

Celebration of Ministries May 28, 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 blue slips of paper in the pew holders or by the offering plates and put it in the plate!

We would love to add you to our lists and get to know you better! Please note we do not have a nursery attendant, but the nursery is open for any families who would like to use it during worship.

Join us for Fellowship Hour! Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats. This is your time to meet friends and greet visitors!



United Women in Faith Happenings

Picnic time is here! Yes, all women of the church are invited to gather every Friday at noon on the south side of Bonner Park on Beverly Street near the bandstand. Bring your lunch and a chair to enjoy fun and fellowship.

Want to be part of the June 17 Missoula PRIDE Parade? Join your friends at 1st UMC and make our church a strong presence in this year's parade. There's a signup in the Narthex to participate in the parade or email or call Karen Loos: karenloos7245@gmail.com / 406-721-5013. We have a new FUMC banner, flags, signs, and maybe even a convertible or two for those who would like to ride. Homemade signs are welcome! We need to register our church's entry by May 31st, so we need rough numbers by then. Please invite youth and young adults in your family who support our values of inclusion and acceptance to join us as "friends of FUMC." We may be one of only 2-3 congregations visibly participating. Let's make this a real celebration of support for our LGBTQ+ members, relatives, and friends!



We love our Coffee Hour and we would love your help to Host it!

First UMC reaches out in love to all of Missoula, but especially to those who come to worship – members and visitors. Our Fellowship Hour after worship would love more dedicated coffee hosts, to make sure we have good coffee and treats every Sunday.

Orientation, training and support is provided and you don't need to bring the treats, just make coffee. Please email Jana Staton, jstaton@montana.com if you would to be on the list.

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Bread for the World



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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

“For the sake of future generations, how we produce our food today matters as much as what we produce.” - Bread for the World (BftW) “Sustainability” handout.

This year the Green Team is joining with Bread for the World’s efforts to support a Farm Bill re-authorization that focuses on much more than the business as usual that “Big Agriculture” will be pushing for. As BftW notes: “Food systems are one of the major contributors to global climate change.” But it does not have to be that way.

Sustainable farming methods, supporting largely plant-based diets, combined with reducing the considerable amount of food waste in our current system would not only give us a healthier diet, but restore soils and sequester a considerable amount of carbon.

Read more and access the online form to contact Representative Ryan Zinke, and Senators Steve Daines, and Jon Tester go to <https://www.bread.org/offering-letters/>. Click on “Take Action.” Writing an actual letter is even more effective! A BftW Offering of Letters handout with a sample letter on the back will be available during coffee hour.

And stay tuned for more information next week on this timely and critical climate justice issue.

Questions: joeloos7245@gmail.com

Tzedakah Pocket Offers Hope

We continue to support those who come to us for help as best we can and we have you to thank for that. We couldn’t do anything without your support and we are grateful for whatever you are able to give. We can’t predict when we will get assistance requests or know how much will be needed to satisfy each request but we are here to help and, as always, we do as much as we can with what we have.

A recap of assistance provided by our church’s Tzedakah Pocket ministry is shown here.



Tzedakah Summary

2023 Donations: \$4,118.71

Assistance Paid	May 2023			Year- To- Date 2023		
	Amount	Fam.	Child.	Amount	Fam.	Child.
<i>Lodging</i>	\$ 607.36	3	3	\$ 2,296.40	14	11
<i>Rent/ Sec. Dep.</i>	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 200.00	1	2
<i>Other</i>	\$ 410.00	4	2	\$ 4,516.22	33	22
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ 1,017.36	7	5	\$ 7,012.62	48	35

Prayer List for May 28, 2023



- Prayers of birthday celebrations for Brad W., who celebrated his birthday May 24th!
- Prayers of very special birthday celebrations for Patsy Hodges who turns 90 on May 23rd!!
- Prayers for Marie N.'s sister Joyce Blythe, who was hospitalized with a possible infection in her ankle. Prayers of healing as they do more testing and bloodwork.
- Prayers of healing for Cheryl B.'s sister Pam, who fell and broke several bones.
- Prayers for the daughter in law of Joanie and Michael, that her tests come back cancer free after her cancer treatments.
- Prayers for Ashton F., age 12, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor.
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- Continued prayers of strength and healing for Frank K. who had surgery for a knee replacement .
- Prayers of safety for asylum seekers as they begin to cross the border and for the communities on the border.

- Continued prayers for Ellin I. as she recovers from back surgery.
- Continued healing for Lori M., who is now at Craig Rehabilitation Hospital in Englewood, CO.
- 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.