



**Monday, January 15 is a National Day of Service
Honoring the Life & Legacy of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**How might you give of your time, talent, and treasure to
PRAYER, STUDY, SERVICE, COMMUNITY?**

Observed each year on the third Monday in January as
“a day on, not a day off.”

This day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

The Dominican Sisters~Grand Rapids are encouraging our Sisters, Associates, employees, and friends to commit to some form of prayer, service, study, or action this week.

**At Marywood & Aquinata
Remembering the Spirit
of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Friday, January 12 - Friday Night at the Movies
Marywood at 6:30 pm 2nd Floor Aquinata at 7 pm 3rd Floor

Monday, January 15 | 9:30 am - Prayer Call at Chapel of the Word

MLK Action – Jan 15 - Feb 1 - Aquinas College Paperback Book

Drive: collection for Kent County jail inmates. Hardback books are not allowed. Dominican Sisters, Associates, Employees, and Friends are collecting paperbacks at Marywood for the book drive.

January 2024 Events in the City of Grand Rapids

“Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it, Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.” ~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

MLK Day, January 15 | 10:30 am – 12 pm | Kretchmer Hall Aquinas

College Words of Peace, poetry readings by the Writers Guild, excerpts of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King’s speech at Riverside Church on the Viet Nam War and the Anti-War Movement. We offer space to contemplate current events – from Gaza to Ukraine – and the movements that give people a voice to hold governing bodies accountable. The morning concludes with music from True Light Baptist Choir.

Monday, January 15 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Silent March Heartside Park to Calder Plaza

Reflections by NAACP and Urban League of West Michigan. This is an expressive speech/march to shine light and combat the aggression and violence experienced by the BIPOC Community.

January Series at Calvin - Jan. 15 - 31 | Speakers Daily 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Note: A full list of January Series events can be found at the end of this special issue.

Programs are in-person and virtual. Zoom links will be sent daily for each program and recordings will be available to registrants. [REGISTER](#)

Monday, January 15 -Soul Force: The Challenge of Martin Luther King

Presented by Lerone Martin, award winning author, who will highlight his book *The Gospel of J. Edgar Hoover*, and discuss historical and legal surveillance of Dr. King and its implications for the Civil Rights Movement, and considerations for today’s social justice efforts.

Friday, January 19, 2024 Poverty, By America

Presented by Matthew Desmond, sociologist and founder principal investigator of the Eviction Lab at Princeton University. The title is the same as his recent book which draws on history and research showing how poverty in the U.S. persists because others benefit from it..

Monday, Jan. 15 - 38th Commemoration Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. | 6 pm Fountain Street Church 24 Fountain St. NE GR |Keynote by Melissa Harris-Perry.

In-person and virtual. Prof. Harris-Perry is the Maya Angelou Presidential Chair in the Department of Politics and International Affairs, the Department of Women and Gender Studies, the African American Studies Program, and the Program in Environment and Sustainability at Wake Forest University. There she conducts research and teaches courses on American politics at the intersections of gender, race, and place.

Thursday, Jan. 18 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Commemoration featuring TaRita Johnson | 5 - 6 pm. GVSU | Hauenstein Center for

Presidential Studies in partnership with the Division of Inclusion and Equity. TaRita Johnson is Senior Vice President of Talent & Diversity at The Right Place. With a professional journey spanning education, social work, business, and community

engagement, she joins us to weave together her story with the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. | Location: Richard M. De Vos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 Fulton, Grand Rapids [REGISTER](#); Zoom webinar available. With RSVP you will receive a link.

Saturday, January 20, 2024 MLK Day of Service and Solidarity

<https://www.gvsu.edu/service/mlk-jr-day-of-service-and-solidarity-53.htm>

8 am - 2 pm Presented by the GVSU Office of Student Life.

[VIEW DETAILS](#) ... All events are free and open to the public.

Calvin January Series

Jan. 15 - 31 | Speakers Daily 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Covenant Fine Arts Center, 1795 Knollcrest Circle SE, GR

In-Person and Virtual, Recordings Available

Use this one-time registration link for access to one of all programs. Zoom links will be sent daily for each program.

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<https://calvinuniversity.my.site.com/registration/s/january-series?eventId=a286Q000002aRWO>

Monday, January 15, 2024 - Lerone Martin

SOUL FORCE: THE CHALLENGE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

Lerone Martin is associate professor of religious studies at Stanford University and an award-winning author. He will highlight his book, *The Gospel of J. Edgar Hoover*, and discuss the historical and legal context of government surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., its implications for the Civil Rights Movement, and lessons learned to be considered for today's social justice efforts.

Tuesday, January 16 - Dan Tepfer

FROM BACH TO NATURAL MACHINES: ALGORITHMS AS THE SHAPERS OF MUSIC

Dan Tepfer is a pianist-composer who's recorded, performed, and composed around, incorporating musical improvisation and computer programming accompaniment. He'll also discuss how composers as far back as Bach used algorithms and logical systems in famous works.

Wednesday, January 17

Religious Liberty and the Human Good

Robert George is a McCormick professor of jurisprudence and the director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University. He'll pull on his knowledge in law and theology to present how governments are obligated to respect and protect religious freedom for the sake of the basic human right of religion itself. Note: This speaker will be joining us virtually.

Thursday, January 18

SOUL FOOD AND THE COLLECTIVE CULTURAL MEMORY

Caroline Randall Williams is an award-winning poet, young adult novelist, and cookbook author as well as an activist, public intellectual, performance artist, and scholar. Through her discussion on soul food and the collective cultural memory she'll reclaim the narrative of health and body preservation through Black cuisine and dispel the myths about soul food.

Friday, January 19

POVERTY, BY AMERICA

Matthew Desmond is a sociologist, MacArthur Fellowship recipient, and the founder and principal investigator of the Eviction Lab at Princeton University. In his latest book, *Poverty, By America*, draws on history, research, and original reporting to show how poverty in the U.S. persists because the rest of us benefit from it.

Monday, January 22

TABLE CONVERSATIONS: BUILDING COMMUNITY AS WE EAT

Kendall Vanderslice is a baker, writer, and the founder of the Edible Theology Project, an educational nonprofit connecting the Communion table to the kitchen table. Through her work in food studies and theology, she explores the ways God uses the table to restore communities and creation.

Tuesday, January 23

HE LOST ART OF DYING: ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN FACING OUR MORTALITY

Dr. Lydia Dugdale is an internal medicine primary care doctor and a medical ethicist. She's also a Columbia University professor and director of the Center for Clinical Medical Ethics. In her new book, *The Lost Art of Dying*, Dugdale offers insight and thoughtful guidance on how to die well. She guides readers to recover their sense of finitude, confront fears, accept how bodies age, develop meaningful rituals, and involve communities in end-of-life care.

Wednesday, January 24

LESSONS I'VE LEARNED FROM LISTENING

Niala Boodhoo '96 is an Axios journalist and podcast host, as well as guest host for 1A on NPR. She'll discuss the importance of living outside of an echo chamber and the ways the human voice can help us change our perspectives.

Thursday, January 25

ROUTE FINDING FOR SUCCESS

Tommy Caldwell is a talented rock climber, with numerous accomplishments in sport, traditional, and free climbing; big wall first ascents; and speed records. He'll share the ways he's found a route for success with stories of his nationally-recognized climbs—including a hostage situation in Kyrgyzstan—and life struggles.

Friday, January 26

RESTLESS DEVICES: CHRISTIAN FORMATION IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Felicia Wu Song is a cultural sociologist who studies the place of digital technologies in contemporary life. She'll share information on the rapidly evolving digital technology industry and how the adoption of social media and digital devices alters the landscapes of family, community, and organizational life.

Monday, January 29

TECHNOLOGY, LUDDITES, AND THE FUTURE OF WORK

Jacob Goldstein is an NPR correspondent and podcast host. His interest in technology and the changing nature of work has led him to stories on UPS, the Luddites, and the history of light. His current work looks at the big picture of new technologies such as AI and the future of work. Goldstein looks at the history of technology breakthroughs to point out a silver lining.

Tuesday, January 30

NEURODIVERGENT STORYTELLING

Daniel Bowman Jr. is a novelist, poet, and professor, who received an autism diagnosis at age 35. He will offer insights on autism, relationships, faith, and the gift of neurodiversity through stories of his heartbreaks and triumphs.

Wednesday, January 31

A LIVE RECORDING OF THE PODCAST, "POETRY FOR ALL" WITH MARILYN NELSON

Underwritten by: Calvin Center for Faith and Writing
Joanne Diaz and Abram Van Engen are podcast co-hosts Poetry for All, where they read a poem, discuss it, see what makes it tick, learn how it works, grow from it, and then read it again. During the January Series, they'll do a live recording of their show with guest Marilyn Nelson, a three-time finalist for the National Book Award and one of America's most celebrated poets.

Thursday, February 1

WHAT'S BECOMING OF US?: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

Underwritten by: The Center for Excellence in Preaching and Miller Johnson
Timothy Dalrymple is a former national champion gymnast who turned to academia following an accident in college where he broke his neck. He helped launch patheos.com and Polymath, and he currently serves as Christianity Today's President and CEO.

Friday, February 2

TUNING OUR MINDS, EARS, AND HEARTS TO SING GOD'S GRACE: REFLECTIONS OF A CONDUCTOR

Underwritten by: Holland Litho
Pearl Shangkuan is a highly sought-after conductor, lecturer, and clinician. She's led performances, seminars, and workshops on six continents, and she is a beloved professor and the director of choral activities at Calvin University. She will reflect on her musical endeavors that have taken her around the world and, most importantly, the ways God's grace was abundant throughout her career.



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