



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, August 8th**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Training Room in the Public Safety Building** at the corner of Spruce Street and Walnut Street. If that room is otherwise occupied, look for us in the Conference Room to the right of the entrance from Spruce Street. Parking is available in the garage attached to the building.

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.

CCSJ 2017 ANNUAL MEETING: Please join us on **Sunday, September 17th**, from **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at the Marilla Center in Marilla Park for our annual meeting/picnic. This is a potluck dinner. More details will soon follow, but we have invited our city council members and members of the Morgantown Human Rights Commission to attend and will be inviting representatives of Morgantown's neighborhood associations as we would like to have a discussion of local social justice issues and ways we can work together to address them.

CCSJ 2016 ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOW-UP: We are still working out details following up our planning session on "What's Next" on Sunday, November 6th. Please email us at ccsjwv@hotmail.com if you'd like to be involved.

MLK DAY 2018 IS JANUARY 15TH: We have started planning for our twelfth annual MLK Day event! We again very much appreciate the financial support from the City of Morgantown for this event. 2018 marks the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. King's death. Because we anticipate that many anniversary events

will focus on his career and adult life, we decided on a tentative theme of “Growing Up Martin” to focus on his boyhood. For instance, he had a best friend who was white, but they were separated when they attended school. The Community Orchestra, Mylan Park Elementary School Choir, and Morgantown Children’s Choir will be among those groups participating, and we plan to cooperate with the NAACP in some way. Janis-Rozena Peri will sing one of Dr. King’s favorite songs, “If I Can Help Someone.” We always welcome your ideas.



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, August 17th, 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 August:

August 1: National Night Out – Marks the importance of collaborative efforts in reducing crime and for strengthening neighborhood relationships that help prevent crime and protect persons from criminal activity.

August 9: International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples – Celebrates the richness of indigenous cultures and recognizes the challenges indigenous peoples face today, ranging from poverty and disease to dispossession, discrimination and denial of basic human rights.

August 12: International Youth Day – Celebrates young people and the integral role they play to create a world fit for children.

August 23: International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and Its Abolition – Memorializes the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade, coinciding with the anniversary of the uprising in Santa Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) that initiated its abolition. Tragically, other forms of slavery still persist today.

August 30: International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearance – A day to promote taking a stand against secret imprisonment, forced disappearance and abduction, and placing persons in any situation without access to relatives and/or legal representation.

“SONGS OF SCOTTS RUN” AUGUST 27TH: If you missed this program at the Metropolitan Theatre, or want to hear the music again, please come to Morgantown’s Hazel Ruby McQuain Amphitheatre on Sunday, August 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

climb on a firetruck!



Mister Twister!



sloppy joes • hot dogs
baked beans • popcorn
sno cones • desserts



Meet Your Neighbor
 Sunday, August 27th
 2 pm — 4 pm
 Farmers Market Pavilion
 Spruce Street, Morgantown

Community Fun Fair

FREE!

games
face painting
caricature artist
treasure hunt



Music!

have your picture
taken with the WUU
Mountaineer, and
Cooper, the
Black Bears Mascot



Sponsored by area agencies involved
in services to persons
experiencing homelessness.
For more information:
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Music and Entertainment:

Jason Good Blues Band

Al Anderson

COORDINATING COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR EVENT AUGUST 27TH: The goal of the event is to bring families downtown to have fun and to learn about nonprofit organizations providing services to the homeless.



NOW CHAPTER MEETING: Learn about this group’s activities through its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/375050676186301/.



GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION (GMIA): The GMIA will be participating in the August 27th Meet Your Neighbor event and has invited CCSJ to participate with them.

Please contact Eve Faulkes at Eve.Faulkes@mail.wvu.edu for information about the next meeting. The GMIA is also planning an Annual Community Event (Adam & Eve in Different 3 Faith Traditions & Science) on October 8th at the First Presbyterian Church as part of WVU’s Diversity Week.

PARIS CLIMATE TREATY AND MORGANTOWN CITY COUNCIL: The Morgantown Green Team has asked that the Morgantown City Council consider a resolution to adopt the Paris Climate Treaty. The resolution was on the agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Tuesday, July 25th, and Mike Attfield spoke in favor of the resolution for CCSJ. This resolution is up for adoption at the City Council meeting on August 1st at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 389 Spruce Street.

According to Jim Kotcon, a member of the Green Team and Sierra Club chapter chair, “the Resolution calls on the City to adopt the goals of the Paris Climate Treaty, in conjunction with the National Mayors Climate Action Agenda. (www.climate-mayors.org/) If adopted, the City would agree to join with over 300 Mayors from around the US who have already adopted this resolution, conduct a greenhouse gas inventory, and develop a Plan to achieve those greenhouse gas reduction goals. The good news is that the City has already completed a greenhouse gas inventory.”



NAACP NEXT MEETING AUGUST 15TH: The Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP meets every third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Red Cross offices, 1299 Pineview Drive, Suite 300, Morgantown.

The NAACP Morgantown Fight for Freedom Banquet will be held on **Friday, August 11th**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn University Area, 1188 Pineview Drive, Morgantown. According to the invitation from Debbie Robinson, “The Keynote speaker is Mr. Raymond A. Winbush, Ph.D. He is currently Research Professor and Director of the Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. He is an American-African scholar and activist known for his systems-thinking approaches to understanding the impact of racism/white supremacy on the global African community. His writings, consultations, and research have been instrumental in understanding developmental stages in Black males, public policy and its connection to compensatory justice, relationships between Black males and females, infusion of African studies into school curricula, and the impact of hip hop culture on the contemporary American landscape. This year’s distinguished honoree is none other than Professor Gregory W. Bowman. 'Professor' Bowman is a native of West Virginia and a graduate of WVU, and serves as director of the College of Law’s Geneva Study Abroad Program.

“The cost for this event is \$40.00 per person/ \$75.00 per couple, and \$ 30.00 for students.”

For more information, please contact Debbie Robinson at Morgantown.naacp3241@gmail.com

The NAACP Education Summit has been rescheduled for the fall of 2017 due to the uncertainty of the budget for the State of West Virginia.



EMPTY BOWLS MONONGALIA UPDATES: Mike and Tammy Miller, co-presidents and volunteer coordinators for Empty Bowls Monongalia, have these announcements:

“Empty Bowls Monongalia is seeking reliable individuals to volunteer in our Westover Office. Duties include assist with mailings, compiling reports, processing form letters, imputing information into a data base system. Basic computer skills and attention to detail necessary. Hours are Monday – Friday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Attire is business casual. Please contact Jerrey Hoyt, Executive Director at: emptybowlsmon@gmail.com or 304 241-5510 if interested.”

Brother Short Band is hosting a Pro-Jam, August 6th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Schmitt's Saloon, 245 Cheat Road, to benefit EBM. Come out and join us for an evening of GREAT music, food and drink, while supporting EBM!

The Suncrest Towne Center is hosting a Car Wash on August 13th from noon to 3:00 p.m. WVU New Mountaineers will wash your car for any donation you care to make to EBM!



CHRISTIAN HELP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Christian Help is getting ready for its annual Back-to-School Giveaway on Saturday, August 5th, at 219 Walnut Street. Volunteers are needed to prepare for the event and help that day. For more information and to sign up to volunteer, go to www.motownchristianhelp.com/projects.

WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS YARD SALE AUGUST 19TH: The West Virginia Council of International Programs (WVCIP) will again participate in the South Park Association of Neighbors Super Sale. We will be based at 228 Cobun Avenue. All proceeds from the WVCIP sale support the scholarship fund that allows WVCIP to invite professionals from other countries to come to Morgantown in the fall.

WVU LGBTQ+ CENTER AND WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER 2ND BIENNIAL KNOW YOUR RESOURCES: GENDER FAIR AUGUST 24TH: The WVU LGBTQ+ Center and Women’s Resource Center invites all gender equity-related organizations, departments, services, individual academics, or academic units to take part in a “Gender Fair.” This is an opportunity for all to learn about gender-equity resources and contacts at WVU and in Morgantown.

Members of gender equity-related organizations, departments, or community groups, and individual academics interested in representing their organization or themselves can have tables at this information fair in the Mountainlair Ballrooms from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. to provide information on the university's and community’s resources involving gender, diversity, social justice and intersectionality. It is also an opportunity to promote networking, collaboration, and sharing resources. This event is free and open to the public. CCSJ will be participating again in this fair.

The LGBTQ+ Center is located in Hodges Hall, G-06. and the Women's Resource Center is located in Hodges Hall G-40 (access through the LGBTQ+ Center).

For additional information on the Gender Fair and/or any of the Center's programs, trainings, or resources, email at lgbtq@mail.wvu.edu or WomensResourceCenter@mail.wvu.edu or call 304-293-9593. You can also follow the LGBTQ+ Center on Facebook at WVU LGBTQ+ Center, on Twitter at @WVULGBTQ, or on Instagram at [wvulgbtqcenter](https://www.instagram.com/wvulgbtqcenter).

MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER 5K IS AUGUST 26TH: This event will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Tugboat Depot on the Star City Rail Trail. More information will be available at www.moncocac.org/event/care-for-kids-5k/.

WVU DIVERSITY WEEK 2017: This week of activities will be held October 8-13. The 2017 theme is "One Mountaineer Family."

STATE-WIDE EVENTS

WOMEN OF APPALACHIA SPOKEN WORD EVENT SEPTEMBER 30TH: WVU will "collaborate to host Women of Appalachia Spoken Word Event."

The call for submissions says that "If you live in one of the 420 Appalachian counties, Women of Appalachia Project invites you to submit writing to be featured in their annual series of regional events, one of which will be held at WVU Saturday, September 30, 2017. The **deadline to submit fiction or nonfiction poetry, song, short story, or essays is Thursday, August 10**. Details can be found at womenofappalachia.com.

"WVU Libraries is partnering with the LGBTQ+ Center, the Women's Resource Center, the Center for Women's and Gender Studies, and WVU Campus Read, to bring the Women of Appalachia Project 'Women Speak' juried spoken word event to campus in the fall, in conjunction with the Libraries' Looking at Appalachia exhibit.

"Since 2010, Albany-Ohio based poet and photographer Kari Gunter-Seymour has curated art exhibitions and spoken word events via the Women of Appalachia Project, an arts organization she created 'to address discrimination directed at women from the Appalachian region by encouraging participation from women artists (fine art and spoken word) of diverse backgrounds, ages and experiences to come together, embrace the stereotype, show the whole woman; beyond the superficial factors people use to judge her — providing opportunities to share art with our communities, receive recognition and encouragement, and build strong networks' (womenofappalachia.com).

"The five WVU organizations are thrilled to work together to bring this regional event to campus September 30, 2017, in the Milano Room of the WVU Downtown Campus Library. The event will also spark new conversations and perspectives around the Libraries' Looking at Appalachia exhibit of 73 crowd-sourced photographs from contemporary Appalachian amateur and professional photographers from everyday life.

"*Hidden Figures* is the WVU 2017-18 Campus read; chair Susan Lantz is thrilled to partner with this event and hopes the characters from the book *Hidden Figures* will inspire local writers. The LGBTQ+ Center and the Women's Resource Center encourages individuals to consider the diversity of gender and sexual minorities, and hopes they explore an intersectional perspective that includes racial, ethnic, class,

ability, religious, region, and other identity markers. Other participating regional sites include Ohio University Southern; Parkersburg Art Center; The Bowen House in Logan, Ohio; Ohio University Multicultural Arts Gallery in Athens; and the Pump House Center for the Arts in Chillicothe, Ohio.”

The WVU contact is Sally Deskins, Exhibits & Programs Coordinator, WVU Libraries 304.293.0369; sbdeskins@mail.wvu.edu.

OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE YOUNG WV: POWER BUILDING CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 8TH TO 10TH: Are you aged 15-25? Want WV to be the coolest place to live, go to school and work? Then this conference at Marshall University in Huntington is for you! Join a statewide movement of young people committed to making waves of change in WV!

At the Young WV conference, you’ll find:
Youth-led breakouts on voter engagement, racial justice, mental health, LGBT advocacy and more!
Young WV Policy Challenge
A chance to meet other young people from across the state
\$Mini-grant\$ opportunities for statement student chapters
Info on how to create a Young WV chapter in your school or organization

Scholarships are available!

Go to www.ocofwv.org/youngwv/ for information on registration, scholarships, information on volunteering, becoming a sponsor to support low-income students to attend, information on lodging, submitting policy ideas, etc.

Like Young WV on Facebook to stay in the loop and follow on Twitter at [@_YoungWV](https://twitter.com/_YoungWV)



FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA INSTITUTE’S 2017 “FUEL THE FIGHT” GALA IS NOVEMBER 11TH.

This annual event in Charleston will feature “music and dancing, a selection of wine and beer, and buffet- style gourmet dining” at the University of Charleston’s Riggelman Building Rotunda, 2300 MacCorkle Ave. SE. Pastor Donté Jackson of the First Baptist Church in Huntington will be the keynote speaker.

The “Fairness WV Institute is dedicated to education and advocacy on behalf of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) West Virginians and their allies. It presents its annual gala each year in the fall to celebrate our progress towards full equality in the Mountain State.”

Fairness West Virginia Institute is an IRS 501(c)(3) organization. All contributions for the gala are tax-deductible minus actual costs.

Registration information is available at fairnesswv.org/2017/07/27/415/.

RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS IN AUGUST 2017

FROM PETER CLARK

For Native Americans, August marks the season of Wilhoon, the season marking the salmon runs of late summer; the Hopi Snake Dances, marking a sixteen-day ritual of purification; the Stomp Dance, performed by Seminole and other Oklahoma tribes as a time of renewal and purification; the Sun Dance, observed by Plains peoples (Arapaho, Cheyenne, Shoshone, Arikara, Crow, Sioux, and others) as a time of penitence and sacrifice; and the Iroquois Green Corn Ceremony, a time of renewal involving dances, fasting, offerings, and readings from the code of Handsome Lake.

Tuesday, August 1

· Lughnassadh [Lammas] – Wicca

The harvest of first fruits, celebrating the harvest of corn and wheat. Wiccan practitioners see this time as a signal of the god Lugh's decline of strength as the sun rises farther south each day, while the Goddess witnesses this season with sorrow and joy. It is both a somber and celebratory feast day.

Sunday, August 6

· Feast of the Transfiguration – Christianity (Eastern and many Western churches)

Celebrates the manifestation of Jesus' divinity as God's Son to his disciples Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor.

Monday, August 7

· Narali Purnima or Rachid or Raksha Bandhan – Hinduism

Celebrating the end of monsoon season, marked by throwing coconuts to Varuna, the sea god. During this festival, girls and women tie amulets on their brothers' wrists for protection against evil.

Tuesday, August 8

· Fravardeghan Days [Muktad] begin – Zoroastrianism

A time of memorializing one's ancestors in preparation for Nowruz [see August 18], according to Zoroastrians who follow the Shenshai calendar.

Tuesday, August 15

· Assumption of the Virgin Mary – Christianity [Catholic churches]

According to the Catholic Church, this day commemorates how, at the end of her life, Jesus' mother Mary was assumed—body and soul—into heaven, where she intercedes for all believers.

· Dormition of the Theotokos or Most Holy Mother of God – Christianity [Orthodox churches]

According to the Orthodox Church, this day marks Mary's death and resurrection by God, as a sign to all believers of their ultimate destiny.

· Sri Krishna Jayanti or Krishna Janmashtami – Hinduism

A festival celebrating the birth of Krishna, the eighth incarnation of the god Vishnu, whose purpose was to destroy the demon Kansa who was responsible for evil's increase in the world.

Friday, August 18

· Nowruz – Zoroastrianism

The start of the New Year for Zoroastrians who follow the Shenshai calendar, beginning the year 1387 AY [After Yazdegird III, the last of the Persian Zoroastrian monarchs].

Saturday, August 19

· Asmā' – Bahá'í

The beginning of the ninth month of the Bahá'í year, meaning "names."

· Paryushana-parva begins [until Saturday, August 26] – Jainism

The holiest period of the year for the ascetic Shvetambara sect, this festival celebrates Jain ideals through fasting, worship, and reading the life-story of Lord Mahavira from the Kalpasutra. Believers impose restraints on their daily activities by fasting, meditation, and prayer. The last day of Paryushana is called Samvatsari (Saturday, August 26) and is a solemn occasion for examining one's thoughts and feelings, and for asking forgiveness for offenses committed against others through deeds, words, or thoughts.

Tuesday, August 22

· Khordad Sal – Zoroastrianism

The birth anniversary of the prophet Zarathustra (Zoroaster), according to the Shenshai calendar.

Thursday, August 24

· Festival of Ksitigarbha (Jizō) Bodhisattva – Buddhism

Celebrating Ksitigarbha (Jizō) Bodhisattva, the savior of beings who suffer in the hellish realms, as well as the guardian of expectant mothers, travelers, and deceased children in Japanese culture.

Friday, August 25

· Ganesh Chaturthi – Hinduism

A festival celebrating the birth of Ganesh, the god who removes obstacles and brings luck.

Saturday, August 26

· Das Laxanā Parva begins – Jainism

The Festival of the Ten Virtues, celebrated over ten days by the Digambara Jains, helps believers to recall and practice forgiveness, tenderness or humility, honesty, contentment or purity, truth, self-restraint, austerities, charity, celibacy, and non-attachment.

Thursday, August 31

· Yaum-al-Arafah – Islam

This day is the most important for Muslim pilgrims undertaking the Hajj journey; believers implore Allah for boundless forgiveness and mercy on the plain of 'Arafāt, adjacent to the holy city of Mecca.

If you want more information about any of these holy days, please contact UCSF Medical Center 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.

To subscribe to this calendar and sync it with your Google, Outlook, or iCal calendars, visit <http://ucsfspiritcare.org> and select the "Resources" menu. Native Americans, July marks the season of the Mountain Spirit Dances for the Mescalero Apache people of New Mexico; the Hopi Snake Dances, marking a sixteen-day ritual of purification; the Green Corn Ceremony or Stomp Dance, performed by Seminole and other Oklahoma tribes as a time of renewal and purification; and the Sun Dance, observed by Plains peoples (Arapaho, Cheyenne, Shoshone, Arikara, Crow, Sioux, and others) as a time of penitence and sacrifice. It is also known as Xmaay, the season of big berries when summer fruit is ripe for harvesting.