

Celebration of Ministries October 25, 2026

Scripture Readers Needed

Scripture Readers for Worship Service in October and November are needed. Sign up in the Narthex for a date that works best for you.



FUMC Stewardship Campaign News:

Campaign Week 2 Sunday, October 25, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday worship. Pastor John will lead this discussion focusing on future plans, goals, and objectives for church activities.

From the Green Team: Missoula County Residents Invited to Data Center Presentation

County staff will present a draft of this study on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 6 p.m. in the Home Arts Building at the Missoula County Fairgrounds. Residents are invited to attend this in-person presentation. To learn more about this project, go to MissoulaCountyVoice.com.

RUTH will meet Thursday, November 12th at 10:00 am in the Kay Duffield Library. Nanci Reed will give the devotions and Judy Whiddon will serve as hostess. Members will receive an updated directory with corrections from the last meeting. We will also review the donation contents of the shoeboxes we will give to the Blackfeet children for Christmas. All women are welcome to join us.

Each pew now has a Welcome clipboard. Thank you for passing it along to the folks in your pew! We hope newcomers and visitors will sign up for our weekly announcements. And remember, everyone is invited to share coffee, tea, treats and conversation after the service!

Volunteers needed to make sack lunches October and November!

When: Saturday 9am-10:30.

Where: FUMC basement



If you can serve on one of those Saturdays, please let Lorraine Carlson know – madamecarlson@gmail.com

Sunday School News

I want to thank everyone who donated items to our Sunday school program. We are using and enjoying them. We still need **five** ½ binders. - Cindy

Weekly Snapshot

- 10/25- Stewardship Week 2, after worship, Fellowship Hall
- 10/27 - UMC Study Group w/ Pastor John, online 10:00am
- 10/27- UWF Book Group, Library 11:00am
- 10/28 - Lectionary Group, Library, 10:00am
- 10/29 - Stewardship make-up mtg, Library/online, 7:00pm
- 10/31- Mighty Methodist Men, Library, 8:30 am
- 10/31 - POV Lunches, Kitchen/Clara Smith rm. 9:00-11:00am

On **November 18th and 19th at 7:30 p.m.** the Montana Repertory Theatre will be performing in the Sanctuary at FUMC. Tickets can be purchased at the door or ahead of time. Scan QR code for more information. This is a pay-what-you can performance. \$25 donation suggested.

Tzedakah Pocket Offers Hope

With the change of season, we have received a flood of requests for assistance. Some requests we were able to satisfy and some we weren’t, either because we didn’t have the money or because the request was for something we couldn’t handle. Turning someone away is not something we do without considerable soul-searching and prayer, but it’s necessary at times. We do our best and help as many as we can.

A summary of assistance provided by our church’s Tzedakah Pocket Ministry for the month of October 2026 and Year to Date 2026 is shown below. We help whenever we can with as much as we can. Please continue to donate whenever you are able. We can, and do, make a difference for those who come to us for assistance.



Tzedakah Summary

2026 Donations: \$10,858.57

Assistance Paid	October 2026			Year to Date 2026		
	Amount	Fam	Child.	Amount	Fam	Child.
Lodging	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 2,153.96	9	4
Rent/ Sec. Dep.	\$ 159.00	1	2	\$ 2,603.00	13	26
Other	\$ 1,175.34	6	6	\$ 6,208.12	56	52
TOTAL	\$ 1,334.34	7	10	\$ 10,965.08	78	82

MIC New Volunteer Orientation

Looking for a meaningful way to get involved in your community?

Join us for our Volunteer Orientation on **Wednesday, November 18th from 5:30–7:30 PM** to learn about the many ways you can make a difference through Missoula Interfaith Collaborative. Whether you're interested in supporting neighbors through the Housing Advocate Network, Family Promise/Just Neighbors, Missoula Works, the Community of Belonging, or other MIC programs, we'd love to share how you can get involved. **Dinner is provided, and all are welcome!**

LOCATION: MIC Offices @ 2205 34th St

QUESTIONS: Contact rebecca@micmt.org

During October, non-profit organizations (mission driven and whose program(s) could benefit from the award of a monetary gift) are being asked to submit funding requests to FUMC’s Foundation. In November, Foundation will meet, review any requests received and disperse 2026 mission giving funds.

Non-profits can send a request using one of two methods: via email to the church office’s internet address of fumcmisssoula@gmail.com or by mail to: Missoula First UMC, P.O. Box 7646, Missoula, MT 59807. *All requests should be directed to the attention of FUMC Foundation.* **Deadline for submitting a written request is November 1st.**

NOTE: All are welcome to attend the **November 16th Foundation meeting**. It will be held in the Kay Duffield Memorial Library at 5:00 p.m. Please join us if interested and able.



Prayer List for October 25, 2026

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

- ◆ Comfort, strength and healing for Rick, the husband of Theresa C's cousin Tina, as he battles cancer, and for his family as the fight with him
- ◆ Prayers for comfort, strength, and peace for Jim B and his family as they enter into this time of uncertainty.
- ◆ Successful surgery and a quick recovery from a hysterectomy this week for the American aunt of our Afghan Refugee of Hope family.
- ◆ Comfort for the family, friends, and churches mourning the recent passing of Rev. Howard Hunter.
- ◆ Gratitude that Pastor John's mom, Betty, is enjoying her new life in memory care and her new friends there.
- ◆ That we will not hurt people and will keep others from hurting people.
- ◆ Comfort for Ira's sister Maxine K, who has congestive heart failure and is in hospice, and strength and comfort for her daughters and grandchildren.
- ◆ Sorrow for the four people killed and 39 injured, and safety, healing, and comfort for all those affected by the huge, incredibly fast-moving windstorm-propelled fire that occurred during live ammunition training at Fort Wainright in Alberta Saturday.

- ◆ Thanksgiving that Nick continues to recover, is doing very well, and may be home soon after his surgery.
- ◆ Joy for visitors in church, hope that they will return.
- ◆ Joy that Tish was back in church today and her finger is healing nicely.
- ◆ Hope that the coming elections will lead to a better world.
- ◆ Safe travels for Rocky's daughter Margaret, who comes to visit her this Thursday from Seattle and returns the following Thursday.
- ◆ Joy that all are welcome at Wesley House.
- ◆ Comfort for Pastor John's father, Dan, who is declining.



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 fumcmissoula@gmail.com or (406) 549-6118.