



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Civil Rights Activist

January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister and scholar. He was a social activist and led the civil rights movement against racial segregation during the 1960s.

Did you know?

- * From 1957 to 1968, he traveled over 6 million miles and spoke over 2,500 times.
- * He is well known for his speech "I Have A Dream" where he emphasized the importance of peace, equality, and freedom.
- * He received a Nobel Peace Prize when he was thirty-five years old and was then the youngest recipient of the award.

Service Opportunities, Activities, Events, & Resources

* MICHIGAN UNITED METHODIST OBSERVANCES (LOCAL & VIRTUAL)

These are just a few UMC observances throughout the state. For a more complete list, please contact your local United Methodist Church and inquire about any events or service day opportunities.

Chelsea First UMC: Multi-Cultural Concert

First United Methodist Church will be hosting a multi-cultural concert on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 4:30 p.m. The event will take place at 128 Park Street in Chelsea for in-person viewing. The theme for the concert is "How Music Impacts Our Culture", with commentary by Rev. Darryl Toddy. For in-person attendance, masks will be required. The event will also be live streamed for those interested in attending virtually. To watch online, visit Chelsea First United Methodist Church's YouTube page, or [click here](#).

Drive for Freedom, Justice, and Equity Parade

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Taskforce of Southfield in remembrance of Dr. King will be celebrating his life with a drive for justice parade. They are asking all participants to pre-Register due to Covid 19. The Parade is limited to the first 250 registered vehicles. The lineup starts at 9:30 a.m. and parade starts at 10:00 a.m. [Click here](#) to sign up.

Letter from Birmingham Jail Children and Youth Theater

In response to white clergy (including a Methodist pastor and bishop) who told him that his bus boycott in Birmingham was too much too quick, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote a modern-day masterpiece epistle from the Birmingham Jail to explain why they were engaging in active non-violent resistance and why it matters. It still matters today. This year's annual production includes a diverse cast of 12 children and youth along with a choir telling the story of that letter. [Live Stream here](#). In Person tickets are Free, but reservations are required. Seating limited to 100 people per show at 1919 S Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing, MI 48910. [Reserve Tickets here](#).

Supper House & Pathfinders of Muskegon MLK Dinner at Temple UMC

Supper House and Pathfinders of Muskegon will host a ceremony and free dinner and dessert along with entertainment on Monday, Jan. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Supper Club on the campus of Temple United Methodist Church, 2500 Jefferson St. in Muskegon Heights.

* MICHIGAN MLK DAY EVENTS

Regional Events for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Check out these events across Michigan to celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. This year, there are both in-person and virtual events to consider. Here's a [collection of MLK Day events](#) happening across Michigan.

* ADDITIONAL UNITED METHODIST RESOURCES

Children's Playlist for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The playlist includes several activities that you can do with your family at home. Activities may include videos, devotionals, printables, books, mission ideas, fun surprises, and links to additional resources. They are designed for families with children age 0-5th grade and will be labeled if they are appropriate for certain ages. [Click here](#) for the MLK Children's Playlist.

UMC Discipleship Ministries Resources:

Human Relations Day (Sunday before the national observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday) strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. You can find worship resources, hymn suggestions, and additional links [here](#).

ResourceUMC Human Relations Day Pastor & Leader's Kit

This Special Sunday kit provides a full package of ready to use resources to help your church celebrate Human Relations Day and define how we give, why we give and the impact we make through connectional efforts. Access the Special Sunday kit [here](#).

* NATIONAL OBSERVANCES (VIRTUAL)

- **King Center Observance (Atlanta):** [King Holiday 2022 - The King Center](#)
- **National Museum of African American History and Culture (DC):** [History Alive! Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Last Five Years](#)
- **Morehouse College Human Rights Film Festival:** [Screening of "No Time To Waste: The Urgent Mission of Betty Reid Soskin"](#)
- **The National Center for Civil and Human Rights:** [Virtual Exhibit Tour](#)

* ARTICLES, BOOKS, RESOURCES

- **Faith that Moves Mountains:** [Reflections from Memphis](#)
- **Learning for Justice:** [Classroom Resources for Youth People](#)
- **King Center MLK:** [Books & Bibliography](#)

"Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability,
but comes through continuous struggle."

~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.~