Dear friends,

Love does not stop at borders; it transcends them. Tonight Missoula will be joining hundreds of cities around the nation and across Montana to call for an end to child and family detention at the border. In partnership with Montanans for Immigrant Justice, Missoula Rises and Soft Landing Missoula, we invite you to join the Lights For Liberty Vigil to express our horror at the conditions in the detention center and the deaths of 7 children in America's custody. Violence is not only what we do or say. It is also what we allow. The most vulnerable need us to educate our minds, open our hearts and raise our voices to protect them. Tonight, let us join together in solidarity with the world. And tomorrow, let us find our path to action...Betsy

Artist: Ben Wild Flower

Calendar

Friday, July 12, 7:30 pm, St Paul's Lutheran Church (202 Brooks). Close The Camps Rally in
conjunction with the national **Lights for Liberty** -- Stand to voice our horror over the situation on the southern border specifically in relation to detained children. Join with others in Missoula and around the nation. There are rallies planned for all across the country, including Helena and many other cities. For a listing near you, visit [https://www.lightsforliberty.org/](https://www.lightsforliberty.org/)

**Sunday, July 14, 6 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing.** **Arabian Nights.** Enjoy authentic Arabian food (from Kamooun), Arabic music and an Arabic mini-market. $25 each. Pre-booking required at INBC

**Wednesday, July 17, 11 am-2 pm, Caras Park and 7--9 pm, Bonner Park.** The International Choral Festival gets underway with over 400 choir members coming from all over the world! Events on July 17 are free; ongoing performances Thursday-Saturday require a button that can be purchased for $20 at Fact and Fiction, Fresh Market, Good Food Store, Orange Street Food Farm, and at the Festival office (312 East Pine) and at festival events. HOST Families Needed to provide a room with sleeping space for a minimum of two choir members, most meals while they are here, and the ability to provide transport to and from choir events during the festival. If you can be a host, please go to the International Choral Festival website for more information and to sign up. Go to: [https://www.choralfestival.org/](https://www.choralfestival.org/)

**Thursday, July 18, 5:30-7 pm, JRPC.** Mark your calendar for our final international discussion with Humphrey Fellowship professionals from around the world. This year will feature 15 mid-level folks from 15 countries in professions as varied as education, journalism and government. Tonight's discussion will focus on natural resources and environmental policy.

**Sunday, July 21, 12-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing.** Please join Recycling Works and Imagine Nation Brewing for our **second glass drop-off event of the year!** Drop-off in the back corner of Imagine Nation's parking lot where that big ole crane used to be. Cost is $5 per 5 gallon bucket filled (these buckets will be at the event), and all recyclers get $1 off a beer or kombucha, courtesy of Imagine Nation! $2 off coupons will be given for those bringing 20 or more gallons.

**Saturday, July 27, 2-7 pm.** UM’s English Language Institute is looking for community members to host 1-2 high school students from Kumamoto, Japan, (Montana's sister state) for one afternoon. Hosts will coordinate an activity or excursion for their students and then provide dinner either at home or out. We need hosts for 23 students. Contact Sarah Biortis at sarah.bortis@mso.umt.edu or 243-5885.

**Thursday, September 19, 2-3:30 pm, Room 005 in the PARTV building.** South & South-East Asian Studies presents: "**Religion and the Arts: Poetry, Painting, and Performance from India**", an illustrated lecture by Dr. John Hawley, Professor of Religion at Columbia University. The lecture will be accompanied by music and visuals of dance. Co-sponsored by the School of Dance and Theater. FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Friday-Saturday, October 4-5, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Fairmont Hot Springs.** **Core Skills Training: Mindful Self Compassion,** Presenter: Steven Hickman, PsyD, Executive Director, Center for Mindful Self-Compassion. Event sponsored by Montana Center for Compassion Education. Email brochure requests to: mtcenterforcompassioneducation@gmail.com.

**Sunday, October 13, 4-8 pm, Missoula County Fairgrounds, Home Arts Building.** Get Ready to Celebrate for Peace at our annual Peace Party. Details soon, but let us know if you have ideas or want to volunteer or donate!!!

**Friday, October 18, 6-10 pm, Hilton Garden Inn.** World Affairs Council invites you to the **Global Gauntlet** featuring a no-host bar, gourmet sit-down dinner, silent and live auction, wine "pull" and six rounds of very spirited team trivia. **PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE!** Please email the Council or call (406)728-3328 if you have any questions.

**Action Opportunities**

The Billings Lights for Liberty group is encouraging all to call in to Senator Daines and talk to his Chief of Staff Jason Thielman ([jason_thielman@daines.senate.gov](mailto:jason_thielman@daines.senate.gov)) or (202) 224-2651 and ask the Senator to visit the El Paso or Clint, Texas concentration camps and take action to protect the most vulnerable children at our border.

**Resources on the border crisis** from the Episcopal Church

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Be a host family for the Mansfield Center August 30-September 1: Students and young professionals studying global environmental issues. Host a pair from two of the following countries: Brunei, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Timor Leste

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

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, 4-6 pm, JRPC. 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!
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 a month to discuss fiction. Contact us at readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com. Come once or come every time!
Spanish Conversation Group meets monthly at Iron Griz. Contact joann@rockisland.com for more information.
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. info@patrickmarsolek.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

Check out the seven principles for a new path toward a humane immigration policy from the American Friends Service Committee.
Five Habits to Heal the Heart of Democracy, by Parker Palmer

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

Ways to Help JRPC

- We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:
  - Newsletter editor
- We are starting the planning for our fall Peace Party -- and we need you!! Give us a call!

Jeffette Rankin Peace Center ha ben 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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