Dear friends,

Kendrick Castillo represents the latest addition to our shared grief and our disappointment with a government that cannot see past its differences to keep our citizens -- our children -- safe. It is up to us to raise the bar and demand accountability and action. Part of that action must be "being the change". We can work for change and treat each other with decency and civility. In fact, if you think about it, treating others with respect may be the only way to get their attention and make them feel like listening and learning alongside us.

We are thrilled to join at least 15 other localities around the country calling for National Decency Day on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Join us at noon at Imagine Nation Brewing Company for "a decent lunch". Bring your lunch or purchase it from vendors on site. Mayor Engen will read a proclamation we have prepared and we'll have buttons or stickers for everyone who shows up. But the important thing is that you show up and stand up next to other members of our community and pledge to treat each other with civility and decency in our everyday conversations, thoughts and actions. It won't heal our grief but a commitment to treat each other with decency is at the heart of understanding and moving forward together. Please join us, no matter what your perspective or beliefs. We are a community together. I look forward to standing alongside you...Betsy

PS: We have to correct a mistake we made a couple weeks ago -- The group that was nominated for the Fr Jim Hogan Search For Peace Award was the University Congregational United Church of Christ Missoula Youth Group -- good luck to them and thanks for their great work!

Calendar

**Tuesday, May 14 is National Decency Day.** Come in for a free button/sticker and pledge to do your part as an ambassador of decency in our thoughts, words and actions. Also, join us at these events

- May 13, 2019, 7 pm at City Council Chambers, a proclamation recognizing May 14th, 2019 as a Day of Decency in conjunction with National Decency Day will be read.
On May 14, 2019 at noon at the Imagine Nation Brewing Company, The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center and Mayor John Engen invite the public to “a decent lunch”. Bring a lunch or purchase one from the Arabian Food Truck on-site, get your decency button or sticker and stand together with your neighbors to celebrate and commit to acting and promoting decency in our community through both conversations and actions. Through our local commitment to civil discourse and respect along with other local initiatives it is hoped that the concept of decency can grow on a national scale. For more information, visit www.decenty.today

Thursday, May 16, noon–1:30 pm, Missoula County Courthouse, Sophie Moiese Room (enter from Pine St, first room on right) Join Climate Smart Missoula for a drop-in style Open House to learn more and provide input for Climate Ready Communities: Building Resiliency in Missoula County, a joint planning effort brought to you by Missoula County, Climate Smart Missoula, and the City of Missoula. Learn more about why this resiliency planning effort, see our timeline, check out the draft Vulnerability Assessment, and provide feedback here. If you cannot attend our open houses, do check out the Assessment and fill our our comment form. Public comment closes for this part of the process May 19.

Thursday, May 16, 5:30 pm, JRPC. Come enjoy India Night with a presentation by South & South-East Asian Studies' Fulbright Hindi instructor, Ekta Gupta on the Changing Role of Women in India. We will be offering henna, snacks and a preview of fair trade items from India.

Friday, May 17, 8-9:30 pm, MASC Studio (1200 Shakespeare) A dance and visual piece performed by Kate Jordan and Bruno Augusto of Arts & Above. “The Things” asks the audience to contemplate the objects and thoughts which we may collect, build, destroy, hoard, or choose to use. It asks How much is enough? Too much? Isolating? Liberating? Intended to evoke curiosity and questioning, more than answers or opinions. $12 General Admission. Children under age 12 free. https://www.facebook.com/events/2253417781583572/

Saturday, May 18, 1:30-4:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. Honor our 2019 Peacemakers, Fernanda M. B. Krum & Robert Rivers and give the Fr. Jim Hogan Search for Peace award to one of our youth peacemaker nominees. There will be a special workshop on peacebuilding from 1:30 to 2:30 followed by the Search for Peace award, and then the Peacemaker Quilt presentation by the Missoula Peace Quilters and a reception with music and treats. Beer, kombucha and food will be available for purchase. Extra parking available in the Northwest corner of the Fresh Market Lot.

Saturday, May 18, 9 am–3 pm, 210 N. Higgins, Suite 207. Join Patrick Marsolek for a Practical Wrokshop to Develop Your Intuition. This class will offer a hands-on approach to accessing intuition more effectively in your life. You will learn practical techniques to focus your awareness and learn to discern between intuition and imagination. Cost: $75 - Two for $135 Take this class with a friend! Register online here: http://www.innerworkingsresources.com/IntuitionMissoula

Sunday, May 19, 1-3 pm, Jeanette Rankin Peace Center DIY Medicinal Gardening (Mother/Daughter). Join, Melissa Emily Lafontaine, Owner of Earth Within Flowers, for our third offering for our new educational program as Earth Within Girls. We invite mothers and daughters (ages 10 and up) to learn about herbs specific to the 4 phases of their internal cycle. We will explore this topic gently and intentionally through the magic of gardening and DIY tea blending. https://earthwithin.com/product/5-19-mom-daughter-gardening-tea/

Sunday May 19, 6-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewery (1151 W. Broadway). Slammin' POETry for Change - POETS be a VOICE for Change and EmPOWER CommUNITY! with poetry that matters--in these times! Audience expect the unexpected -- Hear Impassioned poets perform 3 minute performance, no props. Enjoy craft beer along with vibrant poetry. Open spots! Text Rita aka “Radska” host 406.544.9026


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/](https://www.facebook.com/events/837481403290787/)

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, 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](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.

**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](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 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](https://www.mimanagish.org/pride)

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**Action Opportunities**

**Spanish Conversation group** meets monthly at Iron Griz. Contact joann@rockisland.com for more information.

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 Suzette Dussault on 6/29/19
- 3 seats at an International Food Journey for Local Connoisseurs by Udo and Nancy Fluck on 8/3/19

**Help needed Immediately!** The International Choral Festival is seeking host families to provide lodging, meals, transportation and hospitality to choir members from around the world coming for the International Choral Festival. Choirs are due to arrive sometime between July 16 or 17th, with the festival running through Saturday night, July 20, and choirs departing Sunday, July 21. All that you need to provide for these few days is a room with sleeping space for a minimum of two choir members, most meals while they are here, and the ability to transport them to and from choir events during the festival. This is a most wonderful way to welcome the world to our community! If you can be a host, please go to the International Choral Festival website for more information and to sign up. Time is getting short, and as of May 1, the Festival had hosts for less than half of the 362 guests coming. Go to: [https://www.choralfestival.org](https://www.choralfestival.org)

**Travel the World Without 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, Sri 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

*Imagine Nation Brewing Company* is looking to hire a taproom server! Are you a motivated, energetic, hard-working, detail oriented, available and flexible, kind and dependable, individual who is a team player? Do you have experience in the bar and/or restaurant industry? Would like to be a part of a small tight-knit workplace that is focused on positive forward community involvement through discussion of social issues? If you are this person, please drop off your resume, cover letter, and application (you can get the application on our website), to 1151 W. Broadway or, send it all to manager@imaginenationbrewing.com. Applications will be accepted until MAY 5, 2019. No phone calls please. Applications that are not complete will not be considered.

Stayed tuned for a Jeannette Rankin Park Clean-up Day at the end of May -- volunteers needed!!

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2020 award. Go to [https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/](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 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](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!

**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

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**Articles Of Interest**

**Militarism Mapped in 2019**

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**

- *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](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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