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**“Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible,  
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” ~Francis of Assisi**

Dear friends,

The first day of spring...an end and a beginning, the edge of death and rebirth. I don't think any other season holds so much promise and hope for renewal. We clean our houses, buy new clothes, admire the budding new birth around us and refresh our spiritual life. Marveling at the ability of buttercups to push through the snow and shine always reminds me that I too can push through adversity and the world will renew itself. Seeing the tragedies and injustices of our world sometimes makes it hard to believe in renewal and keep hoping. But spring is a wonderful reminder that we must believe. And more than that, we must act to help it along. **Tonight you have an opportunity to support hope and renewal in a powerful, promising way by supporting the work of the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Relief Project.** They are doing what is necessary at our southern border to keep hope alive for hundreds of people fleeing the violence of our world. Our support can help them do more. Your presence can be their hope. And I can promise you that the voices of the Congolese Choir, the Montana Women's Chorus from Missoula and the Pura Vida Chorus raised in song and celebration will fill your hearts and make you proud of the difference you make. I look forward to seeing you at St. Paul's tonight (details below). **But if you can't make it, you can still make a donation that helps (<https://firrp.org/donate/>)** Let's celebrate spring and send some hope to our southern border...*Betsy*



## Calendar

**Thursday, March 21, 7 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church (202 Brooks).** The Montana Women's Chorus of Missoula, Pura Vida Community Chorus and the Congolese Chorus present a benefit concert for those seeking asylum on our southern border. Proceeds will go to The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project, founded in the 1980's in Florence, AZ, the 501(c)3 non-profit provides free legal and social services to immigrant men, women and children under threat of deportation. Suggested donation is \$15/person and \$25/family. Additional donations are welcome. Please join us for an evening of music and solidarity for migrants at the border.

Wednesday, March 27, 7 pm, The Roxy. In celebration of **Women's History Month**, every Wednesday there will be films directed by women, starring women. This week will feature [WAITRESS](#)

Wednesday, March 27, 7-9 pm, Missoula Senior Center. **Local musicians perform to benefit the Missoula Senior Center** (MSC), all come with appropriate refreshments (from baklava to pasties to hamentaschen). Admission is \$10 each (\$5 for MSC members) Tonight **Basses Covered** serves up favorites from the 50s to the present.

Sunday, March 31, 1-3 pm, JRPC. Earth Within flowers invites **Mothers and Daughters to come weave Spring Flower Crowns** inspired with a selection of flowers and herbs. **To Reserve your spot** please RSVP register at <https://earthwithin.com/workshops/>. Donations accepted at the door.

Monday, April 1, 6:30-8 pm, UC Theater. **Refuge in a Changing World: Climate Change, Migration and Homeland Security with author Todd Miller.** There will be discussion after and a chance to buy signed books. Sponsored by JRPC, Climate Smart Missoula, Soft Landing Missoula, and UM History, Climate Change and Journalism Depts.

Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 pm, Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The sixth annual **Global Public Health Lecture Series** tackles pressing global health issues facing the world today. Tonight hear Chris Siegler, *"The Secret Ingredient in International Development"*. Free and open to the public. For additional information visit <http://hs.umt.edu/globalpublichealth>, or contact Kelly Yarns at 406-270-0869 or [kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu](mailto:kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu).

Saturday, April 6, 6 pm, Blessed Trinity Catholic Community (1473 Eaton Street). Celebrate the long-awaited, authorized biography **A DISARMING SPIRIT: The Life of Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen** ([www.tsehaipublishers.com](http://www.tsehaipublishers.com)) at a reading and conversation. Read his [obituary](#) and the [Governor's Proclamation about him](#). Other similar events are:

- Sunday, April 7, 11 am, Blessed Trinity Catholic Community
- Wednesday, April 10, 7 pm, Fact and Fiction Book Store

Monday-Friday, April 8-12. SALAM is proud to hold its annual **Celebrate Islam Week** featuring a banquet on Monday, 5:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church (tickets available [here](#)) with keynote speech **"Heart-Love: A Muslim Mother's Journey Into America"** with Asmaa al-Bukaie, a refugee advocate and caseworker, and a Syrian refugee herself. Other events include:

- Tuesday, 4/9, 12 noon-2 pm, University Main Hall, **"Women in Interfaith: Finding a Place in Religion"** panel discussion
- Wednesday, 4/10, 7 pm, LA 011, **"Me and the Mosque"** film
- Thursday, 4/1, 6-8 pm, Rankin Hall 202, **"How Islamic Faith and Cultural Identity Affect Muslim Refugee Wellbeing"** presentation by Diana Diakow
- Friday, 4/12, UC331. **"An Evening of Calligraphy and Cultural Arts"**

Wednesday, April 10, noon-12:50 pm, University Center Room 330. The Mansfield Center Mansfield Dialogues promotes an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics and the theme, Challenges to a Peaceful World in 2019. Today, listen to **"Yemen's Spiraling Humanitarian Disaster,"** presented by Owen Sirrs, adjunct faculty, UM's Mansfield Defense Critical Language and Culture Program. 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.

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 pm, Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The sixth annual **Global Public Health Lecture Series** tackles pressing global health issues facing the world today. Tonight hear Deborah Goldman, CNM, ARNP, MPH, *"Addressing High Maternal Mortality & the Right to Safe, Respectful Maternity Care"*. Free and open to the public. For additional information visit <http://hs.umt.edu/globalpublichealth>, or contact Kelly Yarns at 406-270-0869 or [kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu](mailto:kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu).

Saturday-Friday, April 13-19, The Roxy. **Wildlife Film Festival has many great selections, including The River and the Wall**, about the impact of a USA-Mexico border wall on wildlife. Migratory corridors would be eliminated, dispersal events could no longer occur, and access to the Rio Grande River would be cut off for both wildlife and humans. Last year it was a hshort and this year a full-length documentary screening Sunday April 14, 7 pm and Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 pm. Hope you can join us

Sunday, April 14, 7 pm, and Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 pm, The Roxy. See **The River and The**

**Wall sponsored by JRPC.** Five friends venture into the unknown wilds of the Texas borderlands to document the Rio Grande before a wall is built and explore the potential impacts of a border wall on the natural environment. But as the wilderness gives way to the more populated and heavily trafficked Lower Rio Grande Valley, they come face-to-face with the human side of the immigration debate and enter uncharted emotional waters. <https://www.facebook.com/events/400333344102633/>

Wednesday April 17, 5:30-7 pm, Western Cider. Join Earth Within Flowers to create a locally-sourced **succulent centerpiece** that symbolizes the renewal of Spring-time. \$55 by 4/1 and \$65 after. <https://earthwithin.com/workshops/>

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 pm, Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The sixth annual **Global Public Health Lecture Series** tackles pressing global health issues facing the world today. Tonight hear Leigh Taggart, MPH, BSN, "**Sustainable Community Development in Morocco's High Atlas Mountains**". Free and open to the public. For additional information visit <http://hs.umt.edu/globalpublichealth>, or contact Kelly Yarns at 406-270-0869 or [kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu](mailto:kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu).

Monday, April 22, 7 pm, The Roxy. The **Spring World View Film Series: Cultures in Harmony** sponsored by Arts Missoula and partners features **Under African Skies [South Africa]** *Sponsored by: International Rescue Committee & Soft Landing.*

Wednesday, April 24, noon-12:50 pm, University Center Room 330. The Mansfield Center Mansfield Dialogues promotes an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics and the theme, Challenges to a Peaceful World in 2019. Today, listen to "**Conflicting Claims: The Challenges of Managing Shared Natural Resources,**" presented by Fellows in the U.S. Department of States' Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative. 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. :

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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.

Sunday May 5, 1-3 pm, Western Cider. Make **Spring Wreaths** with Earth Within flowers using locally sourced fresh flowers and foliage that will dry nicely! \$55 by 4/1 and \$65 after. <https://earthwithin.com/workshops/>

Monday, May 20, 7 pm, The Roxy. The **Spring World View Film Series: Cultures in Harmony** sponsored by Arts Missoula and partners features **The Music of Strangers, [Turkey/China]** *Sponsored by: The Missoula Symphony.*

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>

Monday, June 17, 7 pm, The Roxy. The **Spring World View Film Series: Cultures in Harmony** sponsored by Arts Missoula and partners features **The Singing Revolution [Estonia]** *Sponsored by: The International Choral Festival.*

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

The English Language Institute is looking for community partners for the **Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Community Partner Program**. They are expecting 15 Humphrey Fellows from 15 countries that will be arriving in Missoula in April in staying through July. Community Partners as as a Missoula ambassador and get together with their fellows *at least* 2-3 times per month for the duration of their stay in Missoula. If you'd like to participate, contact Sarah at 406.243.5885 or [sarah.bortis@mso.umt.edu](mailto:sarah.bortis@mso.umt.edu)

The **United States of Hope** is collecting toys, clothes, gift cards, diaper bags, diapers, and other items to be given as gifts to honor 40 new veteran mothers from around the state of Montana as well as items for the mothers themselves. You can donate by contacting Susannah at 406-207-9217 or [susannah@unitedstatesofhope.org](mailto:susannah@unitedstatesofhope.org). Items are needed by the first week of May.

The **Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act** urges us to contact Daines and Gianforte and ask them to sign on to the Act to protect the Blackfoot River and secure and expand outdoor recreation opportunities in the Blackfoot and Clearwater Valleys, as well as enhance timber production and forest restoration in and around Seeley Lake. <http://Blackfootclearwater.org>

350 Montana has set up an **emergency Climate Action Fund** so they can lead the public debate and make sure renewable energy gets its fair shake. <http://threesfiftymissoula.modwest.com/lists/lt.php?id=bUtQCQRJVQsJSgRTAw>

The **International Choral Festival** is in need of volunteers. If you are interested in hosting or volunteering this year, please visit <https://www.choralfestival.org/volunteer-application/> or contact them at [volunteer@choralfestival.org](mailto:volunteer@choralfestival.org) or (406) 550-2218.

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](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.

[readingjewsmisoula@gmail.com](mailto:readingjewsmisoula@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

## Articles Of Interest

[Climate Change Need Not Be the Legacy We Leave](#)

Did you know the story of the **first A.M.E. church in Missoula**? We are working with other groups to commemorate this time in our history. Let us know if you want to help. Check out Greg Martin's [article about the church here](#)

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 want to reimagine our community room space and we are looking for folks to help. If you have ideas or creative energy to share, please call us.***
- ***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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