Bristol Community Celebrates

MLK Jr. Day
2021

January 18

With Wisdom, Courage, Power Through Advocacy, Community, Faith

Eliminating Racism Empowering Women

YWCA

Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia

Where Do We Go From Here
Chaos or Community?
~MLK JR 2018, 2019 and 2020 Reflections Video~

~When Dr. King Speaks Video~

Welcome & Introductions  Shannon Hayes, BTCS Schools  
Shaka Andrew, YMCA

Prayers of Hope, Justice, Love and Peace

Rabbi Arthur Rutberg  ~B'nai Sholom Congregation

Father Stephen Mathewes  ~Christ the Savior Greek Orthodox Church

Intercessor Sister Sue Osborne  ~The Gospel Book Store & Ministry

Rev. Dr. W. A. Johnson  ~Lee Street Baptist Church

History of MLK Program & Theme  Tina McDaniel, Community Advocate

Reader – When Dr. King Speaks – Wisdom  Josiah Beidleman, Student

Musical Selection  Troy Shelley, Lee Street Baptist Church

Reader – When Dr. King Speaks – Courage  Tybre Faw

Reader – When Dr. King Speaks – Power  Fatou Jatta & Jabel Josey
YWCA TechGYRLS

Musical Selection  Timothy Landis & Brandon Story

Marching Order  Erica Nophlin – Advocacy Concerned Community
Citizens Group  
Officer Tianna Macias – Community
Bristol, TN Police Dept.  
Rev. Brandon Berg – Faith First United Methodist Church

Comments  Shannon Hayes & Shaka Andrew

Closing Prayer & Benediction  Rev. Caroline Hawthorne
Hunt Memorial United Methodist Church  
Rev. Dr. William Ward – Hood Memorial & Harris-Anderson
A.M.E. Zion Church

Video  "For the Sake of Old Times"  "Auld Lang Syne"  NPR
It takes a community to do the work for this time of celebrating Dr. King's legacy and work. We thank every organization and person involved.

Believe in Bristol  ETN PBS Black in Appalachia
Birthplace of Country Music Museum  Future Black Leaders Coalition
Boys and Girls Club of the Mt. Empire  Girls, Inc. of Bristol
Bristol Historical Association  King University
Bristol Public Library  Paramount Center for the Arts
Bristol's Promise  Rivers Way
Bristol Tennessee City Schools  YMCA
Bristol Virginia Public Schools  YWCA TechGYRLS
Emory & Henry College  Many Faith Congregations
Concerned Community Citizens Group

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Program Committee: Tina McDaniel, community advocate; Margaret Feierabend, Bristol's Promise; Rev. Dr. William Ward, Hood Memorial & Harris-Anderson A.M.E. Zion Church; Rev. Steve Davis, Brothers for Christ; Rev. Brandon Berg, First UMC; Rev. Jacqueline Nophlin, HOFCC; Sharon McDaniel, Lee Street Baptist; Becky Thomas, King University; Tim Landis, Central Presbyterian; Kathy Waugh, YWCA

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Media outlets: Bristol Herald Courier, WCYB, WJHL, VOICE Magazine and all the social media shares.

Participate in the virtual food drive in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank and Feeding Southwest Virginia, donate at NETfoodbank.org or FeedingSWVA.org

We thank our regional Mayors for their support of this initiative and thank the Directors, Rhonda Chafin (Second Harvest) and Pamela Irvine (Feeding SWVA).

Find continuing activities: a high school art show, a walking challenge, book group, thank you cards going to front line essential workers and more, at the interactive calendar ywcatnva.org/mlk
Values we bring to this event and want to manifest with it:

- Broad, diverse participation
- Meaningful, inspirational
- Educational
- Focus on Dr. King
- Celebration of humanity, diversity, charity, service
- Promote Dr. King’s mission
- Remember our history
- Promote values—don’t forget the past, learn from it
- Build community

Outcomes we want from this event:

- Friendship/relationships
- Break barriers
- Feel challenged!
- Common activity to bring us together
- Black/white dialog—further programming for deeper community dialog about race and diversity
- Reach and inspire young people
- Momentum to embrace diversity in our community
- Faith overcomes Fear—congregations participating and taking leadership roles
- Learning, education beyond this single event
- Strengthen and sustain advocacy, speaking up, leveraging dialog

Join the Bristol MLK Committee
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