

I HAVE A
DREAM



Martin Luther King Jr.

MURRAY, KY WEEK OF ACTION

Honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., we invite you to participate in a week of antiracism action and community service.

Share your progress with #MurrayMLKWeekofAction

OVERVIEW

SUN, JANUARY 17 - Day of Learning

Community discussion via Zoom, 6:30-8 PM

MON, JANUARY 18 - Day of Giving Back

Make a donation or join a service project

TUES, JANUARY 19 - Day of Sharing Knowledge

Read, discuss, and share resources with friends and family

WED, JANUARY 20 - Day of Reflection

Follow suggested journaling prompts

THUR, JANUARY 21 - Day of Recognition and Thankfulness

Get involved with or say thank you to a local, state, or national organization

FRI, JANUARY 22 - Day of Civic Engagement

Engage with elected officials

SAT, JANUARY 23 - Day of Community

Join with others at a peaceful protest at the Confederate Monument on the downtown court square at 10 AM - masks required.

SUNDAY JANUARY 17TH, 2021

Day of Learning

Join with other community members to watch Martin Luther King, Jr's "The Other America", which runs approximately 45 minutes. This will be followed by a discussion with Jessica Evans (Murray State/Amnesty International), MarTeze Hammonds (Purdue University Fort Wayne/MDH Consulting Group) and Sherman Neal II (The 1863 Project.) The event starts at 6:30 pm via [zoom](#).

You can find Martin Luther King, Jr's "The Other America" (1967) speech:

- Video of the speech on [YouTube](#)
- Text of the speech <https://www.crmvet.org/docs/otheram.htm>

We will show the speech during the first part of the zoom call, so if you prefer to watch on your own ahead of time, you can login around 7:00 PM.

Meeting ID: 860 9913 2204

Passcode: 602392

A list of additional list of articles, books, podcasts, documentaries, films and TV series can be [found here](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2021

Day of Giving Back

On this national holiday for Martin Luther King, Jr. we encourage you to give back to our community. It is "A day on, not a day off." If you would like to share, post with the hashtag #MurrayMLKWeekofAction

- If you're able, donate items to the [community Blessing Boxes](#) or to one of the [organizations helping our community](#).
- Mail or drop off a monetary donation to support the Murray Main Street

Youth Center. “Main Street Youth Center is a free after school program for children in Murray, KY to attend. They offer food and drinks for the children to have after school and they also offer a safe place for them to do their homework, as well as relax.” Though their opening hours have been affected by covid-19, they will provide services to local children in 2021 and could still use community support. Donations can be mailed to 513 South 4th Street, Murray, KY 42071 or placed in their locked mailbox at the same location.

- Join West KY NOW in “Padding the Pantries” by donating period products to the community Blessing Boxes.
- Be intentional about performing a Random Act of Kindness today.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 2021

Day of Sharing Knowledge

Find ways to share your knowledge with others.

- Pledge to have conversations with your family or children about racism.
- Organize a virtual discussion with your friends to continue the conversation from Sunday night.
- Check out books from your local public library
 - See this list for Martin Luther King Jr. Books, E-books, and resources for children available from the Calloway County Public Library
- Have you read a book that helped you on this journey recently? Purchase an extra copy and donate it to one of the Little Free Libraries.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

Day of Reflection

Use this day to reflect and encourage those in your family to reflect. You may

want to write, record, or draw your responses. If you would like to share, post with the hashtag #MurrayMLKWeekofAction

Prompts for Children:

- Draw or write a description of what a “welcoming” Downtown Murray looks like. What would make you feel like you belong in Downtown Murray?
- Martin Luther King, Jr. once said “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere... Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” What do you think that he meant by that? Can you describe in words or drawing what this means for you today in 2021?
- Think about a time when you were left out. Write or draw how you felt. Now think about a time when you were included. Write or draw how you felt.

Prompts for Adults:

- Think back to the community conversation on Sunday night, and the actions of the past few days (or even the past 6 months, few years). What have you learned about yourself, your neighbors, and this community?
- What would a just, equitable and inclusive community look like in Murray? What steps (short & long term) can you take to make our community more just, equitable and inclusive?
- Why do you believe that the Confederate statue in Downtown should be removed?
- List and describe five major experiences that have most influenced how you relate to racial issues.
- Complete a “Circles of My Multicultural Self” exercise either on your own or share with a family member or a friend

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021

Day of Recognition and Thankfulness

- Research a local, state or national organization that's doing work in an area you're passionate about
 - Some to look into: Mayfield-Graves County NAACP, Main Street Youth Center, West KY NOW, Calloway County Collective, Lotus, HOPE Calloway, Needline, Merryman House Domestic Violence Crisis Center, United Way of Murray-Calloway County, Soup for the Soul, Murray-Calloway County Senior Citizen Center, CASA by the Lakes, Calloway County 4-H, Amnesty International, Equal Justice Initiative, Southern Poverty Law Center, ACLU
- Write a thank you note to that individual or organization
- Become a member or donate to a local organization if you are able
- You can also watch the recorded virtual presentation by Roy Riley (President & CEO of Peel & Holland Insurance) "Going beyond good intentions to achieve racial diversity". This talk was hosted by the Rotary Club of Murray as part of the Peel & Holland's series of presentations to the business and nonprofit community.

The talk will run from 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm through zoom. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81414179688?pwd=NGJwam42Q2poYUJTVVhweTdFVDl5dz09>

Meeting ID: 814 1417 9688

Passcode: 446534

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021

Day of Civic Engagement

- If you don't already know, find out who your local and state government elected officials are and what their roles and responsibilities entail. Set google alerts so you can follow their legislative agendas.
 - A list of Federal, State, County and City elected officials can be found on this google doc

- Write to an elected official about a cause that is important to you.
 - For tips on how to write to a government official, visit <https://www.wikihow.com/Address-a-Letter-to-a-Government-Official>
 - A kid friendly template can be found here <http://kidgovernor.org/student-action-resource-center/writing-to-your-elected-officials>
- One we're following closely this legislative session is Breonna's Law, Bill Request 21 pre-filed by Kentucky State Rep. Attica Scott (D-Louisville), that would ban no-knock warrants in Kentucky.
 - Learn more about it: <https://www.aclu-ky.org/en/news/no-knock-warrants-and-castle-docktrine>
 - Contact your legislators: <https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/73792/action/1?ea.tracking.id=vxd8hcs1&ac=W2101EAEGV1&ea.url.id=5107525&forwarded=true>

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

Day of Community

Join with others at a peaceful protest at the Confederate Monument on the downtown court square. Protests take place every Saturday starting at 10 AM. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Bring your own sign or hold a "Move the Monument" sign - we have extras and you can also take one home if you'd like.

On this day, we may record video statements from individuals about why they believe the statue should be removed from the court square.

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