

Celebration of Ministries - April 19, 2026

Scripture Readers Needed

Scripture Readers for Worship Service in April and May are needed. Sign up in the Main Street Entrance room for a date that works best.



First UMC Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

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-education. The scholarship honors Olive M. Reichel, Ella Turmell, Gordon and Nettie Reynolds and Archie, Joscelyn and Katie Payne.

The application form is available through the office, posted on the bulletin board outside the church office, or online at: <http://www.firstfumcmissoula.org/> then go to the Learn More page. Click on the tab and the scholarship link is located there. The deadline for submitting an application is May 1st. Mail to Missoula First UMC, P.O. Box 7646, Missoula, MT 59807, Attn: FUMC Foundation

New to First UMC? There's Cheesecake for You Sunday May 3!

If you're newer to our worship service, have questions about our congregation and where you fit in, you're invited to come to Coffee and Cheesecake in the Library, right after worship. Join members of the Hospitality Ministry to ask about our congregation's mission and ministry in Missoula: Am I really welcome here? Is there a creed I must believe in to join? What are we doing in this community and in the world as followers of Jesus?

Tzedakah Pocket Donation Box for Your Use on Sunday

We continue to have trouble locating the cloth Tzedakah Pockets on Sunday mornings when we want to put them out in the sanctuary. As this is becoming an ongoing thing (trying to find them each Sunday), we're going to test using a box like the offering boxes for your Tzedakah donations. **The Tzedakah Pocket box will be placed next to the offering box with Tzedakah clearly marked on it.** Please continue to support this ministry as you have so generously in the past as we try to find a solution for our often missing Tzedakah Pockets. Thank you.

Ruth Fellowship assembles and delivers 80 health kits for the YWCA Women's Shelter!



Green Notes: It's Earth Month! Glass Recycling, Composting Is Free!

There's never been a better time to join First Church's glass recycling and composting programs than in April. For the next three months, all current and new recyclers/composters can participate in the program for free! At the end of June, we will announce a new, less expensive monthly fee based on the number of congregation members and friends who have joined us.

First Church contracts with Recycling Works to collect our glass each week. The collection bins are behind the Sunshine House, next door to our church building. There's easy, 24-hour access to the red-topped bins from the alley. We accept all colors of glass, but it should be clean.

Remember not to put any trash in the recycling bins, as Recycling Works will not collect from contaminated bins. All of the glass we collect is re-used for new products — road bed, decking, etc. — or is recycled into new glass jars, bottles and containers. Glass is infinitely recyclable, so recycling couldn't be more crucial.

Soil Cycle is our composting contractor. That bin is also near the alley in the backyard of Sunshine House. See the illustration that accompanies this story for a list of items that can and cannot be composted.

Let's see how many new compost and recycling participants we can add to our rolls during April — as part of First Church's Earth Week 2026 observance. These are small, individual commitments that reap big rewards for our community by keeping recyclable and reusable products out of Missoula's landfill. Thank you!



A fun event for FUMC families and friends!



SING ABOUT IT!

MISSOULA'S VERY OWN SONG RALLY

A FREE Community Song Gathering with Grammy-Nominated, Internationally Acclaimed Vocal Activist **MELANIE DEMORE**

Melanie DeMore has spent more than three decades using song as a tool for community building and collective healing. Drawing on gospel, folk, and freedom song traditions, she has led gatherings across the country that bring strangers into genuine connection - helping communities find common ground and shared strength through the act of singing together. Her signature style breaks down the barrier between performer and audience, transforming every event into a participatory experience.

Family-friendly. No experience needed. Just show up and add your voice.

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Missoula SINGS MUSIC FOR EVERYBODY

SUNDAY APRIL 26TH 12:30-2:00PM CARAS PARK FREE

Prayer List for April 19, 2026



- ◆ Prayers that our country will survive our current divisiveness and willingness to ignore our Constitution.
- ◆ Healing and comfort for the Iranian people, who have suffered under an oppressive regime for many years and are now enduring the bombing of their country.
- ◆ Joy for our new office Administrative Assistant, Catherine Thomsen, and our new Treasurer, Greg Scanlon.
- ◆ Thanksgiving for all the work the SPRC and current staff did in facilitating their hiring. Thanks be to God.
- ◆ Comfort and strength for family, friends, and especially Phyllis W. in the loss of Lou on Friday evening (April 10th).
- ◆ Prayers that Lorraine C.'s cancer can be kept in check.
- ◆ Joy that Rocky's daughters have been able to visit her, and may they have safe travel.
- ◆ Prayers for the healing of Rocky's cracked coccyx and improvement in her strength and balance.

- ◆ Thanksgiving for the loan to Rocky of one of the church's wheelchairs.

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.