



Community Coalition for Social Justice
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MISSION STATEMENT: The Community Coalition for Social Justice is a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting the principles of social, environmental, and economic justice and respect for all persons. We oppose discrimination and hate-motivated violence in Morgantown and surrounding communities.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP: Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 12th, at 6:30 p.m.** at **Panera's on Patteson Drive**. We will try to reserve the meeting room, but Panera has changed its policy. If it is really nice, we might be outside on the patio. *Note that we will not meet if Monongalia County schools are closed for the day or close early due to inclement weather.*

Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at attfield@comcast.net. Please contact any of the steering committee members to volunteer to help and to share your suggestions for our work or e-mail us at ccsjwv@hotmail.com. Please send items to share with our membership to Barb Howe at barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR DUES - \$10 for individuals and \$25 for organizations – to CCSJ, PO Box 160, Morgantown, WV 26507-0160. You can join or donate by credit card via PayPal on our web site.

MLK DAY 2019 PLANS STARTING: We have reserved the Metropolitan Theatre for a MLK Day 2019 event on January 21. We are pleased to report that the City of Morgantown has budgeted \$1,740 to help cover our expenses for this event. Our preliminary idea is to focus on the role of children/youth in the civil rights movement, but please let us know if you have ideas for a theme or participants.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK! Just look for “Community Coalition for Social Justice” under “Groups” and become our friend. Thanks to Mike Sharley for being our group “leader.”

LOCAL NEWS



MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: The next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building Conference Room on Spruce Street. You can get copies of the agendas and minutes for the commission meetings at www.morgantownwv.gov/government/commissions/human-rights-commission/human-rights-commission-agenda-minutes/.

You can find a calendar of annual human rights observances at www.morgantownwv.gov/wp-content/uploads/Annual-HR-Observances.pdf.

Here are the events for June:

LGBT Pride Month – Commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riot in New York City, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) Pride Day is the last Sunday in June.

June 1 Stand for Children Day – A day to emphasize the importance of standing up for children by supporting systemic change and increased funding for public education.

June 5 World Environment Day – Observance promoting an awareness of the impact of environmental conditions on individual and community well-being and food sources which make life possible for current and future generations.

June 8 World Oceans Day – Call for awareness of the importance of protecting oceans from pollution and rising sea levels to prevent individuals and entire communities from loss of property, housing, livelihood and food supplies.

June 12 Loving Day – Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision *Loving v. Virginia* which struck down the miscegenation laws in 16 states barring interracial marriage.

June 14 Race Unity Day – Observance promoting racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity.

June 19 Juneteenth – Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, it is now celebrated throughout the United States to honor African-American freedom and achievement.

June 20 World Refugee Day – Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.

June 26 United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture - A day to remind people that human torture is not only unacceptable but also a crime and a universal violation of a human right.



GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION MEETING IS JUNE 3RD: The next meeting will be Sunday, June 3rd, from 3:00 to 5:00 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 429 Warrick Street, Morgantown. Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation/. Action, education, and connection plans are on the agenda.

The Greater Morgantown Interfaith Association



family picnic potluck

all are invited

Please join us!

3-8pm, June 24

at Krepps Park

call Yasmeen with any questions 304 865-6111

UU FELLOWSHIP CIVICS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM SERIES: All films will be on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 429 Warrick Street, Morgantown. Here is the schedule with details about the next films:

June 14: "Sustainable" (Weschler, 2016) - "America is facing a food crisis driven by profitability and a lack of consumer education. While the window to transforming our heartland continues to shrink, passionate individuals have emerged who provide hope that the health of our nation might still remain within our grasp. Sustainable is a documentary film that weaves together expert analysis of America's food system with a powerful narrative of one extraordinary farmer who is determined to create a sustainable

future for his community. In a region dominated by commodity crops, Marty Travis has managed to maintain a farming model that is both economically viable and environmentally safe. Through his example and various expert interviews, the film explores options for reversing the issues facing America's heartland."

June 28: "Miss Representation" (Neusome Siebel, 2011) – "Explores the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America, and challenges the media's limited portrayal of what it means to be a powerful woman."

For more information, call 304-292-8842.



MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER MEETING IS MAY 8TH: The next meeting will be Tuesday June 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Monongalia Friends Meeting House, 648 E. Brockway Avenue, Morgantown.

Learn about this group's activities through its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/375050676186301/.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY 2018 ANNUAL MEETING IS JUNE 9TH AT ALI BABA'S, 83 HART FIELD DRIVE (AIRPORT), FROM 11:45

A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. The speaker will be Bill Kawecki, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, who will talk about "some of the accomplishments of the city this year, and will also focus on future developments planned to help Morgantown become more welcoming (such as pedestrian bridges, benches, and bus shelters). He will discuss a workshop he and County Commissioner Sean Sikora are currently working on to help improve communications and planning among municipalities and the County Commission. They hope the workshop will help the county and cities be more proactive in solving mutual problems."

The League will also be presenting its Democracy in Action awards. The business meeting will begin at 1:45, and will include adoption of the budget, vote on the dues change for students, election of officers, and adoption of the proposed local program."



NAACP NEXT MEETING JUNE 19TH: The Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP meets every third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Pines Country Club on Point Marion Road, Morgantown.

WVU CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE AND RESEARCH 2018 ACADEMIC STARS PROGRAM: This program will be held from June 25th to July 28th and is to introduce African American incoming first-year students to WVU. STARS stands for Students Achieving and Reaching Success.

MOMS DEMAND ACTION FORMING IN MORGANTOWN: For more information and to be added to the mailing list, please contact Kathie Reilly at k.reilly0001@gmail.com or Susie Donaldson at Susie.donaldson@outlook.com.

MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER BIRTHDAY CLUB: “For a minimum donation of \$25, you can honor your friends or family on their birthday and support a young victim of abuse on theirs. By joining the MCCAC’s Birthday Club, you will ensure that a child abuse victim in Monongalia County will receive a card and present on his/her birthday. If the donation is made in honor, or memory, of a friend or family member his/her birthday will be recognized on the MCCAC Birthday Calendar and they will receive a card informing them of the donation in their honor. This is a great opportunity to support a great cause and ensure that a young child abuse victim has a happy birthday!” For more information on this opportunity go to www.moncocac.org.

NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING YOUTH CLUB MEETING IS JUNE 30TH:

Some disabilities look like this



Some look like this



Please join us for NWVCIL’s Youth Club!

Saturday June 30, 2018 at 6pm @the NWVCIL.

This club will serve youth with disabilities, ages 14-24 in Morgantown and the surrounding area.

This club will offer:

Peer Support, Job Preparedness,
Independent Living Skills Training,
Building Relationships Skills,

And...the opportunity to be a part of a club in which YOU have a say on fun activities and on what YOU want to learn, see, & do!

For more information please contact and RSVP Christine Wilcox @ 304-296-6091 or cwilcox@nwvcil.org
Please check us out on Facebook!![fb.me/NWVCILYOUTHCLUB](https://www.facebook.com/NWVCILYOUTHCLUB).

NWVCIL ARTISTS’ DEADLINE FOR “DIFFERENT VOICES & COMMON EXPERIENCES” IS JUNE 7TH: Completed application deadline is Friday, June 7th, 2018. No late applications will be accepted.

Visual Artists: Artists will be chosen on a first-come basis until the gallery space is full or deadline is met. You must submit photographs of your art pieces (limit 3 per artist) with your completed application. One piece of artwork will be chosen as the “feature” to be used for the postcards, posters and the show program.

Performing Artists: Performers (poets, musicians, etc.) are welcome to share their talent during the opening night reception (Friday, August 3rd). Performing artist applications will also be received on a first-come basis until the time available is full. To request a slot, please contact Christine Wilcox.

Opening Night Reception: There will be a free public reception on Friday, August 3rd, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Participating artists and the community are encouraged to attend to enjoy the visual and performance art with wonderful company. Refreshments will be available.

Set-Up and Take-Down: Visual artists must deliver their work to the Mon Arts Center at 107 High Street in Morgantown on Monday, July 30th or Tuesday, July 31st between 11:30 am – 7 pm. Artwork must arrive on time to be shown. All work must be picked up from the Mon Arts Center Monday, August 27th or Tuesday, August 28th between 11:30 am – 7 pm.

For an application or questions call Christine Wilcox @ 304-296-6091 or email: cwilcox@nwvcil.org.

NORTHERN WV CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING'S

DIFFERENT VOICES & COMMON EXPERIENCES 2018

OPENING NIGHT
SNACKS,
ENTERTAINMENT

AUGUST 3, 2018
6 PM - 8 PM

BENEDUM GALLERY AT THE MONONGALIA
ARTS CENTER
107 HIGH ST, MORGANTOWN, WV 26505
VISIT NWVCIL.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS



Information about the **Kanawha Valley NOW** chapter is available at www.facebook.com/Kanawha-Valley-Chapter-National-Organization-For-Women-1976287046030339/.

West Virginia NOW has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNOW/.

WEAR ORANGE WV - CHARLESTON - WEAR ORANGE REMEMBRANCE WALK & RAINBOW PRIDE
TABLING IS JUNE 2ND: “We’ll start our Wear Orange celebration at Haddad River Front Park for a remembrance walk along Kanawha Blvd (from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.) Bring the family! Then, at 1 p.m. we’ll regroup to host an information table at Rainbow Pride. Join us for one or both! Kids welcome!” To sign up, please go to act.everytown.org/event/wear-orange-2018/12319/signup/?source=emne_20180525-Wear-Orange-Lee-Daniels&akid=118510.6829689.IJ3Qov&zip=

Wear Orange Weekend is June 1-3: “Every year, Everytown and our partner organizations across the country wear orange: both to honor those who have lost their lives and loved ones, and to demand a future free from gun violence. Join our movement—Wear Orange this year.” For more information, please go to wearorange.org/ and search for the nearest event, as there are also events in Pittsburgh; Cumberland, Maryland, and Frederick, Maryland.

ACLU OF WEST VIRGINIA EVENT:

CONFRONTING RAPE CULTURE

Beckley, WV
June 5th, 6pm - 8pm
The Raleigh Playhouse and Theatre



This is an amazing movie about “the notorious Ruth Bader Ginsberg” that should appeal to anyone interested in social justice.



FREE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

JUNE 4, 2018

UNDERGROUND CINEMA

CHARLESTON, WV



There will also be screenings at the Opera House in Marlinton on June 10th, the Lascaux Micro Theatre in Buckhannon on June 22nd, and the Historic Fayette Theatre in Fayetteville on June 28th. The Charleston program will begin at 6:30 p.m. but is sold out.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION IN PITTSBURGH:

Join Us For The

FOURTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE BLACK TIE GALA

FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND 2018

HEINZ HISTORY CENTER
1212 Smallman Street, Pgh, PA 15222

6:30PM - VIP RECEPTION
Includes: Free Exhibit Tours, Cash Bar & Hors d'oeuvres

7:00PM - BLACK TIE GALA

SPECIAL APPEARANCE: JENNIFER PINCKNEY
Widow of Rev. Clementa Pinckney of the Charleston 9

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SENATOR JOAN HEINZ HISTORY CENTER
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

HELP US RECOGNIZE OUR 2018 HONOREES:

TABLE OF THE ROUND:
Rev. Dr. Richard Wingfield, Moderator, Allegheny Union Baptist Association
Rev. Dr. Darryl T. Canady, Rodman Street Baptist Church
Rev. B. DeNeice Welch, Bidwell Presbyterian Church
Rev. Rockwell Dillaman, Allegheny Center Alliance Church
Rev. John Knight, Mt. Ararat Baptist Church
Rev. Frank Tillman Jr., Christian Fellowship Center, COGIC
Pastor Cheryl Ruffin, St. Paul AME Church
Dr. Victor Muhammad, NOI Pittsburgh
Rev. Barbara A. Gunn, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
Rev. David V. McFarland, Allegheny Unitarian Church
Rev. Eleanor Williams, Parents Against Violence

PITTSBURGH CRIOTS:
Joe William Trotter Jr., Carnegie Mellon University
Chris Moore, Pittsburgh Cable News Channel
Larry Glasco, University of Pittsburgh
Lenwood Sloan, Catalytic Agent
Ralph Proctor, Community College of Allegheny County
Charlene Foggie-Barnett, Carnegie Museum of Art
Robert Hill, Retired - University of Pittsburgh
Samuel W. Black, Heinz History Center
Marlene Branson, Afro-American Genealogical Society

TICKETS: \$75 VIP (Includes Reception) | \$50 Gen. Admission

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO BECOME A VENDOR OR SPONSOR CONTACT:
724-205-9376, bmarshallproductions@yahoo.com or visit pghblacklegacy.com

RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS IN JUNE 2018 FROM PETER CLARK

Celebrating LGBTQ Pride Month

For Native Americans in the Pacific Northwest, June marks Miso’o, the season of Sockeye salmon, which is the most important food source for the coming year. In Arizona, this is also the season of the Hopi Kachina Dances, in which long lines of dancers (representing various spirit-powers) perform in the open plazas of Hopi pueblos.

Sunday, June 3

* Corpus Christi – Christianity [Roman Catholic]

Named for the Latin phrase “Body of Christ,” this festival is a time when Catholic Christians express their faith in Christ’s real presence in the elements of Holy Communion.

Monday, June 4

* All Saints – Christianity (Eastern churches)

Celebrating the lives of those saints, known and unknown, whose prayers and exemplary lives have a positive influence on the lives and Christian faith of others. Western Christian churches celebrate this festival on November 1st.

Tuesday, June 5

* Núr – Bahá’í

The beginning of the fifth month of the Bahá’í year, meaning “light.”

Friday, June 8

* Jum’at al-Wadā [Farewell Friday] – Islam

As the last Friday in the month of Ramadān and the Friday immediately preceding Eid al-Fitr, this day is not a festival day, but it is still considered special by many Muslims.

* Sacred Heart – Christianity [Roman Catholic]

A devotional feast during which Catholic Christians reflect on God’s compassionate love, symbolized by Christ’s heart.

Saturday, June 9

* Laylat al-Qadr [Night of Power or Destiny] – Islam

A festival commemorating the first revelation of the Qur’ān to the Prophet Muhammad in 610 C.E., at the age of forty. Often fixed as the 27th day of the Islamic month of Ramadān, Sunnis may also observe

it on the 21st, 23rd, 25th or 29th. Shi'ites observe it on the 19th, 21st or 23rd of Ramadān. The festival begins at sundown.

Thursday, June 14

* Eid al-Fitr – Islam

This is the Breaking of the Fast that celebrates the end of the month of Ramadān. Usually lasting three days, this festival begins with communal prayer and may also include charitable acts, visiting family and friends, preparing special foods, dressing in new clothes, and giving gifts.

Saturday, June 16

* Martyrdom of Gurū Arjan Dev Ji – Sikhism [Nanakshahi tradition]

The first Sikh martyr and the fifth gurū, Arjan (1563 – 1606 C.E.) built the Harimandir (Temple of God) in the town of Amritsar with door facing all four directions, in order to emphasize that the Sikh way was open to all regardless of their socio-economic status. He also compiled the Sikh scriptures known as the Gurū Granth Sahib.

Monday, June 18

* Anniversary of Jamyang Khyentse Chökyi Lodrö – Buddhism [Tibetan tradition]

A celebration of the Tibetan lama (ca. 1893 – 1959) whose mastery of several lineages and insights have had a profound effect on numerous currently teaching lamas.

Tuesday, June 19

* Enlightenment of Kwan Yin Bodhisattva – Buddhism [Mahāyāna Pure Land tradition]

A celebration of the enlightenment of the bodhisattva of compassion—an enlightened being who vows to attain final, supreme enlightenment in order to save all sentient beings from suffering. In the Pure Land tradition, this bodhisattva frequently accompanies Amida Buddha in icons and other depictions.

* New Church Day – Swedenborgian Christianity (Church of the New Jerusalem)

Annual commemoration of the visionary document The True Christian Religion, written by Emanuel Swedenborg in 1770 C.E.

Thursday, June 21 Summer solstice

* Summer Feast – Native American spirituality

A day to honor the coming and going of the seasons, celebrated with songs, prayers, and story-telling.

* Litha [Midsummer's Eve] – Wicca

A celebration of the consummation of the sacred marriage, in which the male divine energy is poured out in the service of life.

Sunday, June 24

* Rahmat – Bahá'í

The beginning of the sixth month of the Bahá'í year, Rahmat means “mercy.”

Wednesday, June 27

* Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Joseph Smith – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Recalling the assassination of the prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum while they were incarcerated in Carthage, Illinois, in 1844 C.E.

Friday, June 29

* Ghambar Maidyoshem begins – Zoroastrianism

A celebration of the creation of water, the sowing of the summer crops, and the harvesting of grain. This festival continues through Tuesday, July 3rd.

* Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul – Christianity (both Western and Eastern churches)

Celebrates the two apostles who preached the Christian gospel in Rome. In Eastern churches this festival begins at sundown.

If you want more information about any of these holy days, please contact

UCSF Health Spiritual Care Services at 415-353-1941 (Rev. Dr. Peter Yuichi Clark)

Our thanks to the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, the Multifaith Action Society of British Columbia (Canada), BBC's Religion Website, Peel Schools District Board (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada), the Arizona State University Provost's Office, the NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad, the Anti-Defamation League, Project Interfaith (Omaha, NE), the University of Victoria Faculty of Law (British Columbia, Canada), the Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education,

and www.interfaith-calendar.org

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