

Celebration of Ministries - November 23, 2025

Join the Hospitality Ministry Sunday Nov. 23

Hospitality Ministries will meet next Sunday, right after worship in the library-- Coffee Hosts, Welcomers, Marketing & Engagement included. Anyone with a heart for hospitality and ideas for how we can share the good news of God's love for everyone, is invited to join us. Coffee and treats will be available -- we *are* the Hospitality team.

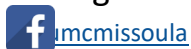
Help Troop 1919 fundraise!
Buy some popcorn we have on hand
Great for holiday gifts!
Sunday, Nov. 23rd 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Inside Pearl Boba
420 N. Higgins St. #B, Missoula
cash or checks



Join in every Sunday after worship! Coffee, cookies, doughnuts, cake, cobbler - we have it all!

We would like to continue this fellowship but need coffee hosts to put the pot on and heat up the water in the kettle. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact Sarah Schmill at 406.258.6427 sschmill5@gmail.com

If you have any questions about the specific duties of coffee hosts Sarah Schmill, Cathy Kemmis or Judy Whiddon would be happy to give you a tour of our tiny kitchen! It is a fun job that really helps to welcome all of us and keep up our strong connection to one another.



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Foundation Dollars at Work in our Church and Community

One of FUMC's Foundation objectives for Spending and Investing is: Charitable giving, making organizations with a Methodist connection a priority.

At the November 17th Foundation meeting board members awarded monetary gifts for 2025 to the following organizations:

\$2,000 - Poverello Center (POV);
\$1,750 - Missoula Interfaith Collaborative (MIC);
\$2,000 - Tzedakah Pocket Ministry;
\$1,250 - Hope Rescue Mission (549-HOPE);
\$2,000 - JuBELLation Bell Choir;
\$1,000 - Wesley House;
\$1,000 - Flathead Lake Camp (FLUMC); and
\$ 250 - Blackfeet Parish



***Hanging of the Greens:**

Sunday 11/23, Join us today, after service, in getting ready for Advent and Christmas.



Our Annual
WHITE ELEPHANT
Christmas Exchange
Everyone is Welcome!

December 12, 6:00 pm
STEVE AND LORRAINE CARLSON'S
6314 HILLVIEW WAY
Bring a dish to share

Website: www.firstumcmissoula.org



Christmas Shoebox Ministry

Bring your shoebox to the church office by December 1st.

Christmas Shoebox Ministry for the Blackfeet United Methodist Parish.

Please pick the age and gender of the person and make a shoebox full of goodies for them. Gloves, hats, socks, personal hygiene items, art or school supplies and toys, are some gift suggestions. Wrap the shoebox and put a label on it with the age and gender of the recipient. This year there is also a need for diapers, they don't need to be gift wrapped. We will be delivering them to Browning on December 4th.

*Boys and Girls: 0-3, 4-7, 8-12, and 13-17.

*NOTE: since **BUMP** is now a conference-wide ministry, it is hoped to receive enough shoeboxes to give one to every middle school child. Boxes labeled for that age group will be appreciated.*

2026 Mountain Sky 5-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation.

The Academy will be held at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana, from May 18 to 23. Our theme is *"Beholding God in the Landscape of Our Lives"*.

We chose this theme in hope of capturing a sense of bearing witness to the wholeness of God's presence in our lives. We are excited to welcome Safiyah Fous and Ray Buckley as our faculty presenters. Just read their bios, and you will see that they have deep wisdom to share. You are invited to join us as we journey through the landscape of our lives, finding a closer connection with God.

For more information visit:

mtnsky-reg.brtapp.com/5DayAcademyforSpiritualFormation2026

Alter Flower Fund

For those of you who would like to contribute altar flowers in memory of a friend or relative, a donation to the "Altar Flower Fund" would be very appreciated.

Arts & Environment would like to use fresh flowers on the altar throughout the year.

Each donation will be noted in the Christmas Eve announcements.

Thank you for your generosity.

Checks may be made out to:

FUMC, "Altar Flower Fund".

Please designate: *"In honor of"* and/or *"In memory of"* **Given by** and **phone number**.



Join us for Lectionary Bible Study, Wednesday, from 10 a.m. until noon, in the Library.

What's Happening at Sunday School?

On December 7th, during Sunday Service, the nursery and Sunday school children are excited to present their **annual Christmas play**.

As they prepare for the winter quarter, new projects are on the horizon, which means there is a need for creative supplies. (Most can be found at Michaels or Walmart.) **"Tribeads"** in red, green and white, and **sequins** (6 pack) in the following colors: Gold, silver, pink, red, blue, green, purple, maroon, and yellow. In addition to craft supplies, there is also a need for bags of **Goldfish crackers**, as well as **Graham crackers**. Thank you so much for your continued support of our Sunday School.

January First UMC food drive

As you are aware, First UMC does a food drive in January to support the Missoula Food Bank. We are currently in the planning stages for that but have recently been presented with an opportunity to help our community during the current SNAP crisis. Steve Egli passed along the following communication from Bethany Sorenson, operations manager with the Community Choir whose members use our church facility for practice.



Bethany said: “Unrelated to rehearsals and payments, it was brought to my attention that some of the families involved in our choirs are in need of food due to the loss of SNAP benefits. I put out a call for food donations amongst our members and now we have started a small food drive to help anyone who may need it this holiday season. We are going to put out a call for donations during our concert coming up at the end of the month. I was wondering if there may be a possibility of working together with the church to get this food to those in need and store it? I am currently storing it in my vehicle, transporting it back and forth from rehearsals, and bringing bags to those who reach out.”

In support of Bethany’s effort, we will provide space in our church for her to store donations and we’ll provide the opportunity for our congregation to support her effort if they choose to. We will place the rolling cart **in front of our church office** in its usual spot to retain any food items you wish to donate for members of the Community Choir who are in need.

After Bethany concludes her effort, any remaining items will become part of our January Food Bank Drive.

Please help if you are able.

Prayer List for November 23, 2025



- ♦ Joy for Phyllis W's 94th birthday (11-16) and Lou W's birthday last month. Strength and recovery for both as they face ongoing health issues.
- ♦ Safety for John & Terri D's son Ethan and daughter-in-law Khrystina as they move to Poland this week.
- ♦ Traveling mercies for Cheryl's sons-of-the-heart as they travel back to Sierra Leone from Ireland.
- ♦ A quick recovery from COVID for Cindy's husband John.
- ♦ Traveling mercies for Clara and Jack-Jack's other grandmother as she travels home after a visit with her son's family.
- ♦ Thanksgiving from Tom S that we can share God's love through prayer with others.
- ♦ A good outcome for Linda J's granddaughter from her surgery for cervical cancer coming up on the 26th.
- ♦ Healing for Joanie's niece Laurie, who is in the ICU after a heart attack.
- ♦ Peace and recovery for a parishioner's mom, who is suffering from depression, and her dad, whose ketamine therapy is not working very well.
- ♦ Traveling mercies for Roxanne and for Fred R as they travel to and from Fred's father's funeral.
- ♦ Prayers for a successful surgery and a rapid but thorough recovery for Rocky A's friend Pattii N, she goes in Monday for surgery on her wrist.



Lord in your Mercy...Hear our Prayers...

Please send your prayer requests in! E-mail Kathie Snodgrass at kathiewearsgreen@yahoo.com with your prayer requests. You can also email or call the office at 549-6118.