

Peace and Social Justice Calendar

January 2025

Sponsored by the Fresno Center for Nonviolence

WEEKLY

Raza Against War Wednesdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. 2500 Tulare St. For more info, contact comworkeradvocate@gmail.com.

Stand for Gaza Saturdays, 5 p.m.–7 p.m. N. Blackstone and E. Nees avenues. Stand for humanity and human rights. Hosted by the Palestine Liberation Group. Limited signs available. Bring a friend. For more info, contact camille.russell@peacefresno.org.

Stand Up, Speak Up, Spread the Truth Sundays, 3 p.m.–5 p.m. Mooney and Walnut avenues, Visalia. Free Palestine. Let Gaza Live! Cease Fire Now. For more info, contact fida.taha@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

KFCF 88.1 FM: *Stir It Up!* 3 p.m. *Community Alliance* radio show. Hosted by Daren Miller. For more info, visit kfcf.org.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Kennedy Club of the San Joaquin Valley 9 a.m. Via Zoom. Speaker: Dr. Carole Goldsmith. Topic: State Center Community College District and the Maddy Institute. For more info, contact 559-435-4043 or claval@comcast.net.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Soup at the Center 12:30 p.m. Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van Ness Ave. Group discussion. Chicken soup with rosemary, lemon, sweet potatoes and pasta. For more info, contact 559-237-3223 or info@centerfornonviolence.org.

Democratic Women in Action 6 p.m. Yosemite Falls Café, 4020 N. Cedar Ave. For more info, contact 559-681-3140 or president@dwiafresno.org.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) 5:30 p.m. Yosemite Falls Café, 4020 N. Cedar Ave. For more info, contact 559-222-6212 or joanne@pbyoga.com.

KFCF 88.1 FM: *Nuestro Foro* (Spanish) 7 p.m. News, commentaries and music with a Latino touch hosted by Eduardo Stanley. For more info, visit kfcf.org.

Central Valley Café Scientifique 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Tioga Sequoia Beer Garden, 745 Fulton St. Speaker: Dr. David Lent, professor in the Biology Department at Fresno State. Topic: Reclaiming the Night Skies: Bats Return to California National Parks. Find out what we learned about how human presence changes the behavior of wildlife from the Covid lockdown.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) 1 p.m. Via Zoom. Regional meeting. Link: us06web.zoom.us/j/2284684729. For more info, contact ycuevas@californiaalliance.org.

KFCF 88.1 FM: *Stir It Up!* 3 p.m. Fresno Center for Nonviolence radio show hosted by Josh Shurley. For more info, visit kfcf.org.

Californians for Pesticide Reform Public Forum 5 p.m.–8 p.m. Visalia Veterans Memorial Building, 609 W. Center Ave., Visalia. Stand against the newly proposed, separate and unequal, racist 1,3-D regulation. Unite in solidarity, resistance and a collective stand for our environment, health, children and farmworkers, demanding an end to these discriminatory policy proposals. For more info, contact 559-568-8557 or raul@pesticidereform.org.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Housing Learning Labs 5 p.m. 3253 E. Shields Ave. Session 3: Community Land Trusts. Discover who provides affordable housing and how to access it, how to advocate for your rights and afford rent increases. For more info, contact juana@tcmfresno.org.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) 7 p.m. 1584 N. Van Ness Ave. Online/in person. For more info, contact 559-360-8054 or taca_03@ymail.com.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Central Valley Progressive PAC 3:30 p.m. Via Zoom. For more info, contact 559-978-4504 or swhalenr79@gmail.com.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Soup at the Center 12:30 p.m. Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van Ness Ave. Group discussion. Red cabbage soup with sweet potato bourbon pie on the side. For more info, contact 559-237-3223 or info@centerfornonviolence.org.

Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA) 5 p.m. Democratic Party HQ, 1033 U St. For more info, contact swgamble@aol.com.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) 6 p.m. Via Zoom. For more info, contact 559-287-1308 or bapacfresno@gmail.com.

Stonewall Democratic Club 6:30 p.m. Los Amigos Restaurant, 5088 N. Blackstone Ave. For more info, contact 559-285-1641 or info@fresnostonewalldemocrats.org.

KFCF 88.1 FM: *Nuestro Foro* (Spanish) 7 p.m. News, commentaries and music with a Latino touch hosted by Eduardo Stanley. For more info, visit kfcf.org.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Daytime Speaker Series 10:30 a.m. William Saroyan Theatre, 730 M St. Speaker: Jeff Atmajian, film orchestrator, composer and arranger. Topic: The Magic of Music in Films. Atmajian, a native Fresnan, will reveal the secrets of how music transforms the silver screen, captivating audiences and evoking emotions. \$60. For more info, contact 559-444-2180 or valleytownhall@gmail.com.

KFCF 88.1 FM: *Speaking Truth to Empire* 3 p.m. Hosted by Dan Yaseen. For more info, visit kfcf.org.

Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter 7 p.m. Via Zoom. Speaker: Abby Wines, park spokesperson. Topic: Death Valley. Death Valley is a landscape of extreme topography and weather events, which creates challenging adventures for people exploring the park, and challenging maintenance and management for the National Park Service. Wines has worked in Death Valley National Park for 19 years. Visit sierraclub.org/tehipite and look for the registration link. Advance registration required.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Clovis Democratic Club 6 p.m. Seven Bar & Grill, 25 Shaw Ave., Clovis. For more info, contact 559-322-9740 or clovisdemocraticclub@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Reedley Peace Center Workshop 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall, First Mennonite Church, 1208 L St. Presenter: Garrett Bucks. Local facilitator: Michelle Van Till. Topic: But What Can We Do Now: Lessons from History's Most Inspiring Social Movements. Explore how local efforts can fuel bigger movements and imagine what opportunities that presents for us at this moment. For more info, contact reedleypeacecenter@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

The People's March Noon–2 p.m. Marching to fight for our freedoms, our families and our futures. Will start by the Savemart Center at Chestnut and Shaw avenues and march west toward Cedar and Shaw avenues. For more info, visit linktr.ee/womensmarchcentralvalley.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Soup at the Center 12:30 p.m. Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van Ness Ave. Group discussion. Grief soup with sweet potato dinner rolls on the side. For more info, contact 559-237-3223 or info@centerfornonviolence.org.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

City of Fresno Civic Academy: Session 1 5 p.m.–7 p.m. City Hall, 2600 Fresno St. Learn about city government, engaging with your city council representative, city departments and functions, and the difference your participation can make in the city. For more info, contact 559-508-6421 or robin.mcgehee@fresno.gov.

Central Valley Partnership 5:30 p.m. Room 251, Old Administration Building, Fresno City College. For more info, contact agrariandemocracy@gmail.com.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

EcoFarm Conference (through Jan. 25) Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove. Connect with organic, biodynamic and regenerative farmers, ranchers and industry leaders. 50+ skill-building workshops, inspiring keynotes, farm tours, seed swaps, tastings, networking and a vibrant expo. For the seasoned farmer or the novice. For more info, visit eco-farm.org.

KFCF 88.1 FM: *Stir It Up!* 3 p.m. WILPF radio show hosted by Jean Hays. For more info, visit kfcf.org.

San Joaquin Valley Democratic Club 6:30 p.m. Denny's Restaurant, 1110 E. Shaw Ave. For more info, contact 559-312-3925.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Central Valley Indivisible 6 p.m. Democratic Party HQ, 1033 U St. For more info, contact 559-495-0606 or pattycapp@gmail.com.

Peace Fresno 6:30 p.m. Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van Ness Ave. Monthly meeting. For more info, contact 559-513-0199 or president@peacefresno.org.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

KFCF 88.1 FM: *It's a Queer Thang* 5 p.m.–6 p.m. Covers local and national LGBTQ+ issues and events. Hosted by Chris Jarvis and Kaylia Metcalfe Armstrong. For more info, visit kfcf.org.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Fresno County Democratic Women's Club 11 a.m. Marie Callender's Restaurant Garden Room, 1781 E. Shaw Ave. For more info, contact 559-435-4043 or claval@comcast.net.

Soup at the Center 12:30 p.m. Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van Ness Ave. Group discussion. Minestrone soup with crackers on the side. For more info, contact 559-237-3223 or info@centerfornonviolence.org.

Exhibition Examining Neofascist Propaganda Techniques (through March 22) 3 p.m. Pete P. Peters Ellipse Balcony Gallery, Fresno State Library. "Where Monsters Are Born: Documenting a Fascist Revival in the Streets of Rome, 2018–2019," an exhibition that critically examines the rise of neofascism in Italy

through the lens of visual and spatial propaganda. For more info, visit library.fresnostate.edu or contact brianjgriffith@csufresno.edu.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

City of Fresno Civic Academy: Session 2 5 p.m.–7 p.m. City Hall, 2600 Fresno St. For more info, contact 559-508-6421 or robin.mcgehee@fresno.gov.

Screening: *All We Carry* 5 p.m.–8 p.m. First Congregational Church, 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd. This documentary follows a young family from Honduras as they navigate the challenges of their journey and the obstacles they encounter upon arriving in the United States. With a panel discussion including the director, Cady Voge, and other human rights activists.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

“No Nuclear War” Protest 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Federal Building, 2500 Tulare Ave. Sponsored by Peace Fresno. For more info, contact 559-513-0199 or president@peacefresno.org.

KFCF 88.1 FM: *Stir It Up!* 3 p.m. Peace Fresno radio show. For more info, visit kfcf.org.

Reedley Peace Center Workshop 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall, First Mennonite Church, 1208 L St. Facilitators: Jennifer Deibert and Hope Nisly. Topic: So What Can We Do Now? Finding Hope in Personal Action and Practical Strategies. Prepare to be a resisting force and learn how to do it with hope, possibility and expectation. For more info, contact reedleypeacecenter@gmail.com.

[box MLK events]

41st Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

“Dreaming together: Changed by the past, Molding the future”

Jan. 14

Fresno County Superintendent of Schools MLK Art, Essay and Speech Contest Reception 5 p.m. Clovis Veterans Memorial District, 808 4th St., Clovis. Contact: jhunt@fcoe.org

Jan. 17

Jazz Tribute to the Legacy of MLK 9 a.m.–noon. A radio tribute through commentary and music composed and recorded by jazz artists who supported the civil rights movement. Listen on KFSR 90.7 FM. Contact: rsmikell@comcast.net

Jan. 16

West Fresno Ministerial Alliance Prayer Breakfast 7 a.m. Cornerstone Conference Center, 1445 Fulton St.

Opening Garlanding Ceremony 11:45 a.m. Courthouse Park. Welcome remarks from Fresno County Board of Supervisors. Performances from the Fresno Unified School District Black Student Union and King Elementary School dancers. Contact: ggaston1234@aol.com

Community Awards Program 5 p.m. Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno St. 2025 Educational Leadership, Community Leadership and Les Kimber Community Service awardees. A light reception to follow. Contact: jhunt@fcoe.org

Candlelight Peace Vigil 6:30 p.m. Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno St. Contact: 559-435-2212

Jan. 18

Clovis Police Department Community Breakfast 9 a.m. Clovis Veterans Memorial District, 808 Fourth St., Clovis. Honoring MLK. Keynote speaker: Clovis Mayor Vong Mouanoutoua. Tickets \$5 each. Reservations required. Contact: erinf@clovisca.gov

MLK Forum 10 a.m. Fresno City College, 1101 E. University Ave. System topics: Justice, Education, Health, Environment, Economic Security and Development, Racism and the Significance of Faith in Our Community.

Jan. 19

The Real Revolutionary MLK 2 p.m.–4 p.m. Free AME Church, 806 Collins Ave. Speakers to help us get ready for the tough times ahead, with resistance and unity. “Oppressed people cannot remain oppressed forever,” said Dr. King. “The yearning for freedom eventually manifests itself.” Contact: freedoms79@yahoo.com

Fresno City College MLK Celebration 2 p.m. Fresno City College, 1101 E. University Ave. Commemorate Dr. King's 1964 march for civil rights at Ratcliffe Stadium. Marchers will meet in front of the courtyard near the President's Office. Contact: edwardthomas858@icloud.com

MLK Gospel Explosion 4 p.m. Westside Church of God, 1424 W. California Ave.

Jan. 20

City of Fresno March 9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. Marchers assemble at St. John's Cathedral (2814 Mariposa St.), march to Fresno City Hall and then proceed to Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Contact: 559-284-6420

MLK March 10 a.m. Starting from Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church (1104 Collins Ave.), march to Cornerstone Church and St. Rest Baptist Church and then to Courthouse Park. Followed by closing receptions at The Rosé (820 Van Ness Ave.) and African American Historical & Cultural Center (1857 Fulton St.).

Commemoration Program 11 a.m.–noon. Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 2425 Fresno St. Celebrate the legacy of MLK and his contributions to community, diversity and our enriched culture. Keynote speaker: Wendy McCully, executive director of the Fresno Unified School District Foundation. Contact: 559-908-0639