

Missoula Faith in Action

Opportunities for action & updates from Missoula Interfaith Collaborative - Action Council

*Let us accept a vision for & work together
in realizing a day when people have enough:
enough resources, relationships,
& opportunities to thrive!*



A Restorative Justice Healing Circle

“Restorative Justice emphasizes repairing the harm caused by criminal behavior. It is best accomplished through cooperative processes that allow all willing shareholders to meet. This can lead to transformation of people, relationships and community.”

RestorativeJustice.org, Prison Fellowship International Centre for Justice and Reconciliation



As Christians we are all called to “do justice”, which at its foundation means making relationships right, whether that be our interpersonal relationships or our relationship with the community-at-large. Everyone in the Missoula community has in some way been impacted by sexual violence. How do we as Christians talk about this topic in an open, honest and respectful format so that we can be a healing force for the victims of such crimes? You are invited to participate in a healing circle, where we will share our personal stories, listen and perhaps cry together. Our hope is that, in this process, transformation can begin, and we can lead our Church community and community-at-large towards reconciliation.

Contact: Pastor John Daniels
First United Methodist Church
406-549-6118



The Missoula Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Team (MCSAPT)

MCSAPT is compiling a resource list of child sexual abuse prevention policies and trainings in order to make them available to the community. Please send policy samples or questions to: **Dorcie Dvakishkis** at dorced@gmail.com

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April Awareness Month ~ For the Prevention of Child Abuse

Sponsored by:

**The Parenting Place, Missoula &
Montana State Child Abuse Prevention Chapter**
How Congregations can take part:



- Invite Parenting Place to make a brief presentation at church during April.
- Purchase pinwheels to be placed on your church's front lawn during April.
- Distribute pinwheels to children and families at church during April.
- Join the April Awareness planning committee.

Contact: Teresa Nygaard 406-728-5437, info@parentingplace.net



**American
Red Cross**

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The Home Fire Preparedness Campaign

The American Red Cross' Home Fire Preparedness Campaign (HFPC) intends to save lives and reduce injuries resulting from residential fires. Home Fires are the most frequent disasters across the nation. On average the American Red Cross responds to a home fire disaster **every 8 seconds**. The goal of the campaign is to reduce injuries due to home fires by **25% over 5 years** and to strengthen community resilience by creating a network of groups and organizations. As of May 2015, 6 families across the country who obtained smoke alarms through the HFP program escaped home fires without injury.

For more information on HFPC or free smoke alarm installation call: Jacqueline Baldwin-Le Clair at 1-800-272-6668



The MIC Action Council is comprised of representatives from congregations, agencies, & businesses who share needs, actions, & build partnerships, meeting quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For more information on how you can be a part of the council, contact Casey Dunning at casey@micmt.org

To learn about all researched opportunities for action, go to www.micmt.org.