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Union Baptist Church Joins the B&O Railroad Museum To Celebrate Freedom on MLK Weekend

Baltimore, MD – January 11, 2022 – The B&O Railroad Museum is honored to host the Union Baptist Church to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend. As the Museum was recently designated as a National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Site by the National Park, this Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration will focus on the concept on *freedom*.

On Sunday, January 16 at 2:00 PM, please join us for a special presentation by Reverend Montgomery of Union Baptist Church entitled “Motivation to March On.” This presentation uses excerpts from Dr. King’s “Our God is Marching On” speech and serves as Reverend Montgomery’s theoretical lens for reflection, refocus, and reason to keep the fight for social justice and equality for all. A soloist recital from Union Baptist Choir will immediately follow.

“The B&O Railroad Museum is honored to once again celebrate the holiday weekend with Union Baptist Church,” said Kris Hoellen, executive director of the B&O Railroad Museum. “It’s become somewhat of a tradition which is only fitting given the inter-connected history between Union Baptist Church and the B&O Railroad, and the role the church played in ending rail segregation in the state of Maryland.”

The weekend of celebration schedule:

Sunday, January 16

11:30 AM	Train Ride
12:00–4:00 PM	Kids Activity in Roundhouse
1:00 PM	Train Ride
2:00–4:00 PM	Reverend Montgomery of Union Baptist Church presentation “Motivation to March On” followed by a soloist recital from the Church’s Choir
	“From Slavery to Civil Rights” Public Tour

Monday, January 17

10:00 AM–12:00 PM	Kids Activity in Roundhouse
12:00 PM	Train Ride
1:00 PM	“From Slavery to Civil Rights” Junior Tour
2:30 PM	“From Slavery to Civil Rights” Public Tour



Reverend Mark Montgomery

All activities and events are designed for a safe and fun visit to the B&O Railroad Museum's sprawling 40-acre campus. Masks are required by all visitors, staff, and volunteers to meet city guidelines. The Museum's full safety measures can be found at [BORail.Info/Safety](https://www.borail.org/info/safety).

About the B&O Railroad Museum

The B&O Railroad Museum, a full affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American railroading and its impact on American society, culture, and economy. The Museum is home to the oldest, most comprehensive collection of railroad artifacts in the Western Hemisphere including an unparalleled roster of 19th and 20th century railroad equipment. The 40-acre historic site is regarded as the birthplace of American Railroading and includes the 1851 Mt. Clare Station, the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse and first mile of commercial railroad track in America. In 2019, the Museum welcomed guests from all 50 states and 40 countries. For further information on the B&O Railroad Museum, please call 410-752-2490 or visit www.BORail.org.

About Union Baptist Church

The Union Baptist Church has a proud history of involvement in the civil rights movement, dating back to 1892 when pastor Dr. Harvey Johnson, a friend of W.E.B. DuBois, withdrew the church from the Maryland Baptist Union Association due to discrimination and went on to organize the Colored Baptist Convention. The withdrawal effectively made Union Baptist the first independent African American Baptist church in Maryland.

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