

## Celebration of Ministries September 22, 2024

**Thank  
You**

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped us with our recent Family Promise rotation. Our next Family Promise rotation (and last of 2024) will be December 8-14. If you are already on the Family Promise

Sign Up Genius list, you will get our email and can see our needs. Please sign up to help if you can. If you haven't had a chance to get your name on our list, please contact Jane Kisselbach ([janeKisselbach@gmail.com](mailto:janeKisselbach@gmail.com); 406-531-6768). Your only obligation is to receive the Sign Up Genius email. There is no commitment to help unless you sign up. We need you!!

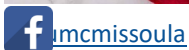
**Pov Sack Lunch Volunteers Needed!** Check your schedule and see if you have a Saturday morning in October to make Pov. Sack lunches! We would love to have you!! If you would like to donate to the Sack Lunches or if you can help, please contact Carole Addis at [cjeanaddis51@gmail.com](mailto:cjeanaddis51@gmail.com) or Lorriane Carlson at [madamecarlson@gmail.com](mailto:madamecarlson@gmail.com).



Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will soon be offering their famous popcorn - ready to pop, flavored, etc. starting on Sept. 21. More details coming soon. Contact Peg at 406-542-7543.



**Pie Makers Needed in October for UWF pies.** If you can peel and slice apples, roll pie crusts and assembly pies you are most welcome to help and have fun. Call Marsha, 406-531-9730 or let Elaine Williams or Kathie Snodgrass at church if you will be a pie maker.



E-Mail: [FUMCmissoula@gmail.com](mailto:FUMCmissoula@gmail.com)

## Putting Love First!

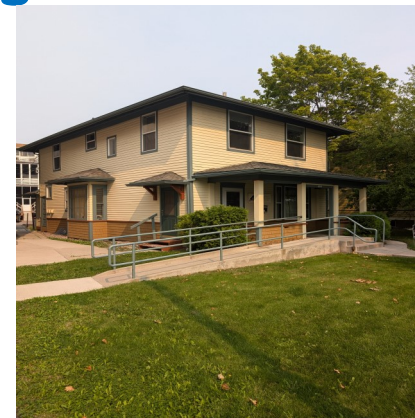
### 'Symphony House' Office Complex for Lease

A Missoula gem is now available for lease!

The "Symphony House" Office Complex at 320 E. Main St. offers all the amenities required for an organization's offices and gathering/meeting spaces.

Tenants have the run of the house: two stories with five-plus offices (could easily be eight), two bathrooms, work rooms and waiting areas, and a basement with safe storage space. The 2,700 square feet-plus provides ample room to meet an organization's staff and customer/client needs.

Parking is available in front of the building, with four dedicated spaces in the alley. There's a light, airy feel in the rooms and high-visibility street frontage across from the former Missoula Public Library building. A bus stop is out front, there's bicycle parking on the property, and easy walking to downtown businesses and the university. A main-floor entrance ramp provides access for all.



### ***New to FUMC? In September you can:***

- ✓ Sign up to be a volunteer for the Nursery - please call the office at 406-549-6118 or email Cindy to volunteer!
- ✓ Sign up to be a Pie Maker with United Women of Faith. Call Marsha at 406-531-9730.

Website: [www.firstumcmissoula.org](http://www.firstumcmissoula.org)



## Retreat for Seniors at Corvallis UMC Coming in October!



Many of our older seniors have voiced interest in program(s) designed for them.

To that goal, please consider a tailored adaptation of the Cursillo/Emmaus/Journey retreat model just for older adults or those with physical challenges. It is open to members of any Christian denomination who wish to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives and want to strengthen their spiritual lives.

A Face-to Face Encounter will be held from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm on the following dates: October 15, 17, 19 and 21 at Corvallis UMC. **Applications are due September 28th.**

Applications and more information are posted on the bulletin board outside our church office. Check it out!

## This Sunday! 1000 New Relationships – Service and Dialogue Event.

This is a MIC sponsored event at **First Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, Sept. 22, from 11:30 to 1:30.**

We are asked to consider the question: "What does it look like as people of faith to lean into the depth of our spiritual traditions? Not to just talk about it but actively build relationships and trust across difference, right here in Missoula." We will be asked to engage in hands on service creating meals for Houseless Families, while we break bread among folks who would never be in the same room otherwise, and dialogue with others from different congregations and ideological views, asking why serving families is important to them/us. **Lunch Provided by Knights of Columbus! Family Friendly with Activities for Kids!**

Lorraine Carlson and Jane Kisselbach are coordinating our church's efforts for this fundraiser. We'd like to see everyone attend this event if you can make it. 1st UMC needs to make a showing! Remember when we had this event at our church and Ethan Daniels' chili won? Come see if we can do it again!! In addition, we need a few people willing to make a pie for the event. One will be chosen for auction and the others will be served as dessert. Please contact Jane or Lorraine if you can make a pie. We'll arrange to get it where it needs to go. Also, Lorraine is making a pan of cornbread for the event. If this is something you can do, please let Jane or Lorraine know that as well. This should be a fun event so please join us on September 20.

  
of Missoula  
a program of Missoula Interfaith Collaborative

**Chili Cookoff & Pie Extravaganza**  
*A fundraiser for Family Promise of Missoula*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 AT 6 PM**  
**BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1475 EATON**

**Update on Family Promise Activities**

**Silent & Live Auction!**      **Chili & Cornbread on the house**

**Kids Activities**

**\$1 Tickets**

- Vote for the best chili- 1 ticket per "vote"
- Slice of pie= 4 tickets

**Donate Auction Items**      **RSVP by Sept 17**

**more info**  
[www.familypromisemissoula.org](http://www.familypromisemissoula.org)

**Missoula First United Methodist Church**

**Climate Covenant**

As people of faith, we have an obligation to care for God's creation. How we live in this world has meaning and consequences for all beings.

We find our planet in a dire climate crisis. All life forms are at risk because of humankind's abuses of the earth, sky and water. Millions of plant and animal species face extinction. Humans are suffering, especially those who already are oppressed and therefore less able to cope with the changes brought by a warming world.

We are called to action that reflects our abiding love for God, for one another and for the natural world. We pledge ourselves – as individuals and as the congregation of Missoula First United Methodist Church – to the interconnected responsibilities of caring for creation and seeking justice for the oppressed. All aspects of our congregation's life will reflect these deep and unwavering commitments.

Therefore:

1. We resolve to accept our moral obligation to be responsible stewards of God's creation and advocates for social justice. We will transform our despair, anger and sadness about climate change and human suffering into action that helps to heal our world and all of humanity.
2. We resolve to conduct a review of our church's carbon footprint, and to develop and enact practices that reduce our impact on the Earth. We will educate our congregation and community on these efforts, and will work to inspire change at all levels.
3. We resolve to elevate climate action, and with it social justice, as a primary focus of our ministry. We will take a multi-faceted approach that includes education, communication, direct action and worship.



## Prayer List for September 22, 2024



- ◆ Prayers of healing, comfort, and strength for Leon H.
  - ◆ Prayers for Maizy's brother in law as he faces a cancer diagnosis and treatment.
  - ◆ Prayers of thanksgiving that Cheryl M's friend's husband Pete received his kidney transplant. Prayers for a complete recovery.
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- ◆ Prayers of peace and healing for Carolyn A.
  - ◆ Continued prayers that our District Superintendent Lynn's husband Mark, is found unharmed.
  - ◆ Prayers of peace for the war-torn regions of our world.
  - ◆ Prayers of thanksgiving for the rain that will help the wildfires burning in Montana.

*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.