



**Phoenixville Area
Social Concerns Committee
26th Annual
Community Prayer Breakfast
In Memory of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



April 4, 2020
at the Phoenixville Area Middle School

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Herbert H. Lusk, II

*Pastor, Greater Exodus Baptist Church
Philadelphia, PA*



Purpose

Community for United
Respect...Responsibility...Reward

Mission

The Phoenixville Area Social Concerns Committee promotes social justice and community harmony throughout the greater Phoenixville community in the spirit of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through direct action and relevant events.

Social Concerns Committee Members

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~Invocation~

Reverend Cynthia Krommes
Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Phoenixville

~Welcome~

Rev. Mark Young

~Breakfast Buffet~

~Introductions & Acknowledgements~

~Expression Contest Winners~

Dr. Alan Fegley, Superintendent, PASD
Ms. Jessica Kilmetz, Supervisor of Curriculum PASD

~Community Unity Prayer~

Reverend Paul Anderson
Pastor, Grace Valley Fellowship Church, Phoenixville

~Inspirational Music~

~Keynote~

“Together We Can”

Reverend Dr. Herbert H. Lusk, II
Pastor, Greater Exodus Baptist Church, Philadelphia PA

~Presentations~

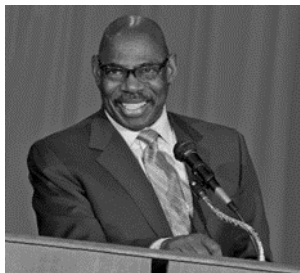
Emma Valenteen Award of “Compassion”

Ruby Armour “Love Thy Neighbor” Award

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award

~Benediction~

Reverend Doug Hagler
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville



Keynote Speaker

Reverend Dr. Herbert H. Lusk, II
Pastor,
Greater Exodus Baptist Church
Philadelphia, PA

Highly sought after by diverse audiences, Reverend Lusk travels the country delivering engaging, poignant and forthright opinion on faith-based and community issues. At the height of his successful National Football League playing career with the Philadelphia Eagles, he left the NFL to lead a life of ministry. Pastor Lusk was known as the “praying tailback” for celebrating touchdowns on one knee in prayer. He is documented in the NFL history books as the first player to do so.

A leader of people and communities, Pastor Lusk founded the non-profit, People For People, Inc. (“PFP”), which continues to transform lives through its holistic programming: PFP Early Childhood Development Center, PFP Charter School, PFP Institute, Project D.A.D., HOPE Pregnancy Center, and Stand for Africa. In addition, Pastor Lusk founded G.E. Ministries, which oversees the Frederick Douglass Christian School and the Grace Dental Clinic in Chester, PA.

Pastor Lusk has served as advisor to two United States presidents on Faith-Based Initiatives and was appointed to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV & AIDS. He shared a speaking platform with Pope Francis before an international audience of 89 million people and appeared on national broadcast programs, including Nightline, Hardball, and Fox News. His work has garnered numerous awards, honors, and citations.

Pastor Lusk currently serves as the lead chaplain for the Super Bowl Champion Philadelphia Eagles. He holds a B.S. in Psychology and Sociology, a Masters of Divinity, and three honorary doctorate degrees.

Pastor Lusk is married and the proud father of a son, two daughters, two sons-in-law, and three grandsons.

**Rev. Lusk has agreed to be the speaker for the
2021 Community Prayer Breakfast.**

Thank you Rev. Lusk

The Phoenixville Area Social Concerns Committee
& The Phoenixville Area School District

Jointly congratulate the winners of the

2020 Expression Contest

Jordan Carter and Jamiyyah Collins

Barkley Elementary School



Elise Pham

Middle School

Kerry Mochnaly

High School



"Before the ship of your life reaches its last harbor, there will be long, drawn-out storms, howling and jostling winds, and tempestuous seas that make the heart stand still. If you do not have a deep and patient faith in God, you will be powerless to face the delays, disappointments, and vicissitudes that inevitably come. Without God, all of our efforts turn to ashes and our sunrises into darkest nights. Without him, life is a meaningless drama in which the decisive scenes are missing. But with him, we are able to rise from tension-packed valleys to the sublime heights of inner peace, and find radiant stars of hope against the nocturnal bosom of life's most depressing nights."

-- from Martin Luther King, Jr.,
"Three Dimensions of a Complete Life"
in *Strength to Love*

First United Methodist Church of Phoenixville

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Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:45
Sunday School at 9:30



A Poem for Two Voices

Jordan Carter & Jamiyyah Collins

Together	
My name is Jamiyyah Collins	
	My name is Jordan Collins
Our initials J. C.	Our initials J. C.
I wanna know	
	What's wrong with our world, yo People livin' like they got no bros
When there's people showin' no respect for any race	
	And that's just creatin' more hate
We've got to communicate	We've got to communicate
When we start talkin' and listenin'	
	We start to know that we've got more in common than our differences
I was born in Philly	
	I was born in November in Philly
Wow, that's kind of silly that we both wound up here at Barkley	Wow, that's kind of silly that we both wound up here at Barkley
	I had to leave Barkley, but now I'm back
Wait, I had to leave Barkley, and now I'm back	
We're both in 5 th grade and we're back on track	We're both in 5 th grade and we're back on track
	I'm a boy
I'm a girl	
Together we be ballin' whether at Barkley or in the gym	Together we be ballin' whether at Barkley or in the gym

A Poem for Two Voices

Jordan Carter & Jamiyyah Collins

Together

(continued)

When we speak our truth, We always know love	
	That way we appreciate the way we have no hate
Hip-hop	
	Helps us speak the truth
That's the reason why	
	We're feelin' good
That's the reason why	
	We're feelin' that we should
Use our words to change people's minds	
	That's the reason why
Our spirits can unwind	
together we love the world	together we love the world
	Awareness helps educate
And appreciate each other for our differences	
	So that
Together we stand	Together we stand
For unity	
	For equality
For all of humanity	
Together	Together

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Elise Pham

Expression Entry

United, we stand strong. When we, as humans, are bonded together - fighting for the same cause, so to speak - we are empowered. Alliance with others around us gives us confidence. Reassurance. These stem from knowing that someone out there has your back. I'm sure you've all heard the phrase "strength in numbers." When we are together, as this phrase states, we have added strength. Strength is a somewhat trivial idea. The big picture here is that to be truly together, we must respect and be kind to each other. I know I wouldn't want to work with someone who was unkind or mean to me. I am not saying that to achieve, you must agree with your peers. But, you must understand their point of views when you're working towards a common goal. To be "unified," you must understand and respect each other fully and not put others down. Any kindness, no matter how small, goes a long way.

Together, we are equals. When working with others - it doesn't matter who they are - everyone is viewed as equal. Everyone has separate strengths and weaknesses, and when our strengths and weaknesses are combined, they fit like a puzzle. One person's weakness is another's greatest strength. This allows us to empower ourselves further, and go further. Unity is a feeling of invincibility. Together, we are a united group of people. We are stronger together than we are alone.



Kerri Mochnaly PASH 2020

2020 Expression Contest

The 2020 Student Expression Contest winners were invited to attend and present their winning submissions at the virtual Social Concerns Committee meeting held on June 4th, 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS
FROM
**DIVERSITY IN ACTION -
PHOENIXVILLE**
TO THE
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



Our Mission:

Diversity in Action promotes the awareness and practice of racial and social justice within the greater Phoenixville community. By building mutually caring relationships, we strive to find common ground and reconcile differences. We create programs that foster awareness, education and celebration of our diverse cultures and shared humanity.

JOIN US: Our monthly meetings are every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 pm -8:30 pm at St. John's UCC in Phoenixville



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Upcoming 2020 Events



- **Bob Dylan Birthday Bash** - May 15 & 29, 7 pm at Steel City
- **Christmas In June** at the Art Street Festival - June 7 12-4 on Bridge Street
- **Juneteenth Commemoration** – June 14, 2-6 pm on Bridge Street, followed by a cookout at Andre Thornton Park



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St. John's Lutheran Church

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award

The Social Concerns Committee of the Phoenixville Interfaith Council, predecessor of the Phoenixville Area Social Concerns Committee, created a special annual award in 1999. Humanitarian Award recipients have lived or worked in the greater Phoenixville Community for at least 5 years and demonstrate dedication and lasting service in the areas of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. They heavily engage in voluntary service to affect positive change in the community.

Awardees raise the community's awareness of social justice, develop creative solutions to social concerns, and advocate for a future defined by wellbeing for all.

Humanitarian Award recipients live these Golden Rules:

"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you."

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

"It is better to give than to receive."

These words of exhortation honor the quality of life dreamed for by Reverend King which the Phoenixville Area Social Concerns Committee honors in turn.



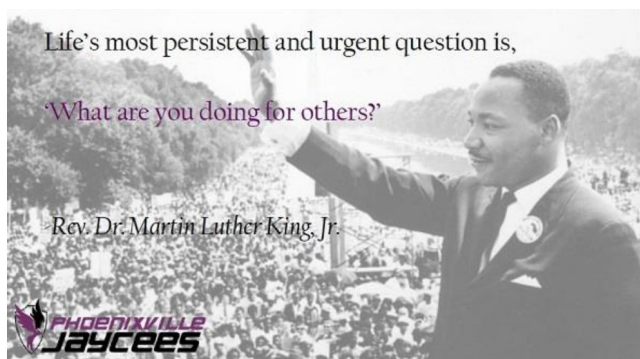
"We Share His Dream"



The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Recipients 1999-2020

1999 Debbie Mitchell*	2000 Moirra Mumma
2001 Paul Jones*	2002 Emmett Gruici
2003 Peg Kelly Macdonald	2004 Richard Kunsch
2005 David Frees, Jr.	2006 John Macdonald*
2007 Janet Jepsen*	2008 Bis. Wm. Washington, Jr.
2009 John Keenan	2010 Dr. Lorna Stewart
2011 Kenneth Wickstrom*	2012 Donald Meyer, PhD
2013 Donald J. L. Coppedge	2014 Cheryl & Barry* Messere
2015 Buddy & Belinda Goodwin	2016 Tammy Klotzbach
2017 Dolores Winston	2018 Gary Russell
2019 Rev. John J. Newns	2020 DR. CRAIG PARKINSON

*Deceased





Dr. Craig Parkinson, Principal, PAHS (right) receiving the Social Concerns Committee 2020 Humanitarian Award from Dr. Alan Fegley, PASD Superintendent (left) and Wendy Kelly (photographer).

Emma Valenteen Award of "Compassion"

The Emma Valenteen Award of "Compassion" has been given annually since 2010. The award is named in remembrance of life-long Phoenixville resident and activist Emma Laura (McDermott) Valenteen who was well known in the community for the charitable work done through her *The Compassionate Friends* network. Mrs. Valenteen died in 2010.

Awardees embody the compassionate life and work of Emma Valenteen herself, including:

- ♥ A desire to elevate the level of cooperative living among Phoenixville Area residents;
- ♥ The positive impact of their compassionate actions on the Phoenixville Community;
- ♥ A history of volunteer involvement in the greater Phoenixville community;
- ♥ The demonstration of inner strength through overcoming personal misfortune;
- ♥ Turning misfortune into an empathetic, positive force to impact quality of living in the community and the well-being of its residents, and;
- ♥ Being viewed as a positive role model by many members in the community.



PHOENIXVILLE
REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

- The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We applaud all of those in our community serving with acts of all shapes and sizes.

Thank You!

*The Phoenixville Regional Chamber
Board of Directors & Staff*

Emma Valenteen Award of "Compassion" 2010-2020

2010 Emma Valenteen*	2011 Janet Pickett*
2012 Connie Bretz*	2013 DeNeal Saunders
2014 Irene Lisinski	2015 Emmett Gruici
2016 Thomas E. Mitchell* & Kathleen Mitchell	2017 Kathy Wilson
2018 The Compassionate Friends of Phoenixville	2019 George Mansur*
2020 CITIZEN ADVOCACY OF CHESTER COUNTY	

*Deceased



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On July 21, 2020 the Emma Valenteen Award was presented to the Board of Citizen Advocacy virtually by Rev. Mark Young and Theresa Thornton. Pictured above is Moira Mumma, Executive Director

Ruby Armour

"Love Thy Neighbor" Award

The Ruby Armour "Love Thy Neighbor" Award was inaugurated in 2018. The award is named in remembrance of long-time Phoenixville resident Ruby Jean (Phinnesse) Armour who was well known in the community for her caring nature and loving spirituality. Her favorite scripture was Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Mrs. Armour died in 2017.

Nominees for the "Love Thy Neighbor" award are solicited from Phoenixville area faith-based organizations.

Awardees embody the faith-based life and work of Ruby Armour, including:

- ♥ a history of volunteer work on behalf of social justice in the greater Phoenixville community;
- ♥ a positive life attitude which has had impact in the Phoenixville community;
- ♥ the potential for lasting community impact because of current actions;
- ♥ the ability to face life's challenges with positive attitude and good cheer; and,
- ♥ being viewed as a positive role model by the Phoenixville community.

Ruby Armour "Love Thy Neighbor"

Award Recipients 2018-2020

2018 Theresa Thornton	2019 Karen Bearden
2020 DIVERSITY IN ACTION - PHOENIXVILLE	



On August 11, 2020, the Ruby Armour “Love Thy Neighbor Award” was presented to the board of Diversity in Action—Phoenixville virtually by Rev. Mark Young, Rev. Nora Minassian and Theresa Thornton. Pictured above are members of Diversity in Action at a “We Are” live vigil in support of Black Lives Matter.

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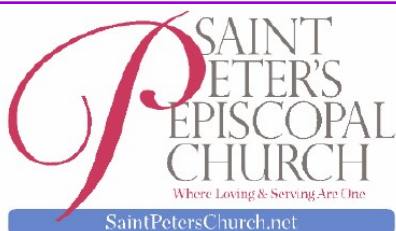


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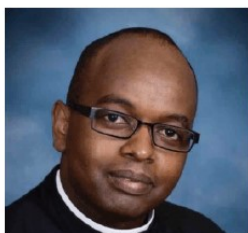


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Our New Rector Beginning December 1, 2019. We joyfully announce the calling of The Reverend Samuel Kirabi Ndungu to be the 19th Rector at St. Peter's.

St. Peter's Pantry operates every other week offering fresh fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs, frozen meats and self-select non-perishables to income qualified guests.

The Phoenixville Ecumenical Meal Program operates from St. Peter's five days per week Monday – Friday and breakfast every Saturday. All are welcome.

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***In working together to make our community a more
equitable and peaceful place to call home!***

¡Juntos Podemos Más! / Together We Can Do More!



Grazie

Merci

Mahalo

THANK
YOU

Arigato

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Danke

Gracias

COMMITTEE



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