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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:** While West Virginia is beginning to think about reopening, we are still following the physical distance guidelines. **We will again be meeting by Zoom on Tuesday, August 18th at 7:30 p.m. Note the time change to 7:30. Everyone is invited to join us. The call-in and meeting identification number information will be sent later, but, if you have not used Zoom, you can go to zoom.us to learn how to access a meeting.**

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 Represented on City of MORGANTOWN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY POLICING AND CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD:** Tim Hairston is representing us on this committee, which held its first meeting on July 20th. We appreciate Deputy Mayor Rachel Fetty inviting us to have a representative.

**UPDATED LIBRARY BOOK LISTS ONLINE** – For several years, the City of Morgantown provided funds for us to purchase library books focused on social justice issues for the Morgantown Public Library on Spruce Street. With funds from the Appalachian Community Foundation, we also purchased books for the Clinton District and Clay-Battelle Branch Libraries. Most of these are books for children. The library has added some of these at the Arnettsville branch.

**The lists have been updated and are available now at [ccsjwv.org/resources.html](http://ccsjwv.org/resources.html).** There are two lists. One is exclusively books focused on African Americans. The other list includes our former environmental justice and economic justice lists. There is an index on page 3 of the “catalog” that includes links to the various topics so that you can easily find something that might interest you.

For more information on the library's current procedures and hours, please go to [www.mympls.org/](http://www.mympls.org/).

**CCSJ ANNUAL MEETING TO BE SEPTEMBER 15TH:** We will hold our annual meeting during our regular meeting time in September, so mark your calendars for September 15th at 7:30 p.m. via zoom. We have invited the Rev. Ron English of Charleston, West Virginia, to speak via zoom. Reverend English was the pastor of First Baptist Church in Charleston, and you may have heard him recently on West Virginia Public Radio talking about the Triangle District in Charleston. He was a ministerial assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at Ebenezer Baptist Church when he lived in Atlanta and delivered a prayer at Dr. King's 1968 funeral. We thank Dr. Judith Wilkinson for recommending Reverend English.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY 2021 WILL BE JANUARY 18TH:** The City of Morgantown has granted our request for \$1850 to support this event, but it is subject to potential reduction depending on the City's financial situation because of the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, we have invited Ilene Evans to provide a virtual portrayal of West Virginian Memphis Tennessee Garrison as our featured event for the day. Meanwhile mark your calendars for Monday, January 18th at 2:00 p.m. for our fifteenth annual celebration and let us know if you have 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

**SUPPORT LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:** Do you want to "do something" to help in this difficult time when we are supposed to be staying at home? If so, we are suggesting that the following local organizations might benefit from any financial assistance you are able to provide as they help people in need in the Morgantown-Monongalia County area. As far as we know, all are 501 (c) (3) organizations so contributions would be deductible to the extent allowed by law:

***Bartlett Housing Solutions (Bartlett House):*** [www.bartletthousingsolutions.org/donate](http://www.bartletthousingsolutions.org/donate); 10 West Run Road, Suite 200, Morgantown, WV 26508, (304) 292-0101, [info@bartletthouse.org](mailto:info@bartletthouse.org)

***Caritas House:*** [www.facebook.com/pg/CaritasHouse/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/CaritasHouse/about/?ref=page_internal); 391 Scott Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26508, (304) 985-0021. See more about this effort below under the news from the Church of the Brethren.

***Christian Help:*** [www.motownchristianhelp.com/donate](http://www.motownchristianhelp.com/donate); 219 Walnut Street, Morgantown, WV 26505, In-Kind Contributions / Collection Drives: [information@motownchristianhelp.com](mailto:information@motownchristianhelp.com), (304) 296-0221; Financial Contributions: [finance@motownchristianhelp.com](mailto:finance@motownchristianhelp.com), (304) 296-0221 ext. 11.

***Community Kitchen, Inc. at Trinity Episcopal Church:*** [www.morgantowncommunitykitchen.com/](http://www.morgantowncommunitykitchen.com/), PO Box 922, Morgantown, WV 26507.

***Empty Bowls Monongalia:*** [ebmon.org/](http://ebmon.org/), 7 Rousch Drive, Westover, WV 26501, (304) 241-5510

***Milan Puskar Health Right:*** [mphealthright.org/donate/](http://mphealthright.org/donate/), 341 Spruce Street, Morgantown, WV 26505, (304) 292-8234, [info@mphealthright.org](mailto:info@mphealthright.org)

**Morgantown Area Meals on Wheels:** [morgantownwvmow.networkforgood.com/projects/79143-morgantown-area-meals-on-wheels-fundraising](http://morgantownwvmow.networkforgood.com/projects/79143-morgantown-area-meals-on-wheels-fundraising), 3375 University Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26505, (304) 599-1954, [morgantownareamow@gmail.com](mailto:morgantownareamow@gmail.com).

**The Pantry Plus More:** [pantryplusmore.org/donate/](http://pantryplusmore.org/donate/), 9 Rousch Drive, Westover, WV 26501, (304) 282-1123, [info@pantryplusmore.org](mailto:info@pantryplusmore.org).

**Scotts Run Settlement House:** [www.srsh.org/](http://www.srsh.org/), P O Box 590, Pursglove, WV 26546, (304) 599-5020, [www.srsh.org/contact](http://www.srsh.org/contact) for email form.

**The Shack Neighborhood House:** [www.the-shack.org/](http://www.the-shack.org/), P.O. Box 600 Pursglove, WV 26546, (304) 599.5466, [www.the-shack.org/contact-us.html](http://www.the-shack.org/contact-us.html) for email form.

**United Way's** list of food and hunger sites at [www.unitedwaympc.org/food-hunger/](http://www.unitedwaympc.org/food-hunger/)

**Your Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia, Inc., Emergency Impact Fund for North Central West Virginia:** P.O. Box 409, Morgantown WV 26507, 304-296-3433 [www.ycfwv.org/yfc-establishes-emergency-impact-fund-to-aid-in-covid-19-response/](http://www.ycfwv.org/yfc-establishes-emergency-impact-fund-to-aid-in-covid-19-response/)



**YOUR VOTE MATTERS:** It is not too early to plan for the general election. Secretary of State Mac Warner has just announced that everyone can apply for an absentee ballot and check the first box- "Illness, injury or other medical reason which keeps me confined" as your rationale. Ballots will be mailed out beginning on September 18th.

The website to request an absentee ballot will go live on August 11th at [sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/AbsenteeVotingInformation.aspx](http://sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/AbsenteeVotingInformation.aspx). You may also contact the county clerk's office to request an absentee ballot. The phone number for the Monongalia County County Clerk's office is 304-291-7230.

Please note that, at "press time," there are no plans to automatically mail an application for an absentee ballot to every registered voter as happened for the June primary election. If you want to vote absentee, you must apply for a ballot.



**MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:** The next regular meeting should be Thursday, **August 20th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building Conference Room on Spruce Street. However, the City has been cancelling all non-essential meetings so stay tuned. 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/wp-content/uploads/Annual-HR-Observances.pdf](http://www.morgantownwv.gov/wp-content/uploads/Annual-HR-Observances.pdf).

**Here are the events for August:**

**August 6: 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.



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS GETTING READY FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION:** The League of Women Voters of Morgantown-Monongalia County is working on Get Out The Vote plans and on plans for remote forums later in the Fall. More information will follow as these plans develop.



**MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER:** Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/](http://www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/). The August meeting will be a video conference call on August 11th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For the video conference link, email [morgantownnow@gmail.com](mailto:morgantownnow@gmail.com).

Morgantown NOW has also started “Timeline Tuesdays, a “20 part series, created by an all-volunteer team from the WV Women Vote Coalition of Morgantown. Our series will illustrate important events in the history of WV and the USA as they relate to voting.” You can access these videos from the Facebook page.



Morgantown NOW is selling these stylish **VOTE masks for \$7.00** each with cash or check made payable to Morgantown NOW. To order one, please email Lynda Goldberg at [withay@goldilox.us](mailto:withay@goldilox.us).



**GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION:** No updated information was available about future meetings at “press time.”

Follow GMIA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation/](http://www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation/), on the web at [www.morgantowninterfaith.org](http://www.morgantowninterfaith.org), or by email at [morgantowninterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:morgantowninterfaith@gmail.com) for updates.



**NAACP MEETS AUGUST 18TH:** This meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the NAACP at [3241naacp@gmail.com](mailto:3241naacp@gmail.com) for more information and to learn how to participate.

The branch has established several committees, including Education; Communications, Press and Publicity; Criminal Justice; Political Action; Legal Redress; Health; Community Coordination; and Environmental and Climate Justice. Barb Howe represents CCSJ on the Community Coordination Committee, which is chaired by Denny Poluga.



Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/morgantown.naacp](http://www.facebook.com/groups/morgantown.naacp).



**MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN-MENNONITE:** Morgantown Church of the Brethren continues to worship online on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. “(Feel free to show up between 9:45 and 10:00 to chat).”

**“How to join:** If you have internet access, click on the link below and follow the instructions to join the session and share video. If you don't have internet, you can participate by phone by calling (646) 558-8656 and entering meeting ID 867 5506 5818 and password 316504

**“Link to join:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86755065818?pwd=U1AxSUptd2VKeW8xT3lPQjZLYktKZz09.>”

Follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634>.



**UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN STAYS VIRTUAL:**

August 2nd: "UUFM will hold a Zoom Board Meeting for the month of August. All are invited. The meeting will be held at the usual Sunday Service time: Sunday August 2 promptly at 11:00 AM. Zoom doors open at 10:45 AM. Board Members are needed for this first meeting of the year. But everyone is invited to join us."

Topic: UUFM August Board Meeting

Time: Aug 2, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84397091126>

Meeting ID: 843 9709 1126

One tap mobile: +13126266799, 84397091126# US (Chicago)

+16468769923, 84397091126# US (New York)

Check the web site at [www.uufmwv.org](http://www.uufmwv.org) or the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/The-Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship-of-Morgantown-WV-367256688732](https://www.facebook.com/The-Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship-of-Morgantown-WV-367256688732) for updates.



**PFLAG MORGANTOWN:** The August meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11th, at 6:00 p.m. Join the Zoom Meeting at

<https://zoom.us/j/99809173941?pwd=dFBKcG9la2lhaWNJNWdkRnc5Y3QxQT09>

Meeting ID: 998 0917 3941; Passcode: 233396

"Morgantown PFLAG along with Mountaineers For Progress will be partnering with the League of Women Voters for the General Election Candidate Forum in the Fall. Date/Time/Method will be provided when available. We are submitting questions to those on the ballot, but cannot as a group advocate for any candidate or party. If you have any question or issue you would like to submit, please email them to [DeeDeeM1952@gmail.com](mailto:DeeDeeM1952@gmail.com) by mid August."

Follow this group on Facebook at [facebook.com/pflagmorgantown/?ref=page\\_internal](https://facebook.com/pflagmorgantown/?ref=page_internal).



**MORGANTOWN PRIDE EVENTS:** This group "provides social and educational resources for the LGBTQ+ Community, Friends and Allies in Mon. County."

The Pride parade, block party, and after party are scheduled for September 5th.

You can also support Morgantown Pride by buying Mothman pins at Hoot and Howl, 245 Walnut Street, for \$8.00. Shipping is available. "Morgantown Pride would like to thank Liz Pavlovic Design for creating our adorable Pride Mothman!"

Follow this group's activities on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/](https://www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/), where you can see a photo of the Mothman pin.

**WVU NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM RESOURCES ON NAMES:** Please go to [nas.wvu.edu/](http://nas.wvu.edu/) for a variety of resources on “Native Mascot Facts & Resources.” Bonnie Brown, the coordinator of the Native American Studies Program, has prepared “BACKGROUND: Retiring the Washington “R\_dsk\_ns”\* Name and OTHER so-called “Indian” mascots,” noting that “In acknowledging the disparaging nature of the term, “R\_dsk\_ns” is used in place of the Washington team’s name in this entry.” She also said that “The term “Indian” in quotation marks, is used to differentiate between the term used as a descriptor for a caricatured mascot and the term Native Americans might use for themselves as individuals, tribes, or groups.”

**WVU AND NGLCC (NATIONAL LGBT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) VIRTUAL SMALL AND DIVERSE BUSINESS VENDOR FAIR:** This event will be held on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. via zoom. WVU is always “seeking out diverse suppliers so we can expand the number of companies participating in the public procurement process.” The goals are to learn about valuable programs and resources, how to register with the WVU bid website, and further the state’s “commitment to growing the economic development of small and diverse businesses.” For more information, please contact Eva Hajian at 304-293-51152 or [eva.hajian@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:eva.hajian@mail.wvu.edu).



**WVU DIVERSITY WEEK 2020:** This annual event is scheduled for October 11-17.

## STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS



**WEST VIRGINIA NOW** has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow](http://www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow) and a web page at [wvnow.org](http://wvnow.org). “West Virginia NOW is the state chapter of the National Organization for Women, the country’s largest feminist political organization. As a grassroots nonprofit volunteer organization, WVNOW has a dual focus of supporting local chapters, as well as maintaining a strong legislative presence.

“WVNOW members are committed to fostering a unified intersectional, multigenerational feminist future for West Virginia.”



**Tell your lawmaker that transgender people deserve correct birth certificates!**  
*We can't wait for federal courts to fix this problem!*

**FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA UPDATES:** Fairness West Virginia is hiring a development associate. The position is open until filled, and the description is available at [fairnesswv.org/2020/07/22/fairness-wv-is-hiring-a-new-development-associate/](http://fairnesswv.org/2020/07/22/fairness-wv-is-hiring-a-new-development-associate/).

Fairness West Virginia has also posted information about the West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals decision on transgender name changes on

birth certificates. To read more about this and sign a petition asking the legislature to deal with this, please go to [fairnesswv.org/2020/07/23/wvs-top-court-stops-transgender-people-from-correcting-ids/](http://fairnesswv.org/2020/07/23/wvs-top-court-stops-transgender-people-from-correcting-ids/).

Follow Fairness West Virginia on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fairnesswv](http://www.facebook.com/fairnesswv) or at [fairnesswv.org](http://fairnesswv.org).



SAFE COMMUNITIES IN  
WEST VIRGINIA

**A CONVERSATION  
ABOUT POLICING**

W/ PROFESSOR ALEX VITALE

AUGUST 3, 2020  
12:00 - 1:30PM  
ACLU OF WV FACEBOOK LIVE

**PANELISTS**

**William Laird**  
*Former WV State Senator  
Former Fayette County Sheriff*

**James Nolan**  
*WVU Professor of Sociology  
Former Police Officer*

**Quenton King**  
*Criminal Justice Policy Analyst*

### **AUGUST 26TH-WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY CENTENNIAL**

August 26, 2020, will mark the centennial of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, granting women the right to vote in all states. The 1965 Voting Rights Act was designed to guarantee that right, especially to African American women. Centennial celebrations around the country had to go virtual because of COVID-19, but you can learn more from Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, New York ([www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm)), the 2020 Women's Vote Centennial Initiative ([www.2020centennial.org/](http://www.2020centennial.org/)), or the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites (<https://ncwhs.org/>).

### **RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS IN AUGUST 2020**

From: [www.diversityresources.com/interfaith-calendar-2020/](http://www.diversityresources.com/interfaith-calendar-2020/)



08/01 – Pagan and Wiccan: Lughnasadh – also known as the festival of the first fruits, it's the first of three harvest sabbats, celebrating the ripening of grains and corn

08/15 – Roman Catholic: Feast of the Assumption – honors the belief by Roman Catholics in Mary's assumption to heaven

08/16 – Jain: Paryushana – also known as the Festival of Forgiveness, it's the most important Jain religious observance

08/19 – Islamic: Islamic New Year – beginning at the sighting of crescent moon, it's also known as the Hijri or Arabic New Year



