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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.

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH AT 7:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM.** All are welcome. Barb Howe will present a program on the woman suffrage movement in West Virginia.

**Here is the Zoom information.** Please note that Zoom now requires either a password or a waiting room. This is set up for a waiting room.

Topic: Community Coalition for Social Justice October Meeting

Time: Oct 20, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87017400621>

Meeting ID: 870 1740 0621

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The Zoom information will be mailed out again the weekend before the meeting and then again that morning. It will also be posted on our website at [www.ccsjwv.org](http://www.ccsjwv.org) and on our Facebook page.

The recording of our September 15th annual meeting with Rev. Ronald English is available at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYEK9tl\\_vVY&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYEK9tl_vVY&feature=youtu.be)

Our annual report for the year from October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2020, is available at: [ccsjwv.org/documents/about-us/2019-20%20annual%20report.pdf](http://ccsjwv.org/documents/about-us/2019-20%20annual%20report.pdf).

**CCSJ Website Resources:** Please check our website at [ccsjwv.org/local-news.html](http://ccsjwv.org/local-news.html) for information and links to the following resources:

- Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP Voter Guide
- West Virginia ACLU Voter Guide
- West Virginia ACLU Election Protection Hotline
- Bryan Stevenson's 'True Justice' Documentary Panel Discussion. Stevenson is the founder of the Equal Justice Institute
- Information on voting under "Your Vote Matters"

**CONTACT US:** Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at [attfield@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:ccsjwv@hotmail.com). Please send items to share with our membership to Barb Howe at [barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu](mailto: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.

**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/).

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY 2021 WILL BE JANUARY 18:** 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. Ilene Evans will provide a virtual portrayal of West Virginian Memphis Tennessee Garrison as our featured event for the day. We are pleased that The Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP has invited DeMarcus Bandy to participate in our program as their representative.

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**

**City of MORGANTOWN APPROVED “A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY POLICING” AT ITS SEPTEMBER 1ST MEETING:** The committee working on this issue meets every Monday at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom, and all are welcome to participate. Agendas and call-in information are posted at [www.morgantownwv.gov/AgendaCenter/Search/?term=&CIDs=35,&startDate=&endDate=&dateRange=&dateSelector=](http://www.morgantownwv.gov/AgendaCenter/Search/?term=&CIDs=35,&startDate=&endDate=&dateRange=&dateSelector=).

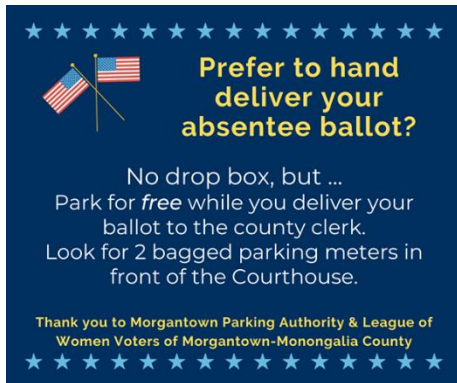


**YOUR VOTE MATTERS:** It is time to plan for the general election. Everyone can apply for an absentee ballot and check the first box- “Illness, injury or other medical reason which keeps me confined” as your rationale. The applications are preprinted to include COVID-19 as a reason to apply.

**If you want to vote absentee, you must apply for a ballot.**

Ballots are being mailed out now to those who have applied for an absentee ballot. *Editorial comment: Please return your ballot as soon as you know your choices to avoid any problems with delays anywhere in the process.*

The website to request an absentee ballot is live at [sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/GoVoteWV.aspx](http://sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/GoVoteWV.aspx). You can apply electronically at this site or print the application and mail it yourself to the county clerk.



You can hand deliver your ballot through November 2nd.

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.

**Other important deadlines for the election are:**

**Now through October 28-** Eligible voters, including uniformed and overseas citizens, may apply for a General Election ballot by mail.

**October 8 – 14-** Sample ballots published in local newspapers throughout the state (publication dates will vary by county).

**October 13-** Voter Registration Deadline

**October 21 – October 31-** Early Voting at the county courthouse, annex or designated community voting location during normal business hours and Saturdays 9AM to 5PM. For information on early voting locations and precinct locations in Monongalia County, please go to

[www.monongaliacountyclerk.com/index.php/elections/17-current-elections/55-2020-general-election-information](http://www.monongaliacountyclerk.com/index.php/elections/17-current-elections/55-2020-general-election-information).

**October 27 – November 2-** Official List of Candidates or Sample Ballot published in local newspapers throughout the state (publication dates will vary by county).

**October 28-** Deadline for Absentee by Mail Application. *Absentee applications received after October 28, even if postmarked, cannot be accepted by law.*

**November 2-** Deadline to hand-deliver Absentee Ballot to County Clerk's office.

**November 3- General Election Day.** Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**November 4-** Absentee Ballots mailed, but without a postmark accepted.

**November 9-** (Canvass) - Absentee Ballot postmarked by Election Day accepted if received by start of Canvass.



**MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:** The next regular meeting should be Thursday, **October 15th** at 6:30 p.m. 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 October:**

**LGBT History Month** – Marks and celebrates the lives and achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the United States.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month** – A time for celebrating the strength of battered women and their children and for connecting those working to end violence against women and children.

**National Crime Prevention Month** - Special awareness for the practice of crime prevention as well as victimization, volunteerism, and the need to create safer more connected neighborhoods and communities.

**October 1: International Day of Older Persons** – Appreciates the contributions which older persons in diverse situations make to their communities and recognizes the need for opportunities for willing and capable persons of advanced age to participate in and be celebrated for their action in society

**October 12: Indigenous People Day (Native American Day)** – Celebrates and honors Native American history and culture.

**October 15: World Food Day** – A day for awareness of the need for greater equity in access to food production and distribution locally, statewide, nationally and internationally.

**October 17: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** – Call to action for the eradication of poverty and destitution worldwide.

**October 24: United Nations Day** – Commemorates the founding of the United Nations in 1945.

**October 31: World Cities Day** – “The human future is largely an urban future. We must get right the reduction of greenhouse emissions, strengthening resilience, ensuring basic services such as water and sanitation, and designing safe public streets and spaces for all to share.” (UN Sec.Gen.)



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS GETTING READY FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION:** The League is working with the Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP, Mountaineers for Progress, and PFLAG to sponsor **local candidate Zoom forums**. Once candidates confirm their interest, the interviews will be recorded via Zoom and will be available to the public as soon as possible.

The first interview, with Jeff Arnett and Ed Hawkins as candidates for the Monongalia County Commission is available at [drive.google.com/file/d/1znoVi1dkR6aptDIJbVvVEIZu\\_MHHyB7E/view?fbclid=IwAR1-370tjYjiEII37qVxkJGS2RaUne2iwhE4eZGCh2zhz42Nclf40BDslw](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1znoVi1dkR6aptDIJbVvVEIZu_MHHyB7E/view?fbclid=IwAR1-370tjYjiEII37qVxkJGS2RaUne2iwhE4eZGCh2zhz42Nclf40BDslw).

The virtual forum for candidates for the 51st District of the West Virginia House of Delegates will be on October 8th.



**MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER:** Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/](https://www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/).

The October meeting will be **October 13th at 7:00 p.m.** as a video conference via Zoom. Details and agenda available through weekly newsletter or 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/](https://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.




**MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS OCTOBER 20:** 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 is now focused on getting out the vote.

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.

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

**WE'RE ALL  
IN THIS  
*Together***

 American Red Cross

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
at the  
**Sabra**  
**United Methodist Church**

Presented by  
**Morgantown Kingwood  
Chapter of the NAACP**

**October 12, 2020  
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

To make an appointment, please call  
1-800-REDCROSS or go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and  
use the sponsor code: [NAACPMorgantown](https://www.redcross.org/donate/blood/sponsor/NAACPMorgantown)



**MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN-MENNONITE:** Morgantown Church of the Brethren continues to worship online on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Information is available on their website at [www.morgantowncob.org/](http://www.morgantowncob.org/). The beneficiary of their “Kaleidoscope of Blessings” for October will be Bartlett House.

Follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634](http://www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634).



**UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN STAYS VIRTUAL WITH THESE PROGRAMS:**

October 4 - Open meeting of the Board - decisions to be made.  
October 11 UU the Vote - What can we do in this late hour to help bring out the vote.

October 18 - join Ohio Valley Unitarian Universalists and Ministerial Leader Cricket Hall

October 25 - Duane Nichols with another program to challenge us.

October 24 we will be recording an outdoor Dance Performance by Tad Kato

For the future: Saturday, November 7 will be the UU's of Greater Pittsburgh Annual Assembly. Hope everyone can attend.

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](http://www.facebook.com/The-Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship-of-Morgantown-WV-367256688732) for updates.



**PFLAG MORGANTOWN EVENTS:** All the events below will be held virtually via Zoom.

**October 10: October 2020 Raising Trans Kids Meeting, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** “This meeting is for parents, guardians, and families who are raising transgender kids (of any age), or have kids who might be transgender. For call-in information, please email [raisingtranskids@pflagmorgantown.org](mailto:raisingtranskids@pflagmorgantown.org).”

**October 13: General Meeting.** This meeting is from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For call-in information, please email [secretary@pflagmorgantown.org](mailto:secretary@pflagmorgantown.org).

**November 14: November 2020 Raising Trans Kids Meeting, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** “This meeting is for parents, guardians, and families who are raising transgender kids (of any age), or have kids who might be transgender. For call-in information, please email [raisingtranskids@pflagmorgantown.org](mailto:raisingtranskids@pflagmorgantown.org).”

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.” There are no upcoming events on this group’s Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/](http://www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/), but keep checking as events are often posted on short notice.



## **WVU LGBTQ+ Center: LGBTQ+ History Month**

The LGBTQ History Month is time of observance for gay rights and related civil rights movements throughout history. We feature documentary screenings, discussions, and we partner with many groups on campus to celebrate LGBTQ+ history.

For more information on any of these activities, please go to [lgbtq.wvu.edu/home](http://lgbtq.wvu.edu/home).

### **Upcoming events include:**

**October 9** - I Am Brilliant! - A collaboration between WVU's LGBTQ Center and the Art Museum of West Virginia University - 2-4 PM, via Zoom.

**October 11** - National Coming Out Day

**October 15** - Faculty & Staff CONNECTIONS, 4 PM - Zoom social and faculty research spotlight.

**October 16** - Undergraduate Zoom SCOOP, 2 PM - Coming Out Stories.

**October 20** - Asexual Awareness Week starts

**October 23** - Undergraduate Zoom SCOOP, 2 PM - Awareness of Intersex and Asexual Identities

**October 26** - Intersex Awareness Day

**October 30** - Tips for LGBTQ Job Seekers - Meet with representatives from career services and employers to learn ways to succeed in the job market.

**November 18 - Friendsgiving:** An evening of food, friends and fun at the Center! 5:00-8:00 p.m. RSVP: [lgbtq@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:lgbtq@mail.wvu.edu) or 304-293-9593. Join us in celebrating community and friendship during this holiday season. All students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members are welcome.

**November 20 - Trans Day of Remembrance:** We will be honoring the memory of Trans people whose lives were lost due to acts of anti-transgender violence.

**Black & Pink Holiday Card:** Join us to fill out holiday cards for incarcerated LGBTQ+ people.

**World Aids Day:** Every year we sponsor a panel of experts to talk about trends in HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

**December for Caritas:** This December, the LGBTQ+ Center is collecting donations of personal hygiene and home cleaning supplies for the pantry at Caritas House - a local non-profit organization providing support, assistance and services to West Virginians in 22 counties impacted by HIV/AIDS, homelessness, and those recovering from substance abuse. Please drop off any donations at the LGBTQ+ Center.





**WVU Program for Native American Studies Events:**

**2020 Peace Tree:** (event details will be shared as they are finalized)

WVU programming involving guest of honor MERV TANO, J.D. has been postponed to 2021 due to the covid-19 pandemic. Merv Tano is president of the International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management and adjunct faculty at Haskell Indian Nations University. The Peace Tree is located between Martin Hall & E. Moore Hall.

The annual Peace Tree events are free and open to the public.

**March 8-10, 2021:** Join us in welcoming U.S. Poet Laureate JOY HARJO (Muscogee Creek Nation) ...details forthcoming, pending campus social distancing guidelines for Spring Semester.

**2021 American Indian Archives Workshop:** Native American Studies will host a workshop for West Virginia Educators and Librarians, in collaboration with Dickinson College-Carlisle Indian School Digital Resource Center, the Carlisle Indian School Project, and WVU Libraries. DETAILS to be Announced in Spring 2021. (Grant Funding Assistance from the West Virginia Humanities Council)

**WVU ART IN THE LIBRARIES SERIES:** All are welcome to register for these free events. The recording of the September 25th presentation by Ilene Evans as African American suffragist Coralie Franklin Cook is available at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsSsLdcCya4&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsSsLdcCya4&feature=youtu.be).

**October 9, 12-1 p.m.:** **Becky Cain Ceperley**, former national League of Women Voters President on the impact of voter registration and turnout

**October 30, 6:00 p.m.:** **Atiba Ellis**, Prof. of Law, Marquette University Law School, on democracy, voting and race

Registration for the Ceperley and Ellis presentations should be available online later, but to get an invitation to these zoom webinars, email Exhibits Coordinator Sally Brown Deskins, [sbdeskins@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:sbdeskins@mail.wvu.edu).



**WVU DIVERSITY WEEK 2020:** This annual event is scheduled for October 11-17. "WVU's annual Diversity Week endeavors to promote celebration, education, and understanding of different identities and experiences present on our campus. Diversity Week is designed to create an atmosphere that provides the WVU community, including students, faculty and staff, the opportunity to explore different cultures, engage in discussions that bring new perspectives, and celebrate the presence of, and contributions made by, people of all identities and experiences.

"This year's activities will take place virtually." At press time, there was no additional information available so please keep checking [diversity.wvu.edu/diversity-initiatives/diversity-week](http://diversity.wvu.edu/diversity-initiatives/diversity-week).

## 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.”



**ACLU WEST VIRGINIA:** The ACLU has a comprehensive voter guide available at [www.acluww.org/en/let-west-virginia-vote-guide-2020-election](http://www.acluww.org/en/let-west-virginia-vote-guide-2020-election). It is called “Let West Virginia Vote” and covers the following topics: Quick Tips For Voters, Election Q & A, Problems at the Polls, Issues that Matter, Know Your Candidates, and Other Offices on the Ballot.



**FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA GALA WILL BE VIRTUAL ON OCTOBER 31ST:**  
“Our gala will be held on Oct. 31 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. online. We’ll have our keynote speaker, Rosemary Ketchum, our annual silent auction, and other activities. It’s sure to be a night to remember.

“Go ahead and buy your ticket and secure your spot today. We’ll send you an email as we get closer to the event with information on how to join us on the night of the event. Buying a ticket to our virtual gala is more than just sending us a donation. It’s a downpayment on a better future, a future where all hardworking LGBTQ West Virginians can earn an honest living and live an honest life. It’s your promise to fund crucial work that helps transgender West Virginians access the competent and compassionate health care they need. It’s your commitment to a fairer future for all people.

“This year, we’re excited to announce that Rosemary Ketchum, the first openly transgender person in West Virginia who was elected to public office, will deliver the keynote address. Rosemary Ketchum won her election to Wheeling’s city council in June, and since then, she’s captured the attention of national media outlets and showed the world that West Virginia is moving in the right direction.

For information on buying tickets and sponsorships, please go to [fairnesswv.org/](http://fairnesswv.org/) and click on the photo shown above.

Fairness West Virginia also has a Transgender voting guide available at [fairnesswv.org/trans-voter-guide/](http://fairnesswv.org/trans-voter-guide/) and a place where you can take the Fairness voter pledge at [fairnesswv.org/2020/09/09/take-the-pledge/](http://fairnesswv.org/2020/09/09/take-the-pledge/).

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

## RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS IN OCTOBER 2020

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



10/02 – Jewish: Sukkot (10/3-10/9) begins at sundown, celebrating the end of the holiday season that began with Rosh Hashanah

10/07 – Islamic: Arbaeen begins at sundown – marks the end of the 40-day mourning period following Ashura, the anniversary of the martyrdom of Hussein ibn Ali, grandson of Islam's prophet Muhammad

10/17 – Hindu: Navratri begins – one of the greatest Hindu festivals, honoring the Goddess Durga

10/19 – Baha'i: Birthday of the Bab – marks the birthday of the Bab (1819-1850), who is honored by the Baha'is as the one who announced God's messenger would soon appear

10/25 – Hindu: Dussehra – meaning 'the tenth day,' it's celebrated at the culmination of the 'nine nights' festival of Asuj Navratras

10/28 – Islamic: Mawlid (Prophet Muhammad's Birthday) begins at sundown, marks the birth of Muhammad, the prophet of Islam

10/31 – Pagan and Wiccan: Samhain – the most important sabbat, it marks the end of the year's final harvest, a time to remember the dead and celebrate the cycle of life