race, by Ijeoma Oluo.

Thursday-Sunday, June 21-24. Celebrate Vicki Watson's Retirement, Summer Solstice and the Launch of EVST's PIES Fund. After 35 years, Vicki Watson is retiring from her duties at UM, but celebrating the opportunity to continue working for a better world with the EVST family and wider community. A Public Interest Environmental Science (PIES) scholarship has been set up in her honor. Contributors to the fund receive raffle tickets and may win one of Vicki's famous pies. Plus, Solstice coincides with a celebration of the 10 year anniversary of removing Milltown dam and grand opening of the Confluence part of Milltown State Park—which many EVSTers helped bring about. For those who cannot attend, but would like to make a donation to the PIES fund: You may write a check to UM Foundation, add a notation, “Vicki Watson (PIES) Scholarship,” and Mail checks to UM Foundation, PO Box 7159, Missoula MT 59807-7159. Or you can donate online here: http://hs.umt.edu/evst/stories-folder/watson-pies.php

Celebrations include:

- Thursday, June 21, 7:30-11pm – Contra Dance at the Hip Strip Ballroom (aka Senior Center, 705 S. Higgins). There will be pies & ice cream. Admission – a donation to the PIES fund.
- Saturday, June 23, 10-6 – Milltown Park Grand Opening (7700 Juniper Dr) details will be here.
- Saturday, June 23, 7-9pm -- PIES Potluck Party at River Road Farm (1657 River Road) food, drink, music. Feel free to bring a pie, or just come enjoy pies others bring (there will be ice cream). Food will include PEAS farm salad, pizza pies, and lots of pie a la mode. Admission—a donation to the PIES fund. RSVP your plans to attend to vicki.watson@umontana.edu so they can plan food.
- Sunday, June 24 – work off the calories by hiking or rafting.

Friday, June 22, 9 am-1:30 pm, MUD (1527 Wyoming St.) Missoula Urban Demonstration
invites you to their Glass Pathways Install to demonstrate glass re-use and sustainable design. We are hopeful that the glass pathways will play a role in our community's efforts towards Zero Waste. Tour the facility, bring a picnic lunch and hang-out. Exciting to note, this is a Time Bank Community Chest event. Half of your volunteer time installing these pathways can be banked with the Missoula Time Bank to exchange for other Time Bank services. More details can be found here. RSVP to vista@mudproject.org is appreciated, but not required.

Friday, June 22, 10-6 and Saturday, June 23, 10-4, Big Sky High School. Missoula Quilt Guild Quilt Show Masquerade featuring one of our very own JRPC Members and Missoula Peace Quilters, Suzanne Sterrett. www.missoulaquiltersguild.org

Sunday June 24, 4 pm, Har Shalom (3035 S. Russell St.). Please join us in Missoula for the 50th Anniversary of the Dances of Universal Peace!! Potluck and story-sharing to follow at 6 pm. On June 24, 1968, Murshid Sam Lewis offered the first public Dances of Universal Peace in San Francisco. Since then, hundreds of thousands have participated around the world. On June 24, 2018, at least 101 DUP circles will celebrate the 50th Anniversary, including Brasil, Columbia, Russia, Bosnia, Chile, Ecuador, Spain, France, New Zealand, Mexico and Iceland. To learn more about the global 50th Anniversary events, click here. To learn more about the Dances of Universal Peace in North America, click here.

Saturday, June 30, 1-4 pm, Bonner Park Bandshell. Montana Innocence Project 10-year Anniversary Bash, with food and drinks will be provided at the event and a live band will be performing. Be sure to get a raffle ticket for your chance to claim exciting prizes! Mayor John Engen will speak at 2:00 p.m. to declare Montana Innocence Project Week! You will also hear from some of our exonerees (Fred Lawrence, Cody Marble and Richard Burkhart). Tickets are $5

Thursday, July 12, 5-9 pm, Caras Park. JRPC will be doing the Kid's Activities at Downtown Tonight. Stop and see us or come and volunteer with us!

Thursday, July 19, 9 am-2 pm, Har Shalom (3035 S. Russell St.) The Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN) is hosting Montana Interfaith Workshop on Countering Anti-Muslim Bigotry, a collaborative workshop with NATIONAL immigration organizations. This workshop is meant for clergy, faith leaders, and racial justice-rooted organizational leaders interested in countering anti-Muslim bigotry both locally and nationally. It will be facilitated by Montana Human Rights Network, Muslim Advocates, and Shoulder to Shoulder and shaped by attendees. Here is the registration link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjIyv6bIBmr99rte5uRo90L8biTjy3Q/viewform

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

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/thehomeshow/missoula-mt/our-partners

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

Action Opportunities

Roots Action, ACLU and others ask us to sign up to support their call to demand that the Trump administration and U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions stop its assault on immigrant families. Demand that children and parents be immediately reunited. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/ice-take-action?source=group-rootsactionorg&referrer=group-rootsactionorg&action=ICE

Momastery is a group working to raise money and help the children torn from their parents. https://momastery.com/blog/2018/05/29/emergency-love-flash-mob-for-the-children/

Southern Poverty Law Center asks us to speak out against Attorney General Jeff Sessions' ruling — referred to as the Matter of A-B — that our country will no longer grant asylum to most victims of domestic abuse and gang violence. Call the DOJ's main comment line at 202-353-1555.

This Friday, June 15, Guantanamo will have been open for 6,000 days. CloseGuantanamo.org has been running a campaign all year involving the Gitmo Clock, which counts, in real time, how long Guantanamo has been open, and urges Donald Trump to close it. It
includes a photo campaign. If you print a photo, take your picture with it, you can add to the message telling Donald Trump, "Not one day more!" Print the 6000 Days poster. Take a photo with it and send it to info@closeguantanamo.org. Check out all the photos here.

SERES Executive Director, Corrina Grace, who came to Missoula a few years ago, is working to find 40 of their youth leaders who are missing since the volcano eruption in Guatemala. And Seres is working on relief efforts in the area. You can find out more and help on their website https://www.givingloop.org/seres/impact

Roots Action is collecting signatures to thank Google employees for publicly opposing working on a military contract, leading Google to announce that it will not renew that particular contract after next year. Add your name.

Travel the world without leaving your home! Embrace international visitors in your home for a weekend to support global mutual understanding. The Mansfield Center is seeking short, two-day homestays July 6-8 for undergraduate students from Brazil, Russia, India, China and Japan, here to study environmental issues for one month. Contact Deena Mansour at deena.mansour@umontana.edu or 243-2713 for more information.

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

Missoula's only all fair trade store, a program focused on JRPC's international peacebuilding efforts!

Check out our online store at http://the-olive-branch.shoplightspeed.com

Ongoing Events and Meetings

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, 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!

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@bonnietsares.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


Pentagon begins planning which South Korea exercises should be 'sped up, scaled back or suspended' https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policydefense-national-security/pentagon-begins-planning-which-south-korea-


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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