



SOMETHING'S HAPPENING AT THE YMI

NEWS + UPCOMING EVENTS | MARCH 2026

SAVE THE DATES



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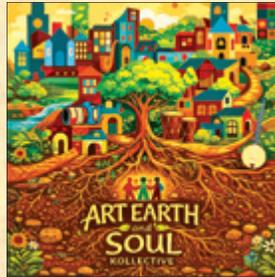
JULY 31 - AUGUST 2

Art Earth & Soul Collective Art Show

Through March 20

A collaboration between theologians, pastors, and artists who have been examining how bodies, memory, ritual, and power shape communities.

Location: YMI Suites



Black Experience Book Club

March 26 in the YMI Art Gallery

Community members are invited to gather for conversation and reflection centered on literature exploring the Black experience.



Jazz & Soul Sessions with Kelle Jolly & Will Boyd

March 27 at 7 p.m.

March 28 at 3 p.m.

Two days of dynamic jazz and soul featuring Kelle Jolly and Will Boyd. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

Location: YMI Auditorium

Joseph Pearson Art Exhibition Closing

March 29, Time TBD

Final opportunity to experience the Joseph Pearson exhibition before it closes.

Location: YMI Art Galleries



Legacy Neighborhood Exhibit Opening

March 30, Time TBD

Opening reception for the YMI's newest exhibition exploring the legacy neighborhoods that have shaped our community.

Location: YMI Suites

First Fridays: Welcome to Poetry Month

April 3 from 5-8 p.m.

Celebrate the start of National Poetry Month with poetry, community, and creative expression.

Location: YMI Cultural Center & Noir Collective

YMI Easter Egg Hunt

April 4 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

A family-friendly Easter celebration in the Black tradition for children and the community.

Location: YMI Building

Ujamaa Marketplace

April 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

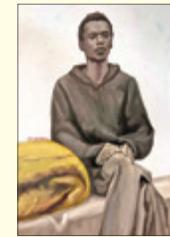
Support local vendors and entrepreneurs at this vibrant community marketplace.

Location: South Market Street

ONGOING PROGRAMS

JOSEPH PEARSON EXHIBITION: Portraits of Dignity

March 1-29



Through portraiture and painting, Joseph Pearson turns his gaze toward everyday people—those too often forgotten or unseen. In his work, these individuals are rendered visible, honored, and affirmed. Pearson's art insists on dignity for every subject and every story.

Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Weekend visits available by request.

Location: YMI Art Galleries

Ujima Fitness Classes WITH KELLY WHITE

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. & Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Join us for community-centered fitness and wellness.

Location: YMI Building - Dickson Meeting Room (Basement Level)



YMI CELEBRATES

YMI HONORS OUR 2026 HONOREES

Appreciate, celebrate, and acknowledge these trailblazers and unsung heroes in our community.

- James Ferguson
- Al & Shirley Whitesides
- The Honorable Doctor Terry Bellamy
- Margaret Fuller
- Rev. Jerome Hughes
- Kelly White
- Marcus Jenkins