Dear Friends,

June marks Pride month, a time for LGBTQ+ people to celebrate themselves, their resilience, and the community that surrounds them. For me, pride means honoring the LGBTQ+ activists that have come before me as well as celebrating the beauty of living as my authentic self. I was 12 years old when I first came out to myself and 18 when I came out to the world around me. During those years, I felt as if I was the only person to have ever walked that path before. It felt lonely, isolating, and terrifying at times. But I am far from the only person to have experienced this journey. In creating community and in learning about the courageous LGBTQ+ activists that have come before me, I have found enormous pride in my identity. I feel so fortunate to be part of a lineage of brave and brilliant changemakers that have continually pushed to subvert the standards of what is considered “normal” and “right” in society. That’s what transgender activists Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson did on June 28th of 1969 at the Stonewall Inn when they protested police violence against transgender and gender nonconforming individuals. The Stonewalls Riot that happened that day sparked a movement and have become a symbol of resistance for the LGBTQ+ community. Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, among others, were catalysts for change that have greatly advanced the LGBTQ+ movement in the U.S. through their tireless work and tenacity. This Pride month, I ask that we all take the time to celebrate the people who came before us - in the movement for LGBTQ+ equality, peace and social justice, and more - because we would not be where we are if they had not been here first.

With Pride, Haley Eakin, JRPC Program Assistant
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, TMongolia and Cuba
- **June 22**: South America – Ecuador, Colombia and Chile
- **July 5**: Urban Planning & Human Resources – Columbia, Mexico and Cuba
- **July 19**: Public Health Policy – Burma, Nepal and Togo

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.

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/

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.

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.

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/1FAIpQLSdHYv68bHmr99rtc-5uRo90L8biTlyT9Y3QC_EZoZr_MZX7dQ/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

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

Action Opportunities

Check out the Human Rights Campaign map of people who think businesses should be Open to All and add your pin. https://action.hrc.org/visual/map/Pq9wgbf

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 for the following visitors. Contact Deena Mansour at deena.mansour@umontana.edu or 243-2713 for more information.

- June 15-17: Global high school teachers of American studies and English from 20 different countries here to learn about American studies for one month, including: Middle East: Jordan, Tunisia, Iraq; Africa: Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Mozambique; Europe: Greece, France, Yugoslavia; Asia: Samoa, Thailand, China; South America: Nicaragua, Chile, Uruguay

- July 6-8: Undergraduate students from Brazil, Russia, India, China and Japan, here to study environmental issues for one month.

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](http://the-olive-branch.shoplightspeed.com)

### Ongoing Events and Meetings

**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 seboyard@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](mailto: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@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


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/](https://scholarworks.umt.edu/missoulawomenforpeace_oralhistory/).

### Ways to Help JRPC

*Thanks to everyone who helped us reach our Missoula Gives Goal and all of you who are responding to our call to increase your yearly donation to help us cover increasing costs -- 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](http://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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