


Celebration of Ministries March 12, 2023

 **New to First UMC?** Would you like to be on our mailing list? Please email the office at fumcmissoula@gmail.com with your name, email, and address. You can also use one of the slips of paper by the offering plates and put it in the offering plate! We would love to add you to our lists and get to know you better!

The First UMC Foundation is offering the **Foundation Scholarship** to someone who attends regularly or is an active member of Missoula First UMC and is continuing their post-secondary education. The scholarship honors Olive M. Reichel, Ella Turmell, Gordon and Nettie Reynolds, Archie Joscelyn and Katie Payne. The application form is available through the office or online on the church website: <http://www.firstumcmissoula.org/> then go to the Getting Involved page. Scroll down until you see the Foundation Logo and the scholarship link is below that. **The deadline for submitting applications is April 15th.** Mail to: Missoula First UMC Foundation, P.O. Box 7646, Missoula, MT 59807



Ruth Fellowship is collecting items for YWCA Women's Shelter Health Kits. Items needed (before April 13th) are sample sizes of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and brushes. There is a crate in the Narthex for donations.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed for last Sunday in March Coffee Hour. You can shadow hosts if needed.



Vespers Circle will meet Wednesday, March 15th in the KDM library at 1 p.m. We welcome visitors and new members. For questions call Patsy Hodges 406-493-0961.



Baskets of Love: As Family Promise families or individuals/families from the Housing Advocate Network (HAN) "graduate" into homes of their own, each individual/family receives housewarming gifts of supplies needed to reestablish home life. In 2022, 48 such deliveries were made to very happy and grateful recipients. Now it's time to **RESTOCK THE SHELVES** for 2023. First UMC is donating a complete set of Welcome Baskets plus gas/gift cards for one family from our Family Promise budget to support this wonderful effort. We offer you the opportunity to add to this if you want. If this ministry is something you want to support, please do so by using online donation marked for Welcome Baskets or by sending a check made out to First UMC (PO Box 7646, Missoula, MT 59807) with Welcome Baskets in the memo line. All monetary donations received will be collected and one check will be sent to MIC so they can buy whatever they need. FYI: If using Breeze: Note "Baskets of Love": for this online giving method or note "Baskets" for text giving. We appreciate your support.



Missing in action: one very large rice cooker from the church kitchen. If anyone has seen this 60-cup cooker, please let us know. It is used on a regular basis and is very much missed. Please call the church office, Casey at 406 970 8341, or Cathy at 406 544 5271.

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Immigration Law and Justice Arizona Ministry: Our church has begun its 2nd year of a 3-year commitment in the amount of \$2,000 for this ministry (formerly known as Arizona Justice For Our Neighbors). While our congregation currently supports immigrant asylum seekers through the Southwest Desert Conference of the Methodist Church, note that our Mountain Sky Conference is considering the potential for an Immigration Law & Justice Program. Migrants fearing for their lives are extremely vulnerable and encounter little chance of success with their asylum claims without legal assistance. Immigration Law & Justice provides education workshops on asylum law, 5-10 hours of legal assistance, legal assistance with detailing their story of persecution plus document translation for required evidence. This program also engages in community education and advocacy programs. Until the United States develops immigration policies that demonstrate some empathy and compassion, this is a way our church can set an example. If you are able to help with this ministry, please make your check out to FUMC and write AZJFON on the memo line. Thank you so much!

Altar Flowers Fund

Arts and Environment is hoping to use fresh flowers on Easter and throughout the year! 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. Each donation and/or memorial will be noted in the Easter Announcements and on the screen Easter Sunday. Help keep the Altar looking beautiful all year long with fresh flowers! Thank you for your generosity. Checks may be made out to:

First UMC, designated “Altar Flower Fund” in the memo line or online via Breeze to Altar Flower Fund. You can also text to give at 406-998-1982. Text the amount you would like to give and the keyword Flowers. If you would like to give in memory of a friend or relative please call the office at 406-549-6118 or email the office at fumcmisoula@gmail.com. You are also welcome to mail in this information with your check to First UMC, P.O. Box 7646, Missoula, MT 59807



In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Prayer List for March 12, 2023



- Prayers of comfort and healing for Liz R. as she makes her journey through cancer.
- Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Stephanie S. who passed away unexpectedly recently leaving two small children.
- Prayers of healing that Tish H.'s blood pressure issues will be resolved.
- Prayers that David H.'s macular degeneration treatments will go well.
- Prayers for continued healing for John D.'s knee infection.
- Prayers of recovery from the flu for Cheryl B.'s sister Pam, who has complicating health issues.
- Prayers of joy that Elaine's son is back home for a month.
- Prayers of travel mercies for those going on trips, especially for Denalie B. as she journeys to visit and care for her grandkids.
- Prayers of accommodation and a successful adjustment for Al, who just moved into the Village, and whose eyesight is failing him.
- Prayers for Laurie M. hospitalized after an accident and the long road of recovery ahead.
- Prayers for inner strength and community support for all minorities who feel imperiled by prejudicial legislation.

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.