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***neighbor as you love
yourself. Matthew 22:39***

**BLESSINGS TO ALL
FOR A HAPPY & HEALTHY 2022**



**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King,
Jr. Commemoration
Weekend**

- Next weekend, we honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

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King, Jr. by **serving our community**. Serve opportunities for MLK weekend are available through both St. James and Resurrection. Click the links below, for more information on COVID-safe opportunities, to register and serve:

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- **The Commemoration Event planned for 1pm on Saturday, January 15, has been postponed** out of concern for our participants due to COVID-19 considerations. We hope you will make plans now to join us for a fantastic **Juneteenth event**, featuring the One AcCORd gospel choir and St. James choir.
- We will also share a **video tribute** on Friday, January 14, that reflects on the life and legacy of Dr. King. I hope you'll find an opportunity over the weekend to watch this video that reminds us of Dr. King's dream and inspires us to continue his work – ***Still*** Pursuing the Dream.

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**ARJ WINTER DISCUSSION
GROUPS ON ZOOM
STARTING THIS MONTH
FIVE OPTIONS-SIGN UP NOW!**

**Love Your Enemies-Online Book
Discussion
Saturday, January 29th 9-11:00
AM**

In his book, *Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from The Culture of Contempt*, conservative author, Arthur C. Brooks asserts that anger serves an important purpose – it can motivate us to resolve conflicts. Contempt, on the other hand, is harmful because it means that the person or group to who you are directing the contempt is worthless and beneath even caring

about. He references several different faith traditions and what they have to say about this, as well as providing timely, relevant advice. Join us for a lively discussion about the book and what we can do to counteract the polarization that is so prevalent in America today. Please consider joining our discussion even if you have not read the book.

Click [HERE](#) to
Register

Strength to Love - Online Series
Thursdays, January 27 and
February 3, 10, and 17
6:30-8:00PM

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of unity is even more relevant today than it was in the 1960s. Join us online in a small group setting to explore selected chapters from Dr. King's book, *Strength to Love*. This work reveals many of King's deepest insights about life, good, evil, social justice, and faith. Each stand-alone 90-minute session covers two chapters and will be led by an experienced ARJ facilitator from the St. James UMC or Resurrection community.

If you are buying your book online, consider purchasing it from <https://www.blissbooksandwine.com/>, a local black-owned bookstore. It is also available through Resurrection's The Well Book Store (<https://thewell.cor.org/>) or through Amazon.

Click [HERE](#) to see
more details and to
register

Curtain Rising!
Memphis-The Musical &
The Royale
Coming February 13 and
March 20

Save the dates now for the thought-provoking live theatre this winter. Blocks of tickets have been reserved for two plays so that we can attend together with our small groups and with family and friends. You don't want to miss *Memphis – The Musical* or *The Royale*. We will share the full details shortly for you to sign up. You won't want to miss either of these excellent plays.

Getting to Know Our Partner
Churches Better

Forging authentic relationships
to eliminate the existing racial
divide
in our communities and

churches.

Covid-19 continues to spread throughout communities and caution is the key word for everyone. We continue to encourage everyone who is able to get vaccinated. Both St. James and Resurrection have returned to modified in-person worship and gatherings while retaining the options for virtual connections. We encourage ARJ members and friends to watch or safely attend services at each other's churches. Sign up for each other's Bible classes and small groups, too. These are great ways to really get to know your "neighbors" better. Consult websites and sign up for weekly pastor messages to better connect within our two congregations.

St. James UMC

Sign up for Pastor Cleaver's Newsletter

Register [HERE](#) for In-Person Worship!

Join family and friends on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM @ Paseo (5540 Wayne Ave, KCMO 64110) and 10:30AM @ St. James South KC (9420 James A. Reed Rd 64138. You can also worship with us

on line at
<https://sjumckc.org/worship-online/> or by phone at 888-363-8708.

www.sjumckc.org
vimeo.com/sjumckc

Church of the Resurrection

Sign up for Pastor Adam's Newsletter

Worship together this and every weekend. Invite a friend to join you **In-Person** at any one of our locations on Sundays at 9:00AM or 11:00AM, and Sunday 5:00PM at Leawood. No registration required; mask wearing is encouraged. You can also worship online at cor.org at 5:00PM Saturday, 7:30,9:00, and 11:00AM and 5:00PM Sunday, and on television at KMCI Channel 38 Sundays at 8:00AM and 11:00AM For a list of physical locations check

out cor.org/leawood/#locations

Other Information & Activities

***“People fail to get along
because they fear each
other; they fear each other
because they don't know
each other; they don't
know each other because
they have not
communicated with each
other.”***

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**The King Center Presents
Beloved Community Global
Summit
Free Virtual Event – January 13-
14**

The Virtual Beloved Community Global Summit focuses on the 2022 King Holiday Observance theme, “It Starts with Me! Shifting

Priorities to Create the Beloved Community.” The Panelist and audience will engage in a variety of conversations around what it means to shift our priorities to address the myriad of social justice and societal challenges facing humanity globally; how we shift our priorities; and, why it is important to make these shifts. Each session will include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s prophetic words as a means for centering the conversation. Join us via YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter as we live stream the summit!

[Registration >](#)

A REMINDER AS WE START THE NEW YEAR

The United Methodist Church proclaims the value of each person as a unique child of God and commits itself to the healing and wholeness of all persons.

The United Methodist Church recognizes that the sin of racism has been destructive to its unity throughout its history. Racism continues to cause painful division and marginalization.

The United Methodist Church shall confront and seek to eliminate racism, whether in organizations or in individuals, in every facet of its life and in society at large.

The United Methodist Church shall work collaboratively with others to address concerns that threaten the cause of racial justice at all times and in all places.

*From The Book of
Discipline of the United Methodist
Church 2016*

LEARN WHAT YOU CAN DO

Read, View and Learn



Visit the Allies for Racial Justice website for great video and book suggestions that can help us better understand our differences, appreciate our similarities and establish Christ-centered solutions to end racial and social injustices. Terrific selections

for ARJ Small Groups!

Click [HERE](#) for all our recommended reading and video resources.

For more information on Allies for Racial Justice, visit our website:

<https://alliesforracialjustice.org>

or join the conversation on

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlliesForRacialJustice>

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