

## Celebration of Ministries - January 18, 2026

### Altar Flower Fund

For those of you who would like to contribute altar flowers in memory of a friend or relative, a donation to the "Altar Flower Fund" would be very appreciated.

Arts & Environment would like to use fresh flowers on the altar throughout the year.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

Checks may be made out to: **FUMC, "Altar Flower Fund"**.

Please designate: *"In honor of"* and/or *"In memory of"* *"Given by"* and **phone number**.

### Three Years!

It's been three years since 1st Methodist started making Sack Lunches for the POV. Thanks to one and all who made it possible! Sign ups for the New Year are available now!

Contact [madamecarlson@gmail.com](mailto:madamecarlson@gmail.com) if you are interested.  
(Lorraine Carlson)

### Volunteers Needed to Serve Communion

If you'd like to participate, visit our sign up sheet in the Main Street entrance (Narthex) or contact Marilyn by email at: [qlttme@msn.com](mailto:qlttme@msn.com). Thank you.

### Join us for Fellowship Hour!

Please join us for coffee and treats.

**New to First UMC?** Please fill out a blue slip in the pews or near the offering plates with your contact information.

We would love to get to know you better!

### 2025 Year-End Statements

Statements will be emailed after January 16th to ensure that all ACH transactions from December 31 and earlier have processed fully. If you haven't done so already, please notify the office if you require a hard copy.

**Vespers WILL NOT MEET JANUARY 21ST . They will meet on February 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the church library.**

### What's happening with Sunday School?

Thank you for donating the large paper cups and the bottles of water. We're still taking donations for bottles of bubbles.

**Thank you!**



### Become a Scripture Reader

We are looking for Scripture Readers for worship services in the months of January and February. Please sign up in the Main Street Entrance room for the date that works best for you. Enter the date you'd like to read and the scripture will be sent to your email. No email? There's also a printed copy. Thank you.

Lectionary Bible Study meets every Wednesday from 10-noon in the church library

## **First UMC January 2026 Food Drive**

January is our month to support the Missoula Food Bank. The current situation in our country has increased the need for donations to the Food Bank. It also makes it a challenge for us to do our January Food Drive, but we have always come through and supported our community. We are offering you as many donation options as we possibly can under the circumstances. If you are able, please help us do our part to ensure food security for households in our community. Whatever option you choose, please make your donations of food and/or funds sometime during January.

**Option 1:** Use the 2026 Food-by-the-Case Order Form to order a case of food through the Orange Street Market. Most needed items are identified by the Food Bank and shown on the form with the current price per case. The completed form and your check can be mailed to First UMC, P.O. Box 7646, Missoula MT 59807 or dropped off at the office during office hours (9-12; Monday-Thursday). Please make your check out to First UMC and put "Food Bank" in the memo line. The office will have extra forms if you need them.

**Option 2:** Make a monetary donation and let the Food Bank buy what they need at wholesale prices. Donations can be mailed to First UMC, P.O. Box 7646, Missoula MT 59807 or dropped off at the office during office hours (9-12; Monday -Thursday). You can also give online. If you mail a check, please make your check to First UMC and put "Food Bank" in the memo line. For online donations, please select the "Missoula food bank" option from the designated giving options.

**Option 3:** Place your food donations in the rolling cart located outside the church office. If you are not able to enter the church, you may either buzz the office during office hours when you are at the back door or call the office (406-549-6118) during office hours for entry to make your donation. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 to 12.

**Birthday Kits:** Our Sunday School will assemble the birthday Kits for us again this year. They will need cake mixes, frosting, candles, cake decorations, party plates/napkins, plastic forks, gift bags, and tin foil pans. Place your donation items in the "birthday-wrapped" container outside the office. As you can imagine, the Birthday Kits are very popular at the Food Bank.

**If you have questions, please contact Jane Kisselbach ([janekisselbach@gmail.com](mailto:janekisselbach@gmail.com) or 406-531-6768).**

The Missoula MLK Planning Committee Invites You  
to Commemorate the Life & Legacy of **Martin Luther King Jr.**



# Missoula's Annual **Martin Luther King Jr.** **Community Celebration**

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**Monday, January 19**  
**4:00 PM – 5:45 PM**  
**Holiday Inn Parkside**  
**Downtown Missoula**  
*Streamed LIVE on MCAT*

## Upcoming Events to Honor Martin Luther King Jr.:

- **"Resistance, Resilience & Radical Love"** with **Dr. Regina Shands Stoltzfus**: 2026 Martin Luther King, Jr., Lecture/UM's President Lecture Series. Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 7:00-8:30 pm University of Montana Room 203/4 Todd Building
- **9th Annual Black Solidarity Summit 2026**: Join us in celebrating Black History Month at the University of Montana, February 19-22, 2026

**For more information about the program:** Contact EmpowerMT at (406) 541-6891 or email [info@empowermt.org](mailto:info@empowermt.org).

**Visit our website:** [empowermt.org/mlk](http://empowermt.org/mlk)

**Donations Welcomed!**



*“There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over, and humans are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair.”*

## SCHEDULE

- **Welcome:** Martin Charlo
- **Missoula MLK Day History:** Murray Pierce
- **Keynote Address:** Damian Chase Begay
- **Youth Keynote Address:** Blake Schulte
- **Presentation of the Lynn Schwanke Youth Art & Essay Awards**
- **Emcee:** Sierra Pannell
- **Music:** Andre Floyd, Josh Farmer, and the Missoula MLK Community Choir
- **Community Social & Dinner:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at the *Missoula First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall* - 300 E. Main - alley entrance

## 2026 Food-by-the-Case Order Form

Food Item	Case Price	# of cases	Total
Tuna	\$32.35 - 48 5 oz. cans per case.		
Peanut Butter	\$20.28 - 12 16 oz jars per case.		
Chicken Noodle Soup	\$36.32 - 24 10.5 oz. cans per case/		
Green Beans	\$19.85 – 24 15 oz cans per case		
<b>Total</b>			
<b>Name:</b>			

**THANK YOU**

## Prayer List for January 18, 2026



- ♦ Traveling mercies for Rocky's daughter Cynthia, as she travels to Mexico to visit her kids' other grandmother (their Abuela).
- ♦ Comfort for the family and friends of Renee Nicole Good, who was recently killed by ICE agents in Minneapolis.
- ♦ For the ICE agent who pulled the trigger.
- ♦ For those affected by the Portland shootings.
- ♦ Peace and continued independence of Greenland, Cuba, Venezuela, Ukraine, Iran, Israel, Gaza, and other war-torn areas.
- ♦ Pain relief for Winton K as he recovers from knee surgery.
- ♦ That UWF Human Relations Day will mean something.
- ♦ That Jana's friends (American citizens) who visited Iran will have a safe return to the USA and not have difficulties with immigration authorities.
- ♦ Continued healing and relief from PTSD for Carol's daughter's friend who was severely injured in a running accident last fall.
- ♦ Pain relief walking and standing at work for Fred R.
- ♦ Thanksgiving for the very relevant sermon this morning, and hope that young people will not be traumatized by realizing the USA may not always be the "good guys".
- ♦ Successful hip replacement surgery for Shelby January 12<sup>th</sup>, and that her young daughters do O.K. while she's recuperating.



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

**Please send your prayer requests in!** E-mail Kathie Snodgrass at [kathiewearsgreen@yahoo.com](mailto:kathiewearsgreen@yahoo.com) with your prayer requests. You can also email or call the office at 549-6118.