

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Communitywide Celebration

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 13 – 24, 2011

“Our Hope, Our Community: The Courage to Still Dream”

"If you lose hope, somehow you lose the vitality that keeps life moving, you lose that courage to be, that quality that helps you go on in spite of it all. And so today I still have a dream."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., The Trumpet of Conscience, 1967

The City of Kalamazoo, Fifth Third Bank and the Kalamazoo Community Foundation in cooperation with the Volunteer Center of Greater Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Kalamazoo College, Ecumenical Senior Center, Western Michigan University, Northside Ministerial Alliance, First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo County Bar Association are partnering to sponsor activities in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

All activities are open to the public and listed in order by date

Thursday, January 13

Kalamazoo County Bar Association [<http://kalamazooobar.org>]

Free Legal Clinic

Kalamazoo Public Library (315 S. Rose Street)

6:00pm-8:00pm

Registration Required – Contact 553-7920

Friday, January 14

Kalamazoo College [www.kzoo.edu]

MLK Chapel Service

Stetson Chapel (“K” College campus)

11:00am

Students and Faculty present insightful and provocative narratives about the leader and peace maker and how his life has affected the masses

Contact: Karen Joshua- Wathel, 337-7209

Kalamazoo County Bar Association

Free Legal Clinic

Kalamazoo Public Library (315 S. Rose Street)

11:30am-1:30pm

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1963 March on Washington – Washington, DC



1963 March -- Selma, AL

Saturday, January 15

Western Michigan University [www.wmich.edu/mlk]

MLK Celebration & Public School Students Visitation Day

Bernhard Center (WMU campus)

9:00am – 3:00pm

High school students and parents come join Western Michigan University to celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. while gaining exposure to post secondary education opportunities. Students and families will enjoy engaging workshops from the college of their choice, followed by a full service buffet luncheon filled with entertainment focused on the King legacy. **Registration Requested.**

Contact: Tony Dennis, 387-6313, tony.dennis@wmich.edu

Sunday, January 16

Northside Ministerial Alliance [<http://nmakalamazoo.org>]

MLK Community Celebration featuring Dr. Eileen Wilson-Oyelaran, President Kalamazoo College

Chenery Auditorium (714 South Westnedge Avenue)

4:00pm

A native of Los Angeles, California, Dr. Wilson-Oyelaran earned her B.A. in sociology from Pomona College, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in education from the Claremont Graduate University. She was no stranger to international education, having completed an undergraduate study abroad experience in England where she studied the education of immigrant children. She was also the recipient of the Thomas J. Watson Traveling Fellowship, which enabled her to execute independent research in Ghana, Nigeria, and Tanzania.

Monday, January 17

First United Methodist Church Kalamazoo [www.umc-kzo.org]

Community Food Drive benefiting Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes

First UMC Kalamazoo (212 South Park Street)

8:30am-3:30pm

Volunteers and community members are encouraged to donate can goods in honor of the humanitarian efforts of Dr. King

Contact: Joe Konrad, 381-6340, jkonrad@umc-kzo.org

City of Kalamazoo [www.kalamazoocity.org/mlk]

Communitywide Day of Service

City Hall (241 W. South Street)

8:00am

Volunteer opportunities available at local service organizations. Celebrate Dr. King's Legacy by serving our community. **Register online,**

<http://volunteerkalamazoo.org/volunteering/day-of-service/>

Contact: Alfrelynn Roberts, 337-8047, mlkday@kalamazoocity.org

Kalamazoo College

MLK Convocation Service featuring Dr. Geneva Williams, CEO City Connect Detroit

Stetson Chapel (1200 Academy Street)

10:50am

Respected by her peers and regarded as a dynamic leader and community catalyst, Geneva J. Williams is effective in leading social change. At the helm of City Connect Detroit, as founding President and CEO, she is the driving force behind one of Detroit's newest and most innovative nonprofits.

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Ecumenical Senior Center [381-9750]

Annual MLK Celebration

Ecumenical Senior Center (702 N. Burdick Street)

10:00am – 1:30pm

Contact: Margaret Smith, 381-9750



Kalamazoo Junior Girls Collage -- 2007

City of Kalamazoo

Poster Making Party for MLK March

2:30pm @ WMU Bernhard Center

Students are encouraged to come early and make posters and signs prior to the march

Parade / March to MLK Park

Route: **WMU** starts at **3:30pm** (Flag Pole at Kanley Chapel) to **Kalamazoo College** at **4:00pm** (Red Square/Corner of Thompson and Academy Street) to corner for **Rose and West Michigan** at **4:30pm** to MLK Park

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Tuesday, January 18

Kalamazoo County Bar Association

Free Legal Clinic

Eastside Neighborhood Association (1301 E. Main Street)

6:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, January 19

Kalamazoo County Bar Association

Free Legal Clinic

Douglass Community Association (1000 W. Paterson Street)

6:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday, January 22

Fresh Fire AME Church [381-8050]

Community Blood Drive

Fresh Fire AME Church (2508 Gull Road)

10:30am-4:30pm

Monday, January 24

Kalamazoo County Bar Association

Free Legal Clinic

Portage Community Center (325 E. Centre Street)

6:00pm-8:00pm

A complete list of activities can be found on partner websites. Visit www.kalamazoo.org/mlk (City of Kalamazoo), www.kzoo.edu/pr/calevent (Kalamazoo College), www.wmich.edu/mlk (Western Michigan University) or <http://nmakalamazoo.org> (Northside Ministerial Alliance)

For general information, contact Alfrelynn Roberts, 337-8047 or mlkday@kalamazoo.org



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