January Church Kits

Building the Beloved Community

During the month of January our Church Kits are inspired by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in honor of MLK Day. For this Kit we are lifting up diverse voices because Martin King understood that the way to build the beloved community of God was by siblings of every color and race coming together.

Dinner Prayer Card – This is a simple prayer that you can share as a family or individual when you eat. This month we chose a prayer written by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Prayer Prompts – In our weekly reflection inspired by Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman we learn about the importance of genuine fellowship with our neighbors. While we can’t be physically together right now, we can still seek to grow in fellowship by learning from our neighbors. In our January calendar we have shared the names of black siblings who have helped shape the beloved community.

Weekly Reflections – Included are 4 reflections that you can do throughout the month. We encourage you to do one reflection a week, but you can do them whenever works best for you! This month we chose excerpts written by 4 different black scholars. As three young white pastors we recognize the importance of bringing diverse voices to the table.

Kid’s Craft – Included are supplies for our 2 kid’s crafts. Our kid’s crafts this month are based off of the two scripture lessons that Martin King quotes in his “I Have a Dream” speech. We encourage parents/guardians to do the crafts with your kids because kids always learn about God best when they do it with their family! Video tutorials of the crafts can be found on Holy Trinity’s YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHjrXF8gtMkxvXGLZlNbKRw

Worship Connection – This is an item to help encourage worship at home and to remind us that we can worship God wherever we are! Remember to join us Sundays on Facebook at 9:15am for virtual worship.

Family Movie Night – During January you are encouraged to break out the popcorn, watch Hidden Figures, and reflect on the included questions with family or friends!

We hope that you enjoy your January Church Kit and that it helps you to grow in your faith, feel connected with your church family, and of course feel closer to God!

With God’s grace and peace,

Pastor Katie

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