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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 MEETING IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, AT 7:30 P.M. ON ZOOM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Join Zoom Meeting

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY 2026 PLANS UNDERWAY: We hope to focus this event on voting rights. Stay tuned as our plans develop.

CCSJ EXHIBITS ON 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND ON VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 AND WEST VIRGINIANS' EXPERIENCES IN CIVIL RIGHTS: HOW WE HAVE BEEN CONNECTED ALL ALONG! If you are interested in hosting the 6-panel exhibit on the 1964 Civil Rights Act or the posters at a library, museum, or other public site **or the new 3-panel exhibit focused on the Voting Rights Act of 1965**, please contact Eve Faulkes at faulkeseve@gmail.com. Both exhibits "travel" in the back of her car. We also have half-size posters of the six panels of the 1964 Civil Rights Act to show in smaller spaces.

You can support local businesses and buy the book at:

Appalachian Gallery, 270 Walnut Street, Morgantown. The phone number is 304-296-0163. The store is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Barnes & Noble, 3000 University Town Centre Dr., Morgantown. phone: 304-599-1294. The store is open Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Terra Cafe, 4325 Industrial Avenue, Star City. phone: 304-554-2233. The cafe is open Monday-Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The book also is available on Amazon as both paperback (\$15) and Kindle (\$8) versions. The easiest way to find it is to type "Eve Faulkes" in the Amazon search engine.

If you buy the book on Amazon, you may be able to leave a review. Go to Amazon.com, search for Eve Faulkes to bring up the book title. Then go to the bottom of the page where it says "Review this product" in the lower left corner for the guidelines.



We still have a few copies of this printing for libraries, museums, schools, and related organizations.

It is important to note that "This project [our reprint] is presented with financial assistance from the West Virginia Humanities Council, the official 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."

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 barbarahowe3@gmail.com.

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 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: The next regular meeting should be Thursday, November 20th, at 6:30 p.m. Contact information for the commission and information on filing complaint forms is 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/.

Vacancies on Human Rights Commission. There are currently three vacancies on the commission.

“Appointments of to the Commission are made by City Council, and all must be residents of the City. All seats are non-ward specific.” Information on applying for the commission is available at morgantownwv.gov/FormCenter/Boards-and-Commissions-Application-7/Application-to-Serve-on-City-Boards-and--45.

Laura Fletcher, one of the members of the commission, has posted a google map of Blessing Boxes in northern West Virginia at <https://www.morgantownwv.gov/272/Human-Rights-Commission>. These are places where people can donate or take food and, maybe, other items as needed.

Here are events for November from

<https://www.morgantownwv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/396/Calendar-of-Annual-Human-Rights-Observances-PDF/>

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 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 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.

November 27: 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.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM). Thanks to Cynthia Nelson, the secretary of the LWV-MM, for this report:

"The opposite of democracy is apathy." Senator Andy Kim

Voter turnout in West Virginia, sadly, is the definition of the above statement. According to Ballotpedia.org, only 55.5% of eligible voters turned out in the November 2024 general election compared to 64.1% nationally. Numbers in non-presidential elections in West Virginia were a dismal 35.4% in 2022.

There are almost 53,000 seats to be filled in November 2025 elections across the United States. While we do not have a November 2025 election in West Virginia, there are important races being decided across our borders in Pennsylvania and Virginia. If you are reading this newsletter across state borders, please participate in your elections and assist any community members may that have barriers to transportation get to the polls. If you have friends and family in states with elections next week, encourage them to make their voice heard at the ballot box. It is certainly NOT a mandate of a single party's agenda if voter participation can statistically prove otherwise.

The LWV-Morgantown/Monongalia is seeking a member to serve as board advisor and attend our meetings once per month to educate members on environmental issues. Environmental issues and protecting a sustainable future are League priorities and sadly our previous board member passed away last year. The League can then assist by promoting or opposing legislation and actions that the public should be aware of in real time with our Make Some Noise campaigns.

Follow us on Facebook, on the web at <https://lwvmorgantown.org>, and our Substack (lwvmorgantown.substack.com) and share our free content.

The Morgantown/Monongalia County League has been a member organization of CCSJ.



MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/ or email at morgantownnow@gmail.com.

NAACP

MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH. 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 and does its work with a variety of committees, including Education, Political Action, Legal Redress, Criminal Justice, and Health.

The branch had a table at the No Kings rally at the Hazel Ruby McQuain Amphitheatre in Morgantown on October 18th.

Follow the NAACP on Facebook at www.facebook.com/naacp3241/?ref=page_internal.

We appreciate the fact that the Branch shares this Update with its membership.



MORGANTOWN CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD NEEDS ONE MEMBER: The City of Morgantown is currently accepting applications for the one vacancy on the board, and you can get a link to the application and more information by going to morgantownwv.gov/640/Civilian-Police-Review-and-Advisory-Boar. "The Board shall consist of nine members appointed by City Council. Each member shall be a resident of the city or an active member of an organization that works within the city to promote purposes consistent with the purpose of the Board."

The board meets the second Tuesday of each month at noon at the Morgantown Public Safety Building conference room. For links to agendas and minutes of past meetings, go to www.morgantownwv.gov/AgendaCenter/Civilian-Police-Review-Advisory-Board-47.



MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN-MENNONITE: Sunday services are in person at 10:30 and on zoom.

The church had a table at the No Kings rally at the Hazel Ruby McQuain Amphitheatre in Morgantown on October 18th.

The church has a Blessings Box outside the church at 464 Virginia Avenue, Morgantown, where you can drop off extra food you may have or take some if you need it, or swap food. Feminine hygiene products are also welcome.

The website is <https://www.morgantowncob.org/>.

The Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077219207233> has a list of Monongalia County food pantries and blessing boxes and a "Grocery List" from the Scotts Run

Settlement House of ways people can help by volunteering, donating to the pantry, or sponsoring a family for Thanksgiving or a child for Christmas.

The church is a member organization of CCSJ.

MONONGALIA FRIENDS MEETING: First Day meetings are at 11:00 a.m. at 648 E. Brockway, Morgantown. Contact them at monquakers@gmail.com.

Monongalia Friends Meeting is a member organization of CCSJ.



DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER MEETS MONDAY,

Follow this group on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/search/top?q=dismantling%20racism%20together%20morgantown.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MORGANTOWN: The church is located at 456 Spruce Street. Adult Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Online worship is at 10:00 a.m., and in-person worship is at 11:00 a.m. The church's Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/FPCMorgantown and has details about the many activities. The church has been a member organization of CCSJ.

It is a value of First Presbyterian Church that when we gather we welcome one another just as God loves us, without any conditions.

No matter who you are or where you're from

No matter where you live or work

No matter your family of origin or ethnicity

No matter who you love or how you identify, or wherever you are on your spiritual journey

We welcome you just as God loves you, without any conditions.

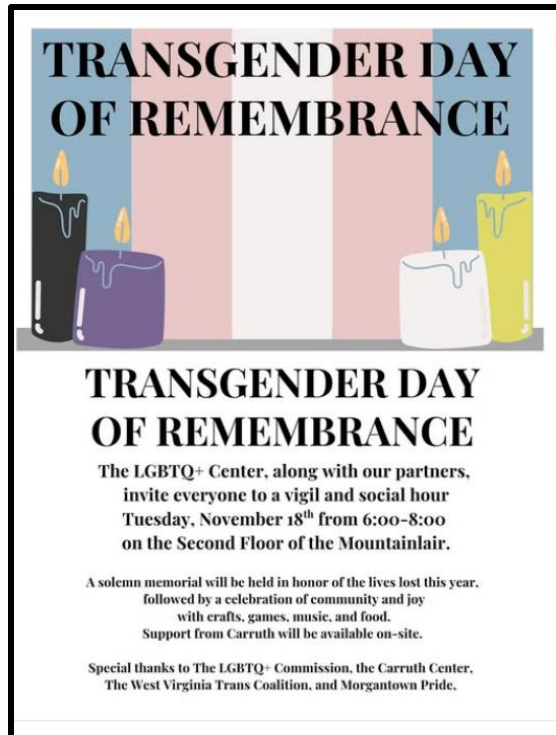
FAIRMONT PRIDE



Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fairmontpride or at fairmontpride.com.

MORGANTOWN PRIDE: Morgantown Pride has an Instagram page at www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en. Follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride.

PROJECT RAINBOW: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/projectrainbowwv.



MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (MCCAC). Follow this group at moncocac.org/news/ or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MONCOCAC.



Lights. Glamour. Vegas.

Vegas is calling... and so is Girls' Night Out 2026! This year's theme is Lights. Glamour. Vegas. — and we can't wait to bring the glitz, sparkle, and unforgettable fun of the Boulevard right here to Morgantown.

Tickets will be available soon – grab your girlfriends and get ready for:

- Show-stopping style & Vegas vibes
- Entertainment, auctions, and surprises

A night out that gives back to children in our community

Save the Date: Saturday, May 30th

Location: The Erickson Alumni Center

[Facebook Event Page](#)

SAVE THE DATE

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT 2026
LIGHTS. GLAMOUR. VEGAS.
Saturday, May 30th

SCOTTS RUN GOSPEL & SOUL COMMUNITY CHOIR: This group will meet on Monday, November 24 and Monday, December 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Ferry House.

SCOTTS RUN REPAIR CAFÉ: This event will be Saturday, November 8th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 at The Shack, 537 Blue Horizon Drive, Pursglove, WV.



Morgantown WV Mutual Aid

MORGANTOWN MUTUAL AID: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/search/top?q=morgantown%20mutual%20aid.

This group advertises many community resources on its Facebook page, including:

APBP PRESENTS...

COMMUNITY WRAPPING PARTIES

HELP US WRAP BOOKS TO SEND TO INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN APPALACHIA

When?
Sept. 10 | Oct. 15 | Nov. 12
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where?
Ascend WV
1279 University Avenue

Questions?
Contact us at
AppalachianPBP@gmail.com

[SCAN HERE!](#)

[@AppalachianPBP](#)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

MORGANTOWN FOOD NOT BOMBS

PROVIDING FREE COMMUNITY MEALS TO THE PEOPLE OF MORGANTOWN EVERY SATURDAY AT 4:30PM. IN FRONT OF MONKEY WRENCH BOOKS.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! #SOLIDARITY NOT CHARITY

[@morgantown_wv_mutual_aid](#) morgantownFNB@proton.me

“Join us this Saturday at 4:30pm outside @monkeywrenchbookswv (214 High Street) for a tasty meal prepared by our comrades in @morgantownfnb 🍴

Want to help at one of these weekly meals? 🍲 If you are interested in helping prep, cook, serve, or clean up after, sign up at <https://linktr.ee/morgantownfnb> or email morgantownFNB@proton.me

Signing up in advance helps the members know where coverage is needed ❤️”



The Dr. Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast will be held Saturday, January 17, 2026. Tickets will be available November 3rd via Eventbrite. Tickets are still free.

Please share with your members, congregations etc.

Please use this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-virginia-university-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-unity-breakfast-tickets-1685267523529?aff=oddtcreator>



WVU LGBTQ CENTER: There are many events for students and the WVU community listed on the Center's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WVULGBTQCenter.

Also, everyone is invited to Our Place.





The Mon Group of the WV Chapter of the Sierra Club is hosting a forum of environmentally conscious people on the evening of November 6, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 456 Spruce Street, in Morgantown. All are welcome. For more information contact wvscmongroup@gmail.com.

STATEWIDE NEWS



WEST VIRGINIA NOW: For more information, go to www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow or email Amanda Ray, the state NOW president, at amandajray@yahoo.com.

Kanawha Valley: KVNOW meets on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Public Library.



Want to get more involved with WVNOW? Here's your opportunity! This year, we're electing five new members to our board. All registered WVNOW members are eligible to run. Open seats are:

- ✦ Administrative Vice President
- ✦ Treasurer
- ✦ Secretary
- ✦ 2 At-Large Board Members

DM us or send us an email at WestVirginiaNOW@gmail.com for more info!

FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA: Follow Fairness West Virginia on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fairnesswv.



ACLU OF WEST VIRGINIA UPDATES: Follow this group at www.acluww.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ACLUWV. This is a very active Facebook page so please check it for current issues and actions.



Get your tickets now at <https://www.acluww.org/news/bill-of-rights-brunch-set-for-nov-9-in-charleston/>

The 2025 Bill of Rights Brunch is set for noon on Sunday, November 9 at Charleston's Beni Kedem Temple. We'll be honoring Professor Philip W. Carter Jr. with the Roger Baldwin Memorial Award and longtime ACLU-WV board member Jack Magan with the Sid Bell Award. Following the brunch, at 4 p.m. there will be an after-show featuring Dinosaur Burps, Static Fur, Crown the Witch, and Jerks!



The Equity and Justice Fellowship is open to undergraduate students, graduate students, law students, and nontraditional students or citizen activists who identify as being in a historically marginalized community that is underrepresented in West Virginia advocacy and policy-making spaces.

Depending on fellows' areas of study and career goals, fellows can work with ACLU-WV staff on legal advocacy, policy advocacy, research, communications, community education, organizing, development, or nonprofit management matters.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. There is no deadline to apply.

Apply at <https://action.aclu.org/webform/wv-fellowship>.

Please contact Mollie Kennedy at mkennedy@acluwv.org with questions.



Christian Nationalism - how did we get here? How do we respond? Come learn about the history of the relationship between Church and State, be trained in nonviolent responses to conflict, and connect and conspire with like-minded folx.

9 - 9:30 am - Gathering, refreshments, information tables

9:30 am - 3:30 pm Workshop (lunch provided)

History: Examine key moments in the fraught

relationship between Church and State, from the 4th century through current expressions of Christian Nationalism

Theology: Learn a theological framework for differentiating between Church and Empire

Practical ways to meet this moment: Engage tools for responding individually and collectively

Community: Connect with people who think like you. Walk away with action steps for resisting.

Childcare and lunch included

Cost: \$16 for attendees 12 and older (Kids are free!)

Register now through November 4 at the link in Find Tickets

**For information on how to receive a scholarship for this event, email solidarity@wvfaith.org.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2513454902370311>



RAINBOW PRIDE OF WEST VIRGINIA POWER OF ONE IS NOVEMBER 8TH: "You're invited to... 🌈 Power of One – Legends of Pride! 🌈"

A special night dedicated to celebrating the incredible impact individuals can make in the LGBTQ+ community.



Join us as we honor our 2025 Power of One recipients, Dr. Christine Teague and Gregg Oxley, and enjoy electrifying performances by current and former Rainbow Pride pageant title holders.

✨ Your Evening Includes...

Doors open at 6 PM for a cocktail hour featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, catered by 1010 Bridge. Mingle with friends, peruse the silent auction, and gear up for an exciting night of performance and celebration. The show starts at 7 PM!

🎫 Get Your Tickets early: \$30 online | \$40 at the door

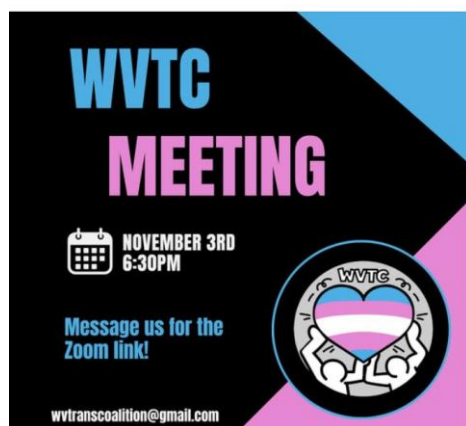
📍 Woman's Club of Charleston — 1600 Virginia St E, Charleston; 🕒 6 PM Doors Open | 7 PM Show

“This is more than just a night out; it’s a celebration of unity, resilience, and the impact each one of us can make. Buy your tickets today, and be part of an unforgettable evening!”

For more on this group’s events, go to www.facebook.com/RainbowPrideWV or rainbowpridewv.org.



WEST VIRGINIA TRANS COALITION: Follow this group at www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/.



Meetings will now be held the first Monday of the month! Join us on November 3rd at 6:30pm. Meetings are open to any community member interested in joining.

DIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

www.diversityresources.com/november-diversity-calendar-2025/

November 11: Veterans Day – Veterans Day honors U.S. military veterans who have served and sacrificed for their country. It’s a day to recognize their bravery, resilience, and contributions to national security.

November 16: International Day for Tolerance – This United Nations observance promotes respect and understanding between diverse cultures, encouraging peaceful coexistence. It’s a call for global communities to address intolerance and build more inclusive societies.

November 19: International Men's Day - International Men's Day celebrates the positive contributions of men to society, family, and community. It also raises awareness about men's health issues and the importance of gender balance and support.

November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance – This day honors the memory of transgender individuals whose lives were lost to anti-trans violence. It's a solemn observance that raises awareness of the challenges faced by the transgender community and calls for greater acceptance and safety.

November 27: Thanksgiving Day – Thanksgiving is a U.S. holiday dedicated to gratitude, often celebrated with family gatherings and shared meals. It reflects on the importance of community, togetherness, and appreciation for life's blessings.

November Heritage Month 2025

Native American Heritage Month: It's a time dedicated to learning about the unique history, diverse cultures, and contributions that Native Americans have made to society. They have distinct traditions and languages that are connected to their ancestral land. Celebrate their culture all month long while bringing awareness to the hardship including assimilation and displacement they have faced in history.

November Awareness Months 2025

National Veterans and Military Families Month: November is a time to honor those who have served in the military and the families who made sacrifices. It's an opportunity to give respect to their commitment to protecting American freedoms.

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month: Six million Americans live with Alzheimer's Disease and almost three million new cases are diagnosed annually. This progressive and deadly brain disease has no cure. However, researchers are still working hard to discover its cause. This month, we celebrate those living with the disease, their caregivers, and the healthcare professionals who treat them.

Movember: Every November, men grow their mustaches to raise awareness about men's health issues like suicide or prostate cancer. The awareness month hopes to educate about the importance of early cancer detection as prostate cancer doesn't typically have any warning signs or early-stage symptoms.