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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 CCSJ meeting will be on Zoom on Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Topic: CCSJ November Meeting

Time: Nov 21, 2023 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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CCSJ HOSTS POT-LUCK GATHERING FOR SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GROUPS ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH



All are welcome to join us on Sunday, November 5th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the First Presbyterian Church at 456 Spruce Street in Morgantown. It's going to be a pot-luck celebration of what all that we have achieved in social and environmental justice over the years followed by a panel discussion of how we can work together so that our achievements are not nullified by the legislature and others in the future.

Please bring a dish to share. If relevant, we would appreciate your including a note to let the group know if your dish contains nuts and/or is vegetarian, vegan, and/or gluten-free. We will provide plates, drinks, and cutlery.

The format will be time to eat from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and then a panel discussion with time for questions from the audience from 6:00 to 6:45. Panelists will be Judy Ball (Morgantown-Monongalia County League of Women Voters), John Bolt (West Virginia Coalition for Truth in History), Anitra Hamilton (Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP), Jim Kotcon (Sierra Club), Rev. Zac Morton (Greater Morgantown Interfaith Association), and Rev. Jenny Williams (ACLU-West Virginia). Barb Howe will moderate the panel for CCSJ.

The flyer to announce this is attached. Please feel free to share it.

Parking is available in the lot on the right side of Forest Avenue across from the church. Enter the church through the double doors that front on Forest Avenue. We will meet in the gymnasium. The elevator to the gym is located at the end of the classrooms to the right as are the steps.

We thank Eve Faulkes for designing our publicity and Rev. Morton for his assistance in allowing us to use the church.



Church parking lot



Entrance

CCSJ AT NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM: We had a table at the October 10 forum on “This Land Was Already Loved” and distributed updated copies of our list of books by and about Native Americans at the Morgantown Public Library.

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 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.



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 16th, 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.

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/DocumentCenter/View/396/Calendar-of-Annual-Human-Rights-Observances-PDF.

Here are the events for November:

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 23: 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.

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.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM): The League of Women Voters is a constituent member of West Virginia Women Vote (WVWV).

The League of Women Voters of WV (LWVWV) has a Legislative Scorecard which can be found via this link: www.lwvww.org. The scorecard is searchable and provides information for all legislators, not just Mon County.

Before the start of each legislative session, LWVWV adopts a set of legislative priorities. Bills that fall within these priorities tend to be the ones we follow most closely during the legislative session and were an obvious focus for this scorecard.

| Contents of LWVWV Legislative Scorecard | |
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| Priority Area | Number of bills |
| Strengthening Democracy | 0 |
| Safeguarding Equal Rights | 10 |
| Protecting Children & Families | 8 |
| Creating a Sustainable Future | 7 |

Follow the League on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LWVMM and contact them by email at lwvmorgantown@gmail.com. You can join the League of Women Voters at tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm.



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



MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST: 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.

**EMPOWERING MINDS:
EDUCATION AND SUICIDE
PREVENTION IN
MARGINALIZED
COMMUNITIES.**

Please join the Morgantown/Kingwood branch of the NAACP for a panel discussion on suicide prevention featuring:

- Mark King, MSW, LCSW, (he/him)
- Titus Stewart, MSW, LSW (he/him)
- Alexis Venable MSW, LCSW (she/her)

Join us live on Facebook on November 9th from 6:30pm-8:00 pm at <https://shorturl.at/aFG79>

You can also access the program via the Facebook Link at <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/empowering-minds-education-and/3687904161438932/?mibextid=RQdjQZ>.

The branch will be partnering with the Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive at the Morgantown Elks Lodge, 1138 Chestnut Ridge Road, on Wednesday, December 13th, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can register to donate at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time.

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



MORGANTOWN CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD NEEDS TWO MEMBERS: There are two vacancies on the board at this time. The City of Morgantown is currently accepting applications and you can get a link to the application and more information by going to <https://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.” For links to agendas and minutes of past meetings, go to <https://www.morgantownwv.gov/AgendaCenter/Civilian-Police-Review-Advisory-Board-47>.



MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN-MENNONITE: 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.

Sunday services are held at 10:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom with the link available at www.morgantowncob.org.

The annual Pumpkin Pie Making evening is Sunday, November 12th, starting around 6:00 p.m. “Basically we start with pumpkins and flour and other basic ingredients and we make pie. and more pie. Then we bake pie and eat pie and take some home. Mostly it is about pie and fun and community.”

Follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634_



UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN (UUFMWV.ORG) NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

Sunday, November 5th, YouTube Service: “Not Fallen Angels” Sermon by Rev. Mark Gallagher, North American Unitarian Association for October 2023.
VIDEO PRESENTATION ~ https://youtu.be/ILR_n-f2VBM

Sunday, November 12th, Live Real-Time Service @ UUFM, 429 Warrick Street. Doors open at 10:45 AM, Full Circle Discussion of Over-the-Counter (OTC) & Prescription Medicine to Promote Healthy Living. Discussion Leader: Barbara Evans Fleischauer, 11:00 a.m. to Noon.
SEE ALSO ~ Show 1360: The Pros & Perils of OTC Drugs | The People's Pharmacy
<https://www.peoplespharmacy.com/articles/show-1360-the-pros-perils-of-otc-drugs>

Sunday, November 19th and 26th: See UUFMWV.org, Facebook, and Sunnyhill.org for Service Options.

We are a Welcoming Congregation and support the Community Coalition for Social Justice. See also: UUFMWV.org. or email uufmwv@gmail.com.



DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER MEETS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AT 7:00 P.M. WITH WEST VIRGINIA COALITION FOR TRUTH IN HISTORY BY ZOOM. Delegate Evan Hansen will talk about the 2024 WV Legislature and possible upcoming legislation at the November 20 meeting of Dismantling Racism Together. We may also have a Senator present. Join us at 7:00 p.m. by using the following zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082163845#success>

The October 16th presentation by Eli Baumwell, advocacy director and interim director of the ACLU-WV. Prospective legislation for the year was highlighted. You can watch the presentation at https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/H1gpvCOsYvj8B-w37krhYtFcB4AL_RnwImSscl8IWGw6VyoYtBWtDY5LvHxtdCMJ.7nDo83hnA5R82gnY. The passcode to view the linked information is Q7\$#Kduw.

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



WEST VIRGINIA COALITION FOR TRUTH IN HISTORY: All are welcome to join the coalition as we get ready for the legislative session. Send your email address to ccsjwv@gmail.com, and we will pass on your information to the coalition's leadership.

PFLAG: The closest chapter now is in Fairmont, with information available at www.pflagfairmont.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/PFLAGFairmont.



MORGANTOWN PRIDE MORGANTOWN HOMECOMING OUT RESCHEDULED. This event will now be held on February 17, 2024. Stay tuned for more details.

For information on Morgantown PRIDE, go to www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page_internal or www.morgantownwvpride.org. Morgantown Pride has an Instagram page at www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en.



RAISING TRANS KIDS GROUP MEETS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M. Anyone interested in joining the meeting for the first time or to get more information can email raisingtranskids@gmail.com for the call-in passcode and/or more information. All meetings are held virtually via Zoom.

The Raising Trans Kids community group is for West Virginia parents, guardians, and families who are raising transgender or gender diverse kids (of any age), or have kids who might be transgender or gender diverse. Follow Morgantown Pride on Facebook.



EMPTY BOWLS MONONGALIA FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Volunteers are needed for Game Day Parking: Please review the spots available to manage the parking lot at the Morgantown Church of the Brethren located at 464 Virginia Ave, Morgantown, WV 26505. Volunteers should be at the parking lot 2

hours before WVU kickoff and will take parking donations of \$15 per spot until lot is filled. For more detailed information, please email EBMon.office@gmail.com. We thank you for your support in fighting against food insecurity in Monongalia County.

You can sign up to volunteer at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FAAAC2FA7FFC43-football?fbclid=IwAR0SgGcx7UgsxoBGSBo0sB_UDBga9sLFUxZZ54ty-IWgPCbdhUUU5Q2nAxw#.

GAME DAY PARKING
 @ Morgantown Church of The Brethren

- HALF MILE TO THE FIELD
- BATHROOMS AVAILABLE
- \$15 A SPOT
- OPENS 2HRS BEFORE KICKOFF

Proceeds Benefit: **Empty Bowls** - MONONGALIA

SAVE
the
DATE

Soup & Bread Luncheon

FEBRUARY 24, 2024
11 AM - 2:30 PM



Volunteer opportunities for the Soup & Bread Luncheon are now available at www.ebmon.org/volunteer-opportunities.



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

BATTLE OF THE BARTENDERS
Holiday Edition

SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 30, 2023
KEGLERS SPORTS BAR & GRILLE

Stay tuned for additional details about the Battle of the Bartenders: Holiday Edition, including the bartending teams! Contact Taylor at 304-598-0344 or tshultz@moncocac.org.

Girls' Night Out is already scheduled for May 17, 2024.

Kroger Community Rewards support the CAC: If you already use Kroger rewards and have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose. Choose MCCAC from the

organization list, and Kroger will donate a percentage of your spending to the CAC. MCCAC's NPO number: 90621.

SCOTTS RUN COMMUNITY SING: This event happens every last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Scott's Run Settlement House, 41 Ladybug Drive in Osage. You do not have to be from Scotts Run to participate. It is for everyone, from anywhere, and for all ages!

WVU EVENTS



WVU LGBTQ CENTER: Follow this group at lgbtq.wvu.edu and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WVULGBTQCenter.

Tuesday, November 7: OutFront Series, James Conlon, TJ Chang –LGBTQ+ Politics and Policy Speaking Event. “James Conlon and TJ Chang have a special interest in fighting for LGBTQ+ rights in the political sphere. Join them in their

discussion about how to make positive change for the LGBTQ+ communities in Politics and Policy.” You can register for the Zoom link at wvu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtfuqvrzgvHNLt_9ssd4L4aKlzfD52QGeS#/registration.

WVU CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE PRESENTS

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
NOMINATION**

NOV 17

To nominate someone for this award you must;
Complete this nomination form
Write a two-page statement of support for nominee
Submit Two Letters of Recommendation of support for the Nominee
Submit a completed nomination form by 5:00pm November 17, 2023

The Nominee must:
Reside in the State of West Virginia.
Have an established record of community involvement.
Have demonstrated record of working to fulfill the dreams and ideas of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

West Virginia University
CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. UNITY BREAKFAST
JANUARY 15, 2024 | 9:30AM | MOUNTAIN LAIR BALLROOMS
FOR MORE INFO VISIT [HTTPS://CBC.WVU.EDU](https://CBC.WVU.EDU)
SCAN FOR NOMINATION FORM

You can access the award nomination form at wvuengage.wvu.edu/submitter/form/step/1?Guid=5d82991d-8cc7-421f-9493-025a80de85e5. The deadline is November 17th at 5:00 p.m. The award recipients will be announced at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day breakfast, on Monday, January 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Note the new time for the breakfast!



**WVU NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM FORUM VIDEOS AVAILABLE FOR OCTOBER 9-10
“THIS LAND WAS ALREADY LOVED” EVENTS.**

VIDEOS: Below you’ll find the links to the forum recordings in case you were not able to attend the whole event or would like to review and/or share with others. Note: The videos will also be available through the Native American Studies Program webpage nas.wvu.edu/ and will later be permanently archived through WVU Libraries.

Monday, October 9th:

6:00-7:30pm, Keynote address, **“Truth to Power: History from Indigenous Perspectives”** by Faithkeeper Oren Lyons, Turtle Clan, Onondaga Nation, Haudenosaunee Confederacy – Watch Zoom Webinar Recording

Tuesday, October 10th:

9:00am–6:00pm **Keynote presentations for “This Land Was Already Loved”** [Watch Zoom Webinar Recording](#) | [Zoom Webinar Speaker View Only Option](#)

Presenters appear in the following order:

Delaware Nation President Deborah Dotson

Delaware Tribe of Indians Chief Brad KillsCrow

Cherokee Nation history & cultural preservation officer Catherine Foreman-Gray

(Lunch & Learn with John Block, traditional Seneca Singer & traditional dancer Kayleen Block, Mohawk)

Eastern Shawnee Chief Glenna Wallace

Shawnee Tribe Chief Ben Barnes

Tadodaho Sid Hill, Onondaga Nation, Haudenosaunee Confederacy

WVU EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE FOCUS: The following events were publicized in the October WVU Humanities Center newsletter and are open to everyone.

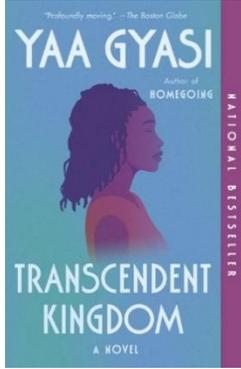
Tuesday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m.: Honoring Diversity Series #6 - Critical Conversations on Disabilities.

Presenter - Dr. Samantha Ross

Attendee Register Link – https://wvu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uQYO8Jq5TFOKQq4NpKTHQ.

November 14 at 6:00 PM: Honoring Diversity Series #7 - Investigating Accessibility at WVU. Presenters - Kayla Abrahamson, Eric Baker, Will Sturgell.

Attendee Register Link – https://wvu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_49p9Of4jSBG6azoKrIltuw



Campus Read Author Event: November 14, 7:00 p.m., WVU Mountainlair Ballrooms

Partners: The Dan and Betsy Brown Lecture Series

STATE-WIDE EVENTS



WEST VIRGINIA NOW: West Virginia NOW is online at www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow and wnow.org.



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.



According to the ACLU of West Virginia website, “Are you a GSA or LGBTQ+ club leader in your high school or a club sponsor? Do you want to start a GSA at your school? Do you want to meet other leaders and learn how to advocate for queer folks in your school and community? Join us in Charleston for our first ever **LGBTQ+ Club Conference!**”

“Led by the Appalachian Queer Youth Summit, ACLU of West Virginia, Fairness WV, and the WV Trans Coalition, this conference will create a space where LGBTQ+ youth leaders can connect with each other

and with nonprofits, elected officials, community change-makers, and more. Rosemary Ketchum (she/her) will give our conference keynote speech.

****THIS CONFERENCE IS FREE TO ATTEND!** Meals will be provided and lodging (with roommates) is available for those who may need it. We hope to make this event as accessible as possible, so please reach out if there is something you need in order to participate.

“This event will run from the **evening of November 17 through late afternoon November 18 in Charleston, WV**. For security purposes, guests will receive more detailed information after submitting their RSVP form found here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJ8TCz0ldIOJBklkRJR6wbAAV1AKS...>

“If you have any questions or concerns, please contact ACLU-WV Youth Organizer Oceanna Smith (she/they) at osmith@acluwv.org.”



WEST VIRGINIA TRANS COALITION: “The West Virginia Transgender Coalition is a grassroots organization that works to ensure the wellbeing, safety and lived equity of all trans, nonbinary, and gender expansive community members within the state of West Virginia.” For more information, please go to www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/.

DIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

www.diversityresources.com/november-diversity-calendar-2023

Native American Heritage Month: November is Native American Heritage Month where the voices of the oppressed and marginalized Indigenous people are heard all month long, and hopefully all year long too. Take some time this month to learn about the traditions and cultures, including the music and dance of local tribes in your area.

National Veterans and Military Families Month: November is also National Veterans and Military Families Month, where we show appreciation to all those serving in our military and veterans who have served. Give our service members and all veterans the appreciation they deserve for the sacrifices they and their families make for our freedoms.

Movember: Movember is an annual campaign that takes place in November to raise awareness for men’s health issues, particularly prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health. During this month, men are encouraged to grow mustaches to spark conversations about these important topics and raise funds for research and support programs.

November 11 – Veterans Day: It’s also known as Armistice Day, which celebrates the one-year anniversary of the end of fighting and the start of peace negotiation for World War I. It was later renamed Remembrance Day and then Veterans Day to honor veterans from every war in American

history. It is celebrated on November 11 as it went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th day in 1918.

November 12 – Diwali: Diwali acknowledges the life battle between good and evil or darkness and light. The victory of good over evil is celebrated during Diwali or the Festival of Lights. This celebration runs for five days in India during the Hindu months of Ashwin and Kartika. A great way to celebrate this in the workplace is to put lights around the breakroom with traditional Indian sweets like Mithai.

It's important to know that Diwali is also an official holiday in many other countries including Trinidad & Tobago, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Fiji, Singapore, Guyana, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Nepal.

November 13 – 19 – Transgender Awareness Week / Transgender Day of Remembrance: This one-week hopes to increase awareness about violence and gender identity issues in the transgender community. This week leads up to what is known as the Transgender Day of Remembrance, which honors those lost to anti-gay crimes including Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed. Participate in a vigil to honor the lives lost due to anti-gay violence in America and worldwide.

November 27 – Guru Nanak Gurburab: This festival commemorates the founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak. This sacred time is celebrated on the 15th day of the month Kartik. One fun fact is that the word gurburab stands for birthday or the celebration and prayer associated with this day.