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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.

**Also:** Please note that CCSJ is a 501 (c) (3) organization and therefore is non-partisan. While we encourage everyone to vote and participate in the political process, we do not endorse candidates, provide a forum for candidates to campaign, or publicize partisan political statements.

**NEXT CCSJ MEETING IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH AT 7:30 P.M. ON ZOOM. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Topic: Community Coalition for Social Justice November Meeting  
Time: Nov ember 15, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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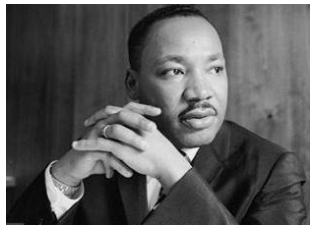
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**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY 2023:** We are busy planning for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day 2023 and hope to be back at the Metropolitan Theatre on January 16th. Our theme is “Telling West Virginia’s Stories and Dreams,” and we plan to include stories from former Morgantown Mayor Charlene Marshall and long-time Osage resident Al Anderson. Chris Haddox is also scheduled to perform, and Jeremy Thomas has agreed to read a children’s story. We have also invited members of the Community Choir to perform,

and the Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP has invited Dr. Joseph Jones of the WVU Reed College of Media to speak as their contribution for the event.

**BOOK LISTS UPDATED:** We have updated our lists of books at the Morgantown Public Library system that focus on social justice topics. These are available under the “Resources” tab of our website at [www.ccsjwv.org/resources.html](http://www.ccsjwv.org/resources.html).

**CONTACT US:** Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at [mdattfieldo@gmail.com](mailto:mdattfieldo@gmail.com). 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@gmail.com](mailto:ccsjwv@gmail.com). Please send items to share with our membership to Barb Howe at [barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu](mailto: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.



**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

### THE ELECTION IS UNDERWAY

**Midterm Elections 2022**

**How to prepare for the election:**

- double check your registration & polling place
- research candidates
- research constitutional amendments
- make a plan to get to the polls and bring a friend!

Your Vote Matters!  
Make plans to cast your ballot  
Oct 26 Nov 5 or Nov 8th

Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP | [morgantownNAACP.org](http://morgantownNAACP.org)

Check your voter registration status at [www.nass.org/can-i-vote](http://www.nass.org/can-i-vote)

**November 2: Absentee Ballot Application Deadline.** To receive an absentee ballot, you must submit an Application for Absentee Ballot to your County Clerk’s office no later than November 2nd. You can download and print an application by going to WV Secretary of State website at [GoVoteWV.com](http://GoVoteWV.com) and click on Absentee Ballot Application.

**Early voting:** This continues through Saturday November 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In Monongalia County, early voting will be at the County Election Center (Mountaineer Mall): 5000 Greenbag Road Morgantown, WV 26501; Mason-Dixon Historical Park: 79 Buckeye Road Core, WV 26541; Westover VFW Post 9916: 340 Holland Avenue Westover, WV 26501; and Pierpont Landing: 2000 Mid-Atlantic Drive: (Former Urse Dodge Location) Morgantown, WV 26508. Anyone can vote early at any location.

**Election day:** Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Go to [www.monongaliacountyclerk.com/index.php/elections/17-current-election/112-2022-general-election-information](http://www.monongaliacountyclerk.com/index.php/elections/17-current-election/112-2022-general-election-information) to find your polling place for election day, information on write-in candidates, voter identification requirements, application procedures for absentee ballots, sample ballots, text of the four proposed constitutional amendments, text of the Monongalia County EMS levy order, and the text of the Star City ballot question order.

Fairness West Virginia has a **West Virginia Equality Report Card** available at [fairnesswv.org/reportcard/](http://fairnesswv.org/reportcard/).

“This report card reflects how every member of the Legislature voted on bills that affect LGBTQ people during the 2021 and 2022 legislative session. Not sure which legislator represents you? Click on [secure.everyaction.com/p/HTplcLWnq0OQ0zk3Yp06-Q2](http://secure.everyaction.com/p/HTplcLWnq0OQ0zk3Yp06-Q2) to use our tool to look them up. You can also type the name of your county in the search bar at the top of each table. This will display every legislator who represents a district located entirely or partially in that county.

“After finding your representative, check to see how their votes compare to our position. If a legislator has a check mark, that means Fairness supported how they voted on the issue. If a legislator has an X, that means Fairness opposed how they voted on the issue.”

**NEED A RIDE TO EARLY VOTING?  
WV WOMEN VOTE CAN HELP!**

AVAILABLE DATES:  
SAT., OCT. 29  
WED., NOV. 2  
SAT., NOV. 5

MESSAGE THIS PAGE  
OR CALL/TEXT 304-579-9653  
TO REACH NONPARTISAN VOLUNTEERS

**EARLY VOTING VOLUNTEER  
DRIVERS NEEDED!**

EVERY WEST VIRGINIA VOTER  
SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE!



Volunteer for shifts on these dates:

- Sat., Oct. 29
- Wed., Nov. 2
- Sat., Nov. 5

**Please sign up ASAP:**  
<https://bit.ly/volunteervotewv2022>

Rides provided by volunteer members of the nonpartisan  
WV Women Vote of Morgantown Coalition.

**MORGANTOWN CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE:** We are still waiting for news of appointments to this board.



**MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:** The next regular meeting will be Thursday, **November 17th** at 6:30 p.m. You can get contact information for the commission, including information on filing complaint forms at [www.morgantownwv.gov/272/Human-Rights-Commission](http://www.morgantownwv.gov/272/Human-Rights-Commission).

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/](http://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/DocumentCenter/View/396/Calendar-of-Annual-Human-Rights-Observances-PDF](http://www.morgantownwv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/396/Calendar-of-Annual-Human-Rights-Observances-PDF)

Here are the events for November:

Native American Heritage Month – Celebrates and honors the history and culture of Native Americans in the United States.

November 2: International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists – A day to emphasize that information is essential for decision making whether it be economic, social or political. Information is the cornerstone for democracy, good government and effective institutions. During the past decade 700 journalists have been killed worldwide.

November 8: Election Day – A day set by United States law for citizens to exercise the right to vote in the election of public officials.

November 9: Day against Racism – A call for global action against intolerance and its attendant violence as well as enhancement of communal and national tolerance, fairness, and mutual respect.

November 13: World Kindness Day – Calls for special deliberate efforts to treat others with kindness and even to exceed the rights which people can expect or hope to be honored in their relationships with others.

November 16: International Day for Tolerance – Emphasizes the dangers of intolerance and is a call for action for the advancement of human welfare, freedom, and progress everywhere, as well as a day to encourage tolerance, respect dialogue, and cooperation among different cultures and peoples.

November 20: Universal Children’s Day – The world-wide day for promoting mutual exchange and understanding among children and for initiating action to benefit and promote the welfare of the world’s children.

November 24: Thanksgiving Day – Following a 19th Century tradition, this day commemorates the Pilgrim’s harvest feast in the autumn of 1621 and their successful interdependence with Native Americans making the feast possible.

November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women –A day for emphasizing awareness that violence against women is a preventable human rights violation based on discrimination against women and a perception of inequalities between men and women.



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM):** The League held candidate forums on October 18th for candidates in the Second Congressional District, on October 19th for candidates for State Senate Districts 2 and 13, and on October 20th for candidates for the Monongalia County County Commission. Barb Howe moderated the forum on the 20th as a representative of CCSJ.

You can watch these forums on the League’s Facebook page as follows:

Second Congressional District: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6LyqVpy8-c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6LyqVpy8-c)

County Commission: [www.facebook.com/LWVMM/videos/621918826294448](http://www.facebook.com/LWVMM/videos/621918826294448)

Senate District 2: [www.facebook.com/LWVMM/videos/845588836785271](http://www.facebook.com/LWVMM/videos/845588836785271)

Senate District 13: [www.facebook.com/LWVMM/videos/1429822454174396](http://www.facebook.com/LWVMM/videos/1429822454174396)

Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LWVMM](http://www.facebook.com/LWVMM) and contact them by email at [lwvmorgantown@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmorgantown@gmail.com). You can join the League of Women Voters at [tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm](http://tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm).

**LISTENING FOR RACIAL UNDERSTANDING EXHIBIT AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** This is exhibit or art work and clips from interviews between people of different races is available at the church at 456 Spruce Street, Morgantown, **through November 3rd**. The church office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit is available to travel around the state. To preview the exhibit and get more information, please go to [listeningforracialunderstanding.com](http://listeningforracialunderstanding.com).

**GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION:** Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation).



**MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER:** The next meeting should be Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. No further information was available at “press time.”

Morgantown NOW is part of the West Virginia Women Vote of Morgantown Coalition, which includes the Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP, the League of Women Voters of Morgantown and Monongalia County, and the Delta Sigma Theta WVU alumnae. “Our goal is to encourage voter education and participation in a non-partisan fashion. We don’t endorse or support any candidates or parties as a coalition.”

Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/](http://www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/). Details and agenda are available through the weekly newsletter or email at [morgantownnow@gmail.com](mailto:morgantownnow@gmail.com).



**MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH:** This meeting of the membership will be at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the NAACP at 3241naacp@gmail.com for more information and to learn how to participate.

The branch has a Readings on Race and Rights group that is publicized through the NAACP listserv.

Follow the NAACP on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/naacp3241/?ref=page\\_internal](http://www.facebook.com/naacp3241/?ref=page_internal).

**Donate Blood Save A Life!**

**Sabra United Methodist Church**  
Nov 3rd  
1pm-6pm

Successful donors eligible to win \$15 gift card  
\*15 gift cards for give away; not redeemable for cash\*

Sign up here: [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
Sponsor Code: NAACPMORGANTOWN

If you have lived outside the USA & are unsure of your eligibility to donate, please call the Donor Client Support Center: 1-800-236-3278



**MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN-MENNONITE:** The church has a Blessings Box outside the church at 464 Virginia Avenue, where you can drop off extra food you may have or take some if you need it, or swap food.

Follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634](http://www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634) or at [www.morgantowncob.org](http://www.morgantowncob.org). Sunday services are held at 10:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom, with the link available at [www.morgantowncob.org](http://www.morgantowncob.org). "We ask that everyone wear a mask inside the building."



**UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN:** The UUFM has resumed live programs at the Fellowship A-Frame Building each Sunday starting at 10:45 a.m. at 429 Warrick Street. For more information, please email [UUFMWV@gmail.com](mailto:UUFMWV@gmail.com). See also: [UUFMWV.org](http://UUFMWV.org)

**PFLAG:** The closest chapter now is in Fairmont, with information available at [www.pflagfairmont.org](http://www.pflagfairmont.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/PFLAGFairmont](http://www.facebook.com/groups/PFLAGFairmont).



**DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER** will meet by Zoom on Monday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. Eve Faulkes and Susan Eason will present on the Listening for Racial Understanding project which they developed. Working from the idea that personal experience may be the only thing that can open us from unconscious or conscious bias to a place of empathy and understanding, 23 people of color were paired with white partners for

one-on-one conversations using active listening. This presentation will follow the process and experience of their approach to our seeing one another as both unique and fully human. The Zoom link is [us02web.zoom.us/j/85962493623](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85962493623)

Dismantling Racism Together will not meet in December.



**MORGANTOWN PRIDE:** For information on this group, go to [www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page_internal) or [www.morgantownwvpride.org](https://www.morgantownwvpride.org). Morgantown Pride has an Instagram page at [www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en).



Morgantown Pride monthly events are now scheduled for **Tuesday, November 8th**, and Tuesday, December 13th, all at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.



**Raising Trans Kids Community Group**

**RAISING TRANS KIDS MEETS SATURDAY, November 12th** from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 10th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. “The Raising Trans Kids community group is for West Virginia parents, guardians, and families who are raising transgender or gender diverse kids (of any age), or have kids who might be transgender or gender diverse. Meetings are normally the second Saturday of the month, 2:00-3:30 pm. All meetings are held virtually via Zoom for now. Email [raisingtranskids@gmail.com](mailto:raisingtranskids@gmail.com) for the call-in passcode and/or more information.

Follow Morgantown Pride on Facebook.”

**MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:** The next MCCAC “Girls’ Night Out” will be May 19, 2023.

#### **WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



**WVU NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM:** The Native American Studies Program is collaborating with the Art Museum of WVU so that Marie Watt’s work will be on display at the Museum with an exhibit entitled “Storywork: The Prints of Marie Watt” this fall. The link to the exhibit is at [artmuseum.wvu.edu/art/exhibitions/catalog/2022/05/13/storywork-the-prints-of-marie-watt](https://artmuseum.wvu.edu/art/exhibitions/catalog/2022/05/13/storywork-the-prints-of-marie-watt). The Art Museum is free and open to the public Thursday through Sunday

from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Bonnie M. Brown, Coordinator of the Native American Studies Program, West Virginia University, PO Box 6284, Morgantown, WV, 26506-6284, [NAS.WVU.EDU](mailto:NAS.WVU.EDU), [@WVU\\_NASprogram](https://www.instagram.com/WVU_NASprogram), or call 304-293-4626.



**AN EXHIBITION BY WVU ART IN THE LIBRARIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WVU NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES IS OPEN.** This exhibit will be intentionally curated with the expertise and contribution of

Indigenous Appalachians alongside scholars of Native American Studies. The exhibit will be available through May 2023 (print and online) at the WVU Downtown Library and from June through December 2023 at the WVU Beckley Campus Library. It will be at the Appalachian State University Library from January through July 2024 and at the Marshall University Library from August through December 2024.

The **launch event** with Joe Stahlman, director of the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum and assistant research professor of the Department of Anthropology at the University at Buffalo and Maryam Marne Zafar, visual strategist and graphic designer, will be **November 14, 2022**, at the WVU Downtown Library.

The content of the exhibit includes exploration of the following themes:

- Discussion of the complexities involved in public discussions and portrayals of Indigenous cultures and histories, especially in consideration of European colonial history, U.S. policies, and social forces; these include centuries of genocidal acts
- Acknowledgement of WVU Libraries' Indigenous related holdings
- Indigenous People in Appalachia Today and their ancestry
- Indigenous Place Names in West Virginia
- Contemporary Indigenous Appalachian perspectives through creative work. Confirmed artists: Nadema Agard (painting, Cherokee), Connor Alexander (game design, Cherokee), Erin Lee Antonak (sculpture/drawing, Oneida), Kayln Barnoski (fabric/mixed media, Cherokee), April Branham (painting/photography, Monacan), Ethan Brown (gourd design/painting, Pamunkey), Annette Clapsaddle (writing, Cherokee), Robert D'Alimonte (woodworking/carving, Tuscarora), Brent Michael Davids (composing/music, Mohican/Munsee-Lenape), John Gritts (drawing/painting, Cherokee), Benjamin Harjo, Jr. (drawing/painting, Absentee Shawnee), Yonavea Hawkins (bead/fashion, Delaware), Antoinette (Toni) Scott (cornhusk dolls, Seneca), Rosy Simas (transdisciplinary art/dance, Seneca), Amelia Winger-Bearskin (NFT/digital, Seneca-Cayuga).

For more resources check out the Indigenous Appalachia Library Guide at [libguides.wvu.edu/c.php?g=1172031&p=8561998](http://libguides.wvu.edu/c.php?g=1172031&p=8561998).

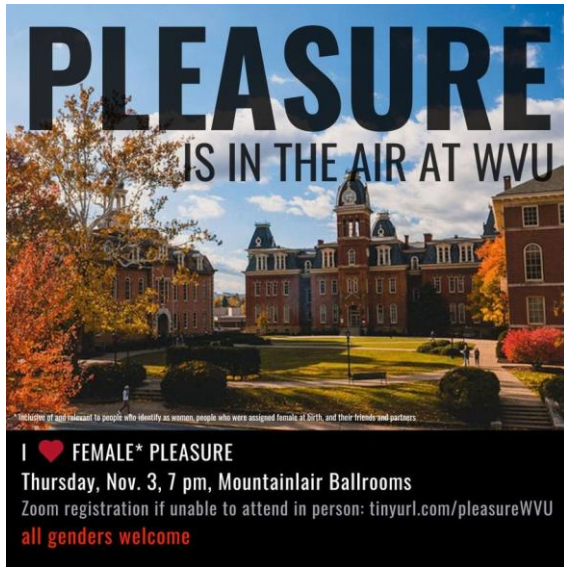
The exhibit will also become a digital exhibit living on the WVU Libraries' website and archived on the Research Repository at WVU at [researchrepository.wvu.edu](http://researchrepository.wvu.edu).

For further information, please contact Sally Brown Deskins, WVU Libraries' Exhibits Coordinator, at [sally.brown1@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:sally.brown1@mail.wvu.edu) or 304.293.0369.

This project is being presented with financial assistance from the West Virginia Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations do not necessarily represent those of the West Virginia Humanities Council or the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Other sponsors are the WVU Office of the Provost and Humanities Center, The Antero Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, MPB Print & Sign Superstore, Marshall University Libraries and Online Learning, Appalachian State University University Libraries, and West Virginia Library Commission.



**WVU LGBTQ CENTER PROGRAM ON NOVEMBER 3RD AT 7:00 P.M.:** WVU students, faculty and staff are invited to a funny, educational, inclusive program about women’s sexuality and pleasure. Through humor, honesty and respect, laugh and learn from sex educators Lindsay Fram and Marshall Miller as they cover everything about our bodies and our sexuality, the diversity of sexual experiences, pleasure and intimacy. All are encouraged to attend in person in the Mountainlair Ballrooms. For those unable to participate in person, register to attend via Zoom at [wvu.zoom.us/.../tJUqc-60qjgrGdI8fyKVXWzMZZBVTdw2\\_9eX](https://wvu.zoom.us/j/60qjgrGdI8fyKVXWzMZZBVTdw2_9eX) This event is cosponsored by the Division of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Women’s Resource

Center (WRC), LGBTQ+ Center and WellWVU. These WVU units as well as the following organizations will be tabling at the event: Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center (RDVIC), Women's Health Center of West Virginia, Planned Parenthood and WVU Believe Them.


**WVU CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE AND RESEARCH FILM FESTIVAL:**




The Mary L. Thomas Endowment,  
Department Of Sociology &  
Anthropology, and Research Center  
on Violence Present:

**Thinking Critically About  
POLICE REFORM**

Mountainlair Rhododendron Room  
Thursday, November 3rd  
10:30-12:00 pm




**Howard Ryan**  
Ph.D. Student



**Dr. Jason Williams**  
Montclair State University

Join us for refreshments and a  
discussion on police reform through  
the lens of critical criminology.

 West Virginia University  
EBERLY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**STATE-WIDE EVENTS**



**WEST VIRGINIA NOW:** West Virginia NOW is online at [www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow](https://www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow) and [wvnow.org](http://wvnow.org).



“Our bodies, Our voices, Our vote” is the theme of the West Virginia NOW’s 2022 annual meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Huntington on Sunday, December 4th. The agenda will include preparing for the upcoming legislative session. Registration is free for current NOW members. There are also rates for students (\$20), new members (\$35), and for those who want to sponsor a new member (\$70). You can register and pay at [www.wvnow.org/state-](http://www.wvnow.org/state-meeting)

[meeting?fbclid=IwAR1YIIR4FANdTJFzzV2RoImbLV0FYgOTXbU22HIKzkx8EyliUFBhO3zWiSw](http://www.wvnow.org/state-meeting?fbclid=IwAR1YIIR4FANdTJFzzV2RoImbLV0FYgOTXbU22HIKzkx8EyliUFBhO3zWiSw)

For those unable to attend in person, there will be a live stream available.



**FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA IS HIRING:** “Fairness West Virginia, the statewide nonprofit LGBTQ civil rights organization, seeks a Communications & Operations Manager to join our growing team. Our mission is to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender West Virginians can be open, honest, and safe at home, at work, and in the community.

“This full-time position, which reports to the Executive Director, is responsible for communications, development, office operations, and facilities management.”

For more information about this position, please go to [fairnesswv.org/2022/10/24/were-hiring-communications-operations-manager/](http://fairnesswv.org/2022/10/24/were-hiring-communications-operations-manager/).

Follow Fairness West Virginia on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fairnesswv](http://www.facebook.com/fairnesswv) for information on the federal efforts to protect same-sex marriages and on how access to abortion affects the LGBTQ community.



**ACLU of West Virginia:** Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ACLUWV](http://www.facebook.com/ACLUWV).

**“ACLU SETTLES LAWSUIT AFTER WEST VIRGINIA OFFICIALS REVEAL NEW PROCESS FOR AMENDING NAMES AND GENDER MARKERS ON BIRTH CERTIFICATES**

“CHARLESTON, WV - Following a lawsuit from ACLU, ACLU of West Virginia, and the Harvard Law School LGBTQ+ Advocacy Clinic, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources’ Vital Registration Office has introduced more accessible and safer policies for transgender people seeking to amend their birth certificates.”

You can read the rest of the press release, dated October 26th, at [www.acluwv.org/en/press-releases/aclu-settles-lawsuit-after-west-virginia-officials-reveal-new-process-amending-names](http://www.acluwv.org/en/press-releases/aclu-settles-lawsuit-after-west-virginia-officials-reveal-new-process-amending-names)

**SUPPORT *BLACK BY GOD: THE WEST VIRGINIAN*:** According to its website, [blackbygod.org](http://blackbygod.org), “We are an emerging news and storytelling organization centering Black voices from the Mountain State. We provide a more nuanced portrayal of the Black experience in the Appalachian region.” Crystal Good is the editor/publisher/founder of *Black By God*. There is a weekly online edition and a quarterly print edition. To contact BBG, email [Info@Blackbygod.org](mailto:Info@Blackbygod.org) or call 304-207-0352. The mailing address is 2156 University Ave. Suite 400, Morgantown, WV, 26505. To make a tax-deductible donation, go to [blackbygod.org/donate](http://blackbygod.org/donate).

#### **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY EVENTS CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2022**

From [www.diversityresources.com/2022-diversity-calendar/](http://www.diversityresources.com/2022-diversity-calendar/)

Native American Heritage Month: celebrates the culture and heritage of individuals who deeply enrich the United States

November- month-long fundraiser for men’s issues, including prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men’s suicide

10/31-11/2 – All Saints Day/All Souls Day/Día de los Muertos: commemorates those who have passed away in the Christian faith and Mexican and Aztec communities

11/16 – International Day for Tolerance (United Nations): founded by the UN to promote respect for various religions, languages, ethnicities, and cultures

11/16 – Dutch American Heritage Day: established to celebrate the longstanding friendship between the U.S. and the Netherlands

11/20 – Transgender Day of Remembrance (LGBTQ+): seeks to remember those who were murdered due to transphobia