

Celebration of Ministries - April 5, 2026



Flowers on the Altar Today



Given in memory of

Darren from Diane Larson, Dave from Tish Herries and Barbara from John Terreo.

Thank you for donating to the Altar Flower Fund in memory of your loved ones.

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

LET'S DO LUNCH – Friday April 17 at MacKenzie River Pizza

Women and girls of this church, visitors included. Please join us at MacKenzie River (corner of Brooks and Reserve) for lunch on Friday, April 17. We sure would love to share some good food and time with you. The menu is good salads, sandwiches, even pasta as well as flatbread and round pizza. No reservations needed but we would like to let the restaurant know the day before - call or text Peg Plimpton at 406-542-1543.

Family Promise Rotation – Your Assistance is Appreciated!

Many thanks to everyone who helped with our March Family Promise rotation last week. We had a successful week. Our volunteers jumped in to donate gift and gas cards; provide cut vegetables, fresh fruits, and dessert; serve dinner; wash laundry from families who moved out of the shelter; and monitor the front door from 8 pm to 10 pm so YWCA staff could perform necessary shelter activities. We have another rotation in June. Please consider helping us with that. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Jane Kisselbach at janekisselbach@gmail.com or call Jane at 406-531-6768.

Mountain Sky 5 Day Academy Opportunity

We need your help getting the word out about the upcoming Mountain Sky 5 Day Academy in May. **We must meet our threshold number by April 16th to continue our plans.** Don't delay in discerning for yourself or reaching out to another who would be enriched by this Academy. This may be the perfect time to take a break from the day-to-day chaos for a space to breathe, to open your heart wide and to re-root yourself in holy presence. The upcoming 5 Day Academy in Mountain Sky conference is May 18-23 and will be held at the Rocky Mountain College campus in Billings, MT. This is the first offering since before the pandemic, so we are trying to re-build the community in this huge 4+ state conference. The faculty will be amazing -- Rev. Dr. [Safiyah Fosua](#) and Ray Buckley! It would be lovely to see you there. There are MtnSky BOLM laity scholarships available. Clergy may use MEF funds for this retreat. Donations to support the Mountain Sky Academy would be appreciated. You may use this link for a financial donation: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5QF/campaign/C-164ZS>

Tzedakah Pocket Offers Hope

We had quite a bit of activity this month. We paid some bills to help individuals get through the month, paid some storage costs, and paid to help maintain communication devices individuals needed for work. We also paid for several nights at Motel 6 for a couple as well as bought bus tickets to Spokane for them so the wife could get complicated surgery.

A summary of assistance provided by our church's Tzedakah Pocket ministry for the month of March 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: \$2,748.14

Assistance Paid	March 2026			Year to Date 2026		
	Amount	Fam	Child.	Amount	Fam	Child
<i>Lodging</i>	\$ 492.40	4	0	\$ 492.40	4	0
<i>Rent/ Sec. Dep.</i>	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 0	0	0
<i>Other</i>	\$ 486.74	5	5	\$ 2,023.38	22	22
TOTAL	\$ 979.14	9	5	\$ 2,515.78	26	22

In 2010, **EmpowerMT's youth leaders** were instrumental in helping to extend protection against discrimination to the LGBTQ+ community under Missoula's Non-Discrimination Ordinance. Since then, the second Saturday in April has been declared **Diversity Day** to commemorate that victory, honor the impact of youth engagement, and celebrate Missoula's enriching diversity. Youth leaders from EmpowerMT are partnering with the Zoo-town Arts Community Center (ZACC) to elevate **belonging, meaning, wellbeing and purpose** through art and expression at Missoula's 2026 Diversity Day on **Sunday, April 12, 2026, from 2pm- 4pm at the ZACC**

We're excited to invite you to be a **Diversity Day sponsor!** Your donation would support this year's community celebration or one of our many free youth after-school programs. Your gift is tax-deductible, and you will receive recognition on our social media before and after the event, as well as formal recognition during the event.

Diversity Day festivities will include celebrating personal stories, and this year's theme chosen by EmpowerMT's Youth Advisory Council, **Light, Courage, Action** through various performances. We will also honor youth leaders across Montana who inspire change in their communities with the **2026 Youth Lead Now Awards**.

Donations can be made via the donation link on our website at empowermt.org or mail check to EmpowerMT: 320 East Main Street, Missoula, MT.

Prayer List for April 5, 2026



- ◆ Prayers for Kathy Y. who's hospitalized at St. Pat's.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort, healing and strength for Kay N. as she recovers from surgery.
- ◆ Prayers of strength for Elaine W. as she cares for her sister who is nearing the end of her life.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort and peace for Brad W. with the loss of his cat Alexis.
- ◆ Prayers for comfort, healing, and strength for Ed D. of Anaconda who's hospitalized in St. Pat's.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort and healing for Ellie B.'s sprained hip.
- ◆ Prayers for successful recoveries for Eula R. and Teresa H. following hip surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for Donalee M. as she recovers at home.
- ◆ Prayers of joy as Marie N. has sung on Palm Sunday (since she was 4 years old)
- ◆ Gratitude for a peaceful No Kings March and Rally last week.
- ◆ Prayers for Mike G.'s 5 month old great granddaughter diagnosed with viral meningitis.
- ◆ Prayers for Winton K.'s continued recovery.
- ◆ Prayers for strength for James, with his mother, who's nearing the end of her life.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort and strength for the Whitsells.
- ◆ Joy for the Sunday School kids singing performance and for Cindy E. who serves as our Sunday School Director.
- ◆ Success for Jana's friend who's looking for work and prayers for the pay to be enough to support this person.
- ◆ Prayers that "strange" hope will be contagious and that genocide will not be perpetrated on the people of Gaza again.
- ◆ Hooray for all the ways to approach God.
- ◆ Prayers that folks will appreciate John T.'s hat (grandson gift).



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.