

Events around county honor legacy of King

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At a community hub in downtown Lancaster on Monday, little children will make a quilt that will be sent to the Atlanta center dedicated to the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

At a downtown church, local businessman and speaker Champ Hall will deliver the "I Have a Dream" speech given by King, the late American civil-rights leader.

And at a whole host of locations Monday, people will take part in projects that aim to make positive change and contribute to King's dream of equality for all Americans.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is highlighted by the annual Lancaster breakfast that is expected to draw several hundred people.

But a wide range of speeches, projects and other special efforts are planned throughout the month here in King's honor.

"There's still a lot of work to do," as one Lancaster-area organizer said, to reach King's dream of equal rights for all.

The special events planned here are:

- Sunday at 7 p.m., the NAACP of Lancaster County will present a worship service in King's honor, called "The Journey Continues, It Ain't Over Yet."

To be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S. Duke St., the service will feature speaker Valerie Bridgeman, an associate professor and worship scholar at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Sunday's program is free and open to the public.

- The Lancaster YWCA's child-care and youth department will hold its sixth annual King Day celebration on Monday.

The YWCA, 110 N. Lime St., again will invite some 150 youngsters from neighborhood day-care

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday



- ▶ **City Hall:** Closed
- ▶ **State offices:** Closed
- ▶ **Federal offices:** Closed
- ▶ **County Courthouse:** Closed
- ▶ **RRTA:** Regular schedule
- ▶ **State liquor stores:** Closed
- ▶ **Mail:** No regular delivery
- ▶ **Banks:** Most closed
- ▶ **Schools:** Most closed

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centers and other school-age programs for the event.

The youngsters will take part in activities, including making a quilt to send to the King Center in Atlanta, face-painting and making a "peace necklace," YWCA officials said.

Call the YWCA at 393-1735 for more information.

- The 23rd annual King Breakfast will be held Monday morning from 7 to 9 at the Lancaster County Convention Center/Marriott at Penn Square.

Internationally recognized journalist Joyce Davis will be the keynote speaker.

She has many "experiences and reflections on reaching toward peace in today's world, which was central to Dr. King's ministry," noted Cheryl Holland-Jones, executive director of Lancaster's Crispus Attucks Community Center, which hosts the annual breakfast.

More than 600 residents and community leaders are expected to attend the breakfast.

This year's theme is "Martin Luther King Jr.'s Global Legacy: Dreams of Peace in Today's World."

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