

Celebration of Ministries - May 3, 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.firstfumcmisoula.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.



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.

Soil Cycle is our composting contractor. That bin is also near the alley in the backyard of Sunshine House.

Manifest Love.



Celebrate with Pride!

Many of us are looking forward to being a part of the Pride Parade again this year on June 20th. This year we'd also like to "show up" even more as allies for our LGBTQ+ family, friends and neighbors (and get our church name out there in solidarity) by becoming a Missoula Pride Celebration Sponsor. A Sponsorship for the Pride Celebration is not inexpensive, starting at \$1,000. But we think it's worth it.

If we raise more than the \$1,000, we'll share the rest with *Reconciling Ministries Network* – the national organization that engages us and the rest of the Methodist church in realizing our vision of a more diverse and inclusive church.

The funds are important to...

1. Create Free & Accessible Events; prioritizing keeping as many events free and family-friendly as possible.
2. Cover essential Event Costs; Sound & Lighting, Permits & Insurance, Safety & Security measures, Staff & Volunteers that make the festival happen.
3. Provide direct Local Support – Proceeds beyond their costs benefit the *Western Montana LGBTQ+ Community Center*.
4. Elevating Inclusion and Building Local Capacity – Funding top-tier performances, broad educational offerings, and safe and inclusive community gathering spaces.

Over 3+ vibrant days (June 19 - 21) they host 50+ events, including the downtown Prade & Street Party, Educational Sessions & Community Spaces, Dance Parties & Drag and Variety Performances.

Help us help Missoula Pride celebrate five years of lifting up LGBTQ+ voices and community *with pride!* If you would like to help us meet this fundraising goal by the June 1st Deadline, designate your gift via check or Breeze for the "Pride Celebration." You can also text the amount you want to give, plus the word "Pride" to this number: 406-998-1982.

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 May 3, 2026



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

- ◆ Support and grace for Joseph in his journey to wholeness.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ A quick recovery for the Secret Service agent who was injured in the shooting during the White House Correspondents' dinner.
- ◆ Peace and salvation for a visitor, Sherry's, wife Danielle.
- ◆ Thanksgiving for Casey reminding us of the value of work done to get/keep people housed.
- ◆ Continued healing from the damage done to the German people at Dachau, especially the Jewish communities who were devastated.
- ◆ Thanksgiving from Denalie for a safe return after international travel.
- ◆ Comfort for John T's nephew, whose dog is extremely ill and may not recover.
- ◆ Healing for a parishioner's daughter's father-in-law, who suffered a brain bleed while in Canada – a safe return home to Wisconsin and a full recovery.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Health and strength for Melvin F., who is the brother of Agnes from Missoula Manor.
- ◆ That the upcoming surgical procedure for Tom E, who lives at Missoula Manor, will go well.
- ◆ Comfort for James C and his family in the loss of his mother.



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.