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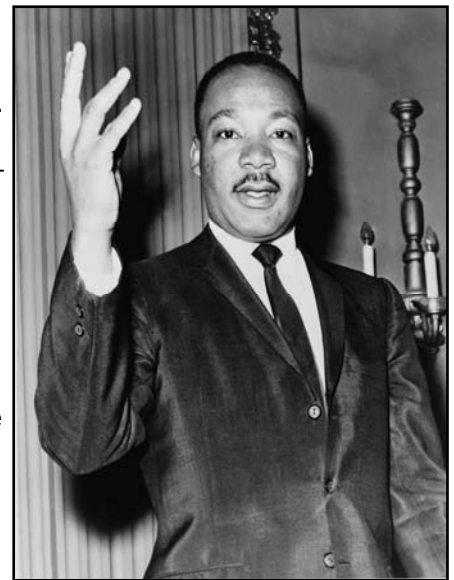
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*MFH President*

## 20th Annual

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration

On January 18, 2009, the Media Fellowship House and Media Area Houses of Worship will hold their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. Like last year, this year’s event will start with a march from Media Fellowship House to The First United Methodist Church of Media. “The march was so successful last year that the planning committee decided to do it again,” said Jerry Duffy, MFH Executive Director “it’s our small way of honoring the life and works of Dr. King.”



The public is invited to make signs and take part in the march which will leave Media Fellowship House at approximately 1:45. “The march will give our youth an opportunity to experience what it was like to take part in such an event” said Robin Otto, MFH President, “it’s a great way for the community to come together to celebrate Dr. King’s life.”

The event itself will begin at 2:30 and will feature an Interfaith Choir. “I’m excited to hear the choir perform,” said Jerry Duffy “having an interfaith choir perform at the event will add so much to the day.”

A number of congregations have worked together to produce this year’s event. Representatives from Media Monthly Meeting, Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County, Reformation Lutheran Church, Congregation Ohev Shalom, Congregation Beth Israel and Middletown Presbyterian Church all met at Media Fellowship House to plan the celebration.

“We’re looking forward to a very special day” said committee chair Dr. Cecelia Evans, “this is the 20th year for this celebration and we know the day will be most exciting.”

**20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration**  
**1:45 March from Media Fellowship House**  
**2:30 Celebration Begins at First United Methodist Church of Media**

## Congratulations To Our Honorees

Congratulations to our 2008 Marie Whitaker Humanitarian Award and 2008 Dorothy James Community Service Award winners.

This year, Media Fellowship House was pleased to present the 2008 Marie Whitaker Humanitarian Award to Joyce Ellis. Joyce has served for many years on Media Fellowship House's Board of Directors. Her commitment to Media Fellowship House's mission and her dedication to our organization have been an integral part of our success.



L-R Robin Otto, Penelope Reed,  
Dr. Cecelia Evans and Joyce Ellis

The 2008 Dorothy James Community Service Award was presented to Penelope Reed and Hedgerow Theatre for their support of many local organizations including Media Fellowship House. "Our organizations have partnered on a variety of initiatives over the last few years," said Jerry Duffy, MFH Executive Director. "Hedgerow Theatre has always been there when we needed them."

*"The only  
way to  
have a  
friend is  
to be one"*

*-Emerson*

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## CELEBRATE WRITING AT MEDIA FELLOWSHIP HOUSE

There will be a celebration of writing sponsored by the With Pen in Hand Family Writing Program on Saturday, May 3, 2009, at Media Fellowship House 302 S. Jackson Street Media, PA. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will end at 1:30 p.m. and will include pizza and snacks.



Participants will share their writings: poems and prose which will also be included in an anthology. The community is invited to attend.

To reserve your place please call 610-565-4495 Or 610-565-0434.

In other news, The With Pen in Hand Family Writing Program received a grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 from the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund. The grant supports the operation of the program as well as presenters from the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project of West Chester University.

The program meets most Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. 'til 12:00 noon at Media Fellowship House. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children, however mentors are provided for parents who cannot attend. The mission of the program is to help participants develop and improve their writing and to enjoy writing.

Dr. Cecelia Evans is the director of the program; and instructors include Dr. Jesselyn Etheredge, Mrs. Janice Ewing, Dr. Carolynne Glover, Mrs. Joyce Ellis who is our computer teacher and fellows from the Writing and Literature Project.

## Donate

*Media Fellowship House could use your help to achieve our goals. Please consider making a contribution to the house or becoming a member.*

*Just complete the form on the other side of this page and return it to us at the house.*

*Your contribution will go a long way in helping us continue our more than sixty year tradition of service to our community.*

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*“Peace begins with a smile”*

*-Mother Teresa*

## HOUSING PROGRAMS

*Media Fellowship House's housing programs continue to offer assistance to our neighbors.*

<b>Homeownership First</b>
Working together with Delaware County's Office of Housing and Community Development, last quarter Media Fellowship House provided education to more than 40 families who came to learn about the home buying process. Of those, 10 were able to purchase their own home right here in Delaware County.

<b>HEMAP</b>
There continues to be an increase in the number of homeowners who come to Media Fellowship House for assistance in preventing the loss of their homes to foreclosure. Last quarter, Media Fellowship House provided buying counseling to more than 41 homeowners who were in the foreclosure process.

With the help of our supporters, we will be able to continue serving our neighbors with their housing counseling needs well into the future.



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