

## **Why the 19th of every month?**

Organizers wanted a date with significance. A date to motivate us ahead.

The 19<sup>th</sup> brings to mind the Milwaukee, public festivities on **Juneteenth Day**. It first took place in 1971, making it one of the first northern cities to host celebrations to commemorate emancipation. Since 1971 Milwaukee has been home to large and vibrant annual celebrations every year, hosted by the Northcott Neighborhood House, a community center supported by The United Methodist Church connection, in Milwaukee's Harambee neighborhood.

Read more about Juneteeth below: from [www.juneteeth.com](http://www.juneteeth.com)

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19<sup>th</sup> as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future.

In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.

**We are Gathering FOR Community, joining together to:**

**SEEK Understanding**

**STAND for Justice**

**CELEBRATE Unity**

YOU are invited to attend, to gather your friends and to support this

Gathering FOR Community

Monthly on the 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

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