Programs and exhibits focused on unity and connection in relationship to peace. We're connecting the "ribbon around the pentagon" from 1985 to new "ribbons" created today, connecting the past to the present as we strive toward peace as an ever-evolving and unending goal.

**Early Bird Program: Sunday, January 26**

5:30 potluck & meeting, 6:30 presentation. **Restoring Statesmanship to A Beleaguered World.** Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Chautauqua. Presentation of the paper to be released soon by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Director John Shaw will discuss the importance of statesmanship in our leadership, and its importance to our country and the United Nations. Sponsor: United Nations Association of the USA, Southern Illinois Chapter

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**Saturday, February 1**

12pm-1pm. **Monthly Peace and Justice Vigil:** SHARE YOUR VISION FOR PEACE Town Square Pavilion, corner of Illinois Ave. (51N) & Main St. (13W). Embrace community efforts to build connections and overcome divisions, strive for a just, non-violent, inclusive society, reverse the glorification and unquestioned use of force, whether in local policing or military interventions abroad, work in concert to address the climate crisis that threatens all. Sponsor: Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois

1pm-3pm. **Make Art for Peace**

Dayemi Family Center, 214 East Jackson St. A program for families, with presentation, discussion, and art activity. Learn about For Kids' Sake’s work and how helping the most vulnerable children in the world creates a world with more peace. Guided art activity centered around peace. Artists encouraged to donate their artwork to the 20th Annual For Kids’ Sake Art Auction. Sponsor: For Kids’ Sake, a not for profit supporting orphans and students in Bangladesh

2pm-4pm. **Community Mediation Training**

Carbondale Public Library, 405 W. Main St. Learn what mediation is, and how it can help our community. Take part in interactive conflict resolution techniques, and learn about opportunities to become a volunteer community mediator. Sponsors: Dispute Resolution Institute, Inc.; Carbondale Public Library; City of Carbondale

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**Sunday, February 2**

1:30pm. **Friendship potluck & SIIRP annual meeting**

St. Francis Xavier Church fellowship hall, 303 S. Poplar. Members of Southern Illinois Immigrant Rights Project offer a brief update on local and national work related to immigration justice. Share a meal and visit with community members. Sponsors: Southern Illinois Immigrant Rights Project and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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**Sunday, February 2 Continued...**

2:30pm – 4:30pm. IndieLens PopUp film Always in Season

Carbondale Public Library, 405 W. Main St. ALWAYS IN SEASON explores the lingering impact of more than a century of lynching African Americans and connects this form of historic racial terrorism to racial violence today.

Sponsors: Carbondale Public Library; WSUI

5:30-6:30pm. **Inter-Generational Yoga**

Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois, 250 N. Springer St. All kids and families are invited to this evening of connection and fun. Attendees will enjoy relaxing yoga in a judgement-free environment, taught by Kennedy Rawlings. Sponsor: Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois

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**Monday, February 3**

5pm. **From Slavery to Empowerment**

Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave. Local presenter Marilyn James shares her family’s story from slavery to freedom in southern Illinois. Sponsor: Carbondale Human Relations Commission

6:30-7:30pm, **Note: Doors will be locked by 6:40pm, please arrive promptly.**

Dayemi Tariqat Group Meditation.

Dayemi Tariqat Dargah, 2271 N. Illinois Ave. Quieting the mind is essential for cultivating inner and outer peace. The Sufi Community is opening its weekly meditation practice for the 11 Days for Peace. All are invited to sit in a silent group meditation for one hour. Sponsor: Dayemi Tariqat

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**Tuesday, February 4**

6pm. **Margie Parker Teach-In for Peace**

Carbondale Civic Center, Room 108, 200 S. Illinois Ave. Social Hour catered by Cristauḍo’s & presentation by Illinois Poor People’s Campaign representatives. 7pm Natasha Erskine, Deputy Coordinator Chicago Veterans for Peace, presents “My Journey: From Active Duty to Discovering Pieces of Peace.”

Sponsor: Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois

**Schedule continues...**
Wednesday, February 5
9am. The Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call to Moral Revival
First Christian Church, 306 W. Monroe St. Includes a short video and an opportunity to learn about the June 20, 2020 Moral March on Washington, DC. Enjoy bagels, donuts and fruit with members of the Illinois Poor People’s Campaign. Sponsor: Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois
5:30pm-8pm. CCHS Multicultural Festival
Carbondale Community High School, 1301 E. Walnut St. This festival brings together the unique cultures in the Carbondale area, showcasing our diverse community, highlighting many local and cultural vendors. Theme: Monuments Around the World. Sponsor: International Club, CCHS

Thursday, February 6
7-9 pm. The Presence of Justice
Church of the Good Shepherd, 515 S. Chautauqua St. "True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice." These words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., represent the vision of the Racial Justice Coalition, which invites all to attend one of their meetings. Sponsor: Racial Justice Coalition

Friday, February 7
4pm-5:45pm. Places of Peace and Safety in Carbondale
Carbondale Public Library, 405 W. Main. Carbondale resident Charlie Howe & others moderate an interactive discussion, asking: Where do we go for peace, quiet, and safety in our community? Sponsor: Charlie Howe
7pm-9pm. Bowling for Peace
SIU Student Center Bowling & Billiards. All ages welcome to have fun while working for peace in the world by bowling and making new friends from diverse backgrounds. RSVP: pridesiuc@gmail.com Sponsor: Promoting Respect & Inclusiveness through Diversity Excellence

Saturday, February 8
9:30am-12pm. Neighborhood Alliance Meeting
First United Methodist Church, 214 W Main St. Organizational presentations & discussion of The State of CES 95. Potluck refreshments. Sponsor: Carbondale Neighborhood Action Group
1pm-3pm. Conflict Resolution in Al Islam
Carbondale Muslim Center, 530 North Wall St. Learn about Al Islam’s Piece of Peace on this Earth. Lunch provided. If interested in observing prayer service or touring the Mosque arrive at 12:30pm. Sponsor: Carbondale Muslim Center
3:30pm. Locked in a Box: Immigration Detention
Newman Center, 715 S. Chautauqua. Evening prayer service and Carbondale Muslim Center touring the Mosque arrive at 12:30pm. "Talk Saves Lives" is a program that focuses upon suicide prevention. Following the discussion, there will be a service of healing. Sponsor: Epiphany Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 9
8am-11am. Morning of Mindfulness & Meditation
Carbondale Public Library, 405 W. Main. A morning of quiet contemplation, meditation and reflection includes seated and walking meditation, readings & music. No meditation experience necessary. Chairs, cushions & light snacks provided. Sponsor: Soul in the World, Marion Prison Sangha, Carbondale Public Library

Monday, February 10
4:30pm-6:30pm. SIU, Un Faro de Paz
Carbondale United Meeting African American Museum, University Mall. 1237 E. Main St. Following the tragic death of an area teen in 2019, Carbondale United formed to address gun violence among youth in our community. The group is working to reduce violence, teach conflict resolution, heal trauma, and create positive opportunities for area youth. All welcome. Sponsor: Carbondale United

Tuesday, February 11
4pm-5:30pm. Najjar Abdul-Musawwir: Art, Culture & Peace
SIU Professor and artist Najjar Abdul-Musawwir shares his travels throughout the world, and his experience with bridging cultural gaps through art. Sponsor: American Association of University Women (AAUW)
5:30-7:30pm. Experiential Homelessness Activity & Auction
Carbondale Warming Center, 608 E. Main St. “Check-in” at the Warming Center to learn about local homelessness. Bid on baskets to raise funds for the center. Sponsor: Carbondale Warming Center