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Sunday, 12 noon-5 pm

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Saturday, June 1

Doubletree Hotel



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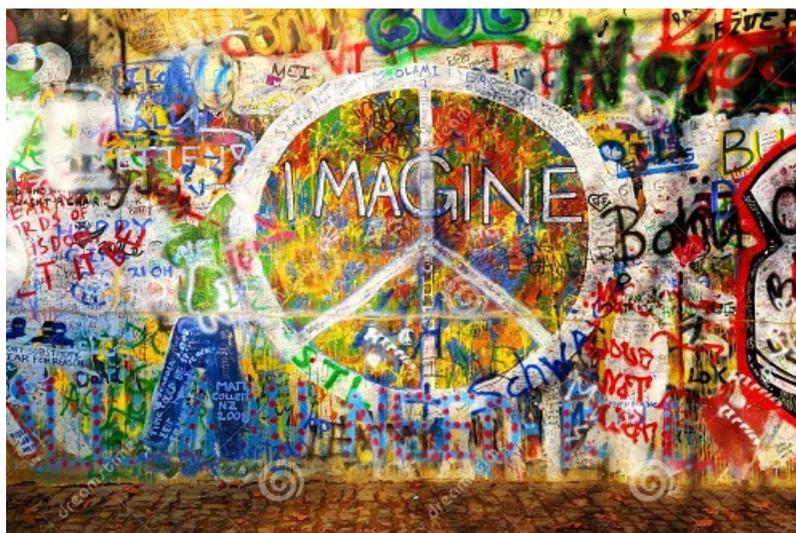
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"Imagine there's no countries. It isn't hard to do. Nothing to kill or die for..."
~John Lennon

Dear friends,

This weekend we will spend time with our families as many of us will have a Memorial Day holiday from work. I urge you to think with compassion about the many families around the world who are mourning loved ones because of war; about the many young people who face life wounded and challenged; the children living without parents and the parents living without children. Memorial Day was originally known as "Decoration Day" because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was started by two Mississippi mothers who laid wreaths on the graves of soldiers both Confederate and Union, because, "after all, they are somebody's sons." How far we have strayed from that generosity! Today, we can't seem to even allow "the other side's" opinion to have worth, much less decorate the graves of their dead. It seems that Decoration Day was about honor – the type of honor that recognized the humanity in all of us and was concerned with actually binding wounds rather than enlarging them. Today, we spend more on military around the world than all the other nations combined. And as I write this, there are many fears about the possibility of war with Iran and the reality that this is our new normal. We choose to police, occupy and wage war in many nations while we neglect the critical human needs in our own house -- while our children go hungry and uneducated. We have many wounds to bind. And yet, we cannot even come together to talk about them in civility and respect. Let us be like those Mississippi mothers and see the humanity on both sides of our political debates – and let us be willing to meet that humanity in the middle. What a challenge it is to honor others despite our philosophical differences with them – it is the foundation of peacemaking...Betsy



Calendar

Thursday, May 23, 5-7 pm. Free Cycles. Home ReSource. Climate Smart Missoula. and the City

of Missoula are excited to invite you to the next **ZERO by FIFTY Community Series event**. Please join us to learn about wasted food, participate in discussion, eat some snacks, learn how to compost, and hang out with some goats! Contact Sarah Lundquist at sarah.lundquist@umontana.edu.

Saturday, June 1, 11 am-4 pm, Doubletree Hotel. The first ever **Missoula Choffee Con**, a coffee/chocolate convention sponsored by Missoula Rotary. Sample Montana's best coffee and chocolate (including fair trade goods at the Peace Cafe with yours truly -- JRPC! Educational classes offered all day! Tickets at <http://CHOFFEECON.COM>

Sunday, June 2, 2 pm, Good Works (129 W. Alder St.). **Kevin Martin, President of Peace Action**, the nation's largest peace and justice action group, will be speaking in Missoula as part of a May 29-June 2 Montana Speaking Tour being arranged by the Helena Service for Peace and Justice and the Montana Peace Seekers Network, with additional local co-sponsors in each community. More at <https://www.facebook.com/events/837481403290787/>

Tuesday, June 4, 7-8:30, Turner Hall, Del Brown Room. Tiananmen: 30 Year Later sponsored by the Mansfield Center.

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9 is Wear Orange Days for Gun Sense Solutions. Friday June 7, 2019 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day. In 2013, 15 year old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed in Chicago. After her death, her friends wore orange to raise awareness about gun violence in their community. Then, Hadiya's friends asked all of us to Wear Orange to honor Hadiya and the hundreds of Americans killed and injured by gun violence every day. They inspired Wear Orange, which now includes a broad coalition of nonprofits, cultural influencers, and elected officials working to reduce gun violence in America.

Saturday, June 8, 10 am, Waterworks Trailhead parking lot. **Hike & Write with UCS Western Montana: Scientific Integrity Act.** We will be hiking up Waterworks to the Jeannette Rankin Peace Park (the giant peace sign on the hill), enjoying snacks and good conversation, then soaking in the views while we write letters to Congress in support of the Scientific Integrity Act. Please bring water, snacks, and a hard surface to write on (a clipboard or field guide would work well). We will provide paper, writing utensils, and resources on the [Scientific Integrity Act](#). This event is hosted by Union of Concerned Scientists' Western Montana Local Team, a non-partisan science and democracy advocacy group based in Missoula County.

Saturday, June 8, 11:30 am-1 pm, 208 E. Main (2nd floor of the historic Union Hall Building) **Summer Aikido Intro for Beginning Adults.** Try the martial art of harmony with an orientation followed by two guided basics classes. For more information visit <http://AikidoMissoula.com>, call 549-8387 or come by the dojo.

Saturday, June 8, 6-8 pm, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls (1400 1st Ave N). The ACLU honors Ana Suda, Mimi Hernandez and Melissa Smylie at the **JEANNETTE RANKIN CIVIL LIBERTIES AWARDS RECEPTION**. [Tickets are free and available here.](#)

Wednesday, June 12, 7 pm, The Wilma (131 S Higgins Ave) Tell Us Something brings live storytelling back to The Wilma on June 12, 2019. Eight storytellers will share their true personal story without notes on the theme "**What Are the Chances?**". Tickets are on sale now at the Top Hat box office, [online](#) or by phone at 1 (800) 514 - 3849.

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 as varied as education, journalism and government.

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>

Saturday, June 15, 9 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.](#)

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.

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*.

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.

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

If you would like to host a screening of **[KNOCK DOWN THE HOUSE](#)**, a film which follows four determined women - Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Amy Vilela, Cori Bush, and Paula Jean Swearengin - who challenged big money politicians in the 2018 race for Congress, sign up and download the available materials here: screenings.knockdownthehouse.com

We still have some seats left at two our great international dinners. Check out the following and give us a call to reserve your seat!

- 1 seat at le Tour de France with Suzzette Dussault on 6/29/19
- 3 seats at an International Food Journey for Local Connoisseurs by Udo and Nancy Fluck on 8/3/19

Travel the World Withuot Leaving Home. Be a host family for the Mansfield Center.

- **June 14-16: Global High School Teachers. Host a pair from two of the following countries:** Nigeria, Algeria, Jordan, Greece, Mali, Slovakia, Sir Lanka, Guatemala, Sudan, Malaysia, Mexico, Belarus, Panama, France, South Korea, Estonia, Lithuania, Cameroon, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.
- **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](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!

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 readingjewssmissoula@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@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

Decency Day in Congress --

- CONGRESSWOMAN MADELEINE DEAN <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4798493/rep-madeleine-dean>
- CONGRESSMAN LEE ZELDIN <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4798525/rep-lee-zeldin>

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:***
 - ***Volunteer Coordinator***
 - ***Newsletter editor***
- ***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

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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