

Scripture Readers Needed! We are looking for Scripture Readers for the months of November and December. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. We would love to have you share God’s words with us by reading scripture as part of a Sunday worship service. Thanks for your help!



The two-year process for developing new land use plans and comprehensive code reform is close to reaching its conclusion. The City is pulling its Code Reform and Land Use Plans together to present for comment this month at a series of "open house" style gatherings.

The Common Good Housing Equity Action Team (HEAT) wants to be sure that as many of us as possible turn out to review and comment on what is being proposed. There is great concern that some of the proposed changes *not* translate into affordable, accessible workforce housing. Please mark your calendars for this event:

Land use planning meeting Monday, October 28th at 1pm at Missoula Public Library. We want to show up in large force to *this meeting*.



The Foundation Board is happy to announce the mission giving for 2024. This money used for these gifts is interest raised from the foundation funds and is given annually in the Fall of each year.

FLUMC (Flathead camp)	\$1000
Wesley House	\$1000
Missoula Interfaith Collaborative	\$1500
Poverello sack lunch program	\$2000
Hope Rescue Mission	\$1500
Tzedakah Pocket	\$3000

We were also able to respond to a special request from Missoula Interfaith Collaborative for funds to help with a matching grant to assist with a housing prevention program.

Pov Sack Lunch Volunteers Needed! Join us in November to make Sack lunches on Saturday mornings. We would love to have you!! If you would like to help please contact Carole Addis at cjeanaddis51@gmail.com. Lorriane Carlson at madamecarlson@gmail.com.



Financial Summary For The 2024 Fiscal Year
As Of September 30, 2024:

General Fund Income As of September 30, 2024: \$279,955
General Fund Expenses As Of September 30, 2024: \$341,863
General Fund Net Loss As Of September 30, 2024: \$61,908 *

Building Loan Balance: \$1,054,700

*Includes \$45,000 transfer of cash cushion to Designated Giving for future debt service payments

New to FUMC? In Oct/Nov you can:

- ✓ Bring in treats for Fellowship Hour! - please call the office at 406-549-6118 or put in small kitchen freezer!
- ✓ Contact the office if there is a committee that you would like to join for the upcoming year! We would love to have your talent!

Tzedakah Pocket Offers Hope

This fall we see the glory of God in the nature around us but also in our community and in our congregation. Because of your generosity and caring we were able to participate with others in our community to help the following:

- ◆ A woman and her 13 year-old son move into a small single-family home in a nice neighborhood much more suited to her struggles with PTSD/Social Anxiety than her current situation. In this case, we worked with Helena, the local Human Resource Council, and 211.
- ◆ A woman, who was just released from federal prison with no resources provided, pay some of the bills she had to pay to keep from violating the conditions of her release. Her daughter and her 4 year-old grandson live with her. In this case, Missoula Alliance Church paid for her auto repair (over \$300), the local Human Resource Council paid her October rent, and we and our partner First Presbyterian Church agreed to split half of her November rent with her daughter paying the other half. This should give her time to find a job and generate some income for future expenditures.
- ◆ A woman, who just got a Section 8 voucher after years of waiting, pay her second deposit (the landlord required a double deposit) and get into an apartment with her young son. In this case, we worked with our partner First Presbyterian Church to pay as much as we could and then Spirit of Peace (one of our Family Promise support churches) paid more than \$800 to supplement the amount we and First Presbyterian could afford to pay. Together we covered what she needed.
- ◆ A woman, her sister, and her sister’s 12 year-old son (current residents of the Meadowlark shelter), get enough money to pay the double deposit needed to move out of the shelter and into an apartment.
- ◆ A mechanic and his son, whose trailer burned down last year, get a new trailer and all the hook ups necessary to be fully functional again. This was a year-long project by a former Family Promise Director who got help from many sources. We and our partner First Presbyterian Church were able to provide the final donations needed to pay the security deposit so the family could move in.

As you can see, we spent a lot of money this month and we hope you agree it was money well spent. Our prayers go with each family and our thanks (and theirs) go to you, our congregation, for your donations. We help whenever we can with as much as we can. Please continue to remember to donate whenever you are able. Together we make a difference for those who come to us for assistance.



Tzedakah Summary

2024 Donations: \$9,246.88

Assistance Paid	October 2024			Year - To - Date 2024		
	Amount	Fam	Child	Amount	Fam.	Child.
<i>Lodging</i>	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 2,606.23	12	7
<i>Rent/ Sec. Dep.</i>	\$ 1,080.00	4	6	\$ 3,250.00	15	20
<i>Other</i>	\$ 356.11	4	8	\$ 6,014.89	50	45
TOTAL	\$ 1,436.11	8	14	\$ 11,521.12	77	72

Celebration of Ministries October 27, 2024

Green Notes: Chasing Hope at a GOTV Phone Bank

At phone banks across the United States this week, volunteers are calling voters (or would-be voters), encouraging them to make a plan for their participation in November's historic election. Mark and mail your absentee ballot. Or vote early at your county election office. Or vote on Election Day at your neighborhood polling place.



In Missoula, one of those phone banks is on the second floor of the Montana Building, and it's buzzing from early morning until long after dark. The room is nondescript, but what happens there is remarkable: The volunteers are genuinely diverse – young, old, business folks, retirees, students, young parents. Their passion for the issues at stake is fierce; their energy is infectious.

But here's something that might surprise you about what's happening in that cluttered corner office: the conversations. Each volunteer is handed a list of would-be voters to call. They know nothing of their background or politics – just that they're Montanans and have registered to vote. While many folks don't answer their home or cell phones when the caller is unknown, some do. And those who answer are, many more times than you'd imagine, courteous and willing to talk. Some seem downright eager to tell an attentive and respectful listener what they're thinking about Montana's marquee federal and state races – and society in general.

“I'm so disgusted by the way politics have become in recent years.”

“I would just like to see the candidates in person and be able to ask them the questions that I care about.”

“I want to know why so many things that worry average people get little or no attention. Why is that?”

The conversations are honest and respectful. While they sometimes disagree on who should be the state's next senator or governor or U.S. representative, the Montanans on these calls usually find plenty to agree upon. And that agreement almost always comes around to love of country, faith in friends and neighbors, and belief in the power of human kindness and compassion.

That's a lot to discover in an unsolicited phone call between strangers, but that's the beauty of such a random process. Strangers can be kind and truthful. We want to get back to talking to one another, to knowing our neighbors, to meeting our leaders on the street corner or the grocery store and having a respectful – even productive – interaction.

And while none of those things are directly on the ballot this year, they are at stake. Who we elect to every office matters. So does how we let the eventual victors know our expectations for their behavior and actions. Montanans want to open their hearts and minds to one another. We just need to do it. We just need to expect it – demand it – of our leaders.

Prayer List for October 27, 2024



- ◆ Prayers of comfort and healing for Keith B. We lift Laurie up in our prayers too.
- ◆ Prayers for Ted B. who has returned home and is on hospice.
- ◆ Prayers for Marie N.'s neighbor Carol, as she heart surgery this week.
- ◆ Prayers for a successful surgery for Emerson's dog.
- ◆ Continued prayers for Carolyn, that she may find relief from her depression.
- ◆ Prayers for calm as we head into the last weeks of the election.
- ◆ Comfort and recovery for all who were in the paths of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, especially those who lost loved ones.

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.