

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Bessie Smith (1894-1937),
one of the most definitive blues artists of the Jazz
Age, will be portrayed by singer and actress Doris
Fields of Beckley at our February Lunch & Learn.

As the most popular, and highest paid, female blues singer of the 1920s and 1930s, Smith was known as the “Empress of the Blues” by virtue of her forceful vocal delivery and command of the genre, her singing displayed a soulfully phrased, boldly delivered grasp of the blues. She was an all-around entertainer who danced, acted and performed comedy routines with her touring company and many of her tunes have been covered by various artists through the decades.

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026
TIME: 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
LOCATION: LEWISBURG UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH, WESLEY HALL
COST: FREE! DONATIONS
APPRECIATED

