



Martin Luther King, Jr., 3rd from left, with President John F. Kennedy

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A DREAM is Just a Dream Unless...

Community to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend Celebration will begin with a community religious service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Queen Chapel A.M.E. Church at 114 Beach City Road. Rev. Louis Johnson of Central Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Michael Carr of Central Church will conduct the service.

"It's a real opportunity for community building," the Planning Committee's vice chairwoman, Freddie Hodges, said. "The most important thing in my mind is the commitment to diversity that every member of the committee has and the genuine heartfelt commitment to building the beloved community, to achieving Dr. King's dream."

A gospel concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Christ Lutheran Church on Highway 278 across from Captain's Seafood Restaurant. The Voices of El Shaddai will perform. The MLK Community Service Day will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday and go until noon. The clergy will cook breakfast at All Saints Episcopal Church, 3001 Meeting Street, at 8 a.m. Participants should bring warm clothes, brushes, rakes, trimmers, shovels and small saws. At 6 p.m. Saturday at Congregation Beth Yam, Rabbi Gary Zola will present "Jewish Voices in Civil Rights & the 20th Century."

The MLK Community March & Cookout will begin at 10 a.m. Monday at Hilton Head High School. At 11 a.m., Reverend Clark Jenkins, associate pastor of St. Andrew by the Sea, will give the keynote address, "A Dream is Just a Dream Unless..." The MLK Community Service Award and essay contest awards will be presented. Students at Hilton Head schools are writing the essays. A \$50 prize will be awarded to a student from each level – elementary, middle and high schools. A free community cookout will follow at noon, catered by local hotels.

The following Thursday, January 20, "Porgy & Bess" will be performed at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina. For tickets, call 842-2787.

Hodges encourages people to call her to join the committee, which needs new members and ideas for future events. For information, please call Hodges at 689-6142 or email freddiesyd@hargray.com.

"It's a very successful weekend, but that's our concern as a committee," Hodges said. "The weekend isn't enough. If you're going to build a beloved community, you have to work on it every single day of the year, and that's why we changed the theme from 'Building the Beloved Community' to 'A Dream is Just a Dream Unless...' so that people would begin to think more about 'How can I contribute every day of the year?' as opposed to showing up for the events of one weekend."

– Amy Coyne Bredeson

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