Dear friends,

Connection and community -- two primal needs. We all have multiple connections -- with the land, the place, each other and together we celebrate being part of many communities. This week in Missoula, we have the opportunity to explore these concepts in depth with three sets of events and activities focused around different aspects of community and connection. We just kicked off Suicide Prevention Week, a tragic reminder of how the lack of connection and belonging destroy us. This is also Walk and Roll Week, celebrating 27 years of learning to get around with people-powered transportation and make our community more sustainable. and finally, we are proud to be part of the events of Welcoming Week with Soft Landing Missoula and others -- time to celebrate the richness that refugees and immigrants bring to our community. I hope you find joy in your own connections and communities this week...Betsy

But wait --- I can't talk about community without talking about the Peace Party coming in October -- our chance to celebrate the peace community you are part of. This year, our live auction has several exciting new connections for you to be part of thanks to generous donors -- be part of the New Hampshire countryside or the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee, explore the Flathead Lake from a beautiful cabin, or connect with others over an international dinner from Turkey, Thailand, India, Africa, Germany, France and more!

Peace Parties on...
Tickets available at https://jrpc.org/peace-party-2018

Still time to sign up as a volunteer or to donate items or services.

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"The need for connection and community is primal, as fundamental as the need for air, water, and food." -- Dean Ornish

Calendar

Thursday, September 13, 12 noon-1 pm, JRPC. The Peace and Conflict Discussion Group continues every Thursday-- Please join us.

Please consider joining the following Suicide Prevention Week events. For more information, visit ProjectTomorrowMT.org.

- Thursday, September 13, 6:30 pm, Public House. "Out of the Darkness: Voice of Hope" Reading
- Thursday-Friday, September 13-14, all day, MFCU Training Center (3600 Brooks St). Free ASIST Class. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Friday, September 14, 7:30 am, St. Patrick Hospital. Medical Conference presentation by...
Dr. Blair Davidson

- **Friday, September 14, 6 pm, Public House.** The David Simmons Band performs with special guests Willard School students.
- **Saturday, September 15, 1-3 pm, Silver Park.** Out of the Darkness Walk. Registration and check-in begin at noon.

**Thursday, September 13, 7 pm, Unity of Missoula (546 South Avenue West).** Thousands of people will join Silent Unity – an international, transdenominational 24/7 prayer ministry - and Unity churches and centers around the world on this day for the 25th annual Unity World Day of Prayer. The theme of the 24-hour prayer event is “Courage to Heal.” This year’s affirmation is “I am a healing presence.” Contact: Maggie Lough at 406-697-5032 or maggie.lough@yahoo.com

Friday-Sunday, September 14-23 is Welcoming Week in Missoula, celebrating our refugee community. Check their calendar for a full list of events. [https://softlandingmissoula.org/events-calendar/?view=calendar&month=September-2018](https://softlandingmissoula.org/events-calendar/?view=calendar&month=September-2018)

**Saturday, September 15, 9 am-6 pm, Home Resources.** Designed to inspire a culture of reuse with a free, engaging community activity, Spontaneous Construction, or “SponCon” for short, has become an annual Missoula tradition. Contest participants have seven hours to use their choice of Home ReSource materials to build the most beautiful, functional, and creative pieces they can dream up. We provide a variety of enjoyable, inventive reuse activities, music, and access to local food vendors for contestants and spectators alike. Sign up your team: [http://www.homeresource.org/sponcon/](http://www.homeresource.org/sponcon/)

**Sunday, September 16, 1-3 pm, Unity Church (546 South Avenue):** "Sound, Alchemy & Your Divine Blueprint" a workshop by Joshua Ignacio, an exploration of the soul through vibration. Through gong and didgeridoo, tuning forks, singing bowls and chimes, Joshua helps remove static and connect with the frequencies of each person’s divine blueprint. Sponsored by Unity Church, the workshop has no set fee. A love offering will be taken. Come learn about the resonance of the universe and what can be transformed when we apply ourselves through the conscious use of sound!

**Sunday, September 16, 5:30 pm, Top Hat.** Join Soft Landing Missoula for United We Eat Supper Club! September’s Supper Club will feature the savory flavors of the Middle East, with four refugee chefs partnering to create a menu that you won’t want to miss. A three course family-style dinner featuring food from Iraq and Syria will be served alongside your favorite beverages, including Imagine Nation Brewing’s limited edition TOGETHER Global Pale Ale, brewed exclusively for Soft Landing Missoula. Join us to eat, drink, and celebrate with our incredible neighbors- new and old! For more information and how to purchase for a ticket through the Top Hat click [here](http://www.homeresource.org/sponcon/). You can also check out the [Facebook event](https://www.facebook.com/events/1912652517246035/)

**Tuesday, September 18, 5:30-7:30 pm, Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, 519 S. Higgins Ave.** "I Am Malala", an All Ages Book Discussion & Reception. Join us for an engaging discussion about the book "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai. We will start the evening , with a food and drink reception - we will have both wine and non-alcoholic drinks and small bites. From 6-7:30, participate in a book discussion with special guest, Maria Chaudhary, a Missoulian who was born and raised in Pakistan. This event is suitable for teens and adults. There are two versions of the book, both a Young Readers edition for teens and the original book for adult readers. Books can be purchased at the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, Shakespeare & Co. or you can order them on-line in digital or audio formats!

**Tuesday, September 18, 7 pm, University Center Ballroom.** Author Chris Hedges will read and speak about his new book, America: The Farewell Tour. 721-2881

**Thursday, September 20, 6 pm, Partnership Health Center, Weinberg Rm (401 Railroad St.) .** Panel discussion moderated by Susan Hay Patrick. What Safety Net? The effects of the budget cuts to the mental health care system and what we can do about it, a free public forum. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the mental health local advisory council. Contact Theresa at 327-3622

**Saturday, September 22- Sunday, September 23, Sign up for The September Global Unity Compassion Games!** When you Sign up you’ll receive Daily Missions. Andy Smallman from Kind Living has crafted the missions for Secret Agents of Compassion all over the world. Watch and share this short video from our partner Unify to learn more about the World Peace Campaign and World Peace Weekend

**Sunday, September 23, 6-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewery (1151 W. Broadway).** Slammin’ POETry for Change - Begin the Week of 100Thousand Poets for Change with voices from
Monday, October 1, PBS-TV Premiere of Dark Money documentary or you can borrow free DVDs to show the Dark Money documentary to your group or town. Visit PBS-TV’s Point of View site to learn how [http://www.pbs.org/pov/darkmoney/partner-toolkit/](http://www.pbs.org/pov/darkmoney/partner-toolkit/)

Tuesday, October 2, 7 pm, Christ The King Parish (1400 Gerald Ave) Christ The King Newman Center for UM presents the annual John Henry Cardinal Newman Lecture Series: "Heal the Land and Welcome the Landless" with Dr. Patrick T. McCormick, Professor of Christian Ethics, Gonzaga University. Patrick McCormick received his doctorate in Moral Theology from the Gregorian University (Rome), did a postdoctoral fellowship in Bioethics at the Cleveland Clinic, and is Professor of Religious Studies at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, He is the author of God's Beauty: A Call to Justice and A Banqueter's Guide to the All Night Soup Kitchen of the Kingdom of God, and the co-author of two textbooks on Christian Ethics.

Friday, October 5-Monday, December 31, Holter Museum, Helena. Speaking Volumes Transforming Hate returns to Montana for a 10th Anniversary run. The exhibition features pieces of art made from over 4,100 white supremacist books by artists from Montana and around the country. For the past decade, Speaking Volumes has appeared in dozens of distinguished venues across the country and showcased artists who transformed the message and books of the white nationalist movement into uplifting works of art. The exhibition stimulates discussion about the dangers of anti-Semitism, violence, racism, homophobia, and bigotry


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

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**Action Opportunities**

**UM's English Language Institute needs hosts for high school students from Minamata, Japan the weeks from October 7-14.** These students will spend their days studying English language and Environmental Studies at the University of Montana, including a field trip to the Flathead Lake Biological Station. Hosts provide most meals and some transportation and evening activities. Hosts are also welcome to join a few group activities, including a celebratory banquet and can earn $155 to help cover expenses. FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT: SARAH BORTIS 406-243-588.

World Beyond War has a [petition](https://www.worldbeyondwar.org/give/take-action/world-beyond-war-asks-trump-to-end-american-military-intervention-in-afghanistan) to President Trump asking to get the US out of Afghanistan.

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](mailto:sarah@jrpc.org) to find out how you can participate.

**White Awareness Study Group and Listening Circle.** Hosted by AJ Johnston, a senior practitioner in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition. Meetings are Sunday afternoons from 3:30-6pm, Oct 7 - Dec 9 (no meeting on Nov 25th) at the Open Way Mindfulness Center, 702 Brooks. Registration closes September 30th. To register or find out more, contact AJ Johnston at [pathofmindfulness@gmail.com](mailto:pathofmindfulness@gmail.com)

Shoulder to Shoulder is offering a 'Faith Over Fear' Webinar: The Politics of Misinformation: Unpacking and Addressing anti-Sharia Efforts on Thursday, September 20th at 1:00pm ET. [Click here](https://www.facebook.com/events/2113123668709488/) for more information and to RSVP.

There is a young man from Africa that wants to practice his English with someone to prepare for an oral exam at the University. Contact Philippe at [Philippesati@yahoo.fr](mailto:Philippesati@yahoo.fr)

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2019 award. Go to [https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/](https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/)

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Fair Trade News
Missoula's only all fair trade store, a program focused on JRPC's international peacebuilding efforts! Come see lots of new items arriving every day! Back to School with Fair Trade -- come see what the Olive Branch has to offer!!

Check out the new items from artisans in Colombia as well as local indigenous folks!

Get ready to celebrate the impact of Fair Trade coffee on National Coffee Day (September 29), and Fair Trade Month in October -- check out the Fair Trade Month webinar series offered by Fair Trade Campaigns!

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. 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 pbaughan184@gmail.com

Citizens Climate Lobby. Second 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

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.

Montana Moves To Amend. Statewide phone calls 4th Tuesday of each month. Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest


Find Out How Good You Are at Spotting Fake Facebook Posts

Not long after I started at JRPC, John Adams from the Missoula Independent came by to interview me about the Peace Center. Over the years, JRPC has been a frequent presence in the Indy -- in articles about the peace sign and other things and events in the calendar or on the back cover. We will miss the Indy each Thursday, and we send our best wishes to the employees there who we have gotten to know. John has gone on to other great things, directing the documentary Dark Money and founding Montana Free Press...Betsy

The ACLU of Montana is currently accepting applications for a Communications Associate! Please apply by October 1st. The ACLU of Montana has a current staff of 14 and a main office located in downtown Missoula. To learn more about the work of the ACLU of Montana, please visit http://aclumontana.org.

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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