

Leading up to MLK Day and After

January 9th – January 16th, 3pm

“Outer Warmth, Inner Peace”

The Summit Area YMCA, 40 Maple St.

The Summit Area YMCA is accepting coats in all sizes for men, women, and children to be donated for those in need. The coat donation box will be at the back entrance (Cedar Street) of the Summit YMCA.

January 9th – January 16th

“Prevent Hunger and Food Insecurity”

Summit Area YMCA, 59 Locust Avenue, Berkeley Heights

Donate non-perishable items to support families and individuals struggling with hunger and poverty. By preventing food insecurity, you are providing opportunities for others to reach their full potential without worrying about hunger, and thus be able to learn, grow and thrive.

January 9th – March 31st, Library Hours

“Fill the Pantry”

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple Street

The Summit Free Public Library is accepting donations of canned goods – through the Health & Hunger Initiative – which will be picked up, packaged and distributed to families in need. Donation box is located near the Library Community Bulletin Board before you enter the children’s area. Donations will be collected through March.

January 9th – January 15th, Library Hours

“Color a Smile”

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple Street

All ages are welcome. Stop by to “Color a Smile” in the Think It Lab. Bring your creations to the Ask Us Desk, and they will be distributed to anyone who needs a smile through the organization, **Color a Smile**.

January 11 and January 18, After School Hours

“Community Service Days”

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple Street

Grades 6-12 are welcome to join the library after school on these Wednesdays at 3pm for Community Service Days to assist the Youth Services staff.

Email: Summitantiracismcommittee@gmail.com to receive information about anti-racism events in Summit (e.g., Dialogue Circles on Race, Book Discussions, Diversity and Inclusion Training and more)



Volunteer for an Hour

Serve for a Day

Change for a Lifetime

Make it a Day On!

Not a Day Off!

**Summit’s 25th Year
Celebrating the Birthday
of**

**The Rev. Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**More than a Day of Justice, Equality
and Service to Others**

January 13 - 16, 2023

Summit, New Jersey

Free and Open to the Public

Friday, January 13th & Sunday, January 15th

Friday, January 13th 5:45pm – 7:30pm

“Shabbat in Harmony, MLK Shabbat

Congregation Ohr Shalom, 67 Kent Place Boulevard

Sponsored by Temple Sinai, Congregation Ohr Shalom and Congregation Beth Hatikvah
Three Summit Jewish congregations are coming together to celebrate Shabbat and MLK, Jr.
with special music and reflections from the teen participants of the Civil Rights Journey trip to
Georgia and Alabama in November 2022.

Sunday, January 15th 10:00am

Unity Service in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple Street

The congregations of three churches will worship together, including **Fountain Baptist Church, Wallace Chapel AME Zion Church, and Central Presbyterian Church. ALL members of the community are welcome!** Free parking: Elm Street lot; childcare available for children under 8 years old.

Sunday, January 15th 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Film Screening of “Ruby Bridges”

New Providence Library, 377 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence

Sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit, and The Summit College Club Branch of the American Association of University Women. The film **“Ruby Bridges”** tells the true story of little six-year-old Ruby who walked between Federal Marshals through screaming mobs to desegregate the New Orleans public schools in 1960. Discussion and Q&A to follow.

Sunday, January 15th 3:00pm Movie Viewing, 5:00pm Panel Discussion

“Shared Legacies – The African American-Jewish Civil Rights Alliance”

Congregation Beth Hatikvah, 26 Chatham Road

Sponsored by Temple Sinai, Congregation Ohr Shalom, Congregation Beth Hatikvah
In commemoration of the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we will be screening the documentary, “Shared Legacies – The African American-Jewish Civil Rights Alliance”, followed by a conversation on how to rebuild the historic alliance between Blacks and Jews. Please register: https://www.bethhatikvah.org/MLK_registration

Monday, January 16th

9:00am – 12 noon

Area Baby Center, Drop off at Twin Maples (rear), 214 Springfield Ave.

Drop off diapers (sizes 3 to 6) and baby wipes.

9:00am – 12 noon

“Thank You to Our Essential Workers”

Sponsored by Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave.

Stop by the Stackhouse Education Center to pick up supplies to create a Valentine Card for our community’s essential workers who help our community on a daily basis. Supplies will include paper, ribbon, yarn and other decorations. Complete your card at home and return it to the Arboretum any time before February 8th and place it in the container outside the Stackhouse Education Center. Cards will be delivered to local essential workers.

10:00am – 12 noon: **“Ending Homelessness Together: A Service Event For Families”**

Central Church Auditorium, 70 Maple St.

Sponsored by Bridges Outreach, Central Church and Short Hills Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Families are invited to a time of service, kit making, learning, community art exploring the causes of homelessness and how we can work together toward solutions. Register for a time slot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ba8a929a5ff2-bridges2#/>

Monday, January 16th...continued

10:00am and 11:00am (Two 45-minute sessions)

“Through a Dog’s Eyes!”

The Connection, 79 Maple Street

Co-hosted by The Seeing Eye. A fun opportunity for families to meet puppies & their raisers, and learn how dogs can enhance independence, dignity and self-confidence of the blind.

12:00pm – 2:00pm

TryCAN Mentor Training

Summit Community Center, 100 Morris Avenue

Interested in volunteering to work alongside children with special needs in various classes ranging from social skills and reading to sports and yoga? Become a trained mentor and positively impact these children’s lives! Contact dquidajr@cityofsummit.org.

1:00pm – 2:00pm

“Heart and Sole, Valentines for Warmth”

Sponsored by GRACE at The Cornog Field House, 5 Myrtle Avenue, Memorial Field

All are welcome to make valentines and wrap new socks to warm the hearts and soles of our entire beloved community.

1:00pm – 4:00pm

“Thanking People Who Work for Social Justice”

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, 68 Elm Street

All ages and families are welcome to make a thank you card on site. The cards will be mailed to organizations which do social justice work in New Jersey. All materials and supplies will be provided. VACNJ teaching artist and art therapist, **Megan Tuttle**, will be on site to assist with materials and ideas. Registration link: <https://www.Eventbrite.com/e/mlk-ir-day-of-justice-equality-and-service-to-others-2023-tickets-495005012317>

1:00pm – 6:00pm: **Community Blood Drive**

Christ Church, Barnwell Hall, 561 Springfield Avenue

Sponsored by The Summit-New Providence Rotary Club and The American Red Cross. Blood donors must be aged 16+. Folks are encouraged to register in advance at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Christ%20Church>

2:00pm – 3:00pm

“Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Blueprint for a Non-violent Life

Sponsored by Calvary Episcopal Church and Interweave, 31 Woodland Ave. Guild Room

Join us as we reflect on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s speech: **“What Is Your Life’s Blueprint?”** Dr. King’s poignant words to the students at Barratt Junior High in 1967 hold a powerful message for us at any age. Discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

2:00pm – 4:00pm

“Appreciating Our Elders”

Sponsored by Dorothy Burger and family

Senior Residents at 12 Chestnut Ave will enjoy a sing-a-long and social gathering with refreshments. Themes will commemorate the works of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

3:00pm – 5:00pm

TryCAN Family Day at the Movies and Dance Party

Summit Community Center, 100 Morris Avenue

Sponsored by TryCAN and The Department of Community Programs.

Do you have a loved one with special needs? Join us for pizza, snacks, drinks and a movie. The event starts with the family dance party followed by a featured film. There will be an open gym available with arts and crafts, too! Contact dquidajr@cityofsummit.org

7:00pm – 9:30pm

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Evening Service

Fountain Baptist Church, 116 Glenside Ave.

Sponsored by Fountain Baptist Church, The Tri-City NAACP and The Connection. The guest speaker will be **The Reverend Willie Francois** (Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church of Pleasantville and President, Black Church Center for Justice and Equality)