

2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Events

To help Ohioans celebrate the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, below is a list of community events.

Events are subject to change. Please contact event organizers to verify details.

AKRON

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Services

Sunday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Attend in person or on YouTube at youtube.com/@First-ChurchAkron

First Congregational Church of Akron
292 E. Market St.
Akron, Ohio 44308

330-253-5109

akronfcc.org

2024 MLK Jr. Annual Breakfast sponsored by Akron Urban League Monday, Jan. 15, 8 – 9:30 a.m.

Hilton Akron/Fairlawn
3180 W. Market St.
Akron, Ohio 44333

akronurbanleague.org

330-434-3101

MLK Day Open Hours

Monday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Akron Art Museum
1 S. High St.
Akron, Ohio 44308

The event is free but registration is requested.

akronartmuseum.org

330-376-9186

ATHENS

MLK Jr. Silent March, Brunch, and Kickoff of Weeklong Activities to Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Jan. 15 – 20

Ohio University
1 Ohio University
Athens, Ohio 45701

View daily event listings at ohio.edu

740-593-1000

MLK: King's Dream, Our Work Annual Silent March and Brunch Monday, Jan. 15

Silent March at 10:30 a.m. and brunch at 11 a.m.

Ohio University Cutler Hall 3rd Floor
diversityinclusion@ohio.edu
740-593-2431

BEREA

MLK Week: Annual Prayer Breakfast Mt. Zion Baptist Church Tuesday, Jan. 16, 9 a.m.

200 Emerson Ave.
Berea, Ohio 44017
mtzionbera@yahoo.com
440-234-1703

Baldwin Wallace University Celebrates MLK Week It Starts With Me: The Quest for Peace and Justice 60 Years Later Jan. 15 – 20

All events are free and open to the public. Visit bw.edu for details.

For more information, call the Center for Inclusion at 440-826-2395.

Baldwin Wallace University Celebrates MLK Week Berea Community Prayer Breakfast Monday, Jan 15, 10 a.m. – noon

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
200 Emerson Avenue
Berea, Ohio 44017

All events are free and open to the public. Visit bw.edu for details.

For more information, call the Center for Inclusion at 440-826-2395.

Baldwin Wallace University Celebrates MLK Week Refresh and Candlelight Vigil Thursday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. – noon

Lindsay-Crossman Chapel
Center for Inclusion
275 Eastland Rd.
Berea, Ohio 44017

All events are free and open to the public. Visit bw.edu for details.

For more information, call the Center for Inclusion at 440-826-2395.

Baldwin Wallace University Celebrates MLK Week EQLS PANEL DISCUSSION Thursday, Jan. 18, 6 – 8 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register at jacketconnect.bw.edu
Visit bw.edu for details.

For more information, call the Center for Inclusion at 440-826-2395.

This event is also part of the Baldwin Wallace Voices of Discovery Lecture series.

CENTERVILLE

Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast hosted by the Centerville Washington Diversity Council Monday, Jan. 15, 7 – 9 a.m.

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace
10000 Yankee St.
Centerville, Ohio 45458

937-438-4653

CINCINNATI

Martin Luther King Jr. Day 49th Annual Freedom March Monday, Jan. 15, 10:30 a.m.

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
50 East Freedom Way
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

The march, themed “Love, Power, Justice,” begins at the Freedom Center and concludes at Washington Park with remarks and a music performance. A complimentary Rosa Parks bus will provide rides for those unable to march.
mlkcoalition@gmail.com

MLK JR. Day Beloved Community Celebration Monday, Jan. 15, noon

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Music Hall
1241 Elm St.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

The event is free and open to the public and will be live-streamed at mlkcoalition.org
mlkcoalition@gmail.com

CLEVELAND

Case Western Reserve University MLK Convocation Keynote Address Friday, Jan. 19, 12:45 p.m.

Visit case.edu to register.

11310 Juniper Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

216-368-2229

Case Western Reserve - University Circle Events

Visit universitycircle.org for details on how museums and institutions throughout the University Circle neighborhood are honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

216-707-4640

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Union Home Mortgage Plaza
1100 Rock and Roll Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Free admission to the Rock Hall Museum. Timed ticket reservations are required. Visit rockhall.com. You can also participate by watching virtual programming and activities throughout the day at youtube.com/@rockhall

216-781-ROCK (7625)

MLK Community Open House & Day of Music Monday, Jan. 15, noon

Severance Music Center
11001 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

This day of family-friendly performances is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Parking is \$7 in Campus Center Garage (Lot 29)

216-231-7300

COLUMBUS

Capital University Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Learning Monday, Jan. 15

Visit capital.edu to register for each of the Day of Learning activities.

1 College and Main
Columbus, Ohio 43209

614-236-6908

39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Breakfast Monday, Jan. 15, 7 – 10 a.m.

Greater Columbus Convention Center,
Battelle Grand Ballroom
400 North High St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Register at mlkjrbreakfast.com

info@mlkjrbreakfast.com

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Open House Monday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Ohio History Center in partnership with The King Arts Complex
800 E 17th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43211

The event is free but pre-registration strongly recommended.
kingartscomplex.com

614-297-2300

Annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration at Holy Rosary-St. John Monday, Jan. 15, noon – 1:30 p.m.

660 S. Ohio Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43205

hrschurch.org

614-252-5926

DAYTON

University of Dayton Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrations

Film screening of “At the River I Stand,” which chronicles the Memphis sanitation workers strike of 1968 and King’s assassination.

Thursday, Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Roesch Library 240, University of Dayton
300 College Park
Dayton, Ohio 45469

udayton.edu

937-229-4221

**University of Dayton Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrations
MLK Social Justice Plunge
Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. – noon**

University of Dayton Adele Center
301 Lowes St.
Dayton, Ohio 45409

The Social Justice Plunge will allow participants to dive deeper into King's legacy and advocacy work for social justice. Participants will explore the ways in which civic and community engagement are essential to the work of social justice advocacy.

Register at givepulse.com
mlkevents@udayton.edu

DELAWARE

**Delaware County 31st Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration
Jan. 15, noon to 1 p.m.**

Hamilton-Williams Campus Center 61
S. Sandusky St.
Delaware, Ohio 43015
Keynote Speaker Dr. Hasan Jeffries

1-800-922-8953

ELYRIA

**I Have A Dream Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Monday,
Jan. 15, 10 a.m. – noon**

Elyria Performing Arts Center at Elyria High School
600 West Avenue
Elyria, Ohio 44035

A march from Ely Square to Elyria High PAC begins at 10 a.m.
10:30 a.m. is the start time at the EHS PAC for those not marching.

lday@cityofelyria.org

FINDLAY

**Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Walk
Monday, Jan. 15, 6 p.m.**

Church of the Living God Ministries 701
N. Main Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840

BlackHeritageCenter.org
jerome.gray@blackheritagecenter.org

IRONTON

**2024 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Writing Contest and Legacy Awards
Weeklong activities begin
Monday, Jan. 15**

Ohio University Southern Campus
1804 Liberty Ave.
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Visit ohio.edu for activity listings.

740-533-4600

LEBANON

**Resurrection Lutheran Church MLK Day of Celebration
Monday, Jan. 15, 1 p.m.**

1270 North Broadway
Lebanon, Ohio 45036

This year's program will include a concert featuring Jay Mills and friends, Bethany choir and other musical guests.

office@rlc-lebanon.org
513-932-1551

LORAIN

**Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service
Jan. 15 – 18, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Jan. 19 – 20, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

Lorain Public Library System Columbia Branch
13824 W. River Road, North
Columbia Station, Ohio, 44028

The Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service encourages Americans to create the communities of his dream. Visit the library any time during regular hours to decorate a bookmark. Completed bookmarks will be laminated and distributed to home-bound patrons, free little libraries and senior care facilities in our community. While supplies last.

440-236-8751

OXFORD

**Miami University Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

Armstrong Student Center, Wilks Theatre
550 E. Spring St.
Oxford, Ohio 45056

vpDiversity@MiamiOH.edu
513-529-1715

TOLEDO

**University of Toledo and the City of Toledo Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Day Celebration
Monday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m.**

This event will be livestreamed and will feature keynote speaker Rosa Clemente, an interview with clothing designer and Toledo native Darryl Brown, as well as performances by JP Dynasty, Nikki D and the Browns, and Mike Williams, and much more

hrc.toledo.oh.gov

hrc1@toledo.oh.gov
419-245-1518

WESTERVILLE

**Westerville Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Celebration
Monday, Jan. 15, 8 – 10 a.m.**

Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center
1630 Schrock Road
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Purchase tickets at leadershipwesterville.com

srusterholz@westervillechamber.com
614-882-8917

WOOSTER

Wooster-Orville NAACP Martin Luther King Day Community Art Project Community Celebration Service 2024 Monday, Jan. 15, 1 – 2 p.m.

wooster-orrwillenaacp.org

220 W. Liberty St.
44691

naacpunit3208@gmail.com
330-264-8677 ext: 1200

College of Wooster Martin Luther King Jr. Day Interfaith Prayer Brunch Monday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

College of Wooster Kittredge Dining Hall
1189 Beall Ave.

Wooster, Ohio 44691

Keynote speaker Sandy Womack.
wooster.edu

eid@wooster.edu
330-263-2000

College of Wooster Martin Luther King Jr. Day Book Signing

Ric Sheffield, Ph.D., the NAACP's MLK keynote speaker, will sign copies of his 2021 book, *We Got By: A Black Family's Journey in the Heartland*.

Monday, Jan. 15, 2 – 3 p.m.

College of Wooster Andrews Library
1189 Beall Ave.

Wooster, Ohio 44691

eid@wooster.edu
330-263-2000

Wooster/Orville NAACP Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Service

Keynote Speaker Ric Sheffield, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus at Kenyon College, "Building Bridges for Rural Diversity on the Shoulders of Empathy and Compassion." Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest winners will be presented with their awards.

Monday, Jan. 15, 7 – 9 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
621 College Ave.
Wooster, Ohio 44691

eid@wooster.edu
330-263-2000

Justice Dialogue: Reframing Justice through Education in the Wooster Community

Four presenters will share their important perspectives on the role that education needs to have in our world today.

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m. – noon

College of Wooster Lowry 201, 202, or The Alley
1189 Beall Ave.

Wooster, Ohio 44691

Box lunch provided for attendees with prior RSVP. Register at wooster.co1.qualtrics.com

eid@wooster.edu
330-263-2000

Justice Dialogue: A New Vision for Israel/Palestine

This dialogue will highlight the small but growing movement of Israelis and Palestinians advocating for a confederation of two states as the best and most equitable resolution to the ongoing conflict.

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330-263-2000

Justice Dialogue: #BannedBooks and Redefining Justice for Lived Experiences and Knowledges of Marginalized/Minoritized Communities

This dialogue will approach book bans as gendered and racialized and explore their connection to erasing histories of resistance and social change.

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Wooster, Ohio 44691

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330-263-2000

Justice Dialogue: Monumental Justice: Honoring History on Campus

This dialogue will explore the ways the College could use monuments to celebrate aspects of its history connected to movements for justice.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. – noon

1189 Beall Ave.
Wooster, Ohio 44691

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330-263-2000

Justice Dialogue: Comprehensive Activism and Intersectionality Through the Lens of Civil Rights Activism

This dialogue will explore the role unjust legislation has played and continues to play in movements for justice.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. – noon

1189 Beall Ave.
Wooster, Ohio 44691

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330-263-2000

Justice Dialogue: The History of Black Student Protests at Wooster: An Interactive Workshop with the Wooster Digital Black History Project

This workshop will use the Wooster Digital Black History Project to share some of the ways Black alumni have shaped the development of the College.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. – noon

1189 Beall Ave.
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Box lunch provided for attendees with prior RSVP. Register at wooster.co1.qualtrics.com

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330-263-2000

College of Wooster Care Package Creation

Collaborate to assemble thoughtful care packages benefiting a mental health organization, a shelter for domestic violence and abuse survivors, a free medical clinic, and a disability support group.

Thursday, Jan. 18, noon - 3 p.m.

College of Wooster CDI Lounge, Lowry Center
1189 Beall Ave.
Wooster, Ohio 44691

eid@wooster.edu
330-263-2000