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The Visitor

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of First Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin

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The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Events



MLK Community Choir Rehearsals
January 9 (7 p.m.) & January 13 (11:00 a.m.)
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2019 Fisher Street

Free Community Dinner

Friday, January 12, 2018
4:30 p.m.

UW Gordon Dining & Event Center, Madison

Kick-off the King holiday weekend with fellowship and food at Gordon Commons, 770 W. Dayton Street in downtown Madison. Dinner served buffet style from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. There is **NO COST** to attend. Dinner will include fried and baked chicken, mac n' cheese, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, sweet potato pie, and more. Share a wonderful meal with friends, old and new, in Dr. King's spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood.

Performance by Madison Music Makers. **FREE** shuttle bus service provided by Kobussen Buses, Ltd with pickup at the YWCA (departing 5:45 p.m.) and Grace Episcopal Church (departing 5:55 p.m.).

MLK College Readiness & Success Summit

Saturday, January 13, 2018

9:40 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Hosted by The College Station.

Info: [facebook.com/mycollegestation](https://www.facebook.com/mycollegestation)

I Have a Dream Scholarship Ball

Saturday, January 13, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Women in Focus. RSVP by January 3.

Tickets: www.womeninfoocus.net

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Young Person Breakfast

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (doors open at 7:30 a.m.)

Edgewood High School

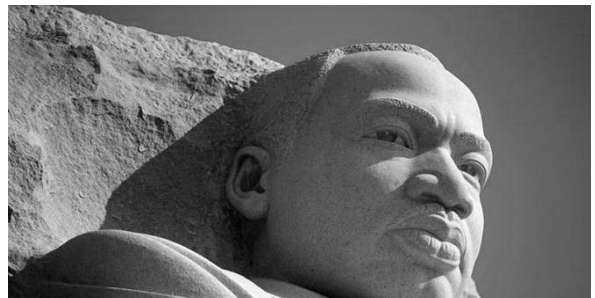
2219 Monroe St., Madison

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Recognition Breakfast is one of Wisconsin's largest youth- and family-focused celebration of the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Over 800 parents, youth, teachers, school administrators, elected officials, and community leaders attend the event each year.

The breakfast celebrates students' academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, and service to their community. The highlight of the breakfast is the presentation of Outstanding Young Person Awards to nearly 200 middle and high school students of color in Dane County for their academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, and service to the community.

Martin Luther King Scholarships are presented to exceptional high school seniors. The breakfast is open to the public and is one of the oldest and most well attended family observations of the King holiday in Wisconsin.

Thanks to presenting sponsors: UW Health & Quartz Health Solutions, Inc.



The King Coalition of Madison & Dane County Presents the MLK Ecumenical Service

Sunday, January 14, 2018

4:30 - 6 p.m.

2018, Fountain of Life Church
633 West Badger Road, Madison

38th Annual "Tribute and Ceremony"

Monday, January 15, 2018

12:00 Noon

Capitol Rotunda in Madison

Come and celebrate Dr. King's birthday! From the Capitol Rotunda in Madison, Wisconsin celebrates the 38th Annual "Tribute and Ceremony" honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Jonathan Overby invites you to attend the official state ceremony honoring King in words and music, Monday, January 15 at 12 noon. The event is free and open to all!

Free and open to all! You can also hear it live on both The Ideas Network and the News and Classical Music Network of Wisconsin Public Radio. Watch the live edition on the Wisconsin Channel of Wisconsin Public Television.

Annual Madison-Dane County King Holiday Observance

Monday, January 15, 2018

5-8 p.m.

Overture Center

201 State St., Madison

Freedom sing-in at 5 p.m. Program begins at 6 p.m. Program features keynote speaker Frank A. Humphrey, MLK Community Choir and presentation of the MLK Humanitarian Award by County Executive Joe Parisi and Mayor Paul Soglin.

Keynote Speaker: Frank A. Humphrey, president, NAACP Wisconsin State Conference; Former Member, NAACP National Board & Executive Committee

Frank Humphrey has given a full life of service that spans over 40 years with the NAACP and other community service and civil rights organizations. He currently serves as President of the NAACP Wisconsin State Conference. He served on the NAACP National Board for more than a decade and as a member of the NAACP Executive Committee under the leadership of the legendary civil rights icon, Julian Bond. He has served as NAACP National Board Asst. Treasurer and on numerous national NAACP Committees including Audit, Advocacy & Policy, Budget & Finance, and Legal Resolutions and Membership Committees. He

served as Vice Chair of the Convention Planning Committee and was instrumental in bringing the NAACP National Convention to Milwaukee in 2005. His service has also included being designated the National Board Appointed Administrator for NAACP branches in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Las Vegas, Nevada and Charlotte, North Carolina. In 2016, he was elected as a corporate board member of the \$2.6 billion U.W. Credit Union Board of Directors.

The King Coalition was established in the fall of 1985 as a community group to plan the official City of Madison and Dane County observances of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The Coalition brings people from all walks of life together in the spirit of true brotherhood and sisterhood to commemorate the life and accomplishments of this renowned leader of the civil rights movement. King Coalition events encourage the people of Dane County to reaffirm their commitment to building a just community out of our racial, religious and economic diversity.

The Visitor Publication Schedule

January 22, 2018

February 5, 2018

**Article deadline is 9 a.m.
on day of publication.**

Email to: fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org

Worship With Us

January 14, 2018

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service,
Sanctuary, Rev. Mark Clinger

11:00 a.m. – Common Table Worship Service,
Fellowship Hall, Rev. Jason Mack

January 21, 2018

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service,
Sanctuary, Rev. Mark Clinger

11:00 a.m. – Common Table Worship Service,
Fellowship Hall, Rev. Jason Mack

If you would like to make a confession of faith in Christ and be baptized into his body, to become a member of this congregation, or renew your Christian commitment,

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Prayer Concerns

Church Family: Beverly St. Clair; Julie Blankenburg; Wynn Davies & family; Jan Arneson; Joanne Berg; Kathryn Hill; James & Karen Evans family; Wayne Bischel's father, Jack; Ann Nelson & family; Art Hebblewhite family; Bill Lutter; Paul Brynelson; Katy Marty; Atlee Wilson; Lance Dockter; Jeff & Jeanette Kersten & family, and Jeanette's father; Ruth L. Parfrey; Paul Husting's friend, David Baer; Sheila Donald; and Linda Stamm's sister, Karen Coleman.

Our Shut-ins: Mercile Lee, Connie Smith, Pat Young; Phyllis Reisdorf; Jeanne Maruska; Linda Olson; and Joyce Tardrew.

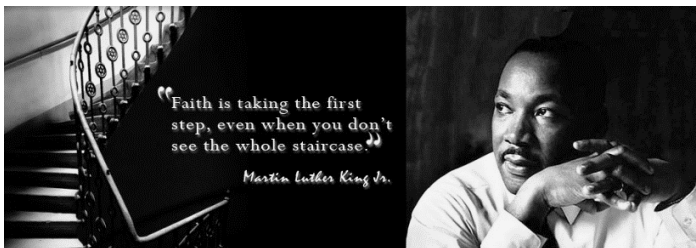
Expecting Parents: Renally & Joab Dorea and Andy & Nikki Borchardt (May 2).

Others: Those whose names and needs are unspoken.

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

The Hebblewhite family asks for your prayers at the passing of Art's brother John who passed away on Christmas morning. John had been battling brain cancer for some time and passed peacefully surrounded by family. The funeral was held in Stevens Point. Prayers are appreciated for the whole family, but especially for John's wife, Theresa.

Fresh News



FBC Office Will Be Closed on Monday, January 15, in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Third Tuesday Lunch, January 16

On Tuesday, January 16, we will begin the New Year with a cruise around the British Isles presented by Lynette Miller. This program will begin at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be a potluck lunch at noon. The main dish, which will be provided, will be Shepard's Pie. Please bring a dish to share.

Reservations are necessary by Sunday, January 14. Call the church office, 233-1880, or sign the pew pad. Come, share Lynette's cruise without leaving home and catch-up with friends on post-holiday activities.



**FBC Annual Meeting
February 4, 2018, Fellowship Hall**

**Light Lunch at 12:15 p.m. with Meeting
to Follow**

Items Needed for White Cross Work

If you have old sheets, cotton or cotton polyester blend, white or pastel only, and are willing to part with them, they are needed for the bandages that are rolled and sent to the Baptist hospital in the Congo. Please contact Sally Dockter saldel@tds.net or 608-271-2097. Rips and torn areas are not a problem!

White Cross Volunteers Needed

Depending on the amount of work to be done, we will be gathering in Fellowship Hall on the first three Mondays of February 5, 12, and 19 at 9:30 a.m. to work on the overseas White Cross projects. Please contact Sally Dockter 608-271-2097 or saldel@tds.net by January 29 if you can help with this mission work.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School Schedule

The following is the adult Sunday school schedule from January 14 – February 18, 2018.

9:30 a.m.

Board of Outreach, Wynn Davies, Room 302

Kitchen Talk, Carolyn Cross, Kitchen

*Hour Glass Bible Study, Conference Room

*The **Hour Glass Bible Study** schedule will follow this timetable:

January 14

The semester will begin by having each member of the group share his or her favorite scripture and talk about what it means to him or her.

January 21-February 4

Rev. Clinger will explore different ways of reading and viewing scripture.

February 11-March 11

James Evans will share how the New Testament cannon was developed, including discussions of books that were rejected as well as those chosen.

March 18-April 15

Mary Ray will lead the discussion in an exploration of what the Bible says about work.

March 22-28

No Hour Glass Bible Study due to Palm Sunday and Easter.

The rest of the Hour Glass Bible study semester will be announced later.

Thanks from the Triangle Residents

Thank you to everybody who contributed cards and calendars to the Triangle Residents! Over 100 cards were collected and used at a Christmas card party and later given out at the holiday party. The calendars were an explicable big hit! There was some disappointment when those were gone so if you have more I can still collect them because that seems to be a need. Lots of people were saying they will write in their appointments now. Thanks for your support.

Katy Marty



Pick up your 2018 Offering Envelopes in the Gathering Space.

Church Cancellation Policy

“Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.”

The time draws near for our yearly reminder about cancelling worship. In the event of snow or ice, the following plan is in place:

1. If you feel unsafe about attending Sunday worship, please stay home. God does not like the risk or anxiety.
2. Mark Clinger will make the decision to cancel worship after being in contact with the MAPD to receive any advisories.
3. His decision will be made by 6:00 a.m.
4. There is a phone tree for the notification of all staff who will in turn notify choirs, class teachers, etc.
5. The answering machine will be changed.
6. Channel 27 will insert the church's name in the running banner of cancellations.
7. If worship is cancelled, sit back and enjoy the beauty of God's earth. Let this be your Sunday devotion.

Mandatory Reporting

Per Wisconsin State Law, clergy are considered “mandatory reporters.” This means that both Mark and Jason are required to report instances where they believe a child has been abused or neglected or when a child might be at risk of such injuries. The report is made to law enforcement authorities or local child protective service. Pastoral “confessions” are exempt from the law. Please know that both Mark and Jason will comply with this law.



Seeking Social and Economic Justice in Our Community

First Baptist's Board of Outreach will be hosting a series of "Conversations" to which we have invited representatives of organizations that are seeking to make our community a more just place for all our people to live and work. These "Conversations" will be held during the Adult Education Hour from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on seven Sunday mornings beginning January 14 and ending February 25. Speakers who have committed include:

Martha Cranley, United Way of Dane County
Karla Thennes, Exec. Dir. of Porchlight
Linda Ketcham, Exec. Dir. of MUM (Christmas Offering Recipient)
Will Green, who heads Mentoring Partnerships (Christmas Offering Recipient)
Ruben Anthony, Exec. Dir. of The Urban League of Greater Madison
Karen Menendez Collier, Exec. Dir. of Centro Hispano Representatives of Allied Partners and the Allied Drive Community

We have also invited representatives of Madison schools, the Madison Police department and the Mayor's Office to participate in these "Conversations." We invite you to participate in these "Conversations" and invite your friends!

Reminders



Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive Is Approaching!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive is approaching! This year will mark their drive's 26th year of collecting warm blankets and bedding to be distributed throughout the year to families who visit their service center seeking assistance.

The 26th Annual Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive will take place the weekend of January 26-28, 2018. Watch for the collection box for the bedding donations in the Gathering Space.



"I Can Only Imagine"

Opening in theatres
March 16, 2018.

The inspiring and unknown true story behind MercyMe's beloved, chart topping song that brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness.



January Birthdays

- 1 Coral Bishop
- 3 Jan Arneson
- 4 Victor Crentsil
- 4 Ann Nelson
- 5 Brenda Lempp
- 5 Dianne McCaughey
- 8 Sarah Jane Wilson
- 9 Judy Sutterlin
- 11 Aaron Clinger
- 14 Bobby Day
- 14 James Wm Evans
- 17 Phyllis Reisdorf
- 18 Doris Fuelle
- 19 Matt Miller
- 22 Connie Smith
- 23 Alice Day
- 23 Paul Chotlos
- 23 Mary Ray
- 25 Virginia Evans
- 26 Amanda Cadorette
- 26 Herman Torosian
- 27 Bert Adams
- 29 Dennis Ray
- 29 Jeff Moen
- 31 Bryn Abramson

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Worship Schedule

11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m. - Contemporary "Common
Table" Worship

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME VALUE: DATED MATERIAL -

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