



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee

PRESS RELEASE

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The City of Danville MLK Committee will host only one event for the 2021 MLK Celebration. The **“Joy Comes in the Morning”** service, which will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. at St. James United Methodist Church, will include:

- A welcome from Pastor Randy Robinson, MLK Committee member and Pastor of St. James;
- The presentation of a \$4,000 MLK Scholarship to a graduating Danville senior who plans to pursue an education at an institution of higher learning as well as the recitation of his/her winning essay;
- Words of encouragement from Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr.
- Stirring vocal solos; and
- An inspirational message from The Most Reverend Frank J. Beard, Bishop, Illinois Area of The United Methodist Church.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the service is not open to the public. However, it will be live-streamed with two viewing options listed below:

1. On the St. James website: <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/TJyoCW6vpEuxn2Li6h5Qy>,
or
2. Live via the St. James Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintJamesDanville>

For additional information, please contact MLK Chair Mary Thompson at 217-442-7917 or the City of Danville Human Relations Division at 217-431-2280.