Dear friends,

9-11-01 changed our world. It is easy to feel insignificant and even hopeless in the face of the world we have become -- full of fear, hatred and division. But, September 11 is another anniversary as well – one that offers us great hope and significance. On 9-11-06 Mohandas Gandhi took his first action of non-violent resistance against a world that he saw as terribly unjust. Here was a man who, despite being trained as a lawyer, was too shy to actually practice law. And yet, he knew that the problems of his day were only being compounded by an “eye for an eye” mentality. And he knew that he must become the change he wanted to see in the world. We can be discouraged by the tragedies around us or we can see the hope of people standing up to make change happen -- and we can join them...Betsy

Speaking of finding hope, we have been gifted with many wonderful offerings for our silent auction and raffle from our generous community. Over the next 6 weeks, I want to highlight some of these. First, our raffle items --

- $75 at The Red Bird
- 2 free admission buttons to the 2019 International Choral Festival
- $150 to Boomswagger Salon
- a one-night stay at Symes Hot Springs
- a $35 gift certificate to the Book Exchange
- a membership and T-shirt from the Roxy Theatre
- and 15 mums from the Pink Grizzly.

Which one would you like to win?? Raffle tickets are still just $5 each or 3 for $10. We have them in the store and will be mailing them out soon!

Calendar

Thursday, September 6, 12 noon-1 pm. JRPC. The Peace and Conflict Discussion Group continues every Thursday-- Please join us.

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Montana, a group of people from the northside decided to commit an act of civil disobedience by painting a peace symbol on the face of an enormous communications panel that sat atop a hillside overlooking the town. The reaction essentially divided the community between anti-war and military-establishment supporters. Veteran Dan Gallagher and peace advocate Betsy Mulligan-Dague demonstrate how compassion, respect and courage can heal old wounds and build a path to peace.

Friday, September 7, 6-10 pm, MUD Site (1527 Wyoming Street) The Missoula Urban Demonstration Project’s annual Garden Party - featuring live music, square dancing, a raffle, site tours, local beer, and the Two Crows Taco Truck! Get tickets early to save! https://www.facebook.com/events/237549257095198/

Sunday, September 9, 4-7 pm, First Presbyterian fellowship hall. You are invited to a wonderful Mediterranean/Pakistani dinner fundraiser cooked by Dr. Shabnam Qureshi who is working on an exciting research project regarding safe food. Please RSVP directly to Dr. Qureshi by Friday, Sept. 7th, 11:59PM at (406)880-1887 or at Shabnam.Qureshi@mso.umt.edu. All proceeds will go to Missoula Interfaith Collaborative and if paying with check please write checks payable to Missoula Interfaith Collaborative.

Friday-Sunday, September 7-9, Camp Mimanagish in McLeod MT (http://www.mimanagish.org) You are invited to participate in a Civic Action Retreat, an opportunity to give voice to civic action and a retreat to relax, repurpose, and rejuvenate. This gathering will nourish people at all levels of civic involvement. There will be reflection time, learning, meeting new people, a chance to integrate body, mind, and spirit, and enjoy nature’s beauty. Our hope is that through this retreat experience participants have the chance to engage more deeply in their own journey of civic action. For More Information: Contact Tricia Decker, Program Director (triciapeaks@gmail.com or 406 861 7449)

Sunday, September 9, 10 am-6 pm, EWAM Garden in Arlee. Be sure to attend the Peace Festival. There will be lots of music, inspiration, speakers(including Betsy from JRPC) and information and merchandise booths. At 10 am, you can participate in the Walk-For-Peace (register at https://give.classy.org/ewampeacewalk2018) For more information, contact admin@ewam.org

Sunday, September 9, 12-4 pm, Higgins Avenue from the XXX's to 5th St. Sunday Streets in Missoula -- People-Powered, Car-Free fun for everyone!

Sunday, September 9, 11 am-12 noon, Anderson Park (220 Blaine St) Come and join Missoula's People's Climate March as People's Climate Movement events happen all across the country. We'll assemble at Anderson Park (right near Hellgate High School and Rockin' Rudys) at 11:00 AM. There we'll hear from Josh Slotnick, soon to be our newest Missoula County Commissioner and other speakers. Finally we'll march with signs across the Higgins Street Bridge to the fountain near the intersection of Higgins and Front for music. We'll wrap up at noon just as Sunday Streets Missoula cranks up. Hosted by the Sierra Club. SIGN-MAKING! DURING FIRST FRIDAY, SEPT. 7, JUST OUTSIDE OF HUNTER BAY COFFEE at FRONT & HIGGINS. Contact David at david.merrill@sierraclub.org

Monday, September 10, 7pm, Council Chambers. Mayor Engen will proclaim Suicide Prevention Week and note that Missoula is dedicated to doing something about or tragic suicide rate.


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

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/

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 a ticket through the Top Hat click here. You can also check out the Facebook event!

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

Sunday, September 23, 6-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewery (1151 W. Broadway). Slammin' POETry for Change - Begin the Week of 100TPC.org | 100 Thousand Poets For Change EmPOWER CommUNITY! Audience expect the unexpected -- Hear Impassioned poets, high energy voices, original works -- Poetry that Matters! Just don't expect personal angst! 3 minute performance, no props. Enjoy craft beer to go along with vibrant poetry. Text Rita aka “Radska” host 406.544.9026 ‘Beezy’ Zimmer DJ

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!!

Action Opportunities

Are you an employee of the State of Montana? If so, you have an opportunity to support JRPC hrough 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.

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

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 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 Philippesat@yahoo.fr

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

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 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
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.
Missoula Moves To Amend Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

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.