

The Peace and Justice Network of Montgomery County, Inc.

Will host

# A Family Memorial Vigil for Peace

For

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Invasion of Iraq

6:00 p. m. until 7:30 p. m.

**Thursday, March 19, 2009**

**At the Lake Woodlands Drive Bridge**

There will be a family time with red, white, & blue streamers; face painting; balloons; & snacks followed by a candlelight vigil.

**CHILDREN are invited to make posters honoring the service and sacrifices of our soldiers and their families or illustrating a desire for Peace.**

As of February 24, 2009 there were 4,251 US soldiers killed in Iraq. 31,054 were seriously wounded. Additionally many non US troops, Journalists, non-Iraqi contractors and civilian workers were killed. It is estimated that between 100,000 and 600,000 Iraqi civilians were killed. US Money for this war totals close to \$1.6 trillion thus far.

In addition to the deaths, there have been countless brain and spinal cord injuries and too many amputees, facial disfigurements, and numerous psychological injuries. Clearly, there is much to grieve and many sacrifices to honor and remember.

**This vigil is to remember all of those who have been harmed and their families.** The only requirement for participating in the vigil is to have a desire for peace and a concern for those who have been harmed by war. The only signs we use simply say, "Peace."

**Partisan sentiments** are valid and to be valued as expressions of free speech, **but are not appropriate for display on signs or on T-shirts at this vigil** which is to **focus on the things that unify us around the concept of peace** rather than the things that divide us. T - shirts and signs that say anything more than, "peace" are contrary to our nonpartisan mission.

Formed in the spring of 2006, **The Peace and Justice Network of Montgomery County, Inc.** is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of individuals committed to working for peace, and economic and social justice. We seek to educate for, advocate for, and cultivate a culture of peace, equality, and compassion in our community, our country, and our world.

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