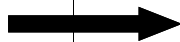

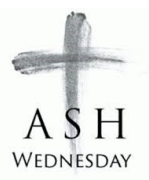




# February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sri Sathya Sai Baba Center of Albany meets at our church every Sunday from 2-5 pm.</p> <p><u>Wednesday, February 26:</u> Ash Wednesday service at St. Joseph's Catholic Church (on downtown State Street) supported by Emmanuel Friedens Church, First United Methodist and St. Joseph's.</p>						1
2 9 am Choir Reh., 10 am Worship, 11:15 am Sunday School (SS), 7 pm Courage to Change	3 <b>7 pm Trustees</b>	4	5 6 pm Ties That Bind (NA), <b>7 pm Bible Study</b>	6	7 9 am-12:30 pm Catholic Charities Mtg., <b>Joint Youth Group (EFC + FUMC Sleepover</b> 	8 @ EFC
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16 9 am Choir Reh., 10 am Worship, 11:15 am SS, 7 pm NA	17 <b>President's Day- Church Office is closed. 6:30 pm Church Council</b>	18 6:30 pm Schdy United Neighborhoods	19 6 pm Ties That Bind, <b>7 pm Bible Study (NO BIBLE STUDY ON FEB. 26)</b>	20 <b>5:30 pm Oh! Holy Hops meets @ Pinhead Susan's</b>	21	22 9 am CABA Annual Mtg. @ Latham Community Baptist Church
23 9 am Choir Reh., 10 am Worship, 11:15 am SS, 7 pm NA	24 11 am <b>Adult Ed Committee</b> , 5:30 pm <b>Church-Staff Relations Committee</b>	25 5 pm SiCM's CROP Walk Recruiters' Mtg.	26 <b>Lent Begins</b> 	27 10 am-1 pm Mohawk Opp .Mtg., 6 pm Ties That Bind (both on 2/26)	28	29 Happy Leap Day !! <b>Community Brunch, 10:30-11:30 am</b>

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## February is Black History Month!

### Origins of Black History Month\*

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme.

\* [www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month](http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month)

SUNY Schenectady will be hosting a variety of events for 2020 Black History Month.

Check out their website for information.

*Events are free unless otherwise noted.*

*Organized by Student Activities, Student Government Association, and Student Activities Board.*