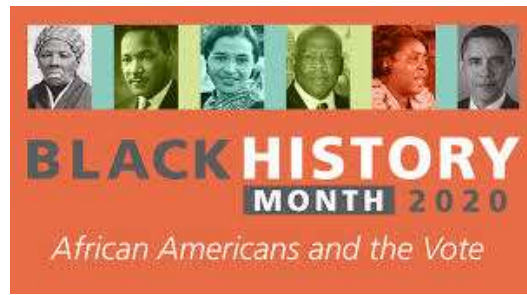


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*The year 2020 marks the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and the culmination of the women's suffrage movement. The year 2020 also marks the sesquicentennial of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) and the right of black men to the ballot after the Civil War. The theme speaks, therefore, to the ongoing struggle on the part of both black men and black women for the right to vote. This theme has a rich and long history, which begins at the turn of the nineteenth century, i.e., in the era of the Early Republic, with the states' passage of laws that democratized the vote for white men while disfranchising free black men.... Through voting-rights campaigns and legal suits from the turn of the twentieth century to the mid-1960s, African Americans made their voices heard as to the importance of the vote. Indeed the fight for black voting rights continues in the courts today. The theme of the vote should also include the rise of black elected and appointed officials at the local and national levels, campaigns for equal rights legislation, as well as the role of blacks in traditional and alternative political parties. <http://www.asalh.org/>*

### **February 2020 Events at UUCF Hosted by UUCF Dismantling Racism Team (DRT)**

**Traveling Books:** DRT has begun a "Traveling Books" program. Books donated as recommended reading for adults and/or children will be available to be borrowed and returned. Check with the DRT Table in the Atrium or contact [drtuucf@gmail.com](mailto:drtuucf@gmail.com).

#### **February 5**

NY Times 1619 podcast series will continue on Feb. 5, 12, 26 @ 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Room 113/115. January 29 showing of "The Land of Our Fathers", is a 2-part story of how black farmers were dispossessed of their land. Ultimately, they sued to recover some of their losses, leading to a landmark civil rights settlement. Here's the link to this podcast:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/04/podcasts/1619-slavery-sugar-farm-land.html?action=click&module=audio-series-bar&region=header&pgtype=Article>.

All podcasts in the series can be found online. For information contact [drtuucf@gmail.com](mailto:drtuucf@gmail.com).

#### **February 9**

Black Poetry Readings on Sunday, Feb. 9, 1:00-2:30 p.m., UUCF, Room 124.

Listen to and watch a wide-ranging mix of contemporary African American poets read their own work or having it read by others. Featured poets will include: Tyehimba Jess (Pulitzer winner), Terrance Hayes (National Book Award), Claudia Rankine, Quincey Troupe, Nikki Giovanni, Derek Walcott (Nobel), Evie Shockley, Rita Dove (Pulitzer), Gwendolyn Brooks (Pulitzer), Nikky Finney (National Book Award), and others. For more information, contact [drtuucf@gmail.com](mailto:drtuucf@gmail.com).

#### **February 28**

Family Movie Night. DRT will present a film that positively uplifts African American History and can be enjoyed by adults and children 8 years or older. The movie has not been selected yet, so you can submit your ideas to [drtuucf@gmail.com](mailto:drtuucf@gmail.com).

#### **February 29**

"Toward a More Equitable and Inclusive Society", a workshop with Dr. Michael Baran. 10am – 1pm at UUCF. Learn tools to reduce our biases, interrupt problematic behaviors, and grow as individuals. Tickets \$15 at [frederickuu.org/baran](http://frederickuu.org/baran) or \$20 at the door. Ticket includes a pre-release copy of Dr. Baran's new book, Subtle Acts of Exclusion: How to Understand, Identify, and Stop Microaggressions. All proceeds will go to Justice Jobs of Maryland.

## **February 2020 Community Events Compiled by UUCF Dismantling Racism Team**

**Black History family events** at your local library: <http://fcpl.evanced.info/signup/Calendar>.

### **February 8**

"African American Family & Community History Fair" – AARCH at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 199 North Place - Frederick, MD. 9 am – 12:30 pm. Explore ways to trace and preserve your heritage & build your family tree; View historical photos, documents & artifacts of Frederick's African American families, churches and organizations. For more information, contact AARCH at [aarchsociety@gmail.com](mailto:aarchsociety@gmail.com)

### **February 8**

Black History Month Art Collection on display, see a live painting demonstration, and mingle with local artist Octavia Bradford at the Bernard Brown Community Center. Bring the kids for music and fun activities. Suggested door donation: \$5- includes raffle ticket for a special gift. Portion of proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Frederick County. 629 N Market St, Bernard Brown Community Center @ 1:00.

### **February 8**

David Mills Portrays 20<sup>th</sup> Century Poet, Langston Hughes. 1-2 pm in the John Brown Museum. Call Harpers Ferry Park Assoc for details (304)535-6881.

### **February 8**

New Spire Stage: Washington Revels Jubilee Voices, sharing stories of struggle, perseverance, trials, and triumphs through music and drama. 2pm and 7:30pm. \$24 Youth and \$32 Adult

### **February 9**

"Frederick Douglas Speaking Tour" @ 2:30, FREE @ Museum of Fine Art, Washington County, 401 Museum Drive, City Park, Hagerstown, MD. Douglas, portrayed by Nathan Richardson, discusses in vivid detail his life as a slave, his escape to freedom, and his rise to be a great writer, orator, and abolitionist. Now entering it's 5<sup>th</sup> season.

### **February 20**

Every third Thursday Asbury UMC and All Saints Episcopal Churches host an Interracial Dialogue. 7-8:30 PM at Asbury UMC 101 West All Saints Street

### **February 24**

Lisa Bromfield and Angela Bowden will present "Invisible Systems", sharing Lisa's journey through personal and systemic racism. Written by Lisa and Bill Bromfield. 7-8:30 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church 106 W Church St.



The Dismantling Racism Team educates, advocates, and acts to transform and dismantle racism within ourselves, our congregation, and community. DRT meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Room 113. All are welcome to participate in these planning sessions.