

## Leading up to MLK Day Weekend and After

**January 12<sup>th</sup> – January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**“Coats, Toiletries and Food Drive”**

The Summit Area YMCA, 67 Maple St.

The Summit Area YMCA is accepting coats in all sizes for men, women, and children as well as non-perishable canned or boxed food and selected toiletries to be donated to those in need. Food collection stops on 1/19 while coats and toiletries collection stops on 1/20.

**Food Items needed:** boxed milk, spaghetti, pasta sauce, assorted spices, canned tuna, canned chicken, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, tea bags, coffee, canned fruit, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cooking oils, rice, beans, chicken broth, vegetable broth.

**Toiletry Items needed:** body wash, brushes/combs, deodorant, floss, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple Street**

Donate Black Barbie dolls in the designated donation bin at the Circulation Desk in advance of a special Black History Month event. On Saturday, Feb. 1, come to a showing of the Netflix documentary of **Black Barbie** from 2:00-4:45pm in the Liss Room, followed by a virtual question and answer session with the director. Event sponsored by The Friends of the Summit Free Public Library, The Summit Interfaith Council Anti-Racism Committee and the Summit High School Black Student Union. For more details:

<https://summitlibrary.libcal.com/event/13553248>

**January 12<sup>th</sup> – January 17<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](#)

**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30am – 12:30pm**

**“Grow Your Mental Health: Practical Strategies to Cultivate Your Mental Health and Resilience”**

Pilgrim Baptist Church Congregation, 77 Morris Avenue

Sponsored by Atlantic Health System

Join our interactive discussion to explore the definition of mental health and recognize the signs of mental health challenges. Discover why nurturing your mental health is essential for overall well-being and learn practical strategies to ‘Grow Your Mental Health’ through resilience and self-care practices. Presented by Jennifer Carpinteri, LSW, Manager, Atlantic Behavioral Health. For more information, call Community Health 1-844-472-8499.

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 27<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 12 - 20, 2025**

**Summit, New Jersey**

**Free and Open to the Public**

## Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

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**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 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm**

**Funding the Dream: The Fight for Racial Justice in Philanthropy Today**

Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 4 Waldron Avenue

Sponsored by Beacon Hope and Equity Center

Before his murder, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was focused on what he called interlocking injustices especially between racism and poverty. Today, we see attacks on funds dedicated to racial justice as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion training. How can we protect funding for racial justice and ensure our own giving adds to alleviating the effects of racism and systemic poverty? Beacon Hope and Equity Center, a supporting organization of the Beacon UU Congregation, is committed to decolonizing wealth.

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm – 4:00pm; Doors Open at 1:45pm**

**Free Film Screening of “Little Rock Central Fifty Years Later”**

New Providence Library, 377 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence

Sponsored by The Summit College Club (SCC)/American Association of University Women. This 2007 documentary tells the story of Little Rock and Central High School fifty years after the National Guard & US Army paratroopers escorted nine black students to class there in 1957. This was one of the early enforcements of the US Supreme Court's 1954 Brown v Board of Education decision. The film focuses on the past through the eyes of Millie Jean Brown, one of the Little Rock 9, and the students at Central High in 2007. Discussion to follow.

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm – 6:30pm: “The Mountaintop” by Katori Hall**

Saint John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Avenue

Co-Sponsored by Vivid Stage, Interweave and Saint John's Lutheran Church

A play reading written by Pulitzer Prize and Olivier Award-winning playwright, Katori Hall, is a gripping reimagination of events the night before the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. After delivering one of his most memorable speeches, an exhausted Dr. King retires to his room at the Lorraine Motel while a storm rages outside. When a mysterious stranger arrives with some surprising news, King is forced to confront his destiny and his legacy to his people. Produced by Vivid Stage. Discussion and refreshments will follow this 90-minute reading. Information will be available about how to become involved with the work of The Summit Interfaith Council's Anti-Racism Committee working to dismantle racism by bringing people together to learn, engage and transform.

## Monday, January 20<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 4<sup>th</sup> and place it in the container outside the Stackhouse Education Center. Cards will be delivered to SAGE Eldercare. No registration required.

**10:00am – 12 noon**

**“Ending Homelessness Together: A Service Event For Families”**

Central Church Auditorium, 70 Maple St.

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 is appreciated: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044BA8A929A5FF2-53874098-bridges>

## Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>...continued

**10:00 am – 11:00am**

**“Snow Day Meal and Activity Bags”**

Sponsored by GRACE

Summit Community Center, Senior Lounge, 100 Morris Avenue

The GRACE Youth Advisory Council will prepare snow day meal and activity bags for families whose children rely on school meals during inclement weather. All high school students are welcome to help with this project.

**10:45am – 11:30am (One 45-minute session)**

**“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.

**12:30pm – 2:30pm**

**“Community Rock Garden”**

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, 68 Elm Street

All ages and families are welcome to paint rocks to contribute to our community rock garden! Help us spread messages of peace, love, and hope or create an image that is all your own! Once done, all creations will live in the Art Center's rock garden for the community to enjoy. All materials and supplies will be provided. VACNJ's Director of Education and Community Engagement, **Rachel Aponte**, will be onsite to help with materials and ideas. Summit BSA Troop 67 will be attending.

**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 \(rec1.com\)](http://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 1-800-RED-CROSS or <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Christ%20Church>

**3:00pm – 6:00pm Screening and Discussion of the film “Descendant”**

Congregation Beth Hatikvah, 36 Chatham Road

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 “Descendant”, an award-winning film which tells the story of the last slave ship that came to America and how it forever changed one Alabama town. Discussion and refreshments will follow the screening.

**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 “Inside Out 2”. 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 \(rec1.com\)](http://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.

Guest speaker will be **Rev. Steven Green**, Pastor, The Greater Allen Cathedral AME of NY.