"When all Americans are treated as equal, no matter who they are or whom they love, we are all more free." --Barack Obama

Dear friends,

June 11 was the 139th birthday of our namesake, Jeannette Rankin. She inspires us yet today with her tireless work for peace and justice and her courage to stand for what is right – even if that meant standing alone. But she would not want us to stop at inspiration alone. She would ask us to do more and work harder, to follow her lead and persevere for an end to war and violence, the restoration of civil liberties, a government accountable to the people and dignity and human rights for all people.

The PRIDE Celebration is in Helena next week (and in the hearts and minds of LGBT+ and allies everywhere!), and I can imagine Jeannette’s feisty spirit will be there marching for justice. Change is happening, but so is an increase in hate crimes and violence aimed at the LGBT+ community. There is much more work to do to crack the shell of indifference and hatred, to remove the barriers of misunderstanding and intolerance. Martin Luther King, Jr. said it best, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” Our LGBT+ friends and neighbors teach us daily about courage in the face of hatred and injustice. PRIDE is about celebrating that courage and standing proudly with our friends to say we will not tolerate the injustices they confront. We will work with them to make the world a different place. It’s the one week when the queer community doesn’t have to try to fit into a mold to be like everyone else. They can stop feeling less than or different than and just be proud. Jeannette Rankin never tried to fit the mold that was assigned to women in her day. She stood out with courage and vision. I think she asks us to do the same. If you can’t go to Helena, get out your rainbow gear (or get some new at The Olive Branch!) and make a statement of proud support.

In PRIDE and honor, Betsy

Still Haven’t Bought Your Father’s Day Gift? Treat your father fairly with a gift from the Olive Branch Fair Trade Store! We have lots to choose from including "buy-one-get-one-half-off coffee!! Come in today to purchase your Father’s Day gift!!

Calendar

Thursdays, June 13, 20, 27 and July 11 and 18, 5:30-7 pm, JRPC. Mark your calendar for our popular international discussion series with Humphrey Fellowship professional from around the world. This year will feature 15 mid-level folks from 15 countries in professions...
Peace News & Calendar for June 13, 2019

This year the US will feature mid-level folks from 15 countries in professions as varied as education, journalism and government. Tonight's discussion will focus on Public Policy & Economic Development with Fellows from Mali, Tunisia and Ecuador.

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Community Dialogues

THURSDAYS, 5:30-7 PM
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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](http://www.har-shalom.org)

Saturday, June 15, 5 am-5 pm, Red Willow Learning Center. Emotional Intelligence: The Five Emotional Cancers, based on the work of Dr. Stephen Covey. $95. [More information here](http://www.har-shalom.org).

Sunday, June 16, 9 am-8 pm, Fort Missoula Regional Park. Join Soft Landing Missoula for the 3rd Annual World Refugee Day Cup soccer tournament and community celebration! You can register to play or sponsor a refugee player or just be a spectator. The final game begins at 4 with free food following.

Sunday, June 16, 2-3:30 pm, The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula. HMFM's Vietnam War Lecture Series features Memories from Behind the Lines: Long Binh 1969, a presentation on the Vietnam War by veteran Victor Machart. Victor will speak of his Vietnam War experience using the uniquely beautiful photographs taken while he was stationed at Long Binh Base in 1969. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information contact t (406)-258-3473, or kevijfossow@missoulacounty.us or visit [https://www.facebook.com/events/2059652554338174/](https://www.facebook.com/events/2059652554338174/).


Tuesday, June 18, 7 pm, Goodworks Place (129 W Alder Street). Join the Shining Mountains Chapter of Montana Wilderness Association to learn about the critters and recreation opportunities in the Blackfoot. You'll also hear locals talk about from wildlife corridors, hikes, fishing, and why the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act will help ensure future generations will enjoy the Big Blackfoot as much as we do today. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Lee Boman at lee.boman@icloud.com.


Thursday, June 27, 6 pm, MCAT Ch. 189. 2019 Peacemaker Celebration will air on MCAT. It will be repeated on Saturday, June 29 at 7:30 pm and will also be available for viewing on MCAT's Video on Demand at [www.mcat.org](http://www.mcat.org), after the original air date.


Wednesday-Sunday, July 10-14, Camp Mimanagish, Boulder River Valley, 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**

Friends Service Committee asks us to [sign a petition](https://www.mimanagish.org/pri) demanding a public commitment from every 2020 presidential candidate to institute a policy against the first use of nuclear weapons if elected president.

Everytown for Gun Safety asks us to sign on to the [Disarm Hate Act of 2019](https://www.mimanagish.org/pri) to keep guns out of the hands of people convicted of hate crimes.

Kings Bay Plowshares are planning a community fast to last from Hiroshima Day August 6th through Nagasaki Day August 9th in solidarity with the KINGS BAY PLOWSHARES 7 (http://www.kingsbayplowshares7.org). Sign their [petition to dismiss all charges](https://www.mimanagish.org/pri) from the Kings Bay Plowshares 7

**Travel the World Without Leaving Home. Be a host family for the Mansfield Center. Contact Deena at**

- July 12-14: Global faculty and practitioners in workforce development. Host a pair from two of the following countries: Ethiopia, Algeria, Brunei, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Israel, Uganda, Ukraine, Suriname, South Africa, Ecuador, Myanmar, Latvia, Uzbekistan, Honduras, Albania, Tunisia
- 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

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 Thursday of every month. 5 - 6:30 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, 4-6 pm, JRPC. 406-363-6150 or pvaughan184@gmail.com
- **JRPC Coordinating Council** Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. 406-363-6150 or pvaughan184@gmail.com
- **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. bonnie@bonnietares.com
- **Time Bank Orientation** Contact info@missoulatetimebank.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**

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*
  - *Dish Pantry Coordinator*
- **We are starting the planning for our fall Peace Party -- and we need you!! Give us a call!**

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)

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