“The first step in getting what you want is having the courage to get rid of what you don’t.” ~Unknown

Dear friends,

Many of you know that my husband and I are getting ready to make a move to a smaller house that will better fit our lifestyle. So our lives are full to the brim with making decisions about what to get rid of and what to keep -- what gives us meaning and what provides clutter. I was pondering what to write about today and Rusty (who is often quite wise) said, "getting rid of things!" It actually fits quite well with the times we are in. I sat in a crowd at Har Shalom last Saturday and listened to Laurie Franklin call us to exercise our "unity muscles" and speaker after speaker call us to love. In order to do that we must find the courage to look deep inside and get rid of the things in our own souls that stand as obstacles to love and unity.

A hundred years ago, our grandparents celebrated what they wanted -- a world without war, believing they had ended the "war to end all wars". But they failed to do the work of getting rid of the oppressive ideas and attitudes that would not only keep war with us but grow it into the largest industry we support. We can do better -- on small scales in our individual lives and in bigger ways in our voting booths and communities. Your work matters and your vote matters. Thanks for joining me in the work for unity and love...Betsy

Calendar

Thursday, November 1, 6-8 pm, University Center. DiverseUp presents the keynote address, There is Life After Hate with Christian Picciolini, an award-winning television producer, public speaker, author, peace advocate, and a former violent extremist. After leaving the hate movement he helped create during his youth in the 1980s and 90s, he began the process of making amends and rebuilding his life.

Friday, November 2, 5-8 pm, JRPC. Join us for November’s First Friday and the “Here I Am” Art Show with Navaho Nation artist Andrea Castillo. We will be serving free drinks and snacks! Meet the artist, experience Missoula’s only non-profit, fair trade and local store and peace center and have fun. https://www.facebook.com/events/155285515418401/

Saturday, November 3, 7:30 pm, Town & Gown Dance at UM Ballroom. The UM & Missoula Folklore Societies invite everyone to this free annual dance to build community between UM & Missoula. The dances are group dances (you dance with everyone there). Dances are fun and easy and all are taught and called. No experience or partner necessary. If you can smile and walk at the same time, you can contra dance. Beginner’s workshop at 7:30 p.m. (not required but will increase your fun), and the dance is from 8 to 11 p.m. Dress is casual, with comfortable shoes essential.
November 8-12, Beginning and ending in San Diego, California-Tijuana Border Experience with Peace Works Travel. An official Department of Homeland Security tour introduces students to the complex work of U.S. border patrol. Students receive a first-hand insight into the challenging conditions of this work, and the risks desperate migrants face trying to reach the U.S. Price: $1,995.00 (not including travel to San Diego). http://programs.peaceworkstravel.com/index.cfm?
FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=17832 Check out a similar trip focusing on consumerism over Christmas at http://programs.peaceworkstravel.com/index.cfm?
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Sunday, November 11 marks the 100 year anniversary of Armistice Day, the day the guns fell silent marking the end of WWI. There is an effort around the world to organize Battle’s Over, an international commemoration. It begins at 6am with over 1,000 lone pipers playing Battle’s O’er, a traditional Scottish air played after a battle and other related events. In Missoula, a few pipers will be playing at the dough boy statue at the Missoula Courthouse. Then at 7:05pm churches and cathedrals are encouraged to ring their bells as part of Ringing Out for Peace and more than 140 town criers will perform a specially written Cry for Peace Around the World, the first of them in New Zealand and then across the globe through the various time zones.

Sunday, November 11, 10-45 am, Rose Park in Missoula. VFP Chapter 133 Armistice Day program. Assemble at 10:45 and begin observance with timing to allow bell ringing at approximately 11:00. There will be readings, music and reflection on the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day.

Monday, November 12, 2-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. Veteran’s Day Fundraiser to raise funds for the Heroes Therapeutic Outreach Program. Raffles, food and Kombucha. Participate in sample classes by Red Willow instructors. Learn about Community Resilience and see a special Native American Honoring Ceremony at 6 pm. 10$ suggested donation. info@redwillowlearning.org

Action Opportunities

MoveOn has a petition asking the Republican Party to denounce white nationalism.

Are you an employee of the State of Montana? If so, you have an opportunity to support JRPC through your employee giving program. Starting September 24th, state employees can support JRPC through the State Employee Charitable Giving Campaign using SECGC #8042. Many other workplaces can support JRPC as a part of Montana Shares, making giving easy, simple and painless. If your workplace doesn’t offer payroll giving, contact us to find our how you can participate.

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!

Ongoing Events and Meetings

Global Issues Study Group. Third Monday, 4:30, JRPC
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 & Veterans For Peace. Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.com
Balanced View Clarity Online Call. Sundays, 11am-noon, or Mondays 5-6pm. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org. Visit http://www.Bright.how
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
Peace & Conflict Studies Group. Thursday, 1-2 pm, JRPC. 406-697-5032. NO MEETING ON OCTOBER 11!
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 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonnierarts.com
Time Bank Orientation Contact info@missoulatimebank.org for individual and group orientation for new members at a location TBD.
Montana Moves To Amend statewide phone calls 4th Tuesday of each month. Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

Ways to Help JRPC

1. *We want to reimagine our community room space and we are looking for folks to help. If you have ideas or creative energy to share, please call us.*
2. *We are always looking for good folks to help lead our organization by becoming great board members. Call and talk to us about this great opportunity to be a bigger part of our great family.*

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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