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How do people end up in homelessness?



What housing support resources are available in my community?



What can everyday people do to support their neighbors experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity?

Learn answers to these questions and more at a special community forum hosted by the Housing Advocate Network on September 29th. Listen to stories from fellow Missoulians with lived experience and hear from professionals working in housing and mental health. All are welcome!

(Childcare will be provided)

Thursday September 29th @ 6:00-7:30pm

First United Methodist Church (300 E Main St, Missoula)

For Questions: Contact Zeke Campfield at zeke@micmt.org

Climate Action: Hear the Amazing Katherine Hayhoe

First United Methodist will join climate activists from across Montana for an online conversation with scientist/author Katherine Hayhoe at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

One of the most influential climate communicators in the nation, Hayhoe is a public policy and law faculty member at Texas Tech University and author of "Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World."

In "Saving Us," she argues that when it comes to changing hearts and minds, facts are only part of the equation. We must find shared values to transform our unique individual perspectives into collective action.

Tuesday's conversation will begin with a presentation by Hayhoe, followed by a Q&A open to all on the live call – Including our congregation members, who will gather in the church library. All friends and members of First UMC are invited to attend!

The program is hosted by Families for a Livable Climate, Climate Smart Missoula, Mountain Mamas, Moms Clean Air Force Montana, and the Park County Environmental Council.



Vigil Opportunities for October –Give yourself an hour of peace and reflection by volunteering to be present one noon hour in October to keep our vigil for Peace and

Ukraine going. The October dates are available now – watch for the email and sign up online, or see Jana Staton in the Narthex after church to get the day you want.



Coffee Hour Needs Volunteers: AREN'T YOU GLAD COFFEE HOUR IS BACK? Sign Up for a Sunday in October -- all dates are open! See the list by the Coffee window in the narthex. PLEASE SIGN UP TO KEEP IT GOING!

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Bible Study Lectionary Bible Study begins on September 28th. We will meet in the Helen Herbert Parlor from 10 AM to Noon to discuss the coming Sunday's Bible verses that Pastor John traditionally uses for his sermon. The idea is that we will be thinking about the verses and their possible meanings for our lives and thus be well prepared for Pastor John's sermon. We might occasionally digress into other topics as well. It will continue to be an informal sort of meeting with lots of input from the participants. I hope you can join us! If you have friends that you think might enjoy such a group, please invite them as well. Contact Barry Padget at 406-546-2016 with questions.

Tzedakah Pocket Offers Hope - It's hard to say we can't help when asked but we've had to do it lately because the need is so great that our resources can't keep up. As you can see from the exhibit, we have spent more than we have taken in this year. This is a new experience for us. We have done the best we could with what we have and we'll continue to do so. Your support has been consistent and we appreciate that. This month it allowed us to help 3 families – 2 with storage unit rent and 1 with phone minutes.

As always, please take care of yourselves first but, if you are able to support the Tzedakah Pocket ministry by online donation through the 1st UMC website, by sending a check made out to 1st UMC (PO Box 7646, Missoula, MT 59807) with Tzedakah Pocket in the memo

line, or by putting a donation in the Tzedakah Pockets in the Sanctuary, rest assured all the money will make a difference for someone in need.

A recap of assistance provided is shown to the side.



Tzedakah Summary

2022 Donations: \$7,701.10

Assistance Paid	September 2022			Year- To -Date 2022		
	Amount	Fam.	Child.	Amount	Fam.	Child.
Lodging	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 1,480.30	13	20
Rent/ Sec. Dep.	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 1,495.00	9	18
Other	\$ 287.00	3	7	\$ 6,858.40	50	63
63TOT	\$ 287.00	3	7	\$ 9,833.70	72	101

Grab you Change for Children cans in the narthex to help fundraise for Intermountain Children's home.



Intermountain hopes that as many people as possible will take a can and put loose change in the cans. This project has been successfully conducted before the Covid outbreak, so we are hoping First UMC will again support the project. Cans will be collect on or before Sunday, Dec. 11th. In the past Intermountain has sent receipts for your cans. The receipts can be used for tax purposes. Also, please help yourself to a free copy of the book titled "Hope for Healing -- God's Work in Dark Places", written by Intermountain's chaplain, Chris Haughee. The book is free and can be used as a 30 day devotional guide.

UWF Groups for September

Fourth Tuesday Book Group: Meets September 27th at 11:00 a.m. in Kay Duffield Memorial Library to discuss "The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage" by Sister Joan Chittister.



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Green Notes: It's a Solar Power Party ... In Your Honor

You're invited to a party! In fact, you're the guests of honor!

On Sunday, Oct. 2, the Green Team is hosting a chili dog extravaganza following worship to celebrate the installation of solar panels atop our building.

We'll have hot dogs, chili and all the toppings, chips, veggies, deviled eggs and desserts – all served on the front lawn of our historic church, with a healthy side of fun and fellowship.

Worship starts at 10:30 a.m. and will feature brief remarks by members of the Green Team and a prayer of consecration for our solar installation by Pastor John Daniels. Lunch will follow immediately after the service, at about 11:30 a.m.

There will be surprises throughout the morning, and lots of information – including a new slideshow – about solar power and the 66 panels that will now provide 80 percent of our building's electricity.

And, of course, we'll give thanks to all the individuals, groups and businesses that made this miracle happen in just eight short months. Our congregation enthusiastically supported the fundraising campaign that netted the \$18,353 needed to meet our required 30 percent match. The Methodist Church's Mountain Sky Conference contributed \$1,000 to the cause, and our contractor, SBS Solar of Missoula, donated \$1,500 of its time and expertise. AND NorthWestern Energy brought what seemed like an impossible dream to reality by awarding First UMC a \$46,323 grant from its E+ Renewable Energy program.

After nearly 150 years of worship on Main Street in downtown Missoula, Methodists are again leading the way, putting our faith into action.

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, Oct. 2 to celebrate. Worship will be followed by a chili dog extravaganza on the front lawn, displays in our Narthex, and fun and fellowship for the whole family! The sun is shining on Missoula Methodists!



- Join the Green Team**
for a **chili dog Extravaganza**
celebrating our solar panel installation
Sunday, October 2nd, following church
- ♦ Marvel at educational displays
 - ♦ Take a roof tour
 - ♦ Watch real time solar power generation (or a Seahawks game) from the TV monitor in the Narthex
 - ♦ And more . . .



Prayer list for Sept. 25, 2022



- Prayers of healing and strength for Kathy D. who is hospitalized at Community Hospital.
- Prayers of comfort and strength for Jack's cousin Dwight who is dealing with cancer.
- Prayers for Doug H. who is hospitalized awaiting a heart procedure at St. Pat's. Prayers for his wife Nancy and their family as they support Doug.
- Prayers of courage for Ellie as she has her hip surgery on the 23rd.
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Donna S., who is hospitalized in St. Pat's after having a stroke.
- Continued prayers for Cheryl as she works to recover from her broken femur at home.
- Prayers for a women fleeing an abusive relationship and coming in on a bus to Missoula to restart a life free from abuse. May she find the help and support she needs.
- Prayers of support and mercy for those suffer unrelenting poverty in our midst. May we work together to find solutions to lessen their burdens.

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.