



## Media Fellowship House Re-Enacts “Freedom March” for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration

In remembrance of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the slaying of renowned civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the Media Fellowship House will be re-enacting a Freedom March from the Media Fellowship House to the site of this year’s celebration, The First United Methodist Church of Media , on Sunday, January 20th.

“The community is welcome to join in the “march” which will begin at 1:45 p.m.,” said Robin Otto, President of the Board of the MFH. “The original march spanned 6 days in March of 1965 and extended 54 miles from Selma to the Alabama State Capital in Montgomery where members, lead by Dr. King, protested the state’s discriminatory voter registration policies. Our march pays tribute to those who took part in this monumental movement which roused the nation and hastened the passage of the “Voting Rights Law.”

At 2:30, the celebration begins with opening comments by Congressman Joseph Sestak and welcoming remarks by Media Mayor Bob McMahon. The program will include: Dr. Cecilia Evans, Chairperson of the event and MFH Board member who will give an overview of the re-enacted march and its significance; Dr. Joan Duvall Flynn, who will speak on the ongoing struggle for social justice; a re-enactment by the Hedgerow Theatre Company of the Tower Restaurant meeting between Dorothy James and Marie Whitaker that spawned the founding of the Media Fellowship House; and artist and advertising agency owner George Rothacker who will provide a tribute to MFH founder Dorothy James.

“We’re extremely pleased to have music provided by the Second Baptist Church Youth Choir, “ continued Ms. Otto,” as well as songs presented a cappella by John Alston, founder of the Chester Children’s Chorus, and a trumpet solo of “We Shall Overcome” by Jacob Manny.”

All are welcome to attend with a reception following hosted by the Media Area NAACP.

**For more information on the event and to be included in the march, contact Jerry Duffy at 610-565-0434. You can also visit the MFH website at [www.mediafellowshiphouse.org](http://www.mediafellowshiphouse.org).**

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