

Celebration of Ministries - March 8, 2026

Go to the Roxy and See Our Ad!

Yes, our congregation is reaching out to the Missoula community with the good news –we're in the Heart of Missoula as a congregation offering hope and justice for all people. Go early enough to see the local ads that scroll before the previews, and look for ours:



Become a Scripture Reader

We are looking for Scripture Readers for worship services in the months of February and March. 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.

Pov Sack Lunch Volunteers Needed!

Join us in March to make Sack lunches on Saturday mornings. We would love to have you!! If you would like to help please contact: Carole Addis at cjeaddis51@gmail.com. Lorriane Carlson at madamecarlson@gmail.com.

Ruth Fellowship will meet March 12 in the Kay Duffield Library at 10:00. We will discuss items needed for the health kits for the YWCA Women's Shelter. Join us!

United Women in Faith

A lovely meal and fellowship await the entire congregation at our Saint Patrick's potluck after church on **Sunday, March 15th**, sponsored by United Women in Faith. For more info contact Kathie Snodgrass, 406-531-1543.

Vespers meets on March 18, 1:30 in the church library.

Sunday School

Currently, we are in need of modeling clay, which can be found at Hobby Lobby or Walmart. Thank you so much for your continued support of our Sunday School.

YWCA Women's Shelter Health Kits

Ruth Fellowship will assemble health kits for the YWCA. Please consider donating the following items and bringing them to the church. A box will be in the Narthex before church services or you can bring items to the church office.

Here's what items are needed:

- ◆ Hotel sized Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, and Lotions
- ◆ Combs and/or Brushes
- ◆ Disposable Razors
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Toothpaste/toothbrushes/Toothbrush Covers/Dental Floss
- ◆ Note Pads and Pens (not personalized)





Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after church on **Sunday the 15th** for a festive Potluck.



St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner, so bring your favorite Irish dish to share - or anything else yummy - and wear your favorite green socks, if you wish! If you can't bring anything to share, join us anyway! There's always plenty of food at a Methodist Potluck.



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

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. Thank you.



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 a **phone number**. You can also give online in Breeze, using the QR code:



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A

A GOOD OLD CASSEROLE & JELLO COMPETITION!!

**May 17, 2026 at 12:00pm
at Atonement Lutheran Church**



We are excited for our inaugural Casserole and Jello Competition! Please keep an eye out for details as we start to seek sponsors, silent auction items, and, of course, competitors!

Let's give the coffee teams a day off and enjoy the competition!



If you would like to be a sponsor or have a silent auction item to donate, or you just have questions, please contact Terecita Disney at office@emmausmontana.org.

Green Notes: Your Money Is Powerful

Aligning your financial investments with your core values is not philanthropy. You're not losing money from your retirement or stock market accounts. You are simply screening out investments that conflict with your beliefs in social justice, environmental protection and basic human rights. That was the message on Sunday, Feb. 22 when Mike Wood and Keith Fichtner spoke during an after-church potluck sponsored by First Church's Green Team. Wood and Fichtner are members of Families for a Livable Climate and knowledgeable advocates for sustainable investing.

As they say: "We envision a world in which financial investment is universally viewed as a powerful tool for achieving environmental and social benefits while simultaneously earning a competitive return and providing investors with the financial security they need."

"Every one of my sustainable investments are as profitable as the overall S&P 500," said Fichtner, a financial planner for Edward R. Jones. "Last year, I saw double-digit growth in my portfolios."

Just as no two investors have the same values or priorities, so do their investments differ, Fichtner told about 40 First Church members and friends. He advises you begin by focusing on your top three values – core beliefs like gender equity, environmental protection, fossil fuel divestment, private prison dismantling, war and peace, gun control, deforestation or basic human rights. Then Fichtner and other experts can help tailor your investments to your values.

In recent decades, many investors worldwide have removed fossil fuel corporations from their portfolios, known as "decarbonizing." As it turns out, fossil fuel stocks have underperformed 7 out of the last 10 years, Fichtner said. So they're not just a bad investment if you're worried about climate change. They're bad if you're worried about the value of your retirement account.

There is still much work to do, both men said. While investors have divested \$40 trillion in fossil fuel stocks worldwide, the total market value of fossil fuel listings is \$128 trillion to \$147 trillion. And that's just one sector of sustainable investing.

In the United States, sustainable investment accounts for about 11 percent of the total assets under management. "We need to continue making gains where we can," Wood said, "because there are sectors that are going to be really difficult to decarbonize: transportation, automobiles, air travel, global shipping."

So why is a church talking about financial investments at a potluck lunch? "This movement came out of religious organizations," Wood said. "The Quakers were the first to take this approach. We're simply following their lead, and building on their foundation."

Let's see what more we can learn and what actions we can take at First Church in the months ahead. You can start by studying these websites: asyousow.org, fossilfreefunds.org, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, Families for a Livable Climate, Vanguard's 500 Fact Sheet. Then watch for opportunities to share what you learn during Green Team-sponsored events during April!



Common Good Missoula – Training Opportunity

Common Good Missoula offers a two-day leadership training two or three times a year.

The next one is March 12th & 13th. It's a two-day commitment, but I (Joe) can tell you it goes fast and is well worth it. I've attended three times over the last six years – the last time a year ago. And it keeps getting better each time! It not only teaches skills – for building meaningful connections across divides, and practical ways to contribute to community organizing work at whatever level and capacity you are able and willing to do – but it also is a great opportunity to get to know other people across our community and learn what they care about and why.

Here's some description from commongoodmissoula.org.

One recent participant said: *"I thought I'd be bored and this would be a lecture style. I was engaged and I have a lot of ideas and excitement now."*

Another added, *"I have never been in a space where I felt like I could really be myself and my ideas mattered. Thank you for taking me seriously."*

People leave inspired, with a renewed sense of purpose and belonging, ready to create positive change.



By joining, you're not only gaining valuable skills, but also connecting with others committed to building a vibrant, inclusive community. This is collective action in its truest form—and we want you to be part of it!

Interested? Contact Joe Loos: joeloos7245@gmail.com or (406) 721-5013



Prayer List for March 8, 2026



- ◆ Comfort and strength for Lou & Phyllis W, as they continue in hospice care.
- ◆ Healing and comfort for Eula R., who fell and broke her hip.
- ◆ Continued comfort and peace for James C's mom and strength for his sister, who is caring for her.
- ◆ Comfort and peace for all those who are on hospice care and for their families.
- ◆ Joy that Rocky's daughter Margaret is visiting her this week, and traveling mercies for her when she heads back to Seattle.
- ◆ That peace will soon come for Pakistan/Afghanistan, Iran/USA/Israel, and Russia/Ukraine.
- ◆ Joy for Donna and Don McC's 44th wedding anniversary.
- ◆ Continued healing for Winton K.
- ◆ Strength for Joseph as he takes on new challenges.



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.