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The 2016 annual communitywide celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. is centered on the theme “Equity in Action—Uniting Community” This celebration is being sponsored by WMU’s MLK Committee, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Kalamazoo’s Northside Ministerial Alliance, the City of Kalamazoo, Borgess Health, Bronson Health and Volunteer Kalamazoo.

Committee Mission and Inspiration
- to pay homage to a great cultural and racial American hero;
- to promote inclusiveness within the Greater Kalamazoo community; and
- to bring together individuals, institutions, businesses, government, faith and civic groups, and assist them in recognizing the value that inclusion brings to our community.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13
- WMU/Kalamazoo Public Schools Social Justice Book Bowl, 5:15 p.m. Linden Grove Middle School

Elimination competition for middle and high school students from surrounding area school districts

THURSDAY, JAN. 14
- Readings and Discussion noon to 1:30 p.m. “Realizing MLK’s dream of a Beloved Community,” led by poet and author Buddy Hannah Room 4240, Student Commons Theater Kalamazoo Valley Community College
- “The Courage to Create” Group Poetry Reading on Equity in Action 12:30 to 7 p.m.

EMU Multicultural Center, Adrian Trimpé Hall
Semifinalists of the annual “Courage to Create” poetry competition in grades 7 to 12 will perform poetry on the theme “Equity in Action.” Keynote speaker: Buddy Hannah, poet and author
Sponsors: WMU Center for the Humanities, WMU Office for the Vice President for Research, WMU Office of Diversity and Inclusion, WMU Lee Honors College and WMU Center for the Study of Ethics in Society

THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

JAN. 14-16, 8 p.m. and
SUNDAY, JAN. 17, 2 p.m.
- Face Off Theatre Company’s “The Mountain Top,” by Katori Hall Balch Festival Playhouse, Kalamazoo College

The play depicts a gripping re-imagined of the events the night before the assassination of the Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15
- Community Reflection, 11 a.m. Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College

Speakers: Kalamazoo College students, faculty, staff and administrators

SATURDAY, JAN. 16
- Public School Students’ Visitation 9 a.m. registration East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, Western Michigan University

Open to middle and high school students and parents and guardians from Kalamazoo Public Schools and surrounding school districts

SUNDAY, JAN. 17
- The 30th Annual Northside Ministerial Alliance Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, 4 p.m. Mt. Zion Baptist Church 120 Roberson St., Kalamazoo Rev. Dr. Addis Moore, host pastor

Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. El. L. Branch, pastor of Third New Hope Baptist Church, Detroit

MONDAY, JAN. 18
- City of Kalamazoo Communitywide Day of Service, 8 a.m. Meet at City Hall, 241 W. South St.

Volunteer opportunities available at volunteerkalamazoo.org

- Convocation, 10:50 a.m. Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College

Speaker: Ora Stokes, certified corporate trainer for PNC Bank; WMU alumna and national speaker, poet and voice-over artist

- Commemorative Walk, 4 p.m. Gather at WMU Kanley Chapel, proceed to Kalamazoo College Red Square, then MLK Park in downtown Kalamazoo

Sponsor: City of Kalamazoo

- Community Celebration Immediately following Commemorative Walk, approximately 5 to 6 p.m.

Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center
Community gathering to reflect community-wide day of service and to celebrate the MLK Holiday with local performers
Sponsors: Bronson Healthcare System and Borgess Medical Center
Contact: Beth Washington, (269) 341-8672, or Sister Sue McCrery, (269) 226-7061

- Wellness Clinics Borgess Health will offer afternoon sessions at several local downtown shelters, providing education about diabetes, heart care and cold weather precautions, as well as blood pressure checks.
Contact: Lindsay Tuhacek, Borgess Health and Wellness, (269) 226-5220, lindsay.tuhacek@borgess.com; or Sister Sue McCrery, Mission Integration, (269) 226-7061, sue.mccrery@borgess.com

TUESDAY, JAN. 19
- Film Viewing and Discussion of “Citizen King,” 5:30 p.m. Epic Theater, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall
- Presentation of Dr. Lewis Walker Youth Social Justice Award Winners, 7 p.m. during City Commission meeting

City Hall, 241 W. South St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30
- Ninth Annual Mental Health Forum noon to 4 p.m. VanDoosen Room, Kalamazoo Public Library, downtown branch

Emerging HOPE Family Strengthening Program

“Making mental health and developmental disabilities a priority,” for individuals and family members of young children, teen and young adults with special needs/disabilities.
Speaker: Rev. Joan Cornelison, executive director of Pastoral Services at Hope Network Leadership Center

Workshops following keynote (participants choose one)

“Medicaid & Mental Health Rights” Gain a better understanding of rights, responsibilities and complaint processes including timelines, complaint procedures and what someone could expect during the processes under Community Mental Health Services/Hospital Mental Health and Medicaid Services.

“Embracing People with Mental Illness and Developmental Disabilities within the Church” Learn earn how to warmly embrace people with disabilities and to invite them to full participation in the life of our church communities.

“Visioning: Planning a Future For and With Your Family Member with a Dual Diagnosis” Based upon the “Visioning: Now What?” family resource and will focus on steps for planning key transitions for individuals with a dual diagnosis across the life span. Participants will have the opportunity to begin the visioning process and apply the resources provided in an interactive session.
Workshop fee: $25

An application has been submitted for State Continuing Education Clock Hours and WMU Continuing Education Units. Credit will be offered for all workshops and keynote address, pending approval. Fee for SCECHs and WMU CEUs of $15 per participant.
Register: surveymonkey.com/s/JQ9LPK7
Contact: Curtis Robinson Sr. or Pamela R. Robinson, Emerging HOPE co-directors, at (269) 205-3386 or emerginghope@gmail.com