



UCC Missoula E-Blast

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Working for justice for all people and caring for the earth is part of our progressive Christian faith. We are prayerful activists on specific issues like women's right to choose, global warming, racism and many other concerns; that's good. But lately my attention has been drawn to how we do that work. Which tools help us to reach our goals, and which do not? In challenging injustice, what role does anger play? What are the problems, the power and the possibilities of bringing our faith to our politics? I will preach about these questions this week. After worship, you are invited to join me in the Bay Window Room to explore these ideas. We will share in the sacrament of communion this week. Worship in person or on-line begins at 10:00. I hope you'll join us.

Peace.

Janice

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Streaming Links

Sunday Worship Link

You may also find links to streaming worship on our Youtube channel at UCCMissoula, and on our webpage in three places: on the link in the homepage, the sermon page, and the Sunday Worship under events.

Online Giving

Visit our [Online Giving Page](#) to support UCC Missoula and our ministries, or Text (406) 998-1900.

Online giving now allows you to pay transaction fees. Please consider paying the fees as a way to increase resources to our ministries.

WELCOME COFFEE FOR PASTOR COURTNEY



Next Sunday, August 14, 2022 will be Pastor Courtney Arntzen's first official Sunday with us as our Bridge Pastor. We would like to celebrate this new relationship with an expanded coffee hour. We will have coffee, juice, water, plates and napkins. We invite you to bring sweets to share. I love doughnut holes, or brownies, or mini muffins and even store brought cookies are great. You bring them, we will

consume them. Plan on staying a little extra time to visit with Courtney, catch up with old friends and maybe even make some new ones. Want to help, call Joyce Watson at 406-360-3114, she never turns down help. Thank you, see next Sunday.

August Worship and a Small Group with Janice

Small Group August 20—"From ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggedy beasties and things that go bump in the night, Good Lord, deliver us."

What are the beasties that haunt you? What ghosties make you afraid for the future?

How do you live with the fears that are so pervasive in this time?

In this workshop, we'll use world scriptures, poetry, contemporary scholars and our own experiences to explore our relationship with fear.

We'll meet in the courtyard if weather permits (bring lawn chairs) or in the narthex if necessary (bring your masks.) We will provide a light salad lunch. Register at revjanicejeanspringer@gmail.com

Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization

The Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization Team invites you to join us for a courtyard gathering on Wednesday, August 31 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. We will talk about our continued work in noticing our settler assumptions and our efforts to better consider Indigenous perspectives. How did our reading and discussion of *The Salish People and the Lewis and Clark Expedition* permeate our thinking and experiences over the summer? We will also talk about ways we might focus on this work in the coming year. What actions might we take to support Indigenous people? What books might we read and talk about? What other discussions might we have? For more information, or if you have questions or ideas, please contact Beth Ann Rothermel at brothermel721@gmail.com, Robin Abeshaus at robinabeshaus@gmail.com, or Kerry Morse at kerrym.morse@gmail.com. We hope to see you on the 31st!

Pastoral Search Committee Update

At this point in the search for a new pastor the Search Committee has carefully studied the church profile that is posted by the national office of the UCC. We have asked questions and received answers from the committee that wrote the church profile. So far we have received seven ministerial profiles from prospective candidates and have developed questions for the initial interviews we will be conducting in the next few weeks. This is the first of many updates. We want you to know where we are in the process. Thanks for your personal and spiritual support.

-Pastoral Search Committee

Let's Get Loud

UCC Missoula is preparing advertising materials to promote a progressive Christian voice in light of major issues in our nation and in our world. Pattii Nau is coordinating these efforts. A draft version of one of our ads is here:



Thursdays for the Soul

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 4, 1:30pm MT - [Faithful Abortion Access: Then And Now](#)



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