

# MLK Week 2024

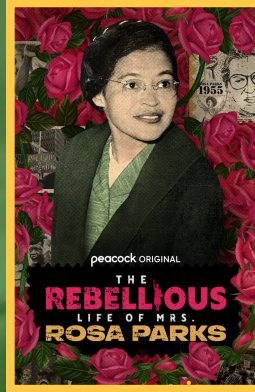
*“Celebrating the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.”*



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

**Dr. Michael Eric Dyson Lecture  
2:00 PM | Akron-Summit Library**

Renowned scholar Dr. Michael Eric Dyson is known for his insightful works on figures like Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. He is a prolific author, lecturer and media personality with over 30 years of experience.



## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

**Film Viewing: The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks  
6:00 PM | The Green Key**

This film explores the unexpected story of Rosa Parks and her life beyond the historic bus boycott, revealing the intent behind her activism, her radical politics and her courage.



## MONDAY, JANUARY 15

**Morning Meeting Speaker:  
Dr. Amoaba Gooden  
9:25 AM | The Chapel**

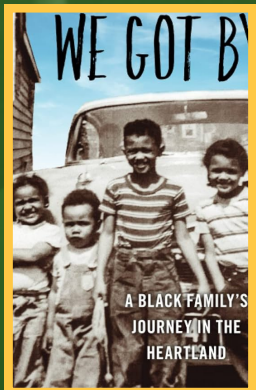
The Student DEI Committee will kick off Morning Meeting with a recognition of the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. followed by our guest speaker, Dr. Gooden, the VP for the Division of People, Culture and Belonging at Kent State University.



## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

**Morning Meeting Speaker:  
Prester Pickett  
9:25 AM | The Chapel**

Prester Pickett is a coordinator of the Howard A. Mims African American Cultural Center at Cleveland State University and will be performing a moving reenactment of one of Dr. King's famous speeches.



## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

**Speaker: Ric Sheffield  
6:30 PM | The Chapel**

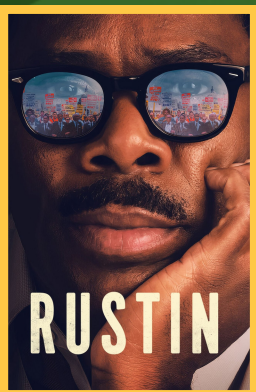
Ric Sheffield is Emeritus Professor of Legal Studies and Sociology at Kenyon College and author of *We Got By*, a memoir about a Black family's struggles living life along the color line in rural Ohio.



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

**Speaker: Francis Gourrier  
6:30 PM | The Chapel**

Francis Gourrier is a U.S. historian and assistant Professor at Kenyon College whose teaching and research focuses on the Civil Rights Era. Gourrier was featured as a commentator in the documentary *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks*.



## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

**Film Viewing: RUSTIN  
6:00 PM | The Green Key**

RUSTIN chronicles the life and activism of Bayard Rustin, advisor to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and organizer of the March on Washington. However, as an openly gay, Black man, he is all but erased from the Civil Rights Movement he helped build.



## MALTZ MUSEUM ESSAY CONTEST

**Grades 9-10 Deadline | 2/8  
Grades 11-12 Deadline | 2/15**

The Stop the Hate contest is an initiative that celebrates Northeast Ohio students committed to creating a more accepting, inclusive society by standing up and speaking out against bias and bigotry.

**“Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere”**

**-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

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