

# Annual MLK march seeks to promote peace

Event scheduled for Monday, Jan. 17

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John Carbage, president of the Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition, is looking forward to hosting the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Peace March.

“We call it a peace march because we want to promote peace in the land,” he said. “We don’t want to cause a divide — we want peace.”

With planning underway to host the in-person program, Carbage said the event will begin Monday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. with a short walk through downtown Hermiston — starting and ending at the Hermiston First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave.

After the march and some words by city leaders, participants are invited to enter the church where the program will include a short scholarship presentation by the Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition, followed by Pastor Marlando Jordan’s keynote



Jackie Linton reads from the book “Let the Children March” during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day program on Jan. 21, 2019, in Hermiston. This year’s Peace March and program is Monday, Jan. 17, in downtown Hermiston and the Hermiston United Methodist Church.

Hermiston Herald, File



Jordan

address. COVID-19 protocols require people attending the program at the church to wear a face covering at all times. A mask will be provided for

anyone who does not have one.

Carbage said the coalition always chooses a person of color who can share how the legacy and work of Martin Luther King Jr. has impacted their life.

Jordan, who started preaching as a 14-year-old, became the youth pastor in

1996 at Word of Faith Center — now known as Sozo Church — in Kennewick. He was called as senior pastor in 2015.

Driven with passion and enthusiasm, Jordan shares a message of faith, hope and love. In addition, he urges Christians to unite in an effort to heal the racial

divide in our nation.

“The faith-based community is called to represent the heart of God, which is love, unity and equality,” Jordan said. “The church is supposed to lead by example in these areas, not the world.”

Pastor Patty Nance of the Hermiston United Methodist Church also highlights the importance of peace and inclusivity, which is why her congregation readily opens its doors to host the Martin Luther King Jr. Day program. King, she said, preached hope for a better tomorrow through nonviolent civil action.

King’s efforts and the response of people marching in the streets, Nance said, helped shine a spotlight on the teachings of Jesus Christ. And, she said, King’s legacy has had a lasting impact.

“Faith communities began to look at the inherent racism within their own walls,” Nance said. “While it has been a slow and arduous journey, that glimmer of hope that King shared so long ago still burns bright in many of our faith

communities.”

While Carbage said progress has been made in regard to racial division, it’s important to continue to be diligent in promoting peace. Continuing the work and remembering the non-violent and peaceful leadership King stood for is paramount, he said.

“We don’t want the past to repeat itself,” Carbage said. “We want peace, even in Eastern Oregon and our small community of Hermiston.”

Jordan agreed, saying that everyone can take an active role to affect change on a daily basis. Very simply, he said, it’s a matter of perspective.

“Begin to view each other through the eyes of God,” Jordan said. “Every individual is valuable in the eyes of God.”

Also, everyone is invited to get involved with the Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition. It meets the second Saturday of each month, 2 p.m. at the Hermiston United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Carbage at 541-701-7073 or jcarbage@yahoo.com.



Carole Mace-Edwards Jones/Contributed Photo

“Forever Blues,” an acrylic on panel by Boardman artist Carole Mace-Edwards Jones, is currently on display at the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery at Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton. The exhibition, which features the work of BMCC faculty and staff, opened Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, and remains through Feb. 3.

## Boardman artist featured in BMCC gallery show

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A painting by a Boardman artist is among the pieces on display during the current exhibition at the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery at Blue Mountain Community College.

“Forever Blues,” is an acrylic on panel, created by Carole Mace-Edwards Jones, an early childhood education instructor at the college. She gained inspiration for the piece from the beauty of the Blue Mountains.

“Though I grew up in the area, I have lived a great deal of time out of the Northwest,” Jones said. “I always enjoyed returning home to this area, full of texture, color and richness of life.”

The work by Jones, as well as those by eight other

BMCC faculty and staff, will remain through Feb. 3. The gallery is in BMCC’s Pioneer Hall, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Regular hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jones said she particularly enjoys working with acrylics because of the speed in which she can create. However, she also likes oils, watercolor, pencil, photography and inks.

Growing up in an artistic household — her mother was a fine artist in the Walla Walla area — Jones said her siblings and extended family are all “highly creative.” She also strives to help others discover their talents.

“One of my goals is to help children to recognize their own creativity, and remind adults who tell me

that they can’t even draw a stick figure that creativity is innate in all of us and all we have to do is find our own mode of expression,” she said.

Jones was born in Walla Walla but has moved around quite a bit — living in Texas and California, as well as Spain and Japan. Eventually, she ended up back in the Pacific Northwest and has been in Boardman for 36 years.

Prior to starting at BMCC a little more than two decades ago, Jones spent a great deal of time working in early childhood education. When she was younger, she wanted to be an art teacher.

“Instead, the road led me to teacher education where, hopefully, I can help teachers to inspire young children to become their best creative selves,” Jones said.

### BRIEFS

#### Webinar promotes brain health

A series of free webinars will provide information about an innovative brain fitness program.

Prestige Senior Living is presenting “Ageless Grace” beginning Wednesday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m. The following two webinars will be Jan. 19 and 26, also at 11 a.m.

The virtual live event is designed for seniors and their loved ones to promote the healthy longevity of the body and mind. Denise Medved, creator of “Ageless Grace,” will highlight how the program activates all five areas of the brain and addresses aging factors of the body. She also will share some simple everyday exercises that can be done at home.

For more information or to register for the webinar, visit [www.PrestigeCanHelp.com](http://www.PrestigeCanHelp.com). For questions, call 541-276-1987.

#### Republicans host senate candidate

Jo Rae Perkins, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, who hopes to unseat Democrat Sen. Ron Wyden in November, is the guest speaker for the upcoming meeting of the Roundup Republican Women.

The no-host gathering is Thursday, Jan. 13, 5 p.m. at Roosters Country Kitchen, 1515 Southgate Place, Pendleton. The soup and salad dinner is \$12.99. To RSVP, email [lynnevansrww@gmail.com](mailto:lynnevansrww@gmail.com).

#### Scholarships for music students

The Oregon Music Hall of Fame is accepting applications for its college scholarship program. Oregon high school seniors who plan to attend college in the fall of 2022 with a major or minor in music are eligible to apply.

The nonprofit organization strives to

inspire the continuing higher education in music by offering assistance with college expenses to support students in their success. Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded.

The Oregon Music Hall of Fame was created to help preserve Oregon’s unique musical heritage. Its focus is to recognize the legacy of exceptional Oregon musicians of the past, promote promising new Oregon musicians of today and to enrich Oregon music education programs in order to train the musicians of tomorrow.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 14. The application is available at [www.omhof.org](http://www.omhof.org). For questions, email [info@omhof.org](mailto:info@omhof.org).

#### Wet December boosts snowpack

After a relatively warm fall, colder temperatures are having a restorative effect on the snowpacks that feed the basins that supply water to Umatilla and Morrow counties.

In its monthly Oregon Basin Outlook Report, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service reported recorded snowpack levels for the Umatilla, Walla Walla and Willow basins. As of Jan. 1, the three basins’ snowpack was 111% of the median, jumping up from 30% the month before.

December precipitation remained strong, the USDA reporting it 124% of normal for the basins, an increase from 103% the month before. But reservoir storage remains below their normal levels: McKay Reservoir was 66% of the median and Cold Springs Reservoir was 47%.

These totals do not include the several snow storms that hit the region after New Year’s Day, which coated many areas with several inches of snow.

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