



CAJM Presents The

Nehemiah Action

April 15 | 7 p.m. | Mt. Moriah Baptist
Church (7396 Rivers Ave.)

Improve
school
governance

Save
Gadsden Creek

Reduce
racial bias
in policing

The Nehemiah Action: Getting ready for tension, telephones, & truth!

Are you still riding on a freedom high from the Rally? We are! It was incredible to be reminded of our successes in our housing and restorative practices campaigns as we continue to press forward for change in many of our other issues. Let's keep the momentum. The big day is almost here!

Months of house meetings, network meetings, research visits, and actions, all driven by your collective effort, will soon culminate at our annual Nehemiah Action. This is where we, together, will hold our elected officials accountable to ensure justice is a reality for members of our communities. Just before the big day, there are a few things to keep in mind so that we are all adequately prepared for:

-Tension: We aren't assembling to make friends with those in positions of power, nor should we shy away from ruffling the feathers of those uncomfortable with us challenging our elected leaders to do justice. This event aims to pressure our elected leaders to implement practical solutions to issues in our community. And things could get tense if public officials dance around questions, or back out of attending the action.

- The telephone: Network members, make sure you call your three people to remind them about the action. Team leaders, call your network members to ensure they follow through with their three invitees. Clergy, talk up the action from your pulpits! Spread the word!

- Truth: We are not just in the business of truth-telling, we are the champions of it. We speak up for those whose voices have been silenced or who don't always get the platform to share their stories. At the action, you'll hear testimonies that seek to speak truth to power, empowering us all to be part of the solution for the problems in our communities.

A few more things to note:

- Are you interested in singing in the Community Choir for the Nehemiah Action? [Register here!](#)
- Do you want to volunteer for the action? [Sign up here!](#)
- Childcare will be provided. If your child has allergies or special dietary restrictions, please bring snacks.
- The above photo is a full page flier of the Nehemiah Action. To print, right click the picture and follow instructions


**CAJM NEHEMIAH
ACTION**
Monday, April 15 | 7:00pm

Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist
7396 Rivers Ave, N. Charleston

Name: _____

Congregation
or organization: _____

Who
invited
you? _____

Investment Update

In 2024, we've raised \$34,7371 in Congregational Investments. Thank you for your contributions.

Total Congregational Investments

\$250,000
\$200,000
\$150,000
\$100,000
\$50,000
\$0

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Upcoming CAJM events and Research Visits

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What to expect at the Nehemiah Action

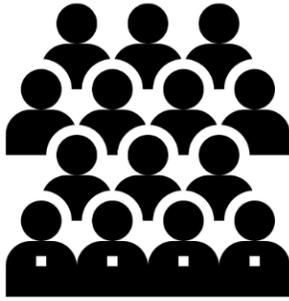
This is our annual direct action event aimed at getting clear commitments from public officials to agree to policy decisions that are in the community's best interest. This year, we will:

- **Push Chas. County School Board to ensure systemic racism, gender bias, backroom deals, and unethical conduct will not continue to fail our children.**
- **Advocate for the restoration and revitalization of Gadsden Creek.**
- **Share our groundbreaking plans to ensure racial bias is completely eradicated from law enforcement practices**



What: CAJM Offices Closed
When: March 29

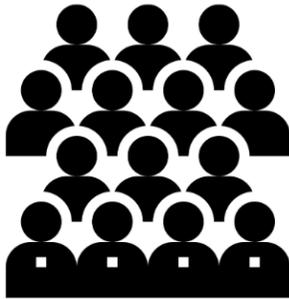
What: Councilman Wehrman Pre-Action Meeting
When: Tuesday, April 2, 11-11:30 a.m.



(pre-meeting at 10 a.m.)
Where: Zoom



What: Policing Full Committee Meeting
When: Tuesday, April 2, 6 p.m.
Where: Zoom
RSVP: [Click here](#)



What: Councilman Sass Pre-Action Meeting
When: Thursday, April 4, 4:15-4:45 p.m.
(pre-meeting at 3:15 p.m.)



What: Education Steering Committee Meeting
When: Thursday, April 4, 6 p.m.



What: Environmental Justice Full Committee Meeting
When: Thursday, April 4, 6 p.m.
RSVP: [Click here](#)

What: Nehemiah Action Rehearsal
When: Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.



What: Clergy Connect
When: April 11, 11:30 a.m.
Where: Morris Brown AME, 13 Morris Street
RSVP: [Click here!](#)

Community Events



FROM SCERP

You are invited to join us on **Earth Day, Monday, April 22, from 3-4:30pm** to pick up litter along Hagood Avenue and [Gadsden Creek](#), one of the last remaining tidal creeks on the Charleston peninsula. Bring friends, co-workers, or family members to celebrate Earth Day by keeping litter out of our waterways! Please arrive a few minutes early to park and get checked in. We will meet at **Harmon Field, located at 210 President Street**. Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes or mud boots and bring a reusable water bottle. All clean-up materials will be provided

This event is part of Lowcountry Land Trust's [Lowcountry Earth Week](#) and we are grateful to be organizing the litter sweep alongside [Friends of Gadsden Creek](#) and the [South Carolina Aquarium](#).

This is a free event, but please [register beforehand](#) so we can plan accordingly. I hope to see you there!

Resurrection Day Reflection: By Rev. Rebecca Hinds,

Unitarian Church in Charleston

In the Unitarian Universalist tradition, we see the cross as a transformation, not a transaction. Not all of us agree on one theology, but I can say that, personally, I believe that Jesus did not die on the cross to change the mind of God about humanity. He didn't have to. God loved God's creation unconditionally and always has. Jesus died on the cross to change the mind of humanity about God.

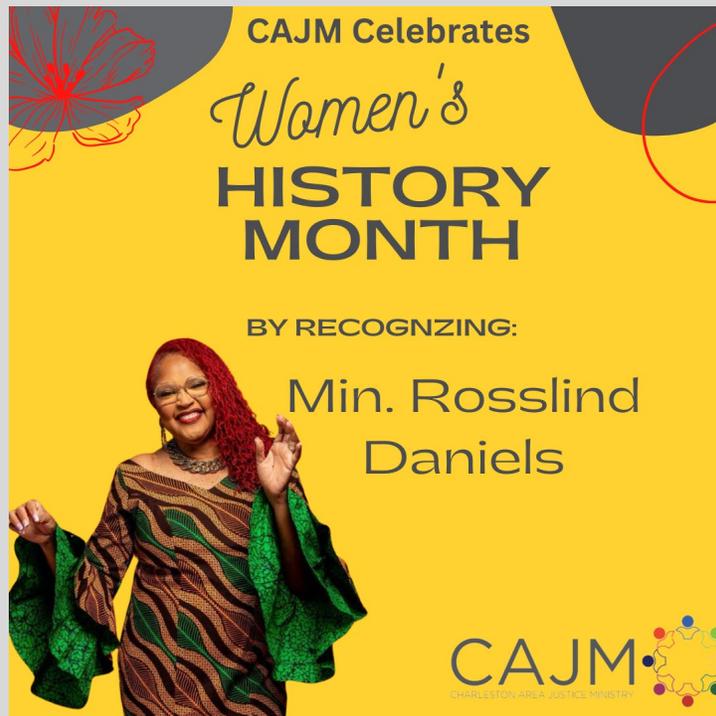
If you were to entertain this idea, even just for a moment, would your concept of God change?

For me, this idea forces me to grow my understanding of God and recall that God is bigger and more loving than I can ever imagine. It invites me to put aside other theologies of atonement to recognize the at-one-ment inherent in the Easter story. Perhaps there was no sacrifice needed. Perhaps there was simply a union, an at-one-ment between God and humanity that needed to be named.

This Easter let us find our way once again into greater union with the holy. Let us celebrate a God who is on our side, surprising us even in our darkest moments with unimaginable grace.

CAJM Celebrates Women's History Month

As March nears its end, we recognize a few CAJM women in honor of Women's History Month! Thank you all for what you do to make the Charleston area a more just place to live and work!



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Women's
**HISTORY
MONTH**

BY RECOGNIZING:

Dr. Elise
Davis-McFarland



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**HISTORY
MONTH**

BY RECOGNIZING:

Rev. Patricia
Bligen
Jones



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**HISTORY
MONTH**

BY RECOGNIZING:

LuAnn
Rosenzweig



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Women's
**HISTORY
MONTH**

BY RECOGNIZING:

Catherine
Singleton



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**HISTORY
MONTH**
By Recognizing
Angela
Washington



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CHARLESTON AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY

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Women's
**HISTORY
MONTH**
By Recognizing
Treva
Williams



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