



# Jeannette Rankin PEACE CENTER

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Monday-Saturday, 10 am-7 pm  
Sunday, 12 noon-5 pm

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1 year ago, teenagers in Parkland FL showed the nation what is possible. Show us who inspires you!!



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**"It is possible that mankind is on the threshold of a golden age; but, if so, it will be necessary first to slay the dragon that guards the door, and this dragon is religion." ~Bertrand Russell**

Dear friends,  
Religion is one of the ways we separate ourselves into groups -- but certainly not the only one. We also use politics, nationality and many other things to fit people into neat boxes. But it seems like our task is to figure out a way to both connect to a group and leave spaces in our connections so we see the big picture. That picture of course is that we are all connected and it is our belief in our separateness that causes our suffering. I see that suffering on the faces of many friends who are feeling abandoned by the Methodist Church today and struggling with the questions of how to belong -- how to slay the dragon of separation. Bertrand Russell also said that "Extreme hopes are born from extreme misery". Just like the hope for spring in the midst of winter, may my Methodist friends find their way to the threshold of that golden age of connection and belonging...Betsy



## Calendar

Thursday, February 28, noon to 1:30 p.m., in room 174 in the Skaggs Building at UM. **"Climate Change and Human Health in Montana"** sponsored by The American Lung Association, the Montana Institute on Ecosystems, and UM's School of Public and Community Health Sciences. More information is available, including linksto the livestream, by emailing [ronni.flannery@lung.org](mailto:ronni.flannery@lung.org).

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](mailto: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](http://AikidoMissoula.com), call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto: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](http://AikidoMissoula.com), call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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, March 6, 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 Donna Bainbridge, PT, EdD, AT-Ret, "**Inclusive & Equitable Health & Wellness for Persons with Intellectual Disability around the Globe: How Special Olympics Fosters Systems Change**". 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](mailto:kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu). The Series continues through April 24. Upcoming sessions below. A full schedule is online at <http://bit.ly/2RxFKt1>.

- 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.

Wednesdays, March 13-April 24, noon-12:50 pm, UM Campus. The Mansfield Center announces its spring schedule for the Mansfield Dialogues, a community lecture series that reflects the center's mission to promote an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics and the theme, Challenges to a Peaceful World in 2019. The dialogue sessions are free and open to the public. For more information and extended session descriptions, visit <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/events/mansfield-dialogue.php> or call 406-243-2988.

- March 13, University Center Room 225: "**The Future of Denuclearization in North Korea,**" presented by Korean and American adjunct faculty members of UM's Mansfield Defense Critical Language and Culture Program.
- March 20, Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room: "**Beyond the Cyber Hype: What We Know and What Is New About the Politics of Cyber Security,**" presented by Dr. Eva-Maria Maggi, visiting assistant professor in UM's Department of Political Science.
- April 10, University Center Room 332: "**Yemen's Spiraling Humanitarian Disaster,**" presented by Owen Sirrs, adjunct faculty, UM's Mansfield Defense Critical Language and Culture Program.
- April 24, University Center Room 330: "**Conflicting Claims: The Challenges of Managing Shared Natural Resources,**" presented by Fellows in the U.S. Department of States' Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative.

Wednesday, March 13, 20 and 27, 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!)

- 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.

Monday, 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.

- **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*

Thursday, March 21, 7-9 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Mark your calendar for a fabulous concert featuring local music to benefit the **Florence Immigration Project** working on our southern border to provide free legal services to men, women, and unaccompanied children in immigration custody in Arizona.

Wednesday, April 24, noon-5 pm, JRPC. Join the Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force for the second annual **Red Sand Project**, a participatory artwork that uses red sand in sidewalkcracks to create opportunities for people to question, connect and take action against vulnerabilities that can lead to human trafficking and exploitation.

Thursday, April 25, Imagine Nation Brewing Co. The Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force is having a tap room dialogue on **Human Trafficking in Montana and Missoula**. The panel includes MPD Detective Guy Baker, CVA Erin Shreder and Ivan MacDonald from the Missoula Urban Indian Health Center.

Friday-Sunday, June 14-16, Har Shalom. Shabbaton Weekend to celebrate Har Shalom's future and **Rabbi Laurie Franklin's ordination**. <http://www.har-shalom.org>

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>

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## Action Opportunities

JRPC is collectin 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/>

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## 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!!!

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## 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](mailto:amy@climatesmartmissoula.org)

**Women in Black & Veterans For Peace** Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. [missoulawib@montana.com](mailto:missoulawib@montana.com)

**Balanced View Clarity Online Call** Sundays, 11am-noon, or Mondays 5-6pm. Contact: [CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org](mailto:CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org). Visit <http://www.Bright.how>

**Veterans For Peace** first Monday of each month, 4-6 pm, JRPC. [406-363-6150](tel:406-363-6150) or [pvaughan184@gmail.com](mailto:pvaughan184@gmail.com)

**JRPC Coordinating Council Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. All are welcome to attend!**

**Women in Black of Polson** Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. [c211p110@earthlink.net](mailto: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.

[readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com](mailto:readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com)

**Nonviolent Communication Practice Group** Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC [info@patrickmarsolek.com](mailto:info@patrickmarsolek.com)

**The Cranium** creates origami delights every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. [bonnie@bonnietarses.com](mailto:bonnie@bonnietarses.com)

**Time Bank Orientation** Contact [info@missoulatimebank.org](mailto: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

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## Articles Of Interest

[A true national security threat — foreign language programs disappearing](#)

Have you read a good article that you'd like to share? Send us a link and we'll take a look!

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## 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 starting the planning for our fall Peace Party -- and we need you!! Give us a call!**

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*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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