

Good Trouble Lives On – Honoring John Lewis

Program Agenda

Location: Johnnie Walker Beach, 1 Georgia Avenue, Lewes, DE 19958

Event Date and Time: Thursday, July 17, 2025, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

*Good Trouble Lives On – Honoring John Lewis is a celebration of **hope** and **inspiration**, dedicated to uplifting our spirits and fueling our collective commitment to justice, freedom, and democracy.*

If it rains, the event will move to Trinity Faith Christian Center, 15516 New Rd. Lewes, DE 19958—1.9 miles or a 7-minute drive from Johnny Walker Beach. Any venue changes will be announced by 3 pm.

Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Topic / Activity
6:00 – 6:06 PM	Rev. Marjorie Belmont	Chair, SDARJ	Welcome and Why We Are Here?
6:06 – 6:10 PM	Joseph Lawson	Executive Director, SDARJ	Master of Ceremonies – Program Overview
6:10 – 6:13 PM	Gwendolyn Miller	Vice Chair, SDARJ	Black National Anthem – Lift Every Voice and Sing
6:14 – 6:24 PM	*Rev. Dania Griffin	Pastor , Frankford AME Church,	The Least of These
6:25 – 6:29 PM	*Cynthia Anderson-Clay	Lewes African American Heritage Commission	A Brief History of Johnny Walker Beach
6:30 – 6:34 PM	*Cheryl Siskin	Co-Leader, Invisible Southern Delaware	Where Do American Citizens Go From Here?
6:35 – 6:39 PM	*Calvin Jackson	Omega Psi Phi	Collective Action and Solidarity
6:40 – 6:44 PM	*Patty Maloney	Chair, Speak Out Against Hate (SOAH)	Speaking Truth to Power
6:45 – 6:49 PM	* Barb Hedges-Goettl	President, League of Women Voters, Sussex County, Delaware	The Power of the Vote
6:50 – 6:54 PM	*Rebecca Lowe	Chair, Women's March Sussex	Nonviolent Protest and Civil Disobedience
6:55 – 6:59 PM	*Cliffvon Howell	Chairman of the Lewes Alumni Interest Group of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity	Having the Courage to Stand Up: Courage & Sacrifice
7:00 – 7:04 PM	*Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith	Lead Pastor, Epworth United Methodist Church	Love and the Power of Reconciliation
7:04 -7:07	Joseph Lawson	Executive Director, SDARJ	Closing Remarks
7:07 – 7:10 PM	Good Trouble Singers	—	We Shall Overcome – Musical Closing
7:10 – 7:30 PM	Good Trouble Singers	—	Informal Fellowship and Community Connection

***Joseph Lawson will make a brief introduction before each speaker.**

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Words by James Weldon Johnson, Music by J. Rosamond Johnson

Verse 1

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Verse 2

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Verse 3

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

We Shall Overcome

Traditional Gospel Song

Popularized during the Civil Rights Movement

We shall overcome.

We shall overcome.

We shall overcome, someday.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

we shall overcome, someday.

We are not alone. We are not alone.

We are not alone today.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

we shall overcome, someday.

We shall all be free. We shall all be free.

We shall all be free, someday.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

we shall overcome, someday.

We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace.

We shall live in peace, someday

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

We shall overcome, someday.

We are not afraid. We are not afraid.

We are not afraid, today

Oh, deep in my heart, I know that I do believe,

We shall overcome, someday.