



Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



Columbia Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

When: 10 a.m. Saturday
Where: Rainbow Softball Complex at Cosmo Park
Details: Volunteers should arrive at 10 a.m. to pick up supplies and receive an assignment to clean up litter.

POOR MAN'S BREAKFAST

When: 7 to 9:30 a.m. Monday
Where: Columbia Senior Activity Center, 1121 Bus, Loop 70
Details: The event is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL SERVICE

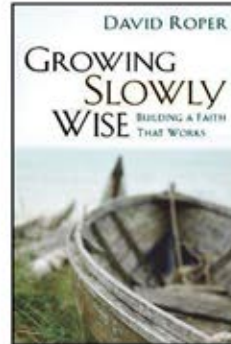
When: 11 a.m. Monday
Where: MLK Memorial, 800 Stadium Blvd., with a motorcade to Second Baptist Church, 407 E. Broadway
Details: The annual NAACP event will begin with a brief ceremony at 11 a.m. at the MLK Memorial on Stadium Boulevard.

CANDLELIGHT MARCH AND MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

When: 6:45 p.m. Monday
Where: Progressive Missionary Baptist Ch., 702 Banks Ave.
Details: Participants will meet in the church's multipurpose building at 6:45 p.m. A march will proceed from the multipurpose building on Sexton Road, then go south on Banks and enter the church's sanctuary where a brief ceremony will follow at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE BY ANGELA DAVIS

When: 8:30 p.m. Jan. 24
Where: The Missouri Theatre, 203 S. Ninth St.
Details: Angela Davis is a founding member of Critical Resistance, an organization that aims to end the prison industrial complex. The event is free but tickets are required. Tickets are available at the Missouri Theatre and the MU Student Center's MSA/GPC box offices.



Adult Class Book Study

Sunday Mornings: 9:30 a.m.
Keystone Room, 2nd floor

**Due to last Sunday's snow—
it begins**

THIS SUNDAY, January 20

Sarah Read will lead the discussion on this topic and book read. Books have been ordered. \$10 donation or get your own e-copy. Read the book alongside or come and soak in the faith-filled conversation.

Worship this Sunday, Jan. 20

What is it to speak of spiritual gifts? This Sunday the text from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 will bring the topic into faithful hearing. Rev. Stagg will bring the sermon. Recognizing our gifts is one of the first steps toward a more faith-filled life. Sometimes they aren't readily obvious and it takes time and prayer to reveal our inner gifts.

Congregational singing will include *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*; the African-American spiritual *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*; and *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*. Pat Rybolt will bring the solo in the 8:30 service.



JYF (grades 3, 4, 5)
Chi-Rho (grades 6, 7, 8)
Sundays 4:30-6:00pm
CYF (grades 9-12)
every Sunday 6-7:30pm

Youth Group 2019 Calendar

Jan. 20 - *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend*
NO meetings
Jan. 27 - *JYF & CYF*
Feb. 3 - *Chi-Rho (after church—lunch etc.)*
CYF - Superbowl Party



The LHP Life



Well the snow really was beautiful. When it came late on a Friday it seemed just the right time of the week for a couple snow days. At about 9pm the lights went out and the scene's beauty diminished greatly. It changed to the "LHPL" — *Little House on the Prairie* life. Real darkness, candlelight, old school heat and meals. Without Ma and Pa to tend the fire.

The LHP life meant a change of plans: giving up the cache of movies I had ready on my DVR, reorganization of the basement, microwaving of food I so carefully selected for the impending time at home, and well, my phone — of course. Oh, and the heat. None in my all-electric abode. Yikes.

The LHP life however did have its benefit: Neighbors brought together and some forced time off. Time off from work, from chores, from the noise of TV and music, from the clatter of news and views, and from my phone — no Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or texts. The phone battery needed to be conserved, after all. It was glorious. Truly.

When I got busy taking down Christmas and putting away the holiday I got warm. Working outside with neighbors to get chains on tractors and start moving snow allowed friendships to grow. The chance to accept help and to give it back felt good. When the sun went down so did the book that I finally got a few hours to read. When I was hungry or cold there was that '70s fondue pot and sterno I'd hoarded making water hot. In the darkness I found the chance to light the house differently — candles are warm and peaceful. I was forced to sit at my desk and write thank you notes and be mindful of my cursive.

Then sleep. Good sleep. No light, phone or entertainment to keep me from it. Confession: When the power came back Sunday about 2pm I was very glad — that night I had every light in the house on and the music turned up. But I was surprised how helpful the time off was to my spirit. I needed to unplug and know some things differently. I needed to be concerned about my thoughts and plans and work over them a bit in greater depth.

This January, as 2019 begins to get ramped up, I am glad for unplanned breaks that remind me what it is like to live differently, to worry about warmth and light, to know my blessings of provision and to rely on my neighbors despite my ingrained and fierce independence.

How was it for you last weekend? Did you see the light in the darkness?

Gosh, I don't need this to happen again anytime soon but I am reminded that perhaps I need to be more intentional about quiet — complete quiet. I need to make more available "no screen time." The tiresome story of the state of politics in the US and my friends' idle pictures will be there when I return. But the health of my peace in my soul? That might need more than a once-a-year snow day to survive.

~Rev. Jimmy Spear

People and Places NEWS

Prayers of sympathy this week are extended to:

The family of **Cora Riley** who died early in the morning on January 15. Cora, at the age of 104, continued to enjoy life in her home, a good spirit, a hearty laugh and the love and care of the Hunsaker/Mottaz families. Cora came to Columbia some years ago to live adjacent to her niece's family. **Pam Hunsaker and family** were nearby for all of life's needs and shared family life. She was also aunt to **Fred Mottaz**. As of publication, services were pending.

Perry and Helen Stemmons in the death of his Perry's sister, Shirley Owens of Eureka, IL

Sue Wright is now home from Columbia Acute Care and gains strength of body and *heart!*

Your Help Is Vital



Broadway Christian church continues to host RATI to January 26. Here are some ways you can help!

VOLUNTEERING: Volunteer to work some of the shifts (there are five different shifts from which to choose!) and/or to deliver bags of laundry to or from University Hospital.

RATI FOOD ITEM OF THE WEEK: **Breakfast Juices (i.e., orange juice, apple juice, etc.)** Items can be dropped off at Church (if refrigeration is needed, please take to kitchen) and please contact Sarah Storm of the donation.

RATI FINANCIAL DONATIONS: **Cash or check donations are always happily accepted.** Please identify any financial donation with "RATI" notation.

LIST OF OTHER SUPPLIES NEEDED BY RATI: A complete list of supplies needed by RATI is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

If you have questions or need more information, please call or text Sarah Storm @ 573/289-0072.

Sign up for these special
Sunday Luncheon events!

Sunday, February 3

Meal: Baked Potato Bar
Focus: TBD

Sunday, February 10

Meal: Soups and Bread
Focus: TBD

Sunday, February 17

Meal: Italian Village Pizza and Salad
Focus: TBD

Sunday, February 24

Meal: Carry-In/Potluck
Focus: Week of Compassion

RSVP for lunch on the pew pad each week, write the date; i.e. "Feb. 3", "Feb. 10", etc. OR to the office by Thursday prior to the event.

Cost? FREE. An offering will be taken with any surplus funds above food cost to the day's focus organization.

February 4 Outreach *and fellowship, too!*

4 Sundays at Noon

4 Different Menus

4 Outreach Organizations We Support

Come share a simple lunch meal in the noon hour and hear a focus presentation by one of the organizations we as church support with budget money, fundraising efforts and volunteers. Eat, learn, fellowship — all on the Sundays in February!

A short program will accompany lunch and we will be out the door by 1:15/30pm. Programs still being placed will hopefully include Voluntary Action Center, Rainbow House, Love INC. and Welcome Home.

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Millie Bolman
100 Years

Birthday Open House
Saturday, February 2
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Fireside Room, Lenoir Woods, Columbia, Missouri
Lenoir Community Center Entrance. No gifts please.

January 20th

Kay Ahrens

21st

John Crane
Susan Klockow

23rd

Matthew Hoepfner
Ella Rose Rogers

24th

James Silvey
Marion Storm

26th

Glenda Clark
Jan Keithley
Kara Zimmer

happy
birthday



Report for January 13, 2019 Attendance 46 (8:30 service— 14, guests— 10) Total offerings: \$2450.00

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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Bus Driver: Eric Seaman **Office Recep't:** Jeff Wheeland
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood
Flower Arranging/Delivery:
Jennifer Alexander/Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Will & Donna Houston
Elder: Jerry Daugherty
Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep:
Gerald & Susan Ramsey and Russ & Monica Palmer
Greeters: Bonnie Fay (N. Door) Will Houston (S. Door)
Donna Houston (Atrium) Mary Ann Atteberry (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Brady Marrero and Kenzie Von Talge
Candle Lighters: Ryley Batterson and Paige Freed
Liturgist: Sonya Carney
Elders: Jeff Underwood and C.K. Hoenes
Deacons: The Underwood Team **Ushers:** The Rose Team
Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (Ldr.), TBD (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Diana Provenzano and Sarah Storm
Warming Station Hosts/Driver:
Eric Seaman and Valerie Freed/Eric Seaman

CHURCH CALENDAR JANUARY 20-JANUARY 26

Sunday, January 20

-Warming Station for RATI, 6:45am, Yonker Hall
-Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am
-Sunday School Classes, 9:30am
-NO Student Ministry Groups
-Open and Affirming Team Meeting, 6:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, January 21

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Church Office Closed
-Open and Affirming Team Meeting, 6:30pm, Bethany Hall

Tuesday, January 22

-Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Morris Parlor
-Drennan, 1:00-2:00pm, Lenoir
-Evangelism Dept. Mtg, 6:30-7:30pm, Keystone Room

Wednesday, January 23

-Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Morris Parlor
-Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30pm, Lenoir
-Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, January 24

-CAOAM Advisory Board, 5:30-6:30pm, Yonker Hall