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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.

NEXT CCSJ MEETING IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH AT 7:30 P.M. ON ZOOM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Topic: Community Coalition for Social Justice December Meeting
Time: Dec 20, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY 2023 IS MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH AT 2:00 P.M.: We have decided to be on Zoom/Facebook Live again this year with the support of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Our theme is “Telling West Virginia’s Stories and Dreams.” We plan to include stories from former Morgantown Mayor Charlene Marshall and long-time Osage resident Al Anderson. Chris Haddox and Al Anderson are scheduled to perform, and Jeremy Thomas has agreed to read a children’s story about West Virginia native and NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson.

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. His topic will be “Communities of Care: West Virginia and a Civic Identity for the 21st Century.” Morgantown Mayor Jenny Selin has agreed to welcome everyone on behalf of the City of Morgantown, which provides funding for the event. We will also be co-sponsoring again with Main Street Morgantown to benefit from their publicity efforts.

Because we will be virtual, we want to expand out publicity outreach statewide. If you have ideas of groups to contact, please send the contact information to Mike Attfield at ccsjwv@gmail.com.

To watch the presentation on Facebook Live: On the day of the event go to www.facebook.com/olliatwvu.

To use Zoom, you must pre-register at olliatwvu.wufoo.com/forms/z17w9uy41k7ccrd/. Registration is free, and you open to everyone.

Zoom will start ten minutes prior to the event.

More information will be available at www.ccsjwv.org.

CONTACT US: Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at 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. 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.



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 CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE: Morgantown City Council has made seven appointments to the nine-member board. The seven are Rich Burks, Robert Cohen, Dady Dadyburjor, Rachel Fetty (CCSJ’s nominee), Megan Gandy, Russ Jones, and Nicole Lauffer.



MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: The next regular meeting, according to the November agenda, is to be determined because of the holidays. You can get contact information for the commission, including information on filing complaint forms at 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/.

You can find a calendar of annual human rights observances at www.morgantownwv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/396/Calendar-of-Annual-Human-Rights-Observances-PDF

Here are the events for December:

December 2: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery – Slavery is not just history but affects over 30 million persons throughout the world today. Its roots are in discrimination, poverty and indebtedness, vulnerability, and the rule of law.

December 3: International Day of Disabled Persons – Raises awareness about persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity.

December 10: International Human Rights Day – On this day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

December 16: Bill of Rights Day – Commemorates the signing into law of the ten original amendments of the United States Constitution in 1791 – including the First Amendment Rights of religion, association, speech, petition, and press.

December 18 International Migrants Day – A day to affirm commitment to diverse and open societies which provide opportunities and lives of dignity for all migrants.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM): Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LWVMM and contact them by email at lwvmorgantown@gmail.com. You can join the League of Women Voters at tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm.

GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation.



MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER: The next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 13th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, 648 E. Brockway, Morgantown and on Zoom.

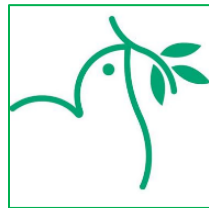
Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/. Details and agenda are available through the weekly newsletter or email at morgantownnow@gmail.com.



MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH: 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.



MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS-MENNONITE DECEMBER EVENTS:

December 18--Neighborhood caroling in the Wiles Hill neighborhood begins at 7:00 p.m. Meet at the church at 464 Virginia Avenue.

December 21---Longest Night service will take place around the firepit at the parsonage, 501 Center Street (diagonally from the church). Service begins at 7:00 p.m., but come earlier to roast some hotdogs with the group.

December 24--Christmas Eve service with stories and singing. Begins at 7:00 p.m.

The church has a Blessings Box outside the church, 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 or at 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. "We ask that everyone wear a mask inside the building."



UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN DECEMBER PROGRAMS:

December 4: UU SERMON: "Unitarian Universalism 101" ~ Rev. Aaron White on Vimeo. Recorded program for viewing as convenient.

This is a UU sermon from Rev. Aaron White of Dallas, Texas on the basics of our history and religion and how to describe it to others. Whether you've been a UU for years or this is your first sermon, you will undoubtedly become more informed if not inspired. Originally presented on August 13, 2013. vimeo.com/72287091

December 4: Annual Morgantown Community Orchestra Concert — Time: 2:00 p.m., Antoinette Falbo Theater, College of Creative Arts, WVU. Dr. Alyssa Schwartz, Conductor and Mr. Shaun Hancher, Assistant Conductor.

The Morgantown Community Orchestra (MCO) is one of the largest music ensembles of the Community Music Program at West Virginia University. It is designed for intermediate and advanced level players in the community and region who wish to share and develop their artistic talents while enjoying music-making in a friendly orchestral setting. The repertoire is carefully chosen to accommodate the ensemble's need for music with a wide range of styles and difficulty.

December 7: An Online Community Event: "History Alive! Harriet Tubman"— Free and open to the public. Time: 2:30 p.m. on Zoom. Register for the Zoom link at bit.ly/3odxlsG.

OLLI is partnering with the WVU Committee of Retired Faculty to present "History Alive! Harriet Tubman," a first-person portrayal of this famous historical American abolitionist and social activist.

Tubman was born into slavery in Maryland but escaped through the Underground Railroad in 1849. She then became the most famous leader of that network, aiding slaves in their escape to the free states and Canada. When the Civil War erupted, her underground experiences and knowledge of covert operations made her a valuable resource to federal officers. She served as a spy, nurse, scout, and guide for Union troops and was present at the ill-fated assault of Fort Wagner by the 54th Massachusetts in South Carolina.

December 11, 18 & 25: No services are planned at this time.

The UUFM is located at 429 Warrick Street. For more information, please email UUFMWV@gmail.com. See also: UUFMWV.org

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



DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER will not meet in December.



MORGANTOWN PRIDE MEETS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH: This will be on Zoom from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For information on this group, go to www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page_internal or www.morgantownwvpride.org. Morgantown Pride has an Instagram page at www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en.



RAISING TRANS KIDS MEETS 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 for the call-in passcode and/or more information. Follow Morgantown Pride on Facebook.”

MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER: The November newsletter notes that “From January 2022 to October 2022, MCCAC has conducted 104 forensic interviews. We have also provided 1,075 therapy sessions and over 4,523 family advocacy services.” On Giving Tuesday, the Center publicized that it needed donations of masks (adults and kids), copy paper, paper towels, legal pads, individually wrapped snacks, and 9-volt batteries. The MCCCAC is located at 909 Greenbag Road, Morgantown, WV 26505 304.598.0344. Or email lcapage@comcast.net.

The next MCCAC “Girls’ Night Out” will be May 19, 2023.



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, which is available through December 11th, is at 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, [@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 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 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.

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

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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 CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE AND RESEARCH FILM FESTIVAL PLANS FOR SPRING:



LGBTQ+ CENTER WVU WORLD AIDS DAY PROGRAM: On **Thursday, December 1st** from 1:00-2:15 p.m. in Hodges Hall, Room 401, the LGBTQ+ Center, in partnership with the WVU Positive Health Clinic, presents a program discussing current updates on HIV/AIDS, presented by Anne Behr, BSN RN, Nurse Educator, WVU Positive Health Clinic, in commemoration of World AIDS Day (observed annually on December 1st).

WVU THEATRE PROGRAM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD: This will be from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Canady Creative Arts Center. The Vivian Davis Theatre WVU School of the Theatre & Dance DEI Committee and The WVU Council for Gender Equity Outreach Committee are co-hosting a panel discussion in conjunction with the production of Caryl Churchill's *The Skriker*. Panelists include Dr. Brienne Depcrymski (Carruth Center), El Didden (WVU School of Medicine, WVU Rainbow Coats), and Taylor Scites (WVU LGBTQ+ Center). Exploring themes from *The Skriker*, the panel will discuss mental and reproductive health. Panelists and other campus resources will be available for further connection at the reception after the talk.

Followed by a reception in the CCAC Falbo Theatre. The event is free. Reservations are strongly suggested as seating is limited.

STATE-WIDE EVENTS



WEST VIRGINIA NOW: West Virginia NOW is online at www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow and 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. on Zoom 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, pay, and get the schedule of speakers at www.wvnow.org/state-meeting?fbclid=IwAR3a5wURpfsWQtW8xYL_8clKpCqvQTgCKdbTVwmZqK6jH12UghMziJaS-dc.



FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA THANKS SENATORS MANCHIN AND CAPITO FOR SUPPORT FOR RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE ACT: Both of West Virginia’s Senators voted to support this act, which passed the U.S. Senate on a vote of 61-36 on November 29th. “Fairness West Virginia joined a coalition of 43 other state-based organizations to thank the senators for passing this bill and to call for continued action to protect LGBTQ people in this country.”

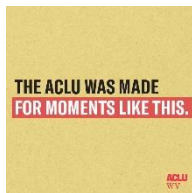
You can learn more about what this act means for West Virginians and a link to a letter thanking the senators at fairnesswv.org/2022/11/30/respect-for-marriage-act-passes/?fbclid=IwAR1hck2XSUHJ7736gbgb37ZSu_HSCBXvHV1X24q8S1qHKtPwhtWUeIT5Fwk

“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/.

Follow Fairness West Virginia on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fairnesswv.



ACLU of West Virginia: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ACLUWV. While “many champions of civil liberties” lost their elections on November 8th, the ACLU “was made for moments like this. . . . Next year’s legislative session will see even more attacks on marginalized people. We’ll be there every single day, standing in the way of this agenda. And we won’t hesitate to bring the full firepower of the ACLU into the courtroom when lawmakers misstep.

You have our word.”

RON ALLEN HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE ON PENDING SENATE LEGISLATION: “Responding to what I have below will give people of color's better access to voting a real representation. . . . This is easier than fighting the school board and West Virginia Legislator.

“The Senate has a little less than 40 days to pass laws from bills that have already cleared the house. They are not inclined to do it unless they hear from us.”

Here are the details he sent:

1). **The Equality Act:** The Equality Act was passed by the house at least 2 years ago. This act gives the same civil rights that are in the civil rights legislation mostly benefiting people of color, so that they are not discriminated against. It extends the same civil rights to the LGBTQ + community, which are the same rights for everybody. This act puts it in writing that you cannot discriminate against people because they are not of the same sexual orientation as you. Polls, show that a large number of Americans support gay rights.

2). **HR1 and HR4:** These bills will fix our election system. What HR1 does is everything from outlawing gerrymandering to voter suppression. It allows for same day registration so that you can register on the day of the election, get a mail in ballot and you don't have to prove that you are sick or elderly.

HR 4 is what's called the John Lewis's voting rights act. In 2012 the Supreme Court essentially threw out much of the voting rights act of 1965. All the protections and provisions are put back in. It protects people's right to vote, especially when it comes to race.

3). The house passed a **cap on the cost of insulin** for old people of not more than \$35 a month. Originally it was supposed to be for everybody who had diabetes (but was taken out). The cost of a vial of insulin is minimal and yet pharmaceutical companies charge hundreds of dollars. A \$35 cap gives a struggling middle class family help that is needed.

4). **Immigration reforms and DACA protections.** These are children who've grown up here since they were babies. Obama did something but it was not permanent. There is a bill sitting in the senate waiting for a vote. It's the humane thing to do.

5). **Extend the Child Tax Credit.** This was started back when the pandemic began and it became very popular for working families. There's no cash being sent to families; it can be claimed on their taxes.

6). **Expand Medicare to cover hearing aids, dental and glasses.** Think about it. As you get older, you have lots of things to go wrong. We all agree that helping the elderly to hear to see and to chew is good.

7). The house passed the **Trade Adjustment Assistance Act.** This helps out workers who've lost their jobs, because their jobs have been shipped overseas. It's to provide money to help re-train them in other professions or other careers. It's a general transitional fund to help them get through until they get their next job. It also helps a lot of cities that have been wrecked by de-industrialization and jobs sent overseas.

Cities like Detroit, Gary Indiana, East St Louis and other places around the country that have really suffered as a result of job loss.

The trade adjustment assistance act helps both the workers and the communities who have seen some pretty dark times.

8). **Delphi pension bill.** It fully restores the lost pensions to some 20,000 salaried retirees of former auto parts supplier Delphi.

When General Motors went bankrupt back in 2009 and President Obama and Joe Biden came to the rescue not just of the workers and that of the Union, but of General Motors. They saved General Motors and Chrysler. Part of the deal, the Union had to agree to cut the wages drastically of all new employees and new hires would be making a lot less money. Workers who were near retirement, they cut their pension that they've been paying into 30 to 40 years of working in the factory.

"Please call, email or write Senator Schumer. He is the person who sets the agenda for the senate. You are welcome to do the same for other senators.

Chuck Schumer: Email: www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/email-chuck. Phone: (202) 224-6542
Address: 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510.
What you do matters!

DIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2022

From www.diversityresources.com/2022-diversity-calendar/

12/1 – World AIDS Day: helps raise awareness of HIV/AIDs and money to cure it

12/3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities (United Nations): raises awareness for the rights and well-being of those with disabilities

12/10 – International Human Rights Day (United Nations): adopted by the UN in 1948, celebrates the day it the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

12/16-12/24 – Las Posadas (Mexican): religious festival in Mexico and some parts of the U.S. (primarily those with Mexican-Americans) of the Christmas season

12/18-12/26 – Hanukkah (Jewish): celebrates the Jews triumphing over the Syrian Greeks for their independence

12/21 – Winter Solstice/Yule: the winter sabbat according to the Pagan and Wiccan faiths

12/25 – Christmas (Christian): holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ

12/26 – Kwanzaa (Black): 8-day holiday inspired by African harvest celebrations