

Bucks Links remembers King through service

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s message of hope and social justice rings with honor in Central Bucks County.

For more than a decade, the Bucks County (PA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has joined forces with the historic Second Baptist Church of Doylestown to celebrate the legacy of a man who defined a movement by actively giving to communities in need.

General Electric and the local chapters of Jack & Jill and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will join the group. Their efforts will make Jan. 19th, the MLK Jr. holiday, truly a day on to work and

to share and not just a day off.

Service projects are set for 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 19, at Second Baptist Church of Doylestown, 6055 Swamp Road, Fountainville.

They are preceded by an 8:30 a.m. King Day worship service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 235 E. State St., Doylestown.

Leading up to the Day of Service, Bucks County (PA) Links will collect winter clothing for Cradles to Crayons (C2C), a Conshohocken-based nonprofit that provides low-income and homeless children with essentials.

Requested items include new or gently used boys pants, sizes 7/8 to 14/16; children's winter wear, including coats, from newborn to 14/16; winter boots and everyday sneakers, from newborn to adult size 9.

Second Baptist Church of Doylestown will receive donations for C2C on any Sunday prior to Jan. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Projects will also benefit Aid for Friends; Levittown Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter; and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in Philadelphia.

On the Day of Service, Bucks

County (PA) Links and volunteer community members will gather at Second Baptist at 10 a.m. to make spaghetti dinners for the elderly and breakfast bags for those who are isolated and home-bound.

They also will organize winter clothing and boots for low-income and homeless young people and make warm blankets for sick, hospitalized children.

Lunch will be served, and young people will give reflections, their thoughts on Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement, and the relevance to current events.

They might make a connection

to the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, or the widely televised incident ending in the chokehold death of Eric Garner on Staten Island.

"Many youth see these events as tinder reigniting a new movement with a purpose and a message."

Bucks County (PA) Links is a volunteer service organization of dedicated and committed African-American women who have linked in friendship and service to enhance the quality of life in their communities.

Register to participate in one of the projects at buckscountymlkday2015.eventbrite.com.

MLK Youth Diversity Education Program set

Temple Judea will once again host a special program where the youth in the Central Bucks County community will discuss the challenges they face striving for acceptance and diversity in the greater Doylestown area.

Co-sponsored by Temple

Judea, the Second Baptist Church of Doylestown, the Peace Center, the Central Bucks and Bristol Township school districts, the Bucks County Commissioners, and CB Cares Educational Foundation, the program is a forum for discussions by middle

and high school youth.

It will allow the students to openly and safely reflect on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of justice and equality 46 years after his death.

The program is scheduled for 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at

Temple Judea, 38 Rogers Road, Furlong, just off Old York Road (Route 263) between Edison-Furlong Road and Swamp roads.

A pizza dinner will be served. The afternoon will begin with a brief panel discussion of how the community faces issues related to

diversity, followed by small breakout sessions led by trained facilitators. The group will then reconvene and review its findings so all can learn from each other and take next steps.

For information, call Temple Judea at 215-348-5022.

On the Spiritual Side

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Bless this house

Former church parsonage renovated for use as family home



Attending the house blessing are, back row, Richard Aichele and John Mack of Keystone Opportunity Center, Kathie Afterbach, Dutch Afterbach, Ann Donley and Karen Gross of St. John's Lutheran Church, Quakertown; second row, Pastor Ray Miller, Jason Renner and Don Worthington of St. John's; and front row, Kristy Turansky, Queenie Renner, Lynn Hasson, Lois Worthington and Kelly Wenhold of St. John's.

Members and friends of St. John's Lutheran Church, Quakertown, proceeded after worship on Dec. 14 to the former parsonage next door to the church for a house blessing.

Now known as St. John's House, the former parsonage is under lease to the Keystone

Opportunity Center, Souderton, as a residence for a client family.

Keystone, through its network of volunteers, recently completed an extensive renovation of the house.

Keystone is now working to identify a suitable family to live in the house.



Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Quakertown, bow their heads during the house blessing at St. John's House, the recently renovated former parsonage, where a client family of the Keystone Opportunity Center in Souderton will reside.

St. Andrew's presents Bach Cantata

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Lambertville, N.J., presents J.S. Bach's Cantata #7, "Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam" ("Christ our Lord came to the Jordan") at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, as part of the regular Sunday liturgy.

The cantata will feature the choir of Saint Andrew's Church, soloists, a baroque orchestra and harpsichord and organ continuo. This is part of the church's "All-Bach" Sunday series.

The Communion Motet will feature two Arias from the "Notebooks for Anna Magdalena Bach," by J.S. Bach. "Gib dich zufrieden" and "Schaff's mit mir Gott." The prelude and the postlude will be presented by members of the baroque orchestra and will include a movement from Bach "Orchestral Suite No. 1."

The church is located at the corner of York and Main streets in Lambertville, N.J., and all are welcome.

For information, call 609-397-2425, e-mail standrews@snip.net or visit standrewslambertville.org.

Temple Judea offers adult education brunch

Temple Judea of Bucks County, 38 Rogers Road, Furlong, hosts "My Yiddeshe Mama," an adult education

brunch at 10 a.m. Jan. 11.

The guest speaker will be Reena Friedman, who will discuss the experiences of East European immigrant Jewish families in America. She is an associate professor of modern Jewish history at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

For information, call 215-348-5022.

Buckingham Meeting holds Game Night

Buckingham Meeting hosts Games Night at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10.

Games Night takes place on the second Saturday of the month through May and begins with a potluck meal, followed by games.

Games are, for the most part, multigenerational, and none are electronic. Leave your devices at home and enjoy an evening of community fellowship.

It is not unusual for the fun to continue past 9 p.m. Attendees are welcome to come and go whenever they wish.

Friends host family overnight

The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends hosts a family overnight from 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 to noon Sunday, Jan. 18, at Camp Onas, 609 Geigle Hill Road, Ottsville.

The event is for families with children in kindergarten through

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fifth grade. There will be family activities, dinner, free time, bedtime stories, Giant First Day School, worship and a chance for adults to spend time with other parents.

For information, visit the PYM calendar of events online.

St. Philip's hosts river blessing

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, New Hope, celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the conclusion of the Christmas season with the blessing of the Delaware River on Jan. 11.

It is an ancient custom to bless a local river as a way of remembering Jesus's baptism in the River Jordan. The blessing will use traditional prayers, but also include prayers that call for stewardship of our natural resources.

Gather at 1 p.m. in the park on Ferry Street in New Hope for a short time of prayer.

For information, visit stphilip-snewhope.org or call 215-862-5782.

Local churches to pack 25,000 meals in New Hope

Area churches will gather to celebrate the Martin Luther King Day of Service on Jan. 18 by packing 25,000 meals for local food pantries.

The Delaware Valley Interfaith Council, along with

The Event Center at Cornerstone, will sponsor the event with local Jewish, Methodist, Episcopal, Community of Christ, Quaker, and Roman Catholic faith communities.

For the cost of \$1, a meal for a family of four will be prepared.

In this time of divisions within the nation, this event will not only provide food for the hungry, but also will be a community building event.

All are welcome to participate regardless of age, religion or ability.

The day will start at 2 p.m. at the Event Center (Eagle Fire Hall, 46 N. Sungan Road, New Hope) with a brief service of remembrance and will conclude by 6 p.m.

Bring your phone, as there will be a time for advocating for the hungry and those in need.

For information, contact info@stphilipsnewhope.org or 215-862-5782.

Worship Directory

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, January 11, 2015
The Rev. Dr. Tyson Frey, Sr., Pastor
9:30 am Worship / Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship and Refreshments
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