

Leading Up to MLK Day...

January 1 – January 18

“Reusable Bags Needed for Food Pantries”

Sponsored by Green Summit NJ. Reusable bags (new or used; any size/any logo accepted) are needed for food distribution. Drop off at GRACE, Cornog Field House, 5 Myrtle Ave.

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“MLK Day Coat Drive”

Sponsored by the Summit YMCA. Coats in all sizes for men, women and children will be collected and donated to those in need. The coat donation box will be at the Cedar Street back entrance of the Summit YMCA.

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“Equality and Justice Contest”

Sponsored by the Summit YMCA. Teens aged 11-18 are invited to send in a 30-60 second video sharing what equality and justice look like to them. Videos can be a short speech, poem, song or any type of creative expression. The best video will win a gift card and be posted on the Summit Y website and social media. Send all videos to Trevor.Cromwell@thesay.org

January 11 – January 19

“Week of Service”

The Youth Services Department at The Summit Free Public Library is collecting weather packs and Hygiene Kits for Bridges Outreach. Don't have a quart-size bag handy? Stop by the lobby and pick one up with a list of supplies for each kit. While you are at the library, pick up a “Color a Smile” coloring sheet while supplies last.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Justice, Equality and Service to Others

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to receive information about anti-racism events in Summit (e.g. Dialogue Circles on Race, Book Discussions, Diversity and Inclusion Training and more)

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Thursday, January 14th 7:00 – 9:00pm

“Letter from a Birmingham Jail” Dialogue

Join members of Christ Church and the community via Zoom to discuss the questions posed by Dr. King in his famous letter. Sixty years later, discuss what has changed and what is still a challenge. Small group format.
Event Zoom Link: <https://ccsnj.org/mlkzoom>
Link to the Letter: <https://ccsnj.org/mlkletter.pdf>

Friday, January 15th 7:30pm – 8:30pm

“Doing Justice, Creating Equity: Transformative Work for This Time”

The three Summit synagogues (Temple Sinai, Congregation Ohr Shalom-SJCC and Congregation Beth Hatikvah) join to honor and remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's event will include all three congregations' choirs and a presentation by Dr. Betty Livingston Adams, the author of *Black Christian Women's Activism: Seeking Social Justice in a Northern Suburb*. Dr. Adams, a scholar and Summit resident, will share stories from her book which details the lives of ordinary African-American women who made extraordinary contributions, a powerful local story with national implications. Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87027654396>

Sunday, January 17th 9:30am:

Unity Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Livestream found on www.fountainbaptist.org and <https://www.facebook.com/centralchurchSummitNJ>
The congregations of three churches – Fountain Baptist Church, Wallace Chapel AME Zion Church, and Central Presbyterian Church – will worship together virtually. All are welcome to view the service. A pre-recorded version of the service will be shown on HDTV channel 33/36 at 10am and 12noon.

Sunday, January 17th 2:00pm – 3:30pm

“John Lewis: Good Trouble”

Sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit & The Summit College Club Branch of the American Association of University Women. Documentary film about Congressman John Lewis examines his life, his work and the powerful civil rights issues he confronted throughout his career. The documentary will be streamed online over a 48-hour period in January. Email lwvbhnp@yahoo.com for a link to the film screenings and for a link to the discussion/Q&A.

Sunday, January 17th 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Crossing the Broken Bridge: Exploring Black-Jewish Relations

The acclaimed play, *Crossing the Broken Bridge*, is a frank and provocative exploration of the strengths and strains in Black-Jewish relations. CBH and sister congregations host a dramatic reading of excerpts. Actors Jordana Oberman (Grey's Anatomy, Hand of God) and Eric B. Anthony (Dreamgirls, The Wiz) will take part in the discussion afterwards. Directed by CBH's own Karen Sommers Cooper, stage director and theater educator.
Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9082738130?pwd=U1prQjFKb09rck9sbXhtRk1kb2FPZz09>



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Summit's 23rd Year Celebrating the Birthday

of

**The Rev. Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**A Day of Justice,
Equality and Service
to Others**

January 18, 2021

Summit, New Jersey

Free Always

Virtual This Year

9:00am – 10:30am

“Support Our Neighbors Experiencing Food Insecurity

GRACE, Cornog Field House, 5 Myrtle Avenue. All are welcome to donate and pack shelf-stable grocery essentials for GRACE families. Due to physical distancing, number of volunteers will be limited. No drop-ins, please. Please sign up at:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090c4ea4a92ba57-grace>

9:00am – 12:00 noon

“Thank You to Our Essential Workers”

Sponsored by Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave. Stop by the patio outside the Stackhouse Education Center to pick up supplies to create a Valentine Card for our Essential Workers. On this important day to remember the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. it is a perfect time to reach out and warm the heart of all the people who have helped us during this difficult time. Supplies will include paper, ribbon, yarn and other repurposed items for you to create a thoughtful Valentine card. Complete your card at home and return it to the Arboretum any time before February 10th in a container outside the Stackhouse Education Center. The cards will be delivered to Essential Workers in our community.

9:30am – 11:00am

“Unity, Uncertainty and MLK’s Legacy in Our Lives”

Kent Place School via Zoom

As we grapple with what it means to be unified in these uncertain times, how can the legacy of MLK, Jr. serve as a beacon of light? We’ll explore this and so much more with Big Apple Playback Theatre through a lively, interactive and improvised performance enacting your stories via Zoom. The improvised performance will be preceded by an informative introduction by Shennell McCloud, CEO of Project Ready NJ. Project Ready NJ is an organization which seeks to close the digital divide affecting displaced and at-risk youth in Newark. Help answer MLK, Jr.’s call to action of bridging the divide that exists in our community. Learn how to directly donate hotspots and chrome books for remote learning centers in the Apostle House Shelters, St. Rocco’s and Harmony House. You are invited to observe or have a story performed. Link:

<https://kentplace.zoom.us/j/92279332163>

10:00am – 10:45am

“Bridge the Gap Between the Housed and Homeless”

Sponsored by Bridges Outreach and Central Church
Bridges and CPC are teaming up to host a virtual education and service event in support of vulnerable friends in our local community. There will be speakers and activities appropriate for all ages, including brief advocacy training for middle and high school students. If you plan on doing the service projects, please have supplies at home for one or more of the following: **Bag Decorating:** paper bag(s), crayons, markers and any paper decorating supplies. **Card Making:** unlined paper, crayons, markers and any paper decorating supplies. **Fresh Lunch Making:** 1 lb sandwich meat (no pork/ham), cheese stick or squeezable yogurt, fruit/cereal bar, 8oz water or juice box, and a napkin. Drop-Off location forthcoming. Join Zoom event at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88094592058?pwd=SzY0bDcxUXFEMjY0REw4dFdwNGpBUT09>

1:00pm – 2:00pm

“Eliminating The Achievement Gap (ETAG) in 5 Years

Students Speak Out! Creating Equitable Learning Environments wherein students, historically marginalized due to systemic racism and individual biases, succeed, thrive and achieve their full potential. Join a Facebook conversation at <https://www.facebook.com/etagnow/> as current and former students from the Summit Public School District share their experiences, expectations and the changes needed to ensure excellence and equity in our public schools. Creating the Beloved Community Part II: *“The greatest irony is that students are being judged and blamed for their own predicament.”* Tara Hunter, Princeton University

1:00pm – 3:00pm

“How To Fly”

Sponsored by **The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey**, Virtually. Using your own art supplies at home and templates available from VACNJ available on <https://www.facebook.com/VisualArtsCenterofNewJersey>, decorate individual paper feathers with your artwork and words of MLK, Jr. Explore how working together can create wings; how the contribution of the individual creates the whole; and how, as a group, we can elevate each other to greater heights. Drop off feathers to VACNJ. The composite artwork will be hung in Summit in 2021. For more information, email swalko@artcenternj.org.

1:00pm – 6:00pm: Community Blood Drive

Christ Church, 561 Springfield Avenue
Sponsored by The Summit-New Providence Rotary Club and The American Red Cross. Because of COVID restrictions, an appointment is required. Sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> Blood donors must be aged 16+

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Racial Justice Then and Now Car Procession

Participants are invited to arrive at Summit High School parking lot at 125 Kent Place Boulevard. Participants can log into the Virtual program at xxxxxxxxxx. The Virtual Program will be followed by a car procession past Summit Houses of Worship which will take us on a journey of racial justice then and now with inspiring quotes and visual images.

3:00pm – 4:00pm

“Appreciating Our Elders”

Sponsored by Dorothy Burger and family
Due to COVID circumstances, the MLK Committee cannot host an event at the Vito A. Gallo Building, home to many senior citizens. The COVID pandemic has been devastating to all senior citizens who may be isolated without technology, many of whom live independently, but are increasingly homebound and cannot receive visitors. Drop off a friendly card, note or drawing of kind images to MONDO (426 Springfield Avenue) in a bin outside the front door, and we will arrange to have them distributed to the residents of 12 Chestnut Avenue.

7:00pm – 8:00pm

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Evening Service

Fountain Baptist Church, Virtual Program
Sponsored by Fountain Baptist Church, The Tri-City NAACP and The Connection. Speakers include Mayor Nora Radest, Summit Interfaith Council. Music included. Participate via Live Stream at www.fountainbaptist.org; click on (TV) Live Stream at 7pm or via <https://www.facebook.com/FountainBaptistNJ/>