

*The 34th Annual
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Statewide Celebration
Kick-off Program for Missouri*

Calendar of Events

2020

**"MUSIC...A UNIVERSAL STEPPING
STONE TOWARD PEACE"**



“There is no easy way to create a world where men and women can live together, where each has his own job and house, where all children receive as much education as their minds can absorb. But if such a world is created in our lifetime, it will be done in the United States by Negroes and white people of good will. It will be accomplished by persons who have the courage to put an end to suffering by willingly suffering themselves rather than inflict suffering upon others. It will be done by rejecting the racism, materialism and violence that has characterized Western civilization and especially by working toward a world of brotherhood, cooperation and peace.”

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
May 4, 1966*

Some quotations and pictures listed in this brochure are excerpts from Dr. King’s speeches; others are from “Visions of Excellence – African-American Words of Inspiration.” Photographs are from the following books: “He Had a Dream;” “King, the Photo Biography of Martin Luther King Jr.,” “The Story of Martin Luther King;” “The Life and Death of Martin Luther King Jr.,” and “Martin Luther King Jr.”

The activities and events that are listed in this calendar represent those submitted to the Commission prior to the printing deadline.

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THE 2020 COMMISSIONERS STATE OF MISSOURI

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission was appointed by the governor of the state of Missouri in 1986. The specific mission of the Celebration Commission is to consider and recommend to individuals and organizations appropriate activities for the recognition and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in the state of Missouri. Commissioners are:

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**State of Missouri
Official Proclamation
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Statewide Celebration**



January 11, 2020

Dear Friends:

Greetings from the Governor's Office!

I write this letter to welcome everyone to this year's official Kick-Off Program and Celebration of Dr. King's Birthday throughout the State of Missouri. I extend my congratulations, made on behalf of the over six million citizens of Missouri, to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission for your admirable work to recognize Dr. King's legacy. For over three decades, you have led our state in paying tribute to the lifework and legacy of one of our country's finest leaders, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King was a beacon of hope and inspiration during his life for many millions of people worldwide through his thoughtful wisdom, moving oratory, and courage in the face of physical danger. A half century after his tragic death, his spirit has continued to inspire countless people in working to promote peace, justice, and equality in their communities. May that inspiration live on for many future generations of Americans.

Thank you for what you have accomplished on behalf of our state. May God bless the memory of Dr. King and may God bless our great State of Missouri and these United States.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Parson
Governor



250,000 people marched in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963, coming by plane, bus, train, and on foot, and from every walk of life. It was the biggest peaceful demonstration for civil rights in history.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

The National Celebration of the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On August 27, 1984, following an act of the 98th Congress of the United States of America, President Ronald Reagan signed into law, legislation creating the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission.

As provided in the authorizing legislation, the purpose of the Commission was to encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the United States relating to the first legal observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, January 15, 1986, and to provide advice and assistance to federal, state and local governments, as well as private organizations with respect to the observance.

Congress created the Commission in recognition of the historical importance of the first observation of our newest holiday and the need for an organized effort at the federal level to ensure that the first observance was a success.

In this spirit, the State Celebration Commission of Missouri wholeheartedly supports the federal Commission's efforts to successfully fulfill this Congressional mandate.

“I would challenge you today to see that his spirit never dies and that we will go forward from this experience, which to me represents the crucifixion – on toward the resurrection and redemption of his spirit.

We must carry on...”

Coretta Scott King

Greetings from the Chairwoman

DR. LATONIA COLLINS SMITH



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

“The time is always right, to do what is right.”



Greetings... on behalf of the Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr. State
Celebration Commission of Missouri!

On this 34th Anniversary, we pay tribute to Dr. King’s legacy by highlighting statewide events, and honoring individuals and organizations who put into practice his high ideals and aspirations for equal rights. His fight for access to quality education and healthcare, economic empowerment, service to the community, freedom and justice serves as an example for us all.

As we commemorate Dr. King’s life and achievements, we extend our gratitude to the many longtime followers, and new admirers, of our State’s celebration of his legacy.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Latonia Collins Smith".

Dr. LaTonia Collins Smith, Chairwoman

“I Have A Dream” Speech

by

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Delivered on the Lincoln Memorial Steps in
Washington, D.C.
August 28, 1963**



“Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity. But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of

segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition.

In a sense, we have come to our nation's capitol to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.' But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check – a check that will give us, upon demand, the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. 1963 is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold, which leads to the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy, which has engulfed the Negro community, must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, 'When will you be satisfied?' We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies,

heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where all black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, 'My

country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.'

And if America is to be a great nation, this must come true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The King Holiday

Mrs. Coretta Scott King

A day to reaffirm the American ideals of freedom, justice and opportunity for all.

A day to love, not hate; for understanding, not anger; for peace, not war.

A day for families to share together, to reach out to relatives and friends and to mend broken relationships.

A day when the community rids itself of the St. Louis Public Library-Barriers that divide it and comes together as one.

A day when people of all races, religions, classes and nations in life put aside their differences and join in a spirit of togetherness.

A day for nations of the world to cease all violent actions, seek nonviolent solutions and demonstrate that peace is not just a dream but a real possibility, if only for one day.

If for only one day, each of us serves as a “drum major for justice and peace,” then we bring to life the inspiring vision of freedom of which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed, a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who awakened in us the best qualities.

If I can help somebody as I pass along,
If I can cheer somebody with a song,
If I can show somebody he's traveling
wrong,
Then my living will not be in vain.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**City of St. Louis
Official Proclamation
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Statewide Celebration**



WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King embodied the ideals of tolerance, nonviolence, peace, justice and equal opportunity; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent campaigns that brought reconciliation and justice; and

WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of December, 1985, then Missouri Governor John Ashcroft created and established the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission has recommended and fostered appropriate activities for the recognition and celebration of Martin Luther King Day in the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, tonight's celebration, the first of many events that will pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., brings together people from all walks of life to celebrate this year's theme -- "Music ... A Universal Stepping Stone Toward Peace"; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the City of St. Louis, it is my great pleasure to extend thanks and appreciation to the past and present members of the Commission who have worked tirelessly to honor Dr. King and the just cause for which he stood.

Now, therefore, I, Lyda Krewson, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, do hereby proclaim January 11, 2020, as:

**“MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STATE
CELEBRATION DAY”
IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of St. Louis, this 11th day of January, A.D. 2020.

King Holiday Bell Ringing

In 1986, the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission began the tradition of ringing the U.S. Liberty Bell on the holiday honoring Dr. King. The Bell-Ringing Ceremony takes place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the third Monday of January at noon E.S.T. Simultaneously, similar ceremonies take place on the capitols of each of the 50 states with the governors ringing replica Liberty Bells, which were cast and sent to the states by President Harry Truman.

The Bell-Ringing Ceremony was created to serve as an appropriate opening for events that encourage us to remember, celebrate and act on the King Holiday, such as community service projects, forums on race relations, parades or marches. Since the ceremony began, churches, synagogues, mosques, schools and civic organizations have also participated. For religious or ethnic cultures that have no tradition of bell ringing, the commission has encouraged them to participate in the ceremony with an expression appropriate to their tradition, like the blowing of the shofar or the singing of a song.

A particularly fitting symbol for honoring the work of Dr. King, the Liberty Bell was introduced to a national audience as a symbol for the abolitionist movement. The first reference historians can find to the name "Liberty Bell" is on the cover of an 1837 edition of *Liberty*, published by the New York Anti-Slavery Society. Previously known only in Philadelphia as the State House Bell, the bell, used as an antislavery symbol, brought it to much greater prominence.

Major Issues of Dr. King's Campaigns From 1955-1968

1955

Non-segregated buses – Montgomery, AL

1961

Freedom Rides – Washington, D.C. to New Orleans

1962

Non-segregated public accommodations and voting rights – Albany, GA

1963

Non-segregated public accommodations: affirmative action – Birmingham, AL

1964

Non-segregated public accommodations – St. Augustine, FL

1965

Guaranteed protection voting rights – Selma, AL

1966

Open housing; ending slums – Chicago, IL

1967

Ending slums; jobs – Cleveland, OH

1968

Right to organize for garbage workers – Memphis, TN

End poverty in the United States – Poor People's Campaign

Right to organize for hospital workers (planned by Dr. King, led by Ralph Abernathy) – Charleston, SC

DR. KING'S SIX PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE

“Often the question has arisen concerning my own intellectual pilgrimage to nonviolence. In order to get at this question it is necessary to go back to my early teens in Atlanta. I had grown up abhorring not only segregation, but also the oppressive and barbarous acts that grew out of it.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

- Principle 1:** *Nonviolence is not passive, but requires courage.*
- Principle 2:** *Nonviolence seeks reconciliation, not defeat of an adversary.*
- Principle 3:** *Nonviolent action is directed at eliminating evil, not destroying an evil-doer.*
- Principle 4:** *A willingness to accept suffering for the cause, if necessary, but never to inflict it.*
- Principle 5:** *A rejection of hatred, animosity or violence of the spirit, as well as refusal to commit physical violence.*
- Principle 6:** *Faith that justice will prevail.*

DR. KING'S SIX STEPS OF NONVIOLENCE

1. *Information gathering and research to get the facts straight.*
2. *Education of adversaries and the public about the facts of the dispute.*
3. *Personal commitment to nonviolent attitudes and action.*
4. *Negotiation with an adversary in a spirit of goodwill to correct injustice.*
5. *Non-violent direct action, such as marches, boycotts, mass demonstrations, picketing, sit-ins, etc., to help persuade or compel adversary to work toward dispute-resolution.*
6. *Reconciliation of adversaries in a win-win outcome to establish a sense of community.*

Fundamental tenets of Dr. King's philosophy of nonviolence described in his first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*.

***THE DISTINGUISHED
KEYNOTE SPEAKER &
FEATURED PERFORMER***

*2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Statewide Celebration
Kick-Off Program for Missouri*

*Saturday, January 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.*

*(Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
Harris-Stowe State University
Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Administration
Building
3026 Laclede Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63103*



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Commissioner, Southeast
Missouri/Missouri Bootheel



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

The Mission of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City Wide Celebration Committee: In accordance with the Missouri Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission, the Cape Girardeau, Missouri Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City Wide Celebration Committee is dedicated to observing Dr. King’s dream and legacy by carrying out his ideals for peace and unity through community service. We achieve this through collaboration with local businesses, churches, area service organizations, area schools, and civic organizations in order to develop a true sense of community and a powerful means of creating successful programming. We also work according to the 1994 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday and Service Act,

which declares that the King Holiday should be a day that promotes community service, interracial cooperation, and youth anti-violence initiatives through workshops and conferences that held throughout the year.

For additional information on events sponsored by Cape County, please contact Dr. Deborah Mitchell-Braxton mitchellbraxtond@capetigers.com



Date: January 16, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Event: 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Extravaganza
Place: Central Junior High School Auditorium
205 Caruthers Street
Cape Girardeau, MO

Sponsored by the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City Wide Celebration Committee.

If you wish to be on program, please contact Debra Mitchell-Braxton at (573) 275-6814 or email mitchellbraxtond@capetigers.com. In lieu of an admission fee to the events, attendees are asked to donate either non-perishable food items, canned goods, toiletries, or school supplies. These items will be distributed to agencies that assist various individuals.

Date: January 18, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Event: A 2020 Celebration Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Convenes at The Parma Church of God In Christ
Place: New Madrid County
Parma Church of God In Christ

**401 Broad Street
Parma MO 63870**

The celebration will begin with a unity walk at 1:00 pm, followed by the program at 3:00 pm. The theme of the celebration is “Together We Sing,” featuring choirs, praise dancers and a keynote speaker (to be announced at a later date). Refreshments will be served directly after the program. The community and public are encouraged to attend. The attire is casual. For additional information please contact Simon Wofford, Pastor, Parma Church of God In Christ.

Date: January 19, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Event: 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration
Place: St. James AME Church
516 North Street
Cape Girardeau, MO

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Flora Wiggins.
Sponsored by the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City Wide Celebration Committee.
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Date: January 20, 2020
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Event: 35th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast
Place: Shawnee Park Center
835 South West End Boulevard
Cape Girardeau, MO

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lamonte Calvin.
Sponsored by the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City Wide Celebration Committee.
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Date: January 20, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Event: 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast
Place: Mississippi County
C.F. Bowden Center
700 Sy Williams Blvd.
Charleston MO

The 2020 theme commemorating the 91st birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King's life and legacy is "Dream... But Stay Woke" as an effort to engage the community on civic service of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event will consist of speakers, musical selections, and awards to individuals who exemplify the life of Dr. King. Special Guest: Pastor Jay Slaughter and Macedonia M.B. Church from Malden MO. The program will conclude with breakfast on this national day of service. Attire for the event is business casual. "If we organize ourselves to harmonize our efforts we can amplify our impact." Contact: Lester Gillespie, President NAACP Chapter 4083 Charleston MO, Info.stellaconsulting@gmail.com

Date: January 20, 2020
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Event: 34th Annual Martin Luther King Jr., Celebration
Place: Scott County
Green Memorial COGIC
113 Clayton Street
Sikeston, Missouri

The 2020 event will commence with a musical program. The celebration concludes with a motorcade parade that meets at 10:30 am and starts at 11:00 a.m. The formal program where attire is casual at begins at 12:00 p.m. The purpose for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration is an opportunity to reflect on our progress with civil rights in this country and consider how far we have yet to go. On this day of national community service, which commemorates Dr. King's lasting legacy, it reminds us to remain mindful of our endeavor to promote diversity, foster inclusive behavior and demonstrate infinite respect for others. Lastly, we hope empowering individuals, strengthening communities, bridging barriers, creating solutions to social problems will keep us moving closer to Dr. King's vision of a beloved community. All festivities convene at Green Memorial C.O.G.I.C. Contact: King Day Planning Committee, Co-Chairs Ms. Mary White-Ross, 4doug8@charter.net & Pastor Micheal Harris, micheal_harris@yahoo.com

Date: January 20, 2020
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Event: Prayer Service for Our Nation
Place: Shawnee Park Center
835 South West End Boulevard
Cape Girardeau, MO

Date: January 20, 2020
Time: 12:00 p.m.

Event: 19th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Luncheon Benefit

Place: Shawnee Park Center
835 South West End Boulevard
Cape Girardeau, MO

Guest speaker: Rev. Charles Norris. Sponsored by the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City Wide Celebration Committee. If you wish to be on program, please contact Debra Mitchell-Braxton at (573) 275-6814 or email mitchellbraxtond@capetigers.com. In lieu of an admission fee to the events, attendees are asked to donate either non-perishable food items, canned goods, toiletries, or school supplies. These items will be distributed to agencies that assist various individuals. Please be advised that you must RSVP for the Luncheon by Friday, January 17, 2020; Contact: 573-275-6814 or 573-837-8029; seanw2988@hotmail.com.

Date: January 20, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Event: 24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Gala

Place: West Park Mall Center Court by JC Penney
Cape Girardeau, MO

Sponsored by the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City Wide Celebration Committee. If you wish to be on program, please contact Debra Mitchell-Braxton at (573) 275-6814 or email mitchellbraxtond@capetigers.com. In lieu of an admission fee to the events, attendees are asked to donate either non-perishable food items, canned goods, toiletries, or school supplies. These items will be distributed to agencies that assist various individuals.

Date: January 29, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual
Celebration Dinner

Place: Show Me Center Arena
1333 N Sprigg St.
Cape Girardeau MO 63701

A night of reflection, dinner and entertainment in commemoration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Special Guest: Angela Davis; Sponsored by Southeast Missouri State University; Admission Cost: \$20/ticket, \$160/table and sponsorship levels ranging from \$250 to \$3,000. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., program at 5:00 p.m. Contact: Blessy Joseph (573) 651-2626 mlkcommittee@semo.edu.

Date: February 3, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Event: Michael Davis Lecture

Place: Rose Theatre, Grauel Building
909 Normal Ave.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Special Guest(s): Kyra Joiner, Sports Marketing Consultant overseeing national partnerships across the NBA and WNBA and Alumnus of Southeast Missouri State University.

Sponsored by: Department of Mass Media, Southeast Missouri State University. Admission Cost: Free. Contact: Blessy Joseph (573) 651-2626, mlkcommittee@semo.edu.

Date: February 23, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Event: National Black History Month
Celebration Program

Place: St. James AME Church
516 North Street
Cape Girardeau, MO

Program will consist of musical, oratorical, and theatrical performances. For more information regarding the celebration events, contact Debra

Mitchell Braxton, (573) 275-6814, or
mitchellbraxtond@capetigers.com.

Date: February 28, 2020
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Event: African American History of
Southeast Missouri: Exhibit and
Reception
Place: UC Lobby & Program Lounge
388 Henderson Ave.
Cape Girardeau MO 63701

Sponsored by: Department of History &
Anthropology Diversity Committee and Kent
Library Special Collections & Archives
Admission Cost: Free. Contact: Blessy Joseph
(573) 651-2626, mlkcommittee@semo.edu.



COLUMBIA



ATTY. MICHAEL MIDDLETON
Commissioner, Columbia



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

“The arch of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.”

Date: January 23, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Event: University of Missouri Celebrates
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Place: Missouri Theatre
203 S. Ninth Street
Columbia, MO 65211

Special Guest: Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd. Prolific motivational speaker and nationally recognized champion of education, will speak on the relevance and critical need for the increased representation

of women and people of color in the high-demand STEM fields.

Sponsored by: University of Missouri MLK Planning Committee & University of Missouri Division of Inclusion, Diversity & Equity. Admission Cost: Free by visiting <https://mlk2020.eventbrite.com/>
For more info visit:
diversity.missouri.edu/our-work/mu-celebrates-martin-luther-king-jr/

The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



FULTON



MR. JACK MCBRIDE
Commissioner, Fulton



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

*“We must learn to live together as brothers or
perish together as fools.”*

*The Fulton Dr. Martin Luther King
Celebration was not finalized.
at the time this calendar was published.*



JEFFERSON CITY



Date: January 15, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: The Missouri Legislative Black
Caucus Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Celebration
Place: Capitol Rotunda
Missouri State Capitol Building
201 W Capitol Ave.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

JOPLIN



*Missouri Southern State University (MSSU)
20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Celebration*

Date: January 20, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Celebration Event
Place: Missouri Southern State
University North End Zone
Facility
3950 E. Newman Rd.
Joplin, MO 64801

Guest Speaker: Mr. Nimrod Chapel,
Missouri NAACP President. Hors d'ouvres
will be served. Admission Cost: Free.
Sponsored by MSSU Diversity and
Inclusion Committee. Contact: Stacey Clay,
clay-s@mssu.edu, (417) 625-3126.

KANSAS CITY AREA



LESSIE THOMPSON
Commissioner, Lee's Summit



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

*"Freedom is never voluntarily
given by the oppressor,
it must be demanded by the oppressed!"*

Date: January 18, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
State Celebration

**Place: St. James United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Emanuel Cleaver, III,
Senior Pastor
5540 Wayne
Kansas City, MO**

Theme: "Continuing To Pursue Dreams of Equality for Future Generations." *A Musical Tribute*. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Karla Cooper, Senior Pastor Allen-St. John AME Church. Participating Community Leaders: Judge Lajuana M. Counts, U.S. Magistrate Judge For The Western District Of Missouri; Rev. Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III, Senior Pastor, St. James UMC; Rev. Dr. Rodney E. Williams, President KC Chapter of NAACP; Dr. Earnest Middleton, Coordinator, Allies For Racial Justice. Performers: Little Miss Theory Bryant, Excerpts from "I Have A Dream Speech"; Ms. Cathye Johnson & Little Miss Courtney Johnson, Dramatic Presentation; Paseo Academy Choir, Rev Willie Thornton, Director; Christian Ricketts, Mime Artist; V. J. Herbert, Soloist with Trevor Smith & Justin Neely Accompanist; God's Creation Dance Team: Kayonna Kirkwood, Jalai Edwards Price, Alexandria Rucker, & Kennedi Speese. Admission Cost: Free. Contact: Mrs. Lessie J. Thompson, Chairperson, Ctljt2804@aol.com (816) 763-1232

In Selma, Alabama, 1965, the "march on ballot boxes" was met with extreme brutality. People from all over the country, including many clergymen, came to protest and support the demonstrations. One of them, Rev. James Reeb, was beaten to death.

*"Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

KIRKSVILLE



BERTHA THOMAS Commissioner, Kirksville



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. quote:

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Date: January 17, 2020
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Event: Championing the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Place: Missouri Campus of ATSU

Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Thurman, Jr. DO, '12

Date: January 17, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Event: “Honoring the Legacy Of Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Community Dinner”

Place: Take Root Cafe in Kirksville Missouri

The “Honoring the Legacy Of Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Community Dinner” with keynote speaker Dr. John Thurman, Jr. DO, '12. The free dinner and program is limited to 100 people. To reserve a space contact Bertha Thomas, Chair of the Kirksville MLK at bthomas@truman.edu.



All men are caught in an inescapable
network of mutuality.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AREA



ANITA BANKS
Commissioner, St. Louis



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

“If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living will not be in vain.”



St. Louis Public Library

“African Americans and the Vote”

The St. Louis Public Library’s Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation.

The year 2020 marks the sesquicentennial of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) which granted African American men the right to vote. 2020 also marks the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and the culmination of the women’s suffrage movement. Join us as we learn, discuss, and honor the legacy of African Americans in the voting rights movement, past and present.

Saint Louis Public Library hours can be found on page 84 of this brochure. Visit the online calendar at slpl.org for full details about these free programs.

Date: February 2020
Time: Branch Hours
Event: Can You Guess the Political Party?
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Baden

An interactive display board on the political parties of African Americans throughout history in the United States. Adult

Date: February 2020
Time: Branch Hours
Event: Community Conversations
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Walnut Park

In this passive program, participate in sharing your thoughts on party loyalty and key political issues, and read what others have to say. Adult

Date: February 2020
Time: Branch Hours
Event: Craft a la Carte: Portraits of Persistence
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Carpenter

Learn about the persistence of African American Suffragettes and create a collage portrait of your own to add to the display. Kids

Date: February 2020
Time: Branch Hours
Event: Leaders in the Suffrage Movement
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Kingshighway

A display featuring pictures of African American Suffragettes and accompanying descriptions of their plight for equality. Families

Date: February 1, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Event: Make Your Mark
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Central

Listen to *Papa's Mark* by Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert. Participants will complete a *Make Your Mark Challenge*. Kids

Date: February 3, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Event: What's Your Favorite?
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Divoll

Learn about the history of the 15th Amendment and cast your ballot in a mock poll on your favorite cartoon character or food. Visit us again later in the month to see the results. Kids

Date: February 4, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Event: I Can Vote!

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Buder

Listen to *Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965* by Jonah Winter. Cast your ballot and vote for your favorite book of 2019. Visit us again later in the month to see the results. Kids

Date: February 4, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Event: Papa's Mark

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Machacek Branch

Listen to *Papa's Mark* by Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert. Help design a vintage ballot box, vintage ballots, and participate in a mock election. Kids

Date: February 5, 2020

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Event: Political Party Typology: What's My Party?

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Baden

Take a quiz from Pew Research Center to see where your beliefs fit with current political parties and watch videos of pop stars discussing their political affiliation. Teens

Date: February 5, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Event: What's Your Party Animal?

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Walnut Park

Listen to *Grace for President* by Kelly DiPucchio. Choose or create your own political party animal. Kids

Date: February 5, 2020

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Event: Campaign for a Cause

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Divoll

Learn about the history of the 15th Amendment, then create a campaign poster for an issue important to you. Posters will be on display for the duration of the month and youth in the community will vote on their favorite campaign poster. Teens

Date: February 5, 2020

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Event: Postcards to the Past

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Barr

Design postcards inspired by images and words of African American Suffragettes who never backed down or gave up fighting for their rights. Families

Date: February 6, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Event: I Can Vote!

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Carondelet

Listen to *Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965* by Jonah Winter. Cast your ballot and vote for your favorite book of 2019. Visit us again later in the month to see the results. Kids

Date: February 6, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Event: Road to the Vote: Doing My Part

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Machacek

Explore potential roadblocks to the voting process in St. Louis. Learn about the ways you can do your part to increase voter turnout. Create your own voting button. Teens

Date: February 6, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Event: What's Your Party Animal?

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Julia Davis

Listen to *Grace for President* by Kelly DiPucchio. Choose or create your own political party animal. Kids

Date: February 6, 2020
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Event: Rock the Vote!
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Schlafly
Rock the Vote!

Vote for which book character would run the Schlafly Branch best in a mock poll, drop it in the ballot box, and see the results once the polls close. While waiting for the results, play games and learn about the 15th Amendment. Kids

Date: February 8, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Event: The Road to Vote
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Buder

Learn about the history of Black voting rights in St. Louis, how the vote was suppressed from past to present and what individuals can do about it. Presented by the *League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis*. Adult

Date: February 12, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Event: Rhythms and Folklore of Africa
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Julia Davis

Kenya Ajanaku highlights cultural diversity through stories and music and illustrates African culture in an entertaining way. Audience participation involves students dancing and playing traditional African instruments. Kids

Date: February 12, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Event: What's Your Party Animal?

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Baden

Listen to *Grace for President* by Kelly DiPucchio. Choose or create your own political party animal. **Kids**

Date: February 12, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Event: Campaign for a Cause

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Cabanne

Learn about the history of the 15th Amendment, then create a campaign poster for an issue important to you. Posters will be on display for the duration of the month and youth in the community will vote on their favorite campaign poster. **Teens**

Date: February 12, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Event: DIY: Magnetic Poetry

**Place: St. Louis Public Library –
Kingshighway**

Explore the poetry of Suffragette Frances Harper. Create your own magnetic poetry kit. **Teens**

Date: February 12, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Event: Political Party Typology: What's My Party?

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Walnut Park

Take a quiz from Pew Research Center to see where your beliefs fit with current political parties and watch videos of pop stars discussing their political affiliation. **Teens**

Date: February 13, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Event: Impossible Obstacle Course

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Central

You thought voting was easy? Complete an obstacle course while learning about voting obstacles African American citizens encounter despite the 15th and 19th Amendments. Teens

Date: February 13, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Event: Road to the Vote: Doing My Part

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Buder

Explore potential roadblocks to the voting process in St. Louis. Learn about the ways you can do your part to increase voter turnout. Create your own voting button. Teens

Date: February 13, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Event: Game Night: 15th Amendment

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Schlafly

Using the Kahoot!™ App and Sporcle, teens will play trivia games to learn about the history of the 15th Amendment. Teens

Date: February 15, 2020

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Event: Black Votes Count: Then & Now,
Juried Art Show Reception**

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Schlafly

Black Votes Count: Then & Now is a multimedia juried visual art exhibition that is open to artists 18+ living in the St. Louis region. Distinguished jurors include Douglas Spence, Artist and Instructor of Fine Arts, Harris-Stowe State University. Adult

Date: February 18, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Event: What's Your Favorite?

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Cabanne

Learn about the history of the 15th Amendment and cast your ballot in a mock poll on your favorite cartoon character or food. Visit us again later in the month to see the results. Kids

Date: February 20, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Event: Game Night: Political Warfare
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Julia Davis

Using the Kahoot!™ App, teens will play a game and learn about independent black political parties. Teens

Date: February 20, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Event: Road to the Vote: Doing My Part
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Carondelet

Explore potential roadblocks to the voting process in St. Louis. Learn about the ways you can do your part to increase voter turnout. Create your own voting button. Teens

Date: February 20, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Event: DIY: Magnetic Poetry
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Carpenter

Explore the poetry of Suffragette Frances Harper. Create your own magnetic poetry kit. Teens

Date: February 22, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Panel Discussion
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Meet & Greet
Event: Panel Discussion
Place: St. Louis Public Library – Central

Join the St. Louis Public Library and guest panelists for a discussion on the importance of voting locally and voting in the black

community. A meet and greet with the panelists will follow immediately after. Panelists include:

- Tishaura Jones, Treasurer, City of St. Louis
- Michael Butler, Recorder of Deeds and Vital Records Registrar, City of St. Louis
- Gena Gunn McClendon, Director, Voter Access and Engagement and Financial Capability, Center for Social Development, Washington University
- League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.
Adult

Date: February 26, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Event: African Americans and the Vote:
Party Politics**

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Julia Davis

Learn the history of political parties as it relates to African Americans from the end of the Civil War to present. An interactive exhibit will be included. Presented by *History To You, Inc.*
Adult

Date: February 29, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Event: The Black Suffragettes' Experience

Place: St. Louis Public Library – Carpenter

Master Storyteller Carole Shelton performs *The Black Suffragettes' Experience*, a dramatic presentation about the particular hardships African-American Suffragettes experienced as they fought for women's right to vote. This performance, also celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, is sponsored by the *League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis*. Adult

ADDITIONAL EVENTS IN THE
ST. LOUIS
REGIONAL AREA



DR. JAMES BUFORD, SR.
Commissioner, St. Louis



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

*“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent
about things that matter.”*

Date: January 1, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Emancipation Proclamation
Place: Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
1617 N. Euclid Ave.
St. Louis, MO

Emancipation Proclamation Commemoration.
Keynote speaker: Rev. Earl E. Nance, Jr.
Sponsored by St. Louis Progressive District
Association. Contact: 314-361-8893 or 314-
531-2002. Rev.nance.jr@charter.net

Date: Friday, January 17, 2020
Event: Embracing the Dream
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Celebration Luncheon
presented by Christian Hospital
Foundation
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Place: Paul F. Detrick Building Atrium
Christian Hospital
11133 Dunn Road
Saint Louis, MO 63136

"In a sermon delivered over a half century ago, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. described what he called the "Drum Major Instinct" to the congregation in Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church. The sermon includes the following passage from Dr. King that acknowledged the desire to lead but emphasizes selfless motives: "If you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for peace; I was a drum major for righteousness... We all have the drum major instinct."

The words he spoke that day serve as the inspiration for scholarships we will award to deserving high school students who aspire to careers in healthcare. One \$500 scholarship each is available for Jennings, Normandy, Hazelwood, Ferguson-Florissant and Riverview Gardens school districts; Incarnate Word Academy, Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory, Trinity Catholic and Lutheran North high schools and St. Louis Community College.

These words also serve as inspiration for a Drum Major Award in honor of unsung individuals who have given their time, talents, and treasure in service of justice and equality. The 2020 Drum Major Award recipients are Dr. Lynn Beckwith, Jr.; Rosemary Hanley; Honorable

Rev. Tommie Pierson, Sr.; Honorable Betty Thompson and The Empowerment Network.

The Drum Major Scholarships and Drum Major Awards will be presented during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Luncheon. The keynote address will be given by the Honorable Dr. Michael A. Battle. His service to the nation included serving as U.S. Ambassador to the African Union, representative to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and senior advisor to the State Department for the U.S./Africa Leaders Summit hosted by President Barack Obama. Musical selections provided by Cheryl Brown and Friends. Complimentary valet parking. For more information, go to ChristianHospital.org/MLK-Celebration. Admission Cost: \$400 Table of 8; \$50 Individual; sponsorships available. For information regarding sponsorships, go to ChristianHospital.org/MLK-Celebration. Contact Person: Christian Hospital Foundation (314) 653-5162; chfoundation@bjc.org

LADY MERDEAN GALES
Commissioner, St. Louis



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

“To curb injustices, you must expose them before the light of human conscience, and the bar of public opinion, regardless of whatever tensions that exposure generates.”

Date: January 19, 2020
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 8th
Annual Sunday Supper – A Salute
to Veterans and Military Families
Place: Omega Center
3900 Goodfellow Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63120

Resource Booths - 1:30 p.m.; Program - 3:00 p.m. In commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Omega Chapter, the Ivy Alliance Foundation, and the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Upsilon Omega Chapter will host their 8th annual sit-down Sunday Supper Dinner in honor of 300 veterans and military families. We salute our Veterans and Military Families with a dynamic dining experience that includes a speaker, entertainment, information & referral resource booths.

Our goal is to raise the awareness of Veterans and Military Families about the resources available to them; increase the understanding of our veterans about economic issues, housing, health, legal and employment. This event will include education, community outreach, exposure through the arts, discussions, demonstrations, movie screenings and a celebration of the Gamma Omega Chapter's Centennial Year- 1920-2020 of Service to all Mankind.

Our afternoon event will culminate with programming that includes a speaker, music and dining in honor of our Veterans and Military Families who have made the sacrifice for freedom in the United States of America. Admission is free to all Veterans and Military families as our honored guests. Contact:

mlk2020vss.eventbrite.com or call (314) 282-8018 for reservations.

DR. HENRY GIVENS JR.
Emeritus Chairman



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

Date: January 19, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Event: The City of Hazelwood Community
Enrichment Commission 8th
Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr.
Place: Hazelwood Civic Center East
8969 Dunn Road
Hazelwood, MO 63042

Keynote speaker: Dr. Christi Griffin, The Ethics Project. Emcee: Reverend Shaun Williams, Christian Believers Ministries. Other presenters include Ms. Money Edwards and a winner from the 2019 NCCU Dr. King Oratory Contest. Musical entertainment and refreshments. Admission Cost: Free. Information available at 314-731-0980.

CONSTANCE GULLY
Chairwoman Emeritus



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”

- Date:** January 20, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday Committee Civic
Ceremony, March of Celebration &
Interfaith Church Service
Place: Old Court House
4th & Market
St. Louis, MO *and*
Leonard Missionary Baptist Church
1100 North Compton
St. Louis, MO

9:00 a.m. - Old Court House at 4th & Market
Civic Ceremony including the Mayor, other
elected officials, dignitaries, social service
agencies, and statements of concern. Music and
performing artists will be featured.

10:00 a.m. - March of Celebration from Old
Court House to Leonard Missionary Baptist
Church at Compton and Dr. MLK Blvd.
Host Pastor: Bishop Stephen G. Thompson.

11:00 a.m. - Interfaith Church Service & Exhortations: Dr Martin Luther King Jr... The Man, The Leader, The Preacher. Featuring community leaders, choirs, soloist and performing artist. A special tribute honoring Mr. Norman R Seay, posthumously. Bring the family! Special seating for pastors. "The struggle continues and we are committed for the future of our youth." Get your celebration badge! Mr. Gary Boyd, Program Coordinator; Nigel Word, Vice Chair; Patricia Barber, Secretary, and Lady Merdean Gales, President. Contact: (314) 458-6906, (314) 769-1211, (314) 583-0532.

MR. EARNEST HART
Commissioner, St. Louis



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King quote:

"He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love."

Date: January 20, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Celebration Lecture
Place: Eric P. Newman Center at
Washington University School of
Medicine

**Washington University School of
Medicine's Eric P. Newman Center
320 S. Euclid Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110**

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Lecture is a celebration of the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. Special Guest Speaker: Adia Wingfield, PhD, professor of sociology at Washington University St. Louis. She is author of *Flatlining: Race, Work, and Health Care in the New Economy*, which takes a deep dive into the role of African American health care workers and the process of “racial outsourcing”, relying heavily on Black professionals to do extra labor that makes organizations and their services more accessible to communities of color. An expert on the intersection of race, work and sociology, Dr. Wingfield has lectured internationally on her research in this area, and her work has been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals including *Social Problems*, *Gender and Society* and *American Behavioral Scientist*. Sponsored by: The Office of Diversity Programs at Washington University School of Medicine. Admission Cost: Free. Contact: Office of Diversity Programs, 314-362-6854 or Liz Riggs at eriggs@wustl.edu.

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous
than sincere ignorance and conscientious
stupidity.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We must accept finite disappointment, but
we must never lose infinite hope.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

REV. SAMMIE JONES
Commissioner, St. Louis



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

“The curse of poverty has no justification in our age. It is socially as cruel and blind as the practice of cannibalism at the dawn of civilization.”

Date: January 20, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Event: 34th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration
Place: Washington University
Danforth Campus, Graham Chapel
1 Brookings Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63130

The Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration is an annual celebration honoring the legacy of Dr. King and the impact he has made on those who carry the torch for humanity. Washington University in St. Louis has hosted this event for the past 33 years through an alliance of dedicated faculty, staff, and students, representing various departments, offices and organizations, in an effort to keep the dream alive. Keynote Speaker: Washington University Chancellor Andrew D. Martin.

Special presentations: Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Winner, The Rosa L. Parks Award, The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award, Musical performances by Washington University Student Choirs and Groups. Sponsored By: The Washington University Martin Luther King Jr., Commemoration Committee. Admission Cost: Free and open to the public. Contact Person: Rudolph Clay Jr. 314-935-5059; rudolphc@wustl.edu

MYRLE MENSEY-SYMONDS
Commissioner, St. Louis



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

“If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.” Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”

Date: January 21, 2020
Time: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Event: Throwing and Growing 6th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program and Essay Contest
Betty L. Thompson 3rd Annual Black History Program & Student Awareness Day

Place: Northwest Academy of Law and
Social Justice
5140 Riverview Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63120

Essay Contest Theme: Non-Violence and
Dealing with the Struggles of this Generation
(youth) - Flying High. Essay contest open to all
Northwest Academy student body. Guest
Speaker, Captain Sydney Clark, Retired
American Airlines Pilot, Woodbridge, Virginia.
Admission Cost: FREE and open to the public.
Contact: Commissioner Myrle Mensey
Symonds, (314) 650-1008.

REV. EARL NANCE JR.
Commissioner, St. Louis



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

*“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what
are you doing for others?”*

Date: January 31, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Event: Black History Month Kickoff
Place: Maryville University
LJ’s
650 Maryville University Drive
St. Louis, MO 63141

Sponsored by the Association of Black Collegians. Contact: Maricella Reyes, Coordinator in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion; mreyes@maryville.edu

DR. GWENDOLYN PACKNETT
Commissioner, St. Louis



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote:

“The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood.”

Date: February 2, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Black History Observance
Place: Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church
4859 St. Louis Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63115

King’s first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*, was published in May of 1958. While autographing copies in a Harlem department store, King was attacked and stabbed by a crazed woman who plunged a letter opener into his chest.

“Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography”

HON. BETTY THOMPSON
Commissioner, St. Louis



Dr. Martin Luther King Quote:

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education”

Date: February 8, 2020
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Event: 2020 African Americans and the
Vote - The City of Bellefontaine
Neighbors Black History
Celebration
Place: Bellefontaine Neighbors
Recreational Center
9669 Bellefontaine Road
St. Louis, MO 63137

Inclement Weather Date: June 20, 2020 (32*
degrees or below, including snow, ice, sleet)
Guest Speakers:



St. Louis Prosecuting Attorney
Wesley Bell (Main Event &
Special Session with Youth
Only)



John A Wright, African American Historian, Author, Educator (Main Event)

Entertainment: Gentlemen of Vision, RGHS NJROTC, Special Dancers, Music, Black History Trivia – Giveaways, Vendors.

Contact: Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Ward 4 City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, adailes@cityofbn.com

Date: February 8, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Event: “Controlling a Man's Mind: The Genius of Carter G. Woodson” Performed by Gregory S. Carr, Living History Actor, Storyteller, and Teaching Artist
Place: Julia Davis Branch Library
4415 Natural Bridge
St. Louis, MO. 63115

This performance chronicles the life of Dr. Carter G. Woodson from his struggles as the second black PhD from Harvard, the fight to legitimize the study of black achievement, to the triumph in his writings, including the seminal works, The Education of the Negro Prior to 1861, published in (1915) and The Mis-Education of the Negro, published in 1933.

Julia Davis Branch Library Black History Month Celebration, Free and Open to the Public, Sponsored by the Friends of the Julia Davis Branch Library, St. Louis, MO. Contact: rudolphc@wustl.edu, and the Association of African Ancestored Researchers of St. Louis, www.aarstl@gmail.com.

Date: February 8, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Event: Evening of Art & Jazz
Place: Maryville University
Gander Dining Hall
650 Maryville University Drive
St. Louis, MO 63141

Sponsored by the Association of Black Collegians. Contact: Maricella Reyes, Coordinator in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion; mreyes@maryville.edu

Date: February 9, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Black History Observance
Place: Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church
4859 St. Louis Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63115

Date: February 13, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Event: Association of Black Collegians Trivia Night
Place: Maryville University
Buder Commons
650 Maryville University Drive
St. Louis, MO 63141

Sponsored by the Association of Black Collegians. Contact: Maricella Reyes, Coordinator in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion; mreyes@maryville.edu

Date: February 16, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Black History Observance
Place: Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church
4859 St. Louis Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63115

Date: February 16, 2020

Time: 3:00 p.m.
Event: Joys of Glory Black History Program
Place: Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church
4859 St. Louis Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63115

Special Guest: Guitar Watkins; Joyfullettes; and Jordan Airs. Sponsored by Joys of Glory Gospel Singers. Admission Cost: Free-will offering.
Contact: Elmus Miller, Jr., (314) 355-1528

Date: February 23, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Black History Observance
Place: Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church
4859 St. Louis Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63115

Date: February 26, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Event: Association of Black Collegians Family Dinner
Place: Maryville University
Buder Commons
650 Maryville University Drive
St. Louis, MO 63141

Sponsored by the Association of Black Collegians. Contact: Maricella Reyes, Coordinator in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion; mreyes@maryville.edu

Date: May 24, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Event: 40th Anniversary Celebration
Place: Northern Baptist Missionary Baptist Church
1128 Jennings Station Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63137

Special Guest: April Company of Atlanta, GA; and the Sliverrta Gospel Singers. Sponsored by Joyfullettes Gospel Singers. Admission Cost: TBA. Contact: Patricia Ray, (314)701-3550.

Date: May 31, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Event: "Stamp Out Hunger"
Place: Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church
4859 St. Louis Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63115

Guest: Jordan Airs; New Sounds of Joy; Solomon Temple MB Choir; and Compton MB Grace Choir. Sponsored by: Joys of Glory Gospel Singers. Admission Cost: Free-will offering. Contact: Hattie Hardin, (314) 862-4203.

Date: June 14, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Event: Usher's Annual Day
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63104

Guest: All Berean District Churches. Sponsored by: Compton Hill MB Church. Admission Cost: Free. Contact: Pamela Wallace, (314) 283-4180.

Date: July 12, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Event: 57th Anniversary Celebration
Place: Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
1444 S. Compton
St. Louis, MO 63104

Guest: Mt. Zion Sanctuary Choir; Gospel Wings; Jordan Airs; Joys of Glory; and Christian Love MB Church. Sponsored by: Ivy

Airss, Mt. Zion MB Church. Admission Cost:
Free-will offering. Contact: Gerta M. Spratt,
(314) 382-7449.

Date: August 9, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Event: Called and Accountable "An
Ordinary People Commissioned to
Extraordinary Service"
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist
Church
3141 LaSalle Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63104

Sponsored by: Women's Missionary &
Educational Union. Admission Cost: Free.
Contact: Valerie A. Miller, (314) 664-6270.

Date: September 6, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Event: Jordan Airs Gospel Singers 59th
Place: House of Prayer
3300 N. Kingshighway
St. Louis, MO 63115

Sponsored by: Jordan Airs Gospel Singers.
Admission Cost: Free-will offering. Contact:
Leatha Young, (314) 725-2514.

Date: September 20, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Event: Grace Mass Choir Annual Day
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist
Church
3141 LaSalle Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63104

Contact: Brenda Reese, (314) 771-7971.

Date: September 20, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Event: 57th Anniversary of Joys of Glory
Singers

Place: Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church
4859 St. Louis Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63115

Guests: Jordan Airs; Gospel Wings; and Viola Biggers. Admission Cost: Free-will offering.
Contact: Hattie Hardin, (314) 862-4203.

Date: November 8, 2020
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Event: Veterans Day - Freedom
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
Youth Department of Compton Hill MB Church
3141 LaSalle Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63104

Special Guest: Elmus Miller, Jr., Deacon and Veteran of Compton Hill MB Church.
Sponsored by Youth Department. Admission Cost: Free. Contact: Sally Moore, (314) 771-7971.

Date: November 19, 2020
Time: 12:00 Noon
Event: Toys for Tots
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63104

Sponsored by: Compton Hill MB Church.
Admission Cost: Free. Contact: Sally Moore or Nicole Smilley, (314) 771-7971

Date: November 21, 2020
Time: 12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m.
Event: Thanksgiving Food Basket Giveaway
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church

**3141 LaSalle Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63104**

Sponsored by: Compton Hill MB Church.
Admission Cost: Free (by referral only).
Contact: Pamela Wallace, (314) 283-4180.

Date: December 4, 2020
Time: 12:00 Noon
**Event: Joys of Glory Food for Hunger
Food Baskets**
**Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist
Church**
3141 LaSalle Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63104

Sponsored by: Joys of Glory Gospel Singers.
Admission Cost: Free (by referral only 10 days
in advance). Contact: Elmus Miller, Jr., (314)
355-1528.



*“The hope of a secure and livable world
lies with disciplined nonconformists who
are dedicated to justice, peace and
brotherhood.”*

SPRINGFIELD



CHARLOTTE HARDIN
Commissioner, Springfield



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Date: January 31, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Midtown Carnegie Branch
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – Age 6 in the Children's Department.

Date: February 2, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Event: Little Voices Sundays
Place: Library Station Story Hour Room
Library Station
Springfield, MO

The Library is a safe space to explore diversity, learn about empathy and teach tolerance. Join us for stories, songs and other activities designed to inspire and support positive change. Celebrate African-American History!

Date: February 3, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Library Station Reading Room
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – 36 Months.

Date: February 4, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime – One World
Place: Library Station Story Hour Room
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – 36 Months.

Date: February 4, 2020
Time: 11:15 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Library Station Story Hour Room
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants - Age 6.

Date: February 5, 2020
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Fair Grove Branch
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants - Age 6.

Date: February 6, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Ash Grove Branch
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants - Age 6.

Date: February 6, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – 36 Months.

Date: February 6, 2020
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – Age 6.

Date: February 7, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Library Station Story Hour Room
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – 36 Months.

Date: February 7, 2020
Time: 11:15 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Library Station Story Hour Room
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – Age 6.

Date: February 12, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.
Event: Book Discussion
Place: Library Center
Meeting Room B
Springfield, MO

"Kindred" by Octavia Butler. An African American Read-In event.

Date: February 14, 2020
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Event: Northview Book Discussion Fridays
Place: Northview Center
301 E. Talmage St.
Springfield, MO

Join us for this library-sponsored book group just for senior adults. "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride.

Date: February 18, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Republic Branch
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – Age 6.

Date: February 19, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Republic Branch
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – Age 6.

Date: February 24, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Library Center Story Hour Room
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – 12 months.

Date: February 24, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Library Center Story Hour Room
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – Age 6.

Date: February 25, 2020
Time: 9:15 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Library Center Story Hour Room
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – 36 months.

Date: February 25, 2020
Time: 11:15 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Library Center Story Hour Room
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – Age 6.

Date: February 26, 2020
Time: 10:15 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Library Center Story Hour Room
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – 36 months.

Date: February 26, 2020
Time: 11:15 a.m.
Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Place: Library Center Story Hour Room

Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – Age 6.

Date: February 27, 2020

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Event: Book Discussion

Place: Library Station
Santa Fe Room
Springfield, MO

"Black Card" by Chris L. Terry. An African American Read-In event.

Date: February 28, 2020

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Event: Racing to Read Storytime: One World

Place: Library Center Story Hour Room
Springfield, MO

Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. Children: Infants – Age 6.

Our lives begin to end the day we become
silent about things that matter.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

WARRENSBURG



University of Central Missouri
2020 MLK Celebration Events
<https://www.ucmo.edu/mlk>
<https://www.facebook.com/UCMMLK/>

Date: January 15, 2020
Time: 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Event: MLK Community Service Awards
Luncheon with the Warrensburg
Chamber of Commerce
Place: Taqueria Habana, 121 E. Pine St.,
Warrensburg, MO

\$13 per person; RSVP by January 8 to the
Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce at 660-
747-3168.

Date: January 15, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Event: Community Service Blood Drive
Place: Elliott Student Union Ballroom

For more information visit the Community
Blood Center website at savealifenow.org.

Date: January 16, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Event: Community Service Blood Drive
Place: Elliott Student Union Ballroom

For more information visit the Community
Blood Center website at savealifenow.org.

Date: January 20, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Event: MLK Day of Service
Place: TBA

Register at the UCM Volunteer Services page by December 6. Contact: Kristie Brinkley at kbrinkley@ucmo.edu or Ricardo Zamora at rzamora@ucmo.edu.

Date: January 20, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: Community Praise and Worship Service
Place: UCM Alumni Memorial Chapel

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; Service begins at 6:30 p.m.

Date: January 21, 2020
Time: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Event: Let's Talk: Issues Panel
Place: Elliott Student Union

Date: January 21, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: Freedom Scholarship Dinner
Place: Elliott Student Union Ballroom

Keynote speaker: Toriano Porter, *Kansas City Star* journalist and author. Gold Level Sponsor: Premium table for 8, \$800; 8 tickets to the VIP Reception, sponsor name announced during dinner; Silver Level Sponsor: Superior table for 8, \$600; 4 tickets to the VIP Reception, sponsor name announced during dinner; Bronze Level Sponsor: Table for 8, \$400; Individual ticket prices: Gold \$100; Silver \$75; Bronze \$50 Purchase tickets at the UCM Student Experience and Engagement Office (Administration Building Room 214) or the Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber of Commerce, 100 S. Holden St.

A portion of your payment will be tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to the UCM Alumni Foundation. Your gift helps fund Freedom Scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000 or \$2,000.

Date: January 23, 2020
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Event: Volunteer Fair
Place: Elliott Student Union Atrium

Stop by and visit with our many community partners, and learn about ways you can volunteer and help others!

Date: January 23, 2020
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Event: MLK Photo Booth
Place: Elliott Student Union

Contact: Dr. Lover Chancler at 660-543-8049 or chancler@ucmo.edu.

Date: January 23, 2020
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Event: MLK Celebration Reception
Place: Missouri Innovation Campus
1101 NW Innovation Parkway
Lee's Summit, MO 64086

Contact: 816-347-1612, mic@ucmo.edu

We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Corporation for National Community Service

2020 MLK Day of Service

For the last 24 years, the Corporation for National and Community Service has promoted service to honor Dr. King on the federal holiday designated for him. Whether you have previously participated in or led activities for this day of service or this is your first time planning an event, it is pertinent to remember his words, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: **What are you doing for others?**”

We hope you will join CNCS and thousands of organizations across the country to honor Dr. King through service on the holiday, during the week leading up to the holiday, or sign up to volunteer throughout the year in his memory. Activities to honor Dr. King often occur throughout the week (Jan. 15 – 21).

If you are still thinking about how to honor Dr. King’s legacy, please visit [MLKDay.gov](https://www.mlkday.gov) and check out our project ideas. There are many ideas listed that you could do, including bring people together to train them to volunteer with your organization or initiative throughout the year.

You will also find new social media graphics, downloadable posters, and other resources to support engaging your community in service.

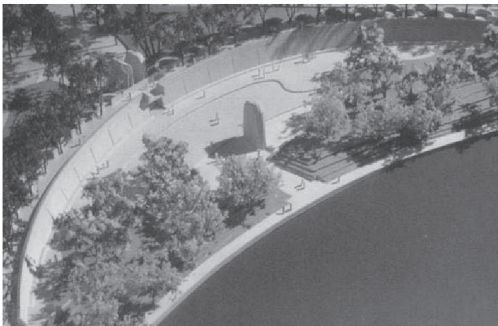
If you have already planned how you will honor Dr. King, please take a moment to register your service project. The process is very simple this year: choose “Start a project” to register a one-time event. Even if your project is not accepting additional volunteers, registering your project will let CNCS, local media or community members that may want to support your efforts know about them. If you are not accepting additional volunteers, please leave the volunteers needed box blank, or enter the number one.

If you have any questions about King Day, please email: MLKDay@cns.gov.

We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience. That will be a day not of the white man, not of the black man. That will be a day of man as man.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

National Memorial Site



Dr. King Monument

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The St. Louis Public Library

Hours and Locations

St. Louis Public Library-Central Library

1301 Olive Street

St. Louis, MO 63103

314-241-2288

TDD: 314-539-0364 M - TH: 10 a.m. -9 p.m.

F - SA: 10 a.m. —6 p.m.

SU: 1p.m. — 5 p.m. (first floor only)

St. Louis Public Library-Central Express

815 Olive Street, Suite 160

St. Louis, MO 63101

314-206-6755

M- F: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Baden Branch

8448 Church Rd.

St. Louis, MO 63147

314-388-2400

M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.

F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Barr Branch

1701 S. Jefferson Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63104

314-771-7040

M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.

F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Buder Branch

4401 Hampton Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63109

314-352-2900

M - TH: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

F & SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SU: 1 - 5 p.m.

Cabanne Branch

1106 Union Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63113

314-367-0717
M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.
F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Carondelet Branch
6800 Michigan Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63111
314-752-9224
M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.
F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Carpenter Branch
3309 S. Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63118
314-772-6586
F & SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SU: 1 - 5 p.m.

Charing Cross
356 N. Skinker Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63130
314-726-2653
Closed Monday
TU - F: 1-6 p.m.
SA: 9 a.m.-Noon & 1-6 p.m.

Divoll Branch
4234 N. Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63107
314-534-0313
M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.
F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Julia Davis Branch
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63115
314-383-3021
M - TH: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
F & SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SU: 1-5 p.m.

Kingshighway Branch
2260 S. Vandeventer Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110
314-771-5450
M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.
F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Machacek Branch
6424 Scanlan Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63139
314-781-2948
M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.
F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Marketplace
6548 Manchester Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63139
314-647-0939
Closed Monday
TU - TH: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Louis Public Library-Schlafly Branch
225 N. Euclid Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-367-4120
M - TH: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
F & SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SU: 1 - 5 p.m.

Walnut Park Branch
5760 W. Florissant Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63120
314-383-1210
M: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
TU - TH: Noon - 7 p.m.
F: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SA: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to talk too long. And every now and then I wonder what I want him to say. Tell him not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize. That isn't so important. Tell him not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards – that's not important. Tell him not to mention where I went to school.

I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody. I want you to say that I tried to be right on the war question. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I want you to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked. I want you to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.....

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

February 1968

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

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