

Celebration of Ministries September 19, 2021



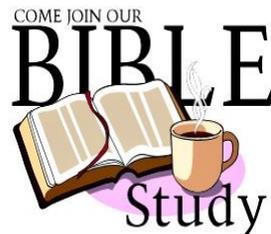
Due to increasing COVID numbers, we are asking those attending in person worship to please wear their mask during the entirety of the worship service and to social distance. We are still able to have up to 50 people attend so please join us. Church is also available on Zoom and Facebook Live so watch for your link in your email inbox! "See" you online or in

church for worship!

Tzedakah Pocket Ministry--Please take care of yourselves first but, if you can help keep money in the Tzedakah Pocket account by online donation through the First UMC website, by sending a check made out to First UMC (PO Box 7646, Missoula, MT 59807) with Tzedakah Pocket in the memo line, or by donating to the Tzedakah Pocket by the door into the sanctuary when you are attending church in person, rest assured all the money will make a difference for someone in need. God bless you all and stay safe.



Ruth Fellowship has received an urgent plea from the Blackfeet United Methodist Parish in Browning for any possible assistance that we can offer. Due to the COVID pandemic, their mission teams have not been able to make any visits and that has put them in a tough financial spot. Any contributions would be appreciated and can be mailed to Blackfeet United Methodist Parish, P.O. Box 3007, Browning, MT. 59417



Pastor John's Tuesday Bible study has started meeting every Tuesday at 10 a.m. via Zoom. The class study is "In God's Time: The Study on Revelations" by Prof. Greg Hill. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join! Please contact

Pastor John for the zoom link!

Back to school time! First UMC is gathering items during the month of September to assist the Missoula Food Bank with their

weekend **EmPower Packs for school kids**. Specific items needed are

below. If you are able to help, please leave donations in the box in the narthex. Any questions about this project, please contact Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson at lisameckjack@gmail.com or 552-2936.

Regarding items in the packs:

- *Chef Boyardee canned pastas (any variety,)
- *Cup O'Noodles – beef or chicken are the favorites
- *Granola Bars
- * Beef Jerky sticks (singles)
- * 100% juice boxes
- * Fruit cups – in juice not syrup
- * Single-serve graham crackers
- * Snack Baggies – we use these to repack bulk items
- * Sandwich Baggies
- * Whole Grain Goldfish – single serve
- *Instant Oatmeal Packs

[Amazon Wish List showing exact items needed.](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3KL5W4SGOMEXH?ref=wl_share)

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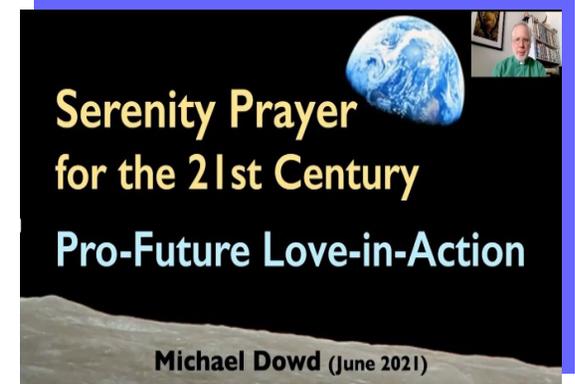
Faith and Climate Action Montana and First United Methodist Church Missoula present a Private Video Screening and Five-Panelist Discussion of:

“Serenity Prayer for the 21st Century:

Pro-Future Love-in-Action”

We invite you to join us
in person or via ZOOM,

Sunday,
September 19,
2pm-3:30pm



MISSOULANS STRUGGLE WITH THE GRIEF OF CLIMATE DISASTERS, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD

As consequences of climate collapse mount, many of us face the future with fear, dreading what’s likely and feeling helpless in response to it.

But it doesn’t need to be all doom and gloom; these challenging times also present opportunities for joy and growth.

Serenity Prayer for the 21st Century: Pro-Future Love-in-Action (25 min) is a visually rich introduction to POST-doom work regarding climate change, ecological overshoot, true vs false sustainability, and biospheric and societal contraction.

Rev. Michael Dowd, bestselling author, eco-theologian, TEDx speaker, and sustainability activist, presents his heartfelt primer to living life fully and loving the life you live, even in hard times.

We invite you remain after the private screening for a discussion between this fascinating spiritual author and speaker and four Montana spiritual/environmental activists.

This is a new and unique hybrid event, with panelists assembled in 1st UMC Missoula, Michael Dowd presenting via ZOOM.

FREE! PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

WHERE: Missoula First (1st) United Methodist Church, 300 East Main Street,
accessible entrance via Washington Street parking (alley)

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION AS HEALTH-DEPT APPROVED: fumcmissoula@gmail.com

ZOOM REGISTRATION LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlc-6grTgqHtHDx4K8nwE5Tuwo1VsLd2kI>

VIDEO MANAGEMENT AND RECORDING PROVIDED BY MISSOULA COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION
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Green Notes: Weekly tips for reducing your carbon footprint from First United Methodist's Green Team

Sharing our stories of success: Installing rooftop solar panels!

First Church's Steve and Lorraine Carlson have installed 34 solar panels atop their home's roof since 2014 – sending nearly enough electricity into the grid each year to offset their personal use.

“And there's still room on the roof,” says Lorraine. “Solar really has worked out for us. We are proud that we did it, and it's nice not to have the monthly power bills.”

The Carlsons worked with SBS Solar, a local company, to purchase and install their first 24 panels in 2014. “Our main concern was the environmental benefit of switching to solar,” says Steve.

All the power generated atop the Carlsons' roof feeds into NorthWestern Energy's grid. Any excess power produced above the family's usage stays on the grid and is used in other homes. Any shortfall is charged to the Carlsons each April. Two years, they ended up with an excess of electricity; the other years, their panels covered all but about a half-month's usage.

A few weeks ago, SBS Solar installed another 10 panels atop the Carlson home. Seven of those are needed to charge the family's Tesla, assuming they drive the electric car 7,000 miles a year. The extra three panels will cover the usage in Steve's at-home shop and a possible new electric water heater.

The Carlsons' investment (it takes about \$20,000 to get started in rooftop solar) comes at a propitious moment. Last week, President Biden announced a plan to generate 45% of the nation's electricity from solar panels by 2050. That's a monumental increase from the current 4% generated, and is a critical piece in achieving the greenhouse gas reductions needed to stem global warming.

It's also good news for the pocketbooks of families looking to follow the Carlsons' lead. New Yorker columnist Bill McKibben explains: “The cost of solar has regularly fallen about 30 percent with each doubling of capacity – so increasing its scale from less than 4 percent, which it is at present, to 45 percent should make what is already the cheapest energy on Earth far cheaper still.”

Here are several resources to help you learn more about solar energy and residential solar panels:

SBS Solar's website: <https://sbslink.com/>

Bill McKibben's New Yorker column: <https://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/joe-bidens-solar-plan-and-the-prescience-of-jimmy-carter>

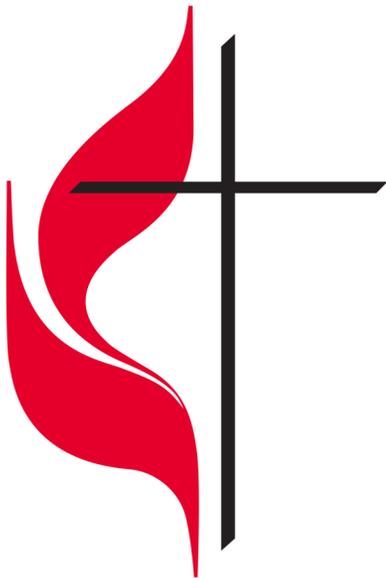
The New York Times article explaining Biden's solar plan: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/08/business/energy-environment/biden-solar-energy-climate-change.html> .

Call or email Sherry Devlin at 546-1016 or sherrydevlin@gmail.com to share stories of what you're doing – or what a friend or neighbor is doing – to help stop global warming. We'll share your success story in next week's edition of Green Notes.



Prayer list for September 19, 2021

- Prayers for Ellie Barnes who has contracted Covid while she is rehabilitating at the Village from heart surgery. She is feeling better.



- Prayers of comfort and support for Patsy Ward and Marvin Pauls. Patsy has ALS and they are having daily struggles with this terrible illness.
- Prayers for Liz Bauer who was hospitalized and diagnosed with Sudden Onset Diabetes. Prayers for healing and recovery.
- Prayers of joy for the safe delivery of Kenj Eric, born to Allie and Noby Powell.

Congratulations to the proud grandparents Jan and Ross Baty!

- Prayers for Marie Nyquist's brother -in-law, Mike Paulus, who is hospitalized in Eureka, CA, and on a respirator.
- Continued prayers for success and minimal discomfort for Teresa Henry's chemotherapy.

- Prayers of healing and comfort for Chris McAdams who fell and is hospitalized.
- Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Jim Fleishman, who passed away.
- Prayers for all those affected by the Covid surge in our city, nation and around the world.

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.