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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: Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 18th**, at **7:00 p.m.** at **Panera's on Patteson Drive**. We have reserved the back meeting room. If the weather is nice, we may meet outside.

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.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING: Our annual meeting in September will probably be in Osage to include a pot-luck picnic, visit to the Scotts Run Museum, and showing of the Morgantown History Museum's video about Al Anderson. Stay tuned as we confirm the date and time.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY 2020: We are beginning to talk about our Fourteenth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on January 20, 2020, and we are pleased to report that the City of Morgantown has again committed funding to support this event. Please let us know if you have suggestions.



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 will be Thursday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building Conference Room on Spruce Street. 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/wp-content/uploads/Annual-HR-Observances.pdf.

Here are the events for June:

June LGBT Pride Month – Commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riot in New York City, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) Pride Day is the last Sunday in June.

June 1st: Stand for Children Day – A day to emphasize the importance of standing up for children by supporting systemic change and increased funding for public education.

June 5th: World Environment Day – Observance promoting an awareness of the impact of environmental conditions on individual and community well-being and food sources which make life possible for current and future generations.

June 8th: World Oceans Day – Call for awareness of the importance of protecting oceans from pollution and rising sea levels to prevent individuals and entire communities from loss of property, housing, livelihood and food supplies.

June 12th: Loving Day – Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision *Loving v. Virginia* which struck down the miscegenation laws in 16 states barring interracial marriage.

June 14th: Race Unity Day – Observance promoting racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity.

June 19th: Juneteenth – Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, it is now celebrated throughout the United States to honor African-American freedom and achievement.

June 20th: World Refugee Day – Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.

June 26th: United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture - A day to remind people that human torture is not only unacceptable but also a crime and a universal violation of a human right.



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: The League of Women Voters of Morgantown-Monongalia County Annual Meeting will be held June 15 at noon at Ali Baba at the airport. Email Vicki Conner at vicki_conner@msn.com if you are interested in attending.

is some "old news," but still important. The state League met in Morgantown in April and presented a check for \$800 to the West Virginia Rivers Coalition's Science Fund to help support water policy research. You will recognize Morgantown members, including state president Jonathan Rosenbaum from Morgantown, in this photo from the state League's website:



MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER JUNE EVENTS:



The June meeting will be **Tuesday, June 11th**, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at 648 E. Brockway in Morgantown.

If you have something you would like on the agenda, please email items to morgantownnow@gmail.com by Sunday, June 9th at 5:00 p.m.

Also, please let them know if you require childcare.

Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/



GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION (GMIA). The next meeting is Sunday, June 3rd, at 3:00 p.m. at Tree of Life Congregation, 242 S. High Street, Morgantown.

You can follow GMIA on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation/ or on the web at www.morgantowninterfaith.org. The email address is morgantowninterfaith@gmail.com.



NAACP MEETS JUNE 18TH: The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pines Country Club.



JUNE PFLAG GROUP MEETING IS JUNE 11TH: This will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the location had not yet been determined by “press time” so please check the web site at www.pflagmorgantown.org/upcoming-events/ or Facebook page at

There will also be a Social Gathering on Saturday, June 15th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the downtown Panera Bread store, 207 Willey Street in Morgantown.

The Morgantown Roller Vixens will be donating the proceeds from their bout on June 15th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The bout is located at the Craig Civic Center (311 Tunnelton Street in Kingwood). Please attend and help spread the word (see the Facebook event at www.facebook.com/events/2331771927101436/).

PFLAG’s “goal is to be a better support for our loved ones who identify as LGBTQ+. We are looking for parents, relatives, friends or allies to join us in being an extended family to the LGBTQ + community. We are part of the national PFLAG organization and are committed to advancing equality through its mission of support, education, and advocacy. For more information, please contact: secretary@pflagmorgantown.org.”



MORGANTOWN PRIDE: This is a new group in Morgantown “that provides social and educational resources for the LGBTQ+ Community, Friends and Allies in Mon. County.” Follow this group’s activities on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/.

Its upcoming events are:



Pride Arts Walk

June 14th 2019
Friday
6:00-9:00pm

Main Street Morgantown is partnering with Morgantown Pride for this June Arts Walk.

Queer Holistic Workshop: This will be held on Saturday, **June 15th**, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., also at The Mindbody Center. “Join us at The Mindbody Center for a queer lesson in wellness, self-care, holistic care, and more.”

June meeting: This will be Saturday, **June 22nd**, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Quantum Bean Coffee, 258 Kingwood Street, Morgantown.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN PROGRAMS FOR JUNE:

Sunday, June 2 at 10:45 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Morgantown, the Annual General Meeting. Please come and vote on a new President and Board for 2019-20.

Sunday, June 9 at West Fork UUs, 305 Washington Ave, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Andrew McKnight will perform.

Please go to uufmwv.org/ to check for updates. Except where noted, all events are at the Fellowship building at 429 Warrick Street. All are welcome. The Fellowship is a member organization of CCSJ.



MORGANTOWN CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT IS MAY 31ST:

Tickets for Girls’ Night Out ’19 can be purchased at:
www.eventbrite.com/e/girls-night-out-2019-a-hawaiian-luau-tickets-60276836641



GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

JOIN US FOR A HAWAIIAN LUAU

Hosted by the Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center

An evening filled with delectable cuisine, dancing, outstanding entertainment, pampering, and a live auction



Erickson Alumni Center

May 31, 2019

6:30 pm



All proceeds from this event will directly benefit children and families who have experienced abuse, neglect, or other traumas in Monongalia County

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STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS



Information about the **Kanawha Valley NOW** chapter is available at www.facebook.com/Kanawha-Valley-NOW-1976287046030339/?ref=br_rs or email kanawhavalleynow@gmail.com.

West Virginia NOW has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow.

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TRY THIS WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE IS JUNE 7-8TH: Registration is now open for this conference to be held at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon. If you are working for a “healthier West Virginia,” then “this conference is for you.”

Building Blocks for
Healthy Communities

“Enjoy two (or three) idea-packed, inspiring days with like-minded West Virginians! Trade ideas with people from all over the state who are doing great things in their own communities. Get inspired again and again. Meet new friends! Help build a statewide

movement!”

For more information, please go to trythiswv.com/conference/.

2019 WV Pride Festival Schedule

- April 13 – Morgantown**
- May 11 – Wheeling**
- June 1 – Charleston**
- June 8 – Parkersburg**
- June 15 – Fairmont, Beckley**
- June 22 – Lost River**
- June 29-30 Shepherdstown, Huntington, Buckhannon**



ACLU OF WEST VIRGINIA EVENTS:

For all the events, participants will “celebrate our victories and look forward to expanding LGBTQ civil liberties in the upcoming year. Come say hello and pick up your ACLU-WV Pride swag at our table!”

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Charleston Pride Parade and Festival, Haddad Riverfront Park, June 1, 2019, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Pride Parade is at 1:30 p.m.

Parkersburg Pride, Parkersburg City Park, 1920 Park Ave., Parkersburg, June 8, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fairmont Second Annual Pride Picnic, East Marion Park, 35 City View Terrace, Fairmont, June 15, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lost River Pride, Lost River Retreat Center, 2015 Mill Gap Road, Lost City, June 22, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Huntington Pride, 4th Avenue, Huntington, June 29, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS IN JUNE 2019 (PLUS ONE FROM MAY 2019) FROM PETER CLARK

Celebrating LGBTQ Pride Month

For Native Americans in the Pacific Northwest, June marks Miso’o, the season of Sockeye salmon, which is the most important food source for the coming year. In Arizona, this is also the season of the Hopi Kachina Dances, in which long lines of dancers (representing various spirit-powers) perform in the open plazas of Hopi pueblos.

Friday, May 31

· Jum’at al-Wadā [Farewell Friday] – Islam

As the last Friday in the month of Ramadān and the Friday immediately preceding Eid al-Fitr, this day is not a festival day, but it is still considered special by many Muslims.

Monday, June 3

· Eid al-Fitr – Islam

This is the Breaking of the Fast that celebrates the end of the month of Ramadān. Usually lasting three days, this festival begins at sundown with communal prayer and may also include charitable acts, visiting family and friends, preparing special foods, dressing in new clothes, and giving gifts.

Wednesday, June 5

· Ascension Day – Christianity (Eastern churches)

The anniversary of Jesus’ ascension into heaven, celebrated forty days after Easter with services beginning at sundown.

· Núr – Bahá’í

The beginning of the fifth month of the Bahá’í year, meaning “light.”

Saturday, June 8

· Shavuot [Feast of Weeks] – Judaism

A two-day festival, beginning at sundown, that celebrates the harvest of first fruits and the giving of the Law (or Torah) to Moses at Mt. Sinai. The name Shavuot derives from the Hebrew words for “seven” and “week,” because it marks seven weeks following Pesach or Passover.

Sunday, June 9

· Pentecost Sunday – Christianity (Western churches)

A celebration of the Holy Spirit’s descent upon the Apostles following Jesus’ ascension into heaven, Pentecost [which derives from the Latin for “fifty,” because it occurred fifty days after Easter] is often known as “the birthday of the Christian Church.

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Sunday, June 16

· Trinity Sunday – Christianity (Western churches)

Marking the celebration of God manifested in three Persons: as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

· Martyrdom of Gurū Arjan Dev Ji – Sikhism [Nanakshahi tradition]

The first Sikh martyr and the fifth gurū, Arjan (1563 – 1606 C.E.) built the Harimandir (Temple of God) in the town of Amritsar with door facing all four directions, in order to emphasize that the Sikh way was open to all regardless of their socio-economic status. He also compiled the Sikh scriptures known as the Gurū Granth Sahib.

Wednesday, June 19

· Enlightenment of Kwan Yin Bodhisattva – Buddhism [Mahāyāna Pure Land tradition]

A celebration of the enlightenment of the bodhisattva of compassion—an enlightened being who vows to attain final, supreme enlightenment in order to save all sentient beings from suffering. In the Pure Land tradition, this bodhisattva frequently accompanies Amida Buddha in icons and other depictions.

· New Church Day – Swedenborgian Christianity (Church of the New Jerusalem)

Annual commemoration of the visionary document The True Christian Religion, written by Emanuel Swedenborg in 1770 C.E.

Friday, June 21 Summer solstice

· Summer Feast – Native American spirituality

A day to honor the coming and going of the seasons, celebrated with songs, prayers, and story-telling.

· Litha [Midsummer's Eve] – Wicca

A celebration of the consummation of the sacred marriage, in which the male divine energy is poured out in the service of life.

Saturday, June 22

· All Saints – Christianity (Eastern churches)

Celebrating the lives of those saints, known and unknown, whose prayers and exemplary lives have a positive influence on the lives and Christian faith of others. Western Christian churches celebrate this festival on November 1st.

Sunday, June 23

· Corpus Christi – Christianity [Roman Catholic]

Named for the Latin phrase “Body of Christ,” this festival is a time when Catholic Christians express their faith in Christ’s real presence in the elements of Holy Communion.

Monday, June 24

· Rahmat – Bahá’í

The beginning of the sixth month of the Bahá’í year, Rahmat means “mercy.”

· Birthday of St. John the Baptizer [Baptist] – Christianity (Eastern churches)

Celebrates the prophet who foretold of the coming of the Messiah in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, whom he later baptized in the Jordan River.

Thursday, June 27

· Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Joseph Smith – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Recalling the assassination of the prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum while they were incarcerated in Carthage, Illinois, in 1844 C.E.

Friday, June 28

· Sacred Heart – Christianity [Roman Catholic]

A devotional feast during which Catholic Christians reflect on God’s compassionate love, symbolized by Christ’s heart.

Saturday, June 29

· Ghambar Maidyoshem begins – Zoroastrianism

A celebration of the creation of water, the sowing of the summer crops, and the harvesting of grain. This festival continues through Wednesday, July 3rd.

· Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul – Christianity (Western churches)

Celebrates the two apostles who preached the Christian gospel in Rome. In Eastern churches this festival begins at sundown on June 24th.

If you want more information about any of these holy days, please contact

UCSF Health Spiritual Care Services at 415-353-1941 (Rev. Dr. Peter Yuichi Clark)

Our thanks to the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, the Multifaith Action Society of British Columbia (Canada), BBC’s Religion Website, Peel Schools District Board (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada), the Arizona State University Provost’s Office, the NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad, the Anti-Defamation League, Project Interfaith (Omaha, NE),

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