

Celebration of Ministries - April 26, 2026

Scripture Readers Needed

Scripture Readers for Worship Service in May and June 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?

First UMC Needs a Photographer- Now!

Do you love to take pictures? We need an aspiring photographer this spring and summer. Our website is our "Front Door" for those searching for a spiritual home – and it needs to be updated with new photos of our life together. A good cell phone will work fine, along with a discerning eye, time on Sunday mornings and a few weekday events (Mission & Outreach, Saturday Poverello sandwich-making, etc.). If you are interested or can suggest someone with a heart for our community, call Jana Staton 406-721-5558 or text 406-543-9491. This is a volunteer opportunity, with plenty of credit for photos. photos.



Bell Choir in Livingston this weekend!

First UMC's JuBELLation Handbell Choir is in Livingston this weekend for the Big Sky Handbell Festival. They'll join hundreds of ringers from across Montana and Idaho to perform a wide range of challenging music, under the guidance of clinician/composer Kathryn Jurado.

The event is at Park High School, beginning Friday night and continuing all day on Saturday – with a free evening concert of festival music for the public.

First Church-goers got a sneak peek of two festival pieces on Sunday, April 19, when JuBELLation performed "Beside Still Waters" and "Rejoice He is Risen." At festival, the choir will also perform an afternoon solo of "Fum Fum Fum," a popular number from their December 2025 Christmas concert.

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 reused 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!



Tzedakah Pocket Offers Hope

April has been a challenge from a lodging standpoint with complicated requests for assistance which required more thought and effort than normal to accommodate. As usual though, your support was there to help us resolve the issues to the extent we could and to get those in need on their way with our prayers and well wishes. We couldn't do this without you and we are grateful every day for your help.

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



Tzedakah Summary

2026 Donations: \$4,154.79

Assistance Paid	April 2026			Year to Date 2026		
	Amount	Fam	Child.	Amount	Fam	Child
<i>Lodging</i>	\$ 235.88	1	0	\$ 728.28	5	0
<i>Rent/ Sec. Dep.</i>	\$ 105.00	1	2	\$ 105.00	1	2
<i>Other</i>	\$ 155.63	1	2	\$ 2,479.01	27	29
TOTAL	\$ 496.51	3	4	\$ 3,312.29	33	31

Prayer List for April 26, 2026



- ◆ Gratitude for Peg P. conducting the service for us last Sunday.
- ◆ Gratitude for Jan B. coordinating Brad's worship and a obtaining his new cat, Rikki.
- ◆ Thanksgiving from Sherry from Alabama, who was in Missoula for a conference, for out welcoming and inclusive congregation.
- ◆ That those still employed by the US Forest Service and other Federal agencies, will have the strength to work through the fear and chaos created by our current Administration.
- ◆ Healing for Donna McC's sister Nancy.
- ◆ God's help for the USA that we will escape the current difficulties with our democracy intact.
- ◆ Continued healing and recovery for Rocky A, who is still at Riverside for rehab, and patience for her daughters as they attend to her needs.

- ◆ Continued comfort and strength for family, friends, and especially Phyllis W. in the loss of Lou on the 10th, and as she remains in hospice care.
- ◆ That the twin girls in "our" Afghan family will be accepted to the Afghan boarding school to which they have applied in Rwanda.
- ◆ That Lorraine C.'s biopsy results will be good.

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.