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A partnership between St. James UMC and Church of the Resurrection
You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.
Matthew 22:39

SHAKE US FROM OUR SLUMBER

When our eyes do not see the gravity of racial justice,
Shake us from our slumber and open our eyes, O Lord.

When out of fear we are frozen into inaction,
Give us a spirit of bravery, O Lord.

When we try our best but say the wrong things,
Give us a spirit of humility, O Lord.

When the chaos of this dies down,
Give us a lasting spirit of solidarity, O Lord.

When it becomes easier to point fingers outwards,
Help us to examine our own hearts, O Lord.

God of truth, in your wisdom,

Enlighten Us.

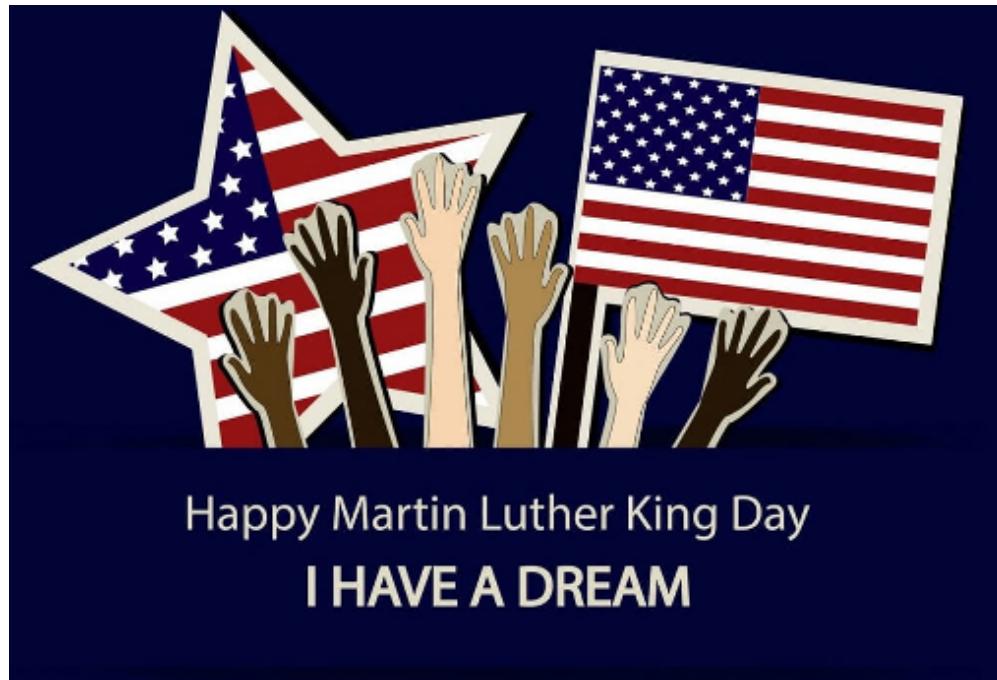
God of hope in your kindness,
Heal Us.

Creator of All People, in your generosity,
Guide Us.

Racism breaks your heart.
Break our hearts for what breaks yours, O Lord.

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A DAY OF CELEBRATION & SERVICE MONDAY, JANUARY 16



Every year, on the third Monday of January, our nation observes the birthday of **Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.** It is significant time to reflect on what has been achieved and the work that still needs to be done for racial equality. Make this national holiday more than just a day off; make it a day of service

to others in your communities. Call your small groups, family and friends together and sign up a Day of Service through our partner churches. Both in-person and from-home opportunities are available.

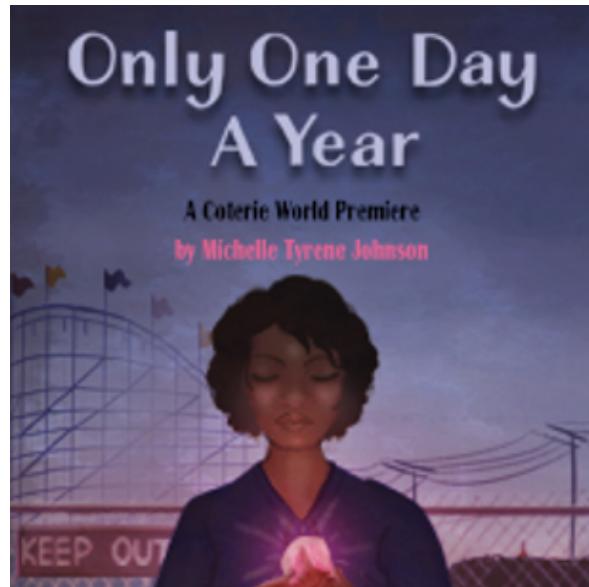
St. James Day Of Service

Resurrection MLK Serve Opportunities

SUPER SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE SCHOOL FEATURES ALLIES FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

ARJ Lay Leader Anita Maltbia and members of the ARJ Leader Team will be on hand at St. James UMC to share information and personal insights into what Allies for Racial Justice is all about and our plans for the coming year. We'll share the history of the St. James and Resurrection partnership and how folks at both churches can become more involved. Join us in person at the St. James Paseo campus (5540 Wayne Avenue in KCMO) for the 9 AM Service and stay for the Adult Bible School presentation at 10:30 AM. You can also watch on line at www.sjumckc.org

**JOIN ARJ AT THE COTERIE THEATER
SATURDAY, FEB. 18 – 2PM
Discount Tickets on Sale January 16**



Don't miss this National Endowment for the Arts award-winning play written by Michelle Tyrene Johnson and inspired by overlooked Kansas City history! Two stories are told in tandem: In early 1960s Kansas City, Rose James uses her smarts and determination to try to defeat the racial segregation policy that allowed Blacks to visit Fairyland Park only one day each year. Years later, Rose's granddaughter, Ella, uses her own talent and grandmother's spirit to shine a light on another injustice taking place at her school.

ARJ has purchased a limited block of tickets and is offering them at a discount while they last. **\$8 per ticket sales start January 16 when our link goes live.** Watch for an email blast that day with the link. This play is suitable for all ages and a short Q&A follows the 60-minute performance.

**BRING YOUR TALENTS TO THE
ARJ TABLE IN 2023**



ARJ is planning many meaningful and exciting things for the new year, including small medium and large group activities, classes, tours and collaborative events. We really need YOU to help us make them happen. Spend just a little time on just one activity...or a lot of time involved in many; whatever your interests and schedule allow. We need volunteers to lead and to serve. For more information, email amaltbia70@gmail.com or susan.dimick2@gmail.com and include "**ARJ Volunteer Information Please**" in the subject line.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARTNER CHURCHES BETTER

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

New studies are forming at both church locations. Sign up now and enjoy making new connections while diving deeper into our shared faith.

Resurrection COR.org/next
St. James Church <https://sjumckc.org>

Sign up for the weekly Senior Pastor messages for updates and to better connect within our two congregations.

St. James Church
[Sign up for Pastor Cleaver's Newsletter](#)

Resurrection

[Sign up for Pastor Adam's Newsletter](#)

MORE JANUARY & EARLY FEBRUARY INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES

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The National Day of Racial Healing is part of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's national [Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation](#) initiative.

The goal is to bring ALL people together in their common humanity and inspire collective action to create a more just and equitable world.

Fundamental to this day is a clear understanding that racial healing is at the core of racial equity. Partnering with NBCUniversal, the organization is documenting powerful stories from communities across the country where people are working together to create lasting change. Watch the digital series [“Changing the Narrative”](#) at [this link](#).

RISE 2023!

Reading Inspirational Stories to Empower
Starts Monday Jan. 16 and ends Friday Jan. 20

Check out this annual program spanning our state lines. RISE is designed to engage students and volunteers in learning about and enacting social change. In honor of the life, legacy, and activism of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,

volunteers read stories to elementary school students, lead discussions, and join the students in a letter writing campaign. RISE reaches more than 15 schools in KS and MO and is a collaborative project started by Rosedale Development Association. Volunteers will read at various times throughout the day depending on school scheduling. Coordinated out of Front Porch Alliance <http://www.frontporchalliance.org> Contact Hanna Hochstetler Call 816-831-1457 or [Send Email](#)

MidAmerica Nazarene University Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration January 17, 2023

Join MNU students, faculty, staff and community leaders at the 17th annual MLK Community Celebration. MNU honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during Gathering Chapel, at 9:30 AM, at College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, KS. Each year MNU presents its Martin Luther King, Jr. Living Legacy Award at this event, and highlights its Martin Luther King, Jr. Leader Scholar scholarship program and campus diversity activities.

Störling Dance Theater Presents



**Friday, February 3, 2023 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 4, 2023 7:30 PM**

Muriel Kauffman Theatre

The Underground Railroad, told like never before! This Störling Dance Theatre signature production will soon begin a nationwide tour. See it now, for either the first time ... or for a repeat experience. Underground is performed to original music, features beautiful costumes and has a pace that keeps you on the edge of your seat. It will capture your heart, stir your soul and revive your spirit! As part of these two special performances, you will have the opportunity to learn about **UniteKC** -- the movement changing the heart of KC and beyond. Buy your tickets today by visiting storlingdance.org.

PURCHASE TICKETS

Women's Inspired for Life Conference is Back!



Time to get your gal pals together again! Resurrection Women welcome you and all the women in your life for a weekend of connection, laughter, worship, and growth. Speakers include Dr. Kate Bowler, CeCe Jones Davis, and Kaitlin B. Curtis. For early registration discounts and more information check out the website [Learn More](#)

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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