

## Celebration of Ministries - February 22, 2026

### March 1st is Name Tag Sunday

Please wear a name tag next Sunday so that new folks can say hello to you.

Our visitors and newcomers really like them—it clearly makes them feel like they are welcome.



### **Sunday School** would like to say **THANK YOU!**

for your generous donation of craft supplies!

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.

### Coffee and Cheesecake for Visitors Next Sunday, March 1

If you're newer to our worship service, or have questions about our congregation, you're invited to come to our monthly **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 as followers of Jesus in this community?



### 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.

## January Food Bank Drive - 2026

Food orders/cash donations: **\$1,892.70**

Donated items: **337 lbs. of food**

Birthday kits: **24 Birthday Kits.**

**A very special "thank you" to everyone who donated to help our community and to our Sunday School children and their teachers for putting the very popular birthday kits together.**



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

### 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)





# Tzedakah Summary

**2026 Donations: \$1,626.87**

Assistance Paid	February 2026			Year to Date 2026		
	Amount	Fam	Child.	Amount	Fam	Child
<i>Lodging</i>	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 0	0	0
<i>Rent/ Sec. Dep.</i>	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 0	0	0
<i>Other</i>	\$ 744.32	5	4	\$ 1,226.90	13	11
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>\$ 744.32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$ 1,226.90</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>

## Tzedakah Pocket Offers Hope

The assistance requests we received this month were quite different from those we received toward the end of 2025. Instead of the primarily family-oriented needs we satisfied at the end of 2025, so far our help this year has been primarily focused on helping individuals with safety needs of one sort or another. Both are important and both are the focus of this wonderful ministry. You just never know who will contact us and for what and, unlike some other churches, we will help individuals and those without children. No matter what comes our way, you have always been there supporting this ministry and may God bless you for that.

We know those who request our assistance are grateful for our help.

A summary of assistance provided by our church's Tzedakah Pocket ministry for the month of February 2026 and Year to Date 2026 is shown above. 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.

## Today's the Day for Lunch and Learning!

Good food! Great conversation! Money! They're all on the agenda after church TODAY, when First Church's Green Team joins Missoula's **Families for a Livable Climate** for a presentation on "green investing."

Mike Wood and Keith Fichtner will introduce the topic while we eat lunch, then will open the floor to your questions. What is green investing? What's my first step? Will this reduce my earnings?

Mike is leading a green investment campaign for Families for a Livable Climate, and is using our congregation for a trial run of a longer, more detailed workshop he and Keith hope to present for the larger Missoula community in March or April.



Keith is a financial adviser for Edward Jones in Missoula, and a graduate of the University of Montana. He works with retirement accounts, stocks and bonds, and the financial world every day, so gives our program a dose of real-world know-how.

Sustainable investing allows each of us to support companies and projects that make a positive impact on the environment and society, ensuring our investments contribute to a better world. It aligns our money with our values.



There are, of course, many different ways to achieve this goal – and that's where Mike and Keith can help us during their presentation. By directing capital toward responsible businesses, sustainable investing helps promote better corporate practices and funds critical projects that support the planet's future health and social welfare.

Please join us downstairs after church **today**.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UM SCHOOL OF THEATRE AND DANCE

# CAN'T DRINK SALT WATER

BY KENDRA MYLNECHUK POTTER



**WORLD PREMIERE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 7:30 PM**  
MONTANA THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA CAMPUS



**MATINEES FEBRUARY 15, 21, 22 AT 2 PM DOORS 1:30 PM**  
**EVENINGS FEBRUARY 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 AT 7:30 PM DOORS 7 PM**



**UM Theatre & Dance**



*Stella Nali*

# Prayer List for February 22, 2026



- ◆ Prayers for Missoula Emergency Services personnel, who have recently had several traumatizing incidents -- the deaths of Marin P., Jeff M., and Gabe S., as well as the loss of three First Responders in the last seven months. Please pray for strength, comfort, and peace in their time of grieving.
- ◆ Strength and healing for Elaine W's sister Marilyn, who is in the hospital, and strength and comfort for Elaine as she stays in Portland to care for her sister.
- ◆ Comfort and strength for Tish and all the family and friends of her sister Sharon, who passed away Monday, February 16th.
- ◆ Continued healing for Teresa H.
- ◆ Joy for the birthdays of Greg B. and Nancy H.
- ◆ Grateful thanksgiving for the people of Minnesota's behavior as brothers and sisters to those who are threatened.
- ◆ Guidance and strength for Fred in difficult situations.
- ◆ Safety for those providing passive resistance against powers trying to do away with morality and justice, who are following Jesus on the side of light.
- ◆ Continued recovery for Winton K.
- ◆ Relief from grief; strength and endurance through God's radiance divine.



***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.