

## Leading up to MLK Day and After

### January 8<sup>th</sup> – January 15<sup>th</sup>, until 12 noon “Coat Drive”

The Summit Area YMCA, 67 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 8<sup>th</sup> – January 11<sup>th</sup> “Poster Competition”

Summit Area YMCA, 67 Maple St.

All students are invited to participate in the MLK Day Poster Competition by crafting a poster that illustrates what Martin Luther King, Jr. Day means to you. Whether created digitally or by hand, your submissions are welcome. Students who participate will earn one hour of community service. Submissions are open until January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please drop off your poster to the Summit YMCA or send it digitally to [trevor.cromwell@thesay.org](mailto:trevor.cromwell@thesay.org).

### January 8<sup>th</sup> – January 17<sup>th</sup> #1000blackgirlbooks Campaign

The Connection, 79 Maple Street

The Connection is collecting books featuring black girls as the main character to support the #1000blackgirlbooks campaign. Please leave your book donations in the box in the front vestibule from 1/8 to 1/17.

### January 8<sup>th</sup> – January 12<sup>th</sup>, 3pm – 5pm “Community Service Week for Families”

The Summit Free Public Library – Hickok Room, 75 Maple Street

Stop by the library and create some easy crafts for the community. Crafts may include “Color a Smile”, cards for hospitalized children, Project Linus, creating dog toys for local animal shelters and more. Registration suggested, but not required. Visit [Community Service Week \(Families\) - LibCal - Summit Free Public Library](#)

### January 14<sup>th</sup> – January 20<sup>th</sup> “Summit Smiles, Summit Strong”

GRACE Collection Drive for Dental Wellness

Summit Community Center Entrance, 100 Morris Avenue

We welcome donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and mouthwash to share with our community in need of personal care supplies.

Email: [Summitantiracismcommittee@gmail.com](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 - 15, 2024**

**Summit, New Jersey**

***Free and Open to the Public***

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Free Film Screening of “Selma”**

New Providence Library, 377 Elwood Avenue, New Providence  
Sponsored by The Summit College Club (SCC)/American Association of University Women.  
The film is a historical drama directed by Ava DuVernay based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches. SCC member, **Maureen Grant**, will lead a discussion/Q&A afterwards.

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am – 12 noon**

**“Hearts and Cards”**

Sponsored by Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Stackhouse Education Center, 165 Hobart Ave.  
Create a Valentine Card for clients of SAGE Eldercare. Supplies will include paper, ribbon, yarn and other re-purposed materials. Complete your card on-site or at home and return it to the Arboretum any time before February 2<sup>nd</sup> and place it in the container outside the Stackhouse Education Center. Cards will be delivered to SAGE Eldercare.

**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. Registration not required.

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

**“Through a Dog’s Eyes!”**

The Connection, 79 Maple Street

Co-sponsored by The Seeing Eye of Morristown and The Connection. This is a fun (and furry!) opportunity for families to learn the history of The Seeing Eye and how a dog can enhance the independence, dignity and self-confidence of blind people.

**11:00am – 12 noon**

**“Loving Our Enemies”**

Sponsored by Calvary Episcopal Church and Interweave, Guild Room, 31 Woodland Avenue  
In these turbulent times, peace seems to elude us. Not only a civil rights leader of his time, Martin Luther King, Jr. was a prophet and a preacher calling for social justice but also calling for peace. Fear of the other, hatred and acrimony dominate the news of our day. Why? How can we love our enemies? We will listen to Martin’s own words for guidance on the path to peace. Discussion and light refreshments to follow.

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>...continued**

**12:30pm – 2:30pm**

**“Thanking Hospital Workers”**

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 hospital workers in New Jersey. All materials and supplies will be provided. VACNJ Director of Education & Community Engagement, **Rachel Aponte**, will be on site to assist with materials and ideas.

**1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**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! Register at [Catalog - Summit Community Programs \(rec1.com\)](#) or contact [dguidajr@cityofsummit.org](mailto:dguidajr@cityofsummit.org)

**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 – 3:30pm**

**Music and Sing Along**

The Vito A. Gallo Building, 12 Chestnut Avenue, Community Room (Broad St. Entrance)

Sponsored by S.H.I.E.L.D. and volunteers

Senior residents at 12 Chestnut Ave will enjoy music of the civil rights era honoring the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**3:00pm – 6:00pm Movie Viewing and Discussion**

**Screening of “Rosenwald”**

Temple Sinai, 208 Summit Avenue

Sponsored by Temple Sinai and its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Congregation Beth Hatikvah, and Congregation Ohr Shalom – SJCC  
Please join us for a screening of Aviva Kempner’s film “Rosenwald”, which tells the incredible story of Jewish businessman Julius Rosenwald who joined forces with African American communities during Jim Crow to build more than 5,300 schools across the segregated American South, providing 660,000 African American children with access to education. Film discussion and refreshments to follow.

**3:30pm – 5:30pm**

**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 the movie “Elemental”. The event starts with the family dance party followed by a featured film. Bring comfy blankets, pillows or sleeping bag. There will be a quiet area also available with arts and crafts, too! Register at [Catalog - Summit Community Programs \(rec1.com\)](#) or contact [dguidajr@cityofsummit.org](mailto:dguidajr@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 **Rev. Otis Moss, III** senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, IL.