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"To heal our society, our psyches must heal as well. The military, social, and environmental dangers that threaten us do not come from sources outside the human heart; they are reflections of it, mirroring the fears, greed, and hostilities that separate us from ourselves and each other." ~Joanna Macy

Dear friends,

I've been thinking a lot about walls lately. Truth is I can't read or listen to anything where the question of a wall doesn't come up. The wall, of course, is the proposed one to separate the US from Mexico. Many people would gladly spend billions of our national treasury and add to our debt in order to keep people out and protect a way of life that is shrinking -- if it ever really existed. But there are other walls we must contend with -- namely the ones we construct in our hearts to dismiss or discount others who don't fit in our picture of the world. Because we too are afraid. And if Joanna Macy is correct that the fear and hostility in our own heart that separates us from each other for whatever reason is mirrored in the fear and hostility we see in our society, then we all have work to do. Let's take down the "no trespassing" sign in our hearts and let the world in all its messiness inside...Betsy



Calendar

SPREAD SOME LOVE TODAY!!!

Thursday, February 14, Payne Native American Center. American Indigenous Business Leaders are hosting a **Valentine's evening gala** featuring local businesses, native artists, interactive salon and spa vendors, and beer/wine & food vendors.

Friday-Sunday, February 15-2, The **Big Sky documentary Film Festival** comes back to Missoula. JRPC is proud to again be sponsoring part of the festival. View all the film selections at <http://www.bigskyfilmfest.org/festival/current-films>. but here at the ones we are sponsoring -- we'd love to see you there:

- [ALEPPO: THE SILENCE OF WAR](#)
- [ALEPPO'S FALL](#)
- [BENEATH THE INK](#)
- [MY WAR](#)
- [SAND CREEK EQUATION](#)

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- [AFGHAN CYCLES](#)
- [OSAMA AND AYMAN](#)

Saturday, February 15, 9 am-4 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. The MT Racial Equity Project is presenting **Dismantling Hatred: Skills and Strategies You Can Use**. You'll learn key terms, history, your racial and cultural lens, and communication methods. You'll also develop the ability and equanimity to recognize and deal with racism, bigotry and prejudice whenever encountered. Appropriate for age 15 and above. \$80.00 per person, limited to 20. A limited number of scholarships are available. [Register Here](#) by February 12. Email info@themtrep.org with any questions

Saturday-Monday, February 16-18, UM Campus. The University of Montana's Black Student Union and The Student Involvement Network are pleased to announce the second annual **Black Solidarity Summit**, a time to celebrate black excellence and bring together representatives from black student unions, African student associations, and black studies programs around the Northwest to address issues of racial discrimination, political disenfranchisement, social organization, black academic enrollment, retention, and recruitment at their respective campuses. All social justice groups are welcome.

Saturday, February 16, 9 am-4 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. **Dismantling Hatred: Skills and Strategies You Can Use**, presented by the MT Racial Equity Project. \$80 per person. info@themtrep.org

Monday, February 18, 9 am-3 pm, Helena State Capital. **Moms Demand Action Advocacy Day.** [RSVP](#)

Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 pm, Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The sixth annual **Global Public Health Lecture Series** tackles some of the most pressing global health issues facing the world today. Tonight hear Benjamin Winters, "**Preachers or Pediatricians? Untangling the Mystery of Community Behavior Change in Public Health**". Free and open to the public. For additional information visit <http://hs.umt.edu/globalpublichealth>, call program coordinator Kelly Yarns at 406-270-0869 or email kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu. The Series continues through April 24. Upcoming sessions below. A full schedule is online at <http://bit.ly/2RxFKT1>.

- 2/27 --Phil Seidenberg, MD, "**Child Health in Zambia: Notes from the Field**"
- 3/6 --Donna Bainbridge, PT, EdD, AT-Ret, "**Inclusive & Equitable Health & Wellness for Persons with Intellectual Disability around the Globe: How Special Olympics Fosters Systems Change**"
- 3/13 -- Lisa Parks, "**How Information Technologies Impact Quality of Life in Africa: Rethinking Dominant Assumptions**"
- 3/20 -- Breanna Barger- Kamate, MD, "**Montana to Mali and Back Again: One UM Grad's Journey to a Career in Global Health**"
- 4/3 -- Chris Siegler, "**The Secret Ingredient in International Development**"
- 4/10 -- Deborah Goldman, CNM, ARNP, MPH, "**Addressing High Maternal Mortality & the Right to Safe, Respectful Maternity Care**"
- 4/17 -- Leigh Taggart, MPH, BSN, "**Sustainable Community Development in Morocco's High Atlas Mountains**"
- 4/24 -- Jonah Attebery, MD, "**The Head & the Heart: What Global Health Research has to Teach us About Healthcare in Montana**". Plus, 8 pm, Spring Celebration in Brantley Hall.

Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 pm, Missoula Public Library: Join the League of Women Voters Missoula for a timely presentation and discussion of how Missoula is preparing for 25,000 to 30,000 more people by the year 2040. "**Missoula Area Land Use Map: Where did it come From and Where is it Going?**" a free public panel and discussion with: Amy Cilimburg, Executive Director, Climate Smart Missoula; Lori Davidson, Executive Director, Missoula Housing Authority; Jordan Hess, UM Transportation Department; Elizabeth Erickson, Acquisition attorney, City Parks and Recreation; Melissa Matassa, Senior Project Engineer, WGM Group; and Christine Dascenzo, Long Range Planning, Missoula County.

Wednesday, February 20, 7-9 pm, Missoula Senior Center. **A diversity of local musicians perform each Wednesday night through March 27 to benefit the Missoula Senior Center (MSC).** Music for your ears and feet -- come to dance or just to listen. All come with appropriate refreshments (from baklava to pasties to hamentaschen). Admission is \$10 each (\$5 for MSC members) or season tickets will be available at the door on the first night of the series (\$50 general admission; \$25 for MSC members -- so that's one free concert!)

- Feb 20 -- **Bill LaCroix** shares folk ballads, old time tunes & political satire backed by banjo
- Feb 27 – **Anything but Suzy** performs creative originals and old favorites
- Mar 13 -- **Swing Away** plays Irish tunes for St Pat's (Missoula Irish Dancers will dance!)
- Mar 20 -- **Chutzpah** shares the music of Klezmer from Eastern Europe to the Middle East
- Mar 27 -- **Basses Covered** serves up favorites from the 50s to the present.

Thursday, February 21, 6-7:30 pm, YWCA Missoula. YWCA Missoula's Racial Justice Book Club features ***Becoming*** by **Michelle Obama**. Special guest, Judith Heilman, Executive Director of The Montana Racial Equity Project. The meetings are free and open to the public. [RSVP on Facebook event page.](#)

Friday, February 22 6-8:30 pm and Saturday, February 23, 9 am-5 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane (4340 W. Ft George Wright Dr.). **10th Annual Peace & Justice Action Conference - *Building Beyond the Moment: A Culture of Love & Belonging!*** Full schedule, workshop information, and registration at pjals.org/2019conference. \$55 through February 8. 509-838-7870 | pjals@pjals.org

Monday, February 25, 8 am-4 pm, MT State Capitol. **Abolition Coalition Lobby Day.** With your help, 2019 will be the year Montana abolishes capital punishment.

Monday, February 25, March 18, April 22, May 20 and June 17, 7 pm, The Roxy. Join the **Spring World View Film Series: Cultures in Harmony** sponsored by Arts Missoula and partners.

- **February 25, Buena Vista Social Club [Cuba]** *Sponsored by: Montana World Trade Center*
- **March 18, Afghan Star [Afghanistan]** *Sponsored by: Jeannette Rankin Peace Center*
- **April 22, Under African Skies [South Africa]** *Sponsored by: International Rescue Committee & Soft Landing*
- **May 20, The Music of Strangers, [Turkey/China]** *Sponsored by: The Missoula Symphony*
- **June 17, The Singing Revolution [Estonia]** *Sponsored by: The International Choral Festival*

Friday, March 1, 3-5 pm, Branch Center lounge (second floor of University Center) Join the special event with returned volunteers, celebrating the **58th anniversary of the Peace Corps**, with refreshments, stories, and pictures from around the world. For more information, contact the UM campus representative at peacecorps@umontana.edu or (406) 243-2839."

Saturday, March 2, 11:30 am-1 pm, 208 E. Main. **Early Spring Aikido Intro for Beginning Adults** followed by two guided basics classes. For more information visit AikidoMissoula.com, call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by February 27th.

Sunday, March 3, 7 pm, The Wilma. Hailing from Montana, 6-piece bluegrass country rockers [Official Mission Mountain Wood Band](#) will make their long-awaited return to Missoula for a special concert benefitting the **Montana World Affairs Council**. [Tickets & more info here.](#) For more information, contact jrose@montanaworldaffairs.org or call (406)728-3328.

Monday, March 4, 4:15-5:15 pm, 208 E. Main. **After School Aikido for Young People 7-14.** Young people learn balance and coordination, falling and rolling, a cooperative attitude, centering, self-defense skills, self-respect, aikido classes are noncompetitive, mutually supportive and fun! For more information visit AikidoMissoula.com, call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by February 27th.

Monday, March 4, 2019 from 6-8 pm, Orchard Homes Country Life Club (2537 S 3rd St. West) **AERO's Wild Dinner.** Bring a potluck dish featuring ingredients that were harvested or grown in Montana. Include a 3x5 index card that describes the dish and where the ingredients come from, i.e. Pryor Mountain elk, Flathead cherries, etc. BYOB. Partner organizations: Montana Wildlife Federation, CFAC, Western Montana Growers Co-Op, Montana Food Bank Network

Wednesday, March 6, The Roxy, Details pending. In celebration of **Women's History Month**, every Wednesday there will be films directed by women, starring women. The film selection highlights particularly creative approaches to the art of filmmaking and offers points of view from America to around the globe. This week will feature [FRIDA](#). Other films include:

- March 13 - [THE LURE](#)
- March 20 - [PERSEPOLIS](#)
- March 27 - [WAITRESS](#)

Wednesday-Sunday, July 10-14 Camp Mimanagish, Boulder River Vally, Montana. PRIDE Camp for LGBT+ families and children, couples, children, individuals, or any combination of LGBT+. It will encompass a spiritually broad based program to assist families, children and their families, and individuals to connect with a God of their own understanding without fear of judgment or condemnation for who they are.
<https://www.mimanagish.org/pride>

Action Opportunities

Montana Moves To Amend urges us to contact the State Legislature and **call for the amendment to the US Constitution that will overturn Citizens United and let Montana have fair elections.** Please contact 5 House Committees: House Appropriations, House Business and Labor, House Judiciary, House State Administration and House Taxation. Call the message desk (406-444-4800) and give them the names of the House Committees or "Message a legislator" at <https://leg.mt.gov>

Rocky Mountain Institute of Peace Studies is offering a **\$300 cash scholarship to a college or high school student who submits an essay on Peace** by tomorrow Friday, February 15th at 4 pm. [Learn more here.](#)

In light of recent Anti-semitic messages spread throughout our community, you are invited to **support the Jewish people, Native peoples, and people of color who are targeted by white nationalist groups** by signing the MT Human Rights Network's petition directed to the Montana legislature, asking our elected officials to repudiate white nationalism. <https://mhrn.org/2019/01/17/stopwhitenationalism/>

Global Engagement Office invites you to participate in the **Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Community Partner Program**. Several fellows will be arriving at the beginning of April from around the world and staying through July. We will be pairing each fellow with a community member or family to act as a Missoula ambassador. The program does not require strict time commitments. We hope that partners will get together with their fellows *at least* 2-3 times per month for the duration of their stay in Missoula. If you are interested in the rewarding project of providing valuable friendship and cultural/logistical support to one of this year's Humphrey fellows, please call 406.243.5885 or sarah.bortis@mso.umt.edu

JRPC is collecting money to plant a tree in Jeannette Rankin Park in honor of Mike Chessin. Please [contact us](#) if you would like to donate!

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2020 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.
 Who wouldn't love a gift that brings more peace and justice to the world!!!

Ongoing Events and Meetings

Climate Smart Missoula. Second Tuesday 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](tel:406-363-6150) or pvaughan184@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

Knitting For Peace every Tuesday, 1-3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.

Jewish Reading Group: one Wednesday evening a month, usually the 3rd Wednesday. The next date is February 27.

readingjewsmisoula@gmail.com

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@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

[The Green New Deal](#)

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***
 2. ***creative energy to share, please call us.***
 3. ***We are always looking for good folks to help lead our organization by becoming great board members. Call and talk to us about htis great opportunity to be a bigger part of our great family***
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Jeannette Rankin Peace Center ha 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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