

and global partners.

GIVES to the work of Global Mission

This means giving to Our Church's Wider Mission and One Great Hour of Sharing. This can mean sponsoring a child through the child sponsorship program, and encouraging donations to Wider Church Ministries and Global Ministries.

SENDS members into the world to share the good news

One part of being a global mission church that can change the way church members travel and look at the world is to encourage them to visit global missionaries and partners when they travel overseas. Other wonderful opportunities include sending a group on a People to People Pilgrimage or even encouraging members to become a volunteer missionary and do work with our global partners.

GROWS in sharing the stories of God's mission.

This can mean designating a member of your congregation to participate in a Ministries and Mission Interpretation training, organizing a joint global mission event with another church to learn about mission together, and participating in global mission at the conference level. This also means sharing the things your congregation is doing with the Global Ministries staff! Your vital congregation can help us with new ideas for participation in the work of global mission.

Global Mission Congregations are encouraged to think of other ways to live out these 7 signs of a global mission church!

Steps to get started as a Global Mission Church

The first step is to gather a team to coordinate the global mission church process. Learn about the history of global ministries and the current work of global ministries. Evaluate your current mission involvement and what you might be able to start doing. Then, create and commit to a plan for mission involvement including continuing what you've been doing and starting new actions in the next 3 years. Set measurable objectives with dates for completion and names of who will carry actions out. After three years, it's time to create another plan!

Please visit the [Global Ministries website](http://www.occman.org) for more information and resources regarding being a global mission church, and to learn more about what Global Ministries is doing to create a better world for everyone.



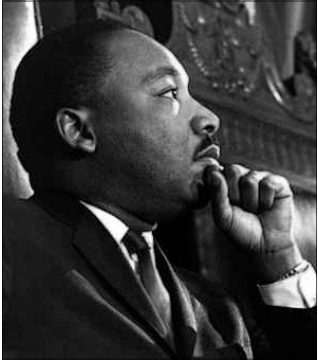
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A United Church of Christ Congregation

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January 18, 2009 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Commemoration

"I just want to do God's will!"

Assisting In Worship Today

Betsy Newcomb, Worship Assistant
Craig MacLnnis, Deacon
Lynne McDonnell & Family, Coffee Hour Host

Flowers

The flowers gracing our sanctuary today are given in celebration of the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other Civil Rights Workers who demonstrated faith, courage and perseverance in their quest for equality.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Choral Introit: 0 Be Joyful

*Song of Joy bulletin pp.12-13

"Lift Every Voice & Sing"

Gathering Words

*Prayer of Invocation

Holy One, we often boast that we are "one people under God" as Christians, as churches and as a nation, yet we daily find

A Vital Church is a Global Mission Church

<http://www.ucc.org/vitality/global-mission/>

Being a Global Mission Church challenges church members to stretch toward a new level of interest in, and commitment to, God's world. A vital church is a church that is engaged with God's world and with the work of making it better- a Global Mission Church.



The Signs of a Global Mission Church:

A Global Mission Church:

PRAYS for Global Mission partners and missionaries, as well as for the World.

Being a global mission church can transform the prayer life of your congregation. There are many ways to begin to pray for Global Mission partners and missionaries. You can distribute the Global Ministries mission story at your church and lift up global communities in worship. It can revitalize your worship services in other ways, as well. Try incorporating international traditions and other languages in your services every so often.

EDUCATES all members about global issues

Being a global mission church enriches the lives of church members and expands their horizons. Organize a global mission class which might use the Connecting Threads videos, or an event with a speaker. Emphasize global mission in Sunday School one day a year. In this way the church can raise awareness among its members and open their minds.

SEEKS JUSTICE for the "least of these" in the international community

Seeking justice is an important part of being a global mission church that can do a lot to energize church members. Organize an Advocacy Committee, send people to Ecumenical Advocacy Days each year, and get involved in specific justice issues that interest the congregation.

RECEIVES the gifts of the global church

This is another way of educating members about the work of global mission, and can mean hosting Ministries and Mission Interpreters to speak in your congregation, hosting missionary visits, and developing relationships with missionaries

Welcome to the church family! We're glad you are here as we open ourselves to God's love even as we strive to be Christ's hands and heart in our world today. You are warmly invited to all church activities. Please inquire with the Pastor, Worship Assistant, Deacon or Greeter if you have questions.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

All of You
Ministers

Rev. Ted Newcomb
Pastor

Annette Valentine
Administrative Secretary

John K. Read
Director of Church Music

Ruthie Ward
Handbell Choir Director

Dot Paiva
Instrumental Ensemble

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Sexton Handyman

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Office Assistant Trustee Emeritus

Resources To Help You Explore The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Martin Luther King, Jr. died at the hands of an assassin on April 4, 1968, a few months short of his fortieth birthday. Human history has forever been changed by the movement he headed. Our current level of sensitivity to human rights issues and inclusiveness can be traced to the strides gained by the Civil Rights Movements of the 1950's and 1960's. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a rare human being who sacrificed his life for a vision of equality for every person — not just African Americans. On November 2, 1983, both the Senate and the House of Representatives agreed that we should never forget Dr. King's contributions to the world: the third Monday in January was declared a national holiday.

The following online resources may assist you in helping you and those around you understand more fully who the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was and how he influenced our lives together.

[The King Center in Atlanta, Georgia](http://www.thekingcenter.org/)

<http://www.thekingcenter.org/>

A primary resource for learning about Martin Luther King, Jr.

[Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site](http://www.nps.gov/malu/)

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This site is maintained by the National Parks Department of the United States Government. The King Center in Atlanta is considered a National Historic site.

[The National Civil Rights Museum \(Memphis\)](http://www.civilrights museum.org/)

<http://www.civilrights museum.org/>

The Civil Rights movement did not begin or end with Martin Luther King, Jr., but it did flower under his powerful leadership. Learn more about other historical figures associated with the Civil Rights Movement at The National Civil Rights Museum (Memphis) Website.

[African American Odyssey: A Quest for Full Citizenship](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/aahtml/exhibit/aointro.html)

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/aahtml/exhibit/aointro.html>

From the Library of Congress website.

[African American World: The Civil Rights Era](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/timeline/civil_01.html)

http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/timeline/civil_01.html

An excellent PBS documentary

[Articles About Martin Luther King, Jr.](http://teacher.scholastic.com/researchtools/articlearchives/honormlk/)

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/researchtools/articlearchives/honormlk/>

From Scholastic.com

[Beloved Child, Beloved Community](http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?act=reader&item_id=10514&loc_id=17,897,898)

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This hymn text by John Middleton is a way of bridging personal and corporate experiences of belovedness. The fifth stanza is an alternate for special occasions, such as Martin Luther King's birthday.

ourselves divided by strife and factions, the sin of disunity spreading among your people the world over like an unchecked disease. We are unable to measure up to our standards, much less to yours. **Forgive us, Lord.**

Cleanse us and make us whole. Renew our minds and motives so that we might be your people, acceptable in your sight.

We seek your guidance, Lord.

The tensions and differences of race, traditions, culture, creed, and language consume us. Come among us, O God, and free us to live creatively, worship openly, and love unconditionally.

Forgive our arrogance, Lord.

Help us to remember that to bear the good news to others means to first live the good news among ourselves. We pray this in the name of the One who shows us how to be a diverse people united, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Response of Congregation bulletin p.11
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*Peace Candle Lighting & Peace Passing!

"With the great challenges before us, we know that moving mountains takes more than just one day of service. We must remember the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:

'On the one hand, we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that *the whole Jericho Road must be transformed* so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway.'

The call to transform our personal and family lives, build up our own communities, and change this country on the really big issues is before each of us now."

~Jim Wallis, *Sojourners Community*

"May the Peace of Christ be with You!" (And also with you!)

Announcements

Children's Time

*Song of Devotion "Help Us Accept Each Other" bull. p.15

A Time of Prayer with Meditative Litany

"All of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work, from the very beginning of the Civil Rights Movement, was oriented toward the creation of a community characterized by love and justice, a society completely integrated among different races, a vision he called "the Beloved Community." Legislated desegregation was just the beginning; although laws could correct injustices of housing, education and employment, such legislation could not effect the change of hearts and minds which would foster true community. A wholehearted integration of society was King's hope and the hope of the movement he led.

The work for this whole-hearted integration in both society and church includes today not only people excluded by race, but also those excluded by gender, disabilities, and sexual orientation.

From my position, vocationally as Minister for Racial Justice and personally along the varied intersections and continuum of systemic and personal oppression, I pray for deliverance from the forces which foster the societal evils and spiritual deaths of segregation in all its contemporary guises. To that end, the following litany has been inspired by Psalm 86 and Dr. King's vision of the Beloved Community."

Toward a Just and Beloved Community: Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
was written by Rev. Dr. Bentley de Bardelaben,
Minister for Racial Justice, Justice and Witness Ministries
in our United Church of Christ.
UCC Worship Ways, Vol. 7, No. 1

Today as we prepare to inaugurate the first President of our nation with African American heritage, we pledge ourselves to King's Dream with purpose and determination to make this Beloved Community *our reality*.

Toward a Just and Beloved Community:

Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday

- ONE: Let us pray:
PEOPLE: Incline your ear, O God, and answer us, for we are poor, hungry, naked, homeless and sick. Preserve our lives, for we are devoted to you; save your servants who trust in you.
ONE: Dr. King's work reminds us:
LEFT: church and state must work together for the common good;
RIGHT: laws must establish justice for all,

ALCOHOLICS & NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Are held every Monday night at 7:30pm (for NA) and every Friday at 8:00pm (for AA). These are open meetings to which all are welcome. We are pleased to serve as host to these recovery organizations.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER PLANNERS SOUGHT

Those interested in coordinating a February Progressive Dinner for the congregation are invited to contact the church office so an initial meeting can take place. We'd like to get the planning underway and your help is urgently requested. Thanks for your assistance. What a great way to get to know others while having a tremendous, delicious, fun, low cost evening out!

THE CHURCH'S NEW WEBSITE

Thanks to CS Wurzberger, we have free hosting of our new church website that is now under development. We seek to make it an informative place to visit with many resources available. Think of it as a connective hub that tells the story of our church family for those who may be seeking a church. Or perhaps it becomes the invitation to myriad activities where faith can be built upon common interests. It also can serve as a link to deepening discipleship through excellent biblical and theological resources now at your fingertips. Delve into the church website at: <http://www.occmansfield.org> and discover new ways to connect, serve and grow in the name of Christ!



THE CHURCH OUTING CLUB is planning

several trips that might be worth putting on your calendar even though they are months away. On May 23rd we will feature a Family Kayak Outing to the Cape Cod side of Buzzard's Bay that will take us to an off-shore island. It will certainly be a day to remember. Then on June 20th another paddling excursion will take the group to the southeast coast for the West River. Sunday June 21st will feature a Theater Event as we journey to Boston's Wang Center for "The Color Purple". And a July 10-13 Kayak Camp to Mid-Coast Maine is in the planning stages. Watch for more outstanding events and all are welcome to participate regardless of affiliation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY! We delight in all who gather as a people of faith who yearn to grow in discipleship. You are warmly invited to participate in any and all events. Today our children begin downstairs in class. A staffed nursery is available for the very young. A deacon or greeter can guide you. Use the request card in the pew and place it in the offertory plate if there is a way we can better serve you or if you'd like to be on the mailing or email list. Questions? Feel free to speak with the pastor, deacon or greeters. Prayer requests may be recorded on cards at the back of the sanctuary and given to the deacon for presentation later in the service. Be blessed and join us for refreshment and fellowship downstairs following the service. We're glad you're here!

FOOD PANTRY BIN DOWNSTAIRS. As part of our weekly offering, we encourage members and friends of our congregation to bring several food items to share in the bin located in the front entrance way next to the front door. The demand on the Food Pantry is very great these days. ***Our Daily Bread Community Food Pantry*** is always eager to welcome new volunteers. If you would like to explore a wonderful way to serve God throughout the year, speak with Barbara Emmereth at 508-339-9747 or BLE108@comcast.net. Barbara is our temporary contact.



OUR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS SEMINAR will be held today (Jan. 18) and next Sunday (Jan. 25) as a 2 part series in the Church Parlor for interested individuals. We'll serve a light brunch and cover topics related to our individual faith journeys to the structure and beliefs of our church family. We'll meet from 11:30am-12:45pm. Quiche is the featured menu item. Join us for an informative time as we build our fellowship!

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM CONVERSATION

Lynne McDonnell & Anne Ouellette will gather with parents of our junior and senior youth to chart out some programs that might be of interest. They will be in the Conference Room (red table area) beside the kitchen immediately after worship. Kindly gather your refreshments and join them for conversation.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS ADULT EDUCATION

Our series continues Thursday nights (Jan. 22/29) from 7:30-8:45pm in the vestry downstairs. The final sessions in this first segment are: ***A Passion for Christ: Paul***, and ***Out Into The World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians***.



CHOIR: but hearts must change for the Beloved Community to flourish.

PASTOR: We will...

ALL: **do the work of justice for all;**

PASTOR: We will...

ALL: **open our hearts to an ever-expanding vision of community.**

PASTOR: We will...
trust the Spirit of God to guide and move us between the present and the anticipated Realm of Justice.

ONE: Justice.

CHOIR: You are our God; be gracious to your children, for we cry out to you all day long. Bring joy to the soul of your servants, for to you, O God, we lift up our soul.

ONE: Dr. King's vision inspires us:

PEOPLE: **"We are tied together in a single garment of destiny caught in an inescapable network of mutuality."**

PASTOR: We will work for a world:

LEFT: **where lives are enriched by difference;**

RIGHT: **where people of different genders, races and sexual orientations work together in Shalom for the good of the whole.**

PEOPLE: **We will work for a nation where persons will be judged solely upon the content of their characters.**

YOUTH: For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O God, to the prayers of the marginalized; listen to our supplications.

PASTOR: Dr. King's words challenge us:

YOUTH: "...injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

PASTOR: We will...

PEOPLE: **listen to the cries of the poor;**

ONE: We will...

PEOPLE: **stand in solidarity with those who suffer oppression;**

YOUTH: We will...

PEOPLE: **take as our own the hopes of all who long for full human**

ONE: life;
 WE: We will...

PEOPLE: create in our midst the Beloved Community with room for all, justice for all, joy for all, Shalom for all.

PASTOR: We will...

PEOPLE: listen to the voice of the Christ, who stirs about liberating all minds, hearts and spirits.

ONE: In our days of trouble we call on you, for you will answer us. There is none like you among the gods, O God, nor are there any works like yours to the ends of the earth.

PEOPLE: Teach us your way, O God, that we may walk in your truth.

PASTOR: Dr. King's life inspires us:

1 YOUTH: "I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed and nonviolent redemptive goodwill will proclaim the rule of the land... I still believe that someday we shall overcome."

CHOIR: And so it is that we will...

PEOPLE: overcome hatred and division because of our faith and trust in God.

ONE: We will...

PEOPLE: reach the goal so clearly laid before us without deflecting King's vision and faltering.

YOUTH: We will...

PEOPLE: never give up...never ever give up our hope for equality and our quest for peaceful coexistence with one another.

PASTOR: We will...

ALL: With every fiber of our being and with a determination forged by the very heart of God, live Dr. King's dream into our reality.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts



as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not
 into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the Kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response "Into My Heart"

Holy Scripture & Morning Message

Ephesians 4:1-16

"Lead a life worthy of your calling... We must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ."

"LEADERSHIP: What King Revealed And Is Revealing Still"

Leadership is an essential part of any organization or movement. Of course, there are a number of leadership models from which to choose. How do we see our role as church leaders? How do we use the authority given us? Who are we striving to serve? The writings, reflections and life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. bear witness to the essential character of leadership.

Our Gifts of Gratitude

Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts with Choral Anthem

"A Hymn of Freedom"

*Offertory Song "Gathered Into One" bulletin p.14

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Thank you, God, for the blessings of life, for new opportunities for service that abound, for the peace Christ instills in our hearts, and for our ability to freely and generously participate in acts of loving kindness that enrich lives all around. Receive the gift of our lives so that your purpose among us may be fulfilled. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Song of Celebration bulletin p.16

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*Blessing (Unison)

Cong. Response: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #62 (1 verse)

Postlude

Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!
 Asterisk (*) denotes when to stand if you are able.