

Celebration of Ministries - April 12, 2026

Scripture Readers Needed

Scripture Readers for Worship Service in April and May are needed. Sign up in the Main Street Entrance room for a date that works best.



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.firstfumcmissoula.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 at 11:30 a.m.** 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.

Tzedakah Pocket Donation Box for Your Use on Sunday

We continue to have trouble locating the cloth Tzedakah Pockets on Sunday mornings when we want to put them out in the sanctuary. As this is becoming an ongoing thing (trying to find them each Sunday), we're going to test using a box like the offering boxes for your Tzedakah donations. **The Tzedakah Pocket box will be placed next to the offering box with Tzedakah clearly marked on it.** Please continue to support this ministry as you have so generously in the past as we try to find a solution for our often missing Tzedakah Pockets. Thank you.

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>

Montana's 2026 Diversity Day Event Happening Today, April 12, 2026

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 Zootown 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 12, 2026



- ◆ Prayers of healing for Kathy Y. following surgery.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort, healing and strength for Kay N. as she recovers from surgery.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort and peace for Elaine W. as she mourns the loss of her sister.
- ◆ 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 of joy as Mary M. joined us during worship service.
- ◆ Prayers of healing, recovery and relief from pain for Tish H. following her pacemaker replacement surgery.
- ◆ 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 Rocky A.'s daughters ' visit. Prayers for safe travels home.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Joy that a 2nd airman after a crash in Iran - was found/rescued.
- ◆ Prayers of support for Donalee M. and Verle J.
- ◆ Prayers for improvement in Rocky A.'s balance. Thanksgiving for the loan of a wheelchair from the church to Rocky.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort and strength for Lorraine C.



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.