

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week...

MLK Day

A Day ON
Not A Day OFF

Weekly Parish Schedule

Add your group's event to
the calendar: email
stthomassooffice
@googlegroups.com

Service Opportunities

local MLK Day
ways to serve

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

More than ever, many families feel they are living in a fast-paced, stressful and sometimes scary world with seemingly little time to connect with those we care about and with what's happening around us. Understandably, we can lose sight of communities in need, as well as our ability for compassion and empathy. With Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service approaching on January 15, organizations around the country are planning volunteer activities and events for families and communities. Service projects can take as little as 15 minutes and benefit both the youth volunteer and the cause of their choice.

"The time is always right to do the right thing."— Martin Luther King Jr.

Legislation was signed in 1983 creating a federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This federal holiday was first observed in 1986. In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort. Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a **"day on, not a day off."** The MLK Day of Service is a part of United We Serve, the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community." Participation in the MLK Day of Service has grown steadily over the past decade, with hundreds of thousands of Americans each year engaging in projects such as tutoring and mentoring children, painting schools and senior centers, delivering meals, building homes, and reflecting on Dr. King's life and teachings. Many of the projects started on King Day continue to engage volunteers beyond the holiday and impact the community year-round. Although the scope of the event grows every year, many people are still not aware of the service component of the holiday. On the back page, you can find some information about local efforts to support this Day of Service.

"Everybody can
be great, because
everybody can serve."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 1:00 p.m.

MLK Service Project Hope Dining Room
Kingswood United Methodist Church
300 Marrows Road
Newark, DE 19713
For more information (302) 690-4239

Sunday, Jan. 19, 3:00 p.m.

MLK Community Interfaith Worship Celebration
Calvary Baptist Church
215 East Delaware Ave.
Newark, DE 19711
For more information (302) 368-4904

Monday, Jan. 20, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MLK Community Day of Service
Food Distribution
George Wilson Center
303 New London Road
Newark, DE 19711
Call to register for box of food at (302)530-7422
Volunteers please arrive at 8:45 a.m. and park across New
London Road in UD parking lot 7S.

For more information about volunteer opportunities
contact Cami Seward (907) 321-3336 or
camiseward@gmail.com.

Also posted at:

<https://newarkde.gov/Calendar.aspx>
<https://newarkdenaacp.wixsite.com/newarknaacp>

Or Facebook:

Newark MLK Weekend Celebration Committee
Newark Branch NAACP
The Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am (U) Youth Confirmation
9:15am (C) Novel Theology
9:15am (U) Nursery
9:30am (U) Children's Worship
10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45am (GH) Coffee, Fellowship
12:30pm (P) Vestry Meeting
2:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513
7:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

Monday, January 20

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
7:30pm (GH) Scottish Dance

Tuesday, January 21

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
4:30pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513
5:00pm (GH) Girl Scout Troop 719
5:00pm (CO) AIDS Delaware
7:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance
8:00pm (U) KIS AA

Wednesday, January 22

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
10:30am (C) Lectionary Bible Study
12:00pm (N) Intercessory Prayer
with Holy Eucharist
4:00pm (C) Blue Hen Bounty
5:45pm (P) Centering Prayer
8:30pm (GH,K) S College Speakers AA

Thursday, January 23

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
10:15am (U) Newark Music Makers
6:00pm (P) Bazaar 2019 wrap-up
7:30pm (MR) St Gregory's Choir

Friday, January 24

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
12:00pm (P) Al-Anon
6:30pm (P) Women's AA

Saturday, January 25

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Sunday, January 26 Family Sunday

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am (P) Parlor Group
9:00am (U) Youth Confirmation
9:15am (U) Nursery
10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45am (GH) Coffee, Fellowship
2:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513
7:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

location key:

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| (C) Classroom | (MR) Music Room |
| (GH) Great Hall | (U) Undercroft |
| (N) Nave | (BO) Business Office |
| (P) Parlor | (RO) Rector's Office |