

Idlewild Presbyterian Church



Christian Formation for All Ages Winter/Spring 2017

Christian Formation Vision Statement

Christian Formation is being children of God and becoming the people of God by supporting a lifelong journey of transformation:

through ***Play***: sharing God's creation in recreation

through ***Word***: engaging Scripture, discerning its meaning for today, offering space for questions/doubt

through ***Mission***: nurturing and sustaining a responsiveness to God and to one another

January 1 – May 21, 2017

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

All Sunday School classes welcome newcomers and visitors, as well as familiar faces! Classes are 9:40–10:40 a.m. Many classes have a contact person. For more information, contact Rebekah Abel Lamar, Associate Pastor for Christian Formation, rlamar@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681 ext. 46.

Young Adult Class

9:40 Coffee & Donuts, 10:00 Discussion

Room 303W Jones Bldg.

Childcare available

Topic: The Bible: Back to Basics

Each week, we explore a different story from the Old Testament and examine it for its context, themes, and applications for our lives today. During Lent we will journey with Jesus and his disciples each day of Holy Week. The Old Testament study will resume after Easter. Contact Sarah Wolf (swolf@idlewildchurch.org) for more information.

Christian Parenting of Young Children: Nurturing the Soul of Your Family

Room 304W Jones Bldg.

Childcare available

Faithful parents understand the importance of their own relationship with God and desire to create a home conducive to shaping the hearts and minds of children in a vibrant faith and love toward God and others. Join other parents/guardians/partners of young children, birth to early elementary, to explore moving through parenthood.

JAN 8: A New Mindset for a New Year

People with a fixed mindset—those who believe that abilities are fixed—are far less likely to flourish than those with a growth mindset—those who believe that abilities can be developed through hard work, good strategies, and mentorship. Drawing from the book *Mindset*, by Carol Dweck, the class will discuss how to best set their children up for success.

Leader: Anne Bradley Thomas.

JAN 15: Children's Ministry in 2017

It is an exciting time for Children's Ministry at Idlewild! Come hear about some of the foundations of our ministry and plans for the future. Bring your questions, your hopes, and concerns to share!

Leader: Caitlin Bomar, Director of Children's Ministry.

JAN 22-29: Encouragement Along the Way

Parents need cheerleaders and encouragers. Come and hear the experiences of Idlewild members further along in their parenting journey and find the support and perspective we all need in the midst of the chaos of life with children.

FEB 5: Praying With and for Our Children

Ever wondered how to pray for your child? or how to introduce prayer to your children? Learn different types of prayer and share best practices.

Leader: Dr. Julie Markham.

FEB 12: Connecting to Our Community: Child and Family Enrichment Center at Idlewild

A commitment to the children and families of Memphis years ago has led the Outreach Ministry to begin the Child and Family Enrichment Center at Idlewild. Built on brain research about the impact of childhood trauma, the Child and Family Enrichment Center will seek to provide support and education to children and their parents. Come learn how you and your family can benefit and be involved.

Leader: The Rev. Margaret Burnett.

FEB 19: Connecting to Our Community: TBA

FEB 26: Connecting to Our Community: Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association (MIFA)

MIFA has a vision of uniting the community through service, and has served the Memphis community for more than 50 years. Idlewild has long been a strong supporter of MIFA. Come and hear more about their mission and how your family can be involved.

Leaders: Linda Marks, Dorothy McClure, and Cindy Cates Moore.

MAR 5: Connecting to Our Community: TBA

MAR 12–19: No Class—Spring Break

MAR 26–APR 9: Holy Week for Parents and Their Children

From the Palm Sunday parade to the turning of the money-changer tables to the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, Holy Week is packed with stories that are foundational to our faith. We will examine these stories as adults, with our own faith questions, and explore how to share these stories with our children in age-appropriate and faithful ways.

Leader: The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar.

APR 16: Easter

APR 23: Talking to Children about Differences in Christian Beliefs

APR 30: Talking to Children about Judaism

MAY 7: Talking to Children about Islam

MAY 14: Talking to Children about Current Events

MAY 21: Ideas to Encourage Faith in Summer Time

20/20 Class

Room 305W Jones Bldg.

This intergenerational group focuses on gaining a clearer vision of our faith through the world around us. It is a small group discussion format. All are welcome to join us any time.

Topic: Our Reformed Faith

Leaders: John Boughter and Scott Moore.

Covenanters Class

Church Parlor

JAN 1–MAY 21: Feasting on the Word.

Feasting on the Word materials engage adults in a deeper exploration of biblical texts. Christian faith is enhanced when the Scriptures, read and proclaimed in worship, are reinforced and expanded on what a person has been considering in their educational time. Education and worship can be mutually supportive in helping God's word in Scripture come alive in the Sunday morning experience.

Leaders: Charles Key and Ben Bledsoe.

Timothy Class

Strock Room, Sanctuary Bldg.

JAN 8: Rise of Robotics. Leader: John Slater.

JAN 15: National Health Care Reform. Leader: Dr. Art Sutherland.

JAN 22: Stewardship of the Memphis Aquifer.

JAN 29: Women of Impressionism.

Leader: Dr. Pamela Nunn, The Dorothy Kayser Hohenberg Chair of Excellence in Art History at University of Memphis.

FEB 5: Men of Impressionism.

Leader: Dr. Nunn.

FEB 12–26: (with Faith & Function Class)

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Mitzi Minor, Mary Magdalene Professor of New Testament at MTS.

MAR 5–26: The Gospel of John.

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Scott Morris, CEO Church Health.

APR 2, 9, 23: Early Christians and Judaism.

Leader: The Rev. Jim McClanahan, retired, Providence Presbyterian Church, Southaven.

APR 16: Easter

APR 30: Leader: Dr. Marcus Pohlmann, Professor of Political Science, Rhodes College.

MAY 7–14: (with Faith & Function Class)

Leader: Dr. Patrick Gray, Associate Professor and Chair of Religious Studies at Rhodes.

Faith and Function: Ancient Texts and Today's Questions

Harlan Room, Sanctuary Bldg.

Looking for a Bible class that will often provoke both surprise and a laugh? This could be the one! In what context were Scriptures heard by the ancient peoples? In what context do we receive them today? We have an outstanding line-up of local Bible scholars from Rhodes College and Memphis Theological Seminary to lead us in our exploration of the Scriptures.

JAN 8–15: Scripture, Addiction and the Church. Jesus' primary mission was, and remains to be, about healing. With the Gospels and Richard Rohr's book, *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*, as inspiration, we will learn how to deal with our own as well as institutional addiction in its variety of forms.

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Haynes, Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes and Idlewild's Theologian in Residence.

JAN 22–29: The Sermon on the Mount: A Framework for Christian Ethics. When Jesus addressed his followers and the curious as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, he was speaking also to us—calling for us to be “perfect as our Father in Heaven is perfect.” How is that possible and what were Jesus' challenge to both his audience and to us?

Leader: Dr. Peter R. Gathje, Professor of Christian Ethics at MTS.

FEB 5: Does God Want You to be Rich? An exploration of the theologies of prosperity and the “Gospel of Wealth”: What, if any, is the link between the Scriptures and our material success?

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Paula McGee, Assistant Professor of African American Church Studies at MTS.

FEB 12–26: A Provocative Presentation of the New Testament.

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Mitzi Minor, Mary Magdalene Professor of New Testament at MTS.

MAR 5–26: Faith, Disease, and Suffering. This four-week series examines how biblical traditions and the Christian faith respond to disease, bodily suffering, and death. How do we make sense of the love of God in the midst of managing chronic conditions? How does Christian faith frame our end-of-life decisions? What biblical resources may Christians draw on as they respond to systemic injustices that affect the health of whole populations?

Leader: Dr. Kendra Hotz, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes.

APR 2–9: The Prophets: Their Messages and Challenges. The prophets, major or minor, remain to be little understood and appreciated. As Christians, we often read them through a different prism from their original audience. How were they perceived and understood by the people of their time?

Leader: Dr. Steven Parrish, Professor of Old Testament at MTS.

APR 16: Easter

APR 23–30: Esther and Ruth: Two well-known short stories in the Old Testament. We will discuss the intricate plots of the two stories and how they relate to the Jewish holidays when they are read each year.

Leader: Dr. Steven McKenzie, Professor of Hebrew/Old Testament at Rhodes.

MAY 7-14: The Historical Jesus—The Gospels. What do we empirically know about this person, Jesus, either from the Scriptures or other sources?

Leader: Dr. Patrick Gray, Associate Professor and Chair of Religious Studies at Rhodes.

MAY 21: Year-End Celebration: All of our class leaders from throughout the year will be invited to join us in a party and gad-fest. Please come, have fun, and get to know our remarkable scholars as well as each other.

Stephen Class

Room 306W Jones Bldg.

Marilynne Robinson, an author whose works we have read, interviewed President Barack Obama. He said this about reading books: *“When I think about how I understand my role as citizen, ... and the most important set of understandings that I bring to that position of citizen, the most important stuff I’ve learned from novels has to do with empathy. It has to do with being comfortable with the notion that the world is complicated and full of grays, but there’s still truth to be found, and that you have to strive for that and work for that. And the notion that it’s possible to connect with some[one] else even though they’re very different from you.”*

Everyone who likes to read is encouraged to join us. We choose what we read, and class members facilitate discussions. We read to find expressions of important issues in life; and, from time to time, we believe that we find that elusive truth which good books can reveal.

We pace our reading based on the difficulty of the book and the desire of the class for time for reflection. There are no prerequisites except for a love of reading and a willingness to discover what others find in a book read in common.

Contacts: Jim Cole, jpcoletn@bellsouth.net, and Bob Llewellyn, rrllewellyn@comcast.net.

JAN 1: “What came before the big bang?” by Alan Lightman (*Harper’s Magazine*, January 2016).

JAN 8–22: *Mr. g: A Novel About the Creation* by Alan Lightman. Facilitated by Mimi Phillips.

JAN 29–FEB 26: *Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman. Facilitated by Natalie Hoopp.

MAR 5–19: *A Massacre in Memphis: The Race Riot that Shook the Nation One Year After the Civil War*, by Stephen Ash. Facilitated by Jim Cole.

MAR 26–APR 23: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Facilitated by members of the class.

APR 30–MAY 21: *An Officer and A Spy* by Robert Harris. Facilitated by Jim Cole and Bob Llewellyn.

Praying with Scripture: The Practice of Lectio Divina

Room 114E Jones Bldg.

This meditative group has been active for two years now and is eager to expand and welcome new members or drop-ins.

Using the Scripture that is preached upon that day, we read aloud, meditate in silence, and then share our reflections about how God is moving in our lives. We find that our concerns, relationships, hopes and aspirations naturally intertwine with this weekly mediation and sharing of the Scripture. We have realized that by listening "with the ear of our hearts," we can more easily feel the rhythm of God's presence in our daily lives. If you enjoyed being part of a weekly group of Lectio during past Lenten seasons, or have never tried it but are intrigued by the opportunity to slow your pace of prayer and listen more intently for God's call to you in Scripture, come and join us!

Leaders: Mary McIntosh, church elder, and willing class members.

IDLEWILD CHOIR

The choir sings weekly during the 11:00 service and other special services and concerts. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room [Sanctuary Bldg., 2nd Floor]. Members also attend one section rehearsal each month. To discuss choir membership please contact Barry Oliver, Director of Music Ministry, at boliver@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681, ext. 12.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING OPPORTUNITIES

Common Table

**Tentative Dates: APR 23, APR 30, MAY 7
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Common Table is a place where we seek to honor our commitment to hear all voices. The topics vary, but an intentional process of listening is always used. Beginning in mid-January, there will be a box in the narthex to gather suggestions for Common Table topics. Topics suggestions can also be entered online on the Adult Ministry page. The Adult Ministry Committee use the suggestions to plan a Common Table. The dates above are currently reserved for this event, but the schedule may change after a topic is selected.

WEEKDAY STUDY & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Kitchen Table Bible Study begins Jan. 5

9:30-11:30 a.m.

JAN 5–FEB 23

You are invited to join the group at Mary Lou McCaa's home, 5394 Collingwood Cove, on eight Thursdays. Start your new year with a fresh opportunity to go deeper in faith by sitting down with others around the kitchen table at a friend's house. Using a small study guide, discussion will explore who Jesus is by delving into the statements he made about himself that begin with "I AM..." (i.e. "I am the bread of life...") found in the Book of John.

Open to all. Join in by contacting Mary Lou, who will serve as facilitator, at 687-5427 or maryloumccaa@msn.com.

Lenten Lectionary Groups

Lent is a time to look inward and discern the ways we can better follow God and serve our neighbor. At Idlewild, it is a time that we come together in prayer and reflection. Lenten Lectionary groups are being formed. These groups will meet in homes, read the Scripture for the coming Sunday together, and discuss the text together. Lent begins in early March and registration for these groups begins in February. Watch the bulletin and Chimes for details.

Idlewild Women's Outreach Group

Wednesdays, 9:00–11:00 a.m., Church Parlor

JAN 18–MAY 24

Childcare is available.

This group welcomes women late 20s to mid-40s who are seeking to grow in faith and to connect with other women in the church. This Spring, instead of following one Bible study guide the whole semester, each week will contain its own topic. The topics will be sent out each week prior to the meeting and will be pulled from contemporary sources (articles, online sermons, the On Being podcast, Ted Talks, or other internet sources). We welcome new members! People are encouraged to come each week, but are welcome to drop in as their schedule is free. Please contact Mary Jane Claassen at mjclaa@yahoo.com.

Natural Spirituality

2nd Monday, 1:00–2:00 p.m., Church Parlor

This women's discussion group explores ways of getting in touch with one's spirituality through dreams and other less traditional means. Contact: Linda House at ldahouse@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Morning Studies

9:30–11:00 a.m.

303W Jones Bldg.

JAN 11, 18, 25, FEB 1, 8

Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*

Pride and Prejudice is set in England in the early 19th century. The story follows the main character, Elizabeth Bennet, as she deals with issues of manners, upbringing, morality, education, and marriage in the society of the landed gentry of the British Regency.

Leader: Pat Kelly.

FEB 15, 22, MAR 1, 8

Faulkner Short Stories

Not until the late 1940s was William Faulkner able to support himself comfortably with his novels. Earlier on, he would write short stories for slick magazines and the general reading public. He noted, "In a short story... almost every word has to be almost exactly right." Over time he turned out dozens, many of them classics in American literature, such as "A Rose for Emily", "Barn Burning", and "Dry September". In four sessions, the Wednesday group will read and discuss 16 or more of these stories. The recommended text is *The Collected Stories of William Faulkner*, (Vintage Books, 1977).

Leader: Jim Cole.

MAR 15, 22 and 29

France: A Case Study of France's Economy

France, the beautiful country that is the world's most popular tourist destination, has serious problems. The much admired way of life of its citizens is proving to be unsustainable. Treating France as a case study, we will discuss the actual laws and regulations, approved by democratically elected representatives, that impact multiple demographic groups and each citizen's daily economic decisions.

Leader: Dr. Debbie Pittman, Professor Emeritus, Rhodes College.

APR 5, 12 and 19

Eudora Welty

In a series of three lectures at Harvard, Eudora Welty described her origins as an author. These talks were compiled into a brief memoir, *One Writer's Beginnings*. We will read and discuss this book to gain insight into the life and exquisite sensibility of this beloved Southern author. Welty tells us how, even as a young child, she listened intently to the stories and sounds that flowed through her world. She relates the evolution of her ability to see that world, and describes the search for her own voice. Family memories, humorous and harrowing, reveal the formative influences that made Welty a successful writer of novels and short stories.

Leader: Stephanie Rodda.

Koine Greek Class

Wednesday, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Conference Room, Sanctuary Bldg.

This is an adult weekday class for the study of the New Testament in the original Greek. This group is led by Dr. Milton P. Brown, a retired professor from the Department of Religion at Rhodes College. Those interested in the class, or in undertaking a beginner's course in Koine Greek, may contact Ernest Kelly for information at 901-568-8462 or horselovers@aol.com.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

10:00–11:00 a.m.
303W Jones Building

JAN 19—MAR 2

The Parables of Matthew

In the Gospel of Matthew, which is our lectionary Gospel this year, Jesus tells a number of parables. Most of these are very familiar—perhaps so familiar that we no longer think hard about what they are saying. In this class we'll explore meanings that we know well and others that may be less known. Join us to see what the parables may say to you.

Leader: Mary Edith Walker.

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible). For additional information contact Mary Edith Walker, msemewalker@bellsouth.net. Register with Brenda Harris, brenda@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681 ext. 35.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Young Presbyterian Women

YPW meets monthly for Bible study on various topics at different members' homes. The group will also meet for dinner during the semester. Contact Kristen Murphy at kristendmurphy@gmail.com, or Sarah Wolf at swolf@idlewildchurch.org, for more information.

YPW Bible Study Hosts (6:30 p.m.)

JAN 11: Kristin Wescott

FEB 6: Robin Butler

MAR 14: Alicia Powers

APR 11: Anna Witte

MAY 17: Christine Driskill

YPW Socials (6:30 p.m.)

JAN 25: Dinner at Strano! Sicilian Kitchen

FEB 22: Dinner at Central BBQ (Downtown)

MAR 29: Paint Night

APR 26: Dinner at Babalu on Overton Square

MAY 31: Bake Exchange at Kristen Murphy's home

Young Adult Men's Dinners

2nd Thursday of the Month (6:30 p.m.)

JAN 12: Mac's Burgers

FEB 9: Molly's La Casita

MAR 9: Central BBQ (Downtown)

APR 6: Cheffie's Cafe

MAY 11: Boscors Squared

Young Adult Fellowship Events

Young Adults have a fellowship event every month. If you would like more information about Young Adult activities, please contact Sarah Wolf at swolf@idlewildchurch.org. In addition to monthly gatherings, the group goes to lunch every 3rd Sunday after the 11:00 service.

JAN 17: Trivia Night at Brookhaven Pub and Grill

FEB 5: Super Bowl Party at Catie Jane & William Myers' home

MAR 20: Bowling at Billy Hardwick's

APR 30: Memphis Redbirds game

MAY 20: Saturday Afternoon at Wiseacre

More details to follow in bulletin and newsletter. Follow us on Facebook at Idlewild Presbyterian Church Young Adults.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Study circles and fellowship are for women of all ages. All Presbyterian women are invited to join a circle for friendship and spiritual growth. Throughout the year, four circles meet for Bible study and service. They reach out to one another as well as new members, collect and distribute money for outreach, serve the needs of those who can't attend church, and pray for our church and the world. For more information contact Lucy Townsend, ltownsend@niu.edu.

PW Circles

OCT 4 to MAY 2

Various times & locations

Most circles meet the first Tuesday of each month. The Trezevant Circle meets the first Thursday. For more details or monthly meeting locations, please contact Lucy Townsend for meeting locations or any other information, ltownsend@niu.edu.

Abigail: Meets for lunch in a member's home. Debbie Brooks, Leader; Mace Coday, Co-Leader; Debbie Pittman, Bible Moderator.

Lydia Ruth: Meets at 10:30 a.m. in a member's home. Barbara Denley, Leader; Teresa Caldwell, Co-Leader; Marilyn Donnelly, Bible Moderator.

Rebekah: Meets at 10:00 a.m. in a member's home. Christy Hasselle, Leader; Brannan Galyean, Co-Leader; Patricia Suttle, Bible Moderator.

Trezevant: Meets at 10:30 a.m., first Thursday of the month. Beth Simpson, Leader; Patti Montgomery and Catherine Berger, Co-Leaders; Barbara Denley, Bible Moderator.

Presbyterian Women's Hope Circle

Tuesday, FEB 7, 14, 21, 28

4:30-5:30 p.m., Room 303W Jones Bldg.

Are you eager to discuss important issues with other women? Then consider joining Hope Circle, a group of Presbyterian Women who plan to meet for 4 weeks in February for small-group conversations on influential topics. Moderated by Katie Cole, each session will include a guest who has devoted much time and experience to the topic under discussion. For details, contact Katie Cole at katielxs@aol.com.

FEB 7: Talking with children and grandchildren about important issues and values. Parents and grandparents play a key role in the development of children. A priceless gift is sharing cherished family memories, values, and beliefs. How do you establish trust and set boundaries for the children? Provide support for their struggle to make major life decisions? Help them cope in difficult situations? If you are uncertain about how to talk about sticky issues, this session is for you.

Leaders: the Reverend Anne Apple and Caitlin Bomar, Director of Children's Ministry.

FEB 14: Care options for the elderly. Caregivers of seniors have many choices to make since seniors' needs may vary widely. Some seniors can live independently and safely in their homes with only minimal help. Others have chronic illnesses that require constant care, often in a nursing home. In this session, participants will discuss care options that should be explored when making a decision about the type and amount of care to provide.

Leader: Kathryn Feinstone, National Certified Geriatric Counselor, founder Attendant Care Services.

FEB 21: Helping with death and dying—the church's role. This session aims to provide a greater understanding of the journey from life to death, the practical things to be considered, the care that you and others may need, and the emotional and spiritual dimensions of the entire experience. The church is committed to helping you at this difficult time. Leader: The Reverend Anne Apple.

FEB 28: Volunteer Service Opportunities. A panel of Idlewild women will discuss different ways they serve Christ and how this service enriches their spiritual lives. How did they become interested in a certain kind of service? What steps did they take to get involved? What were/are its challenges and spiritual rewards? Participants will be provided with contact information for those who want to be involved in a ministry discussed at the meeting.

Leaders: Pan Awsumb, Pat Neely and Clare Stallings.

**PW Installation of Officers
Presentation New Lifetime Members
Luncheon
TUESDAY, APR 18, 11:00 a.m.
T.K. Young Room**

CHRISTCARE SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Each group shares a common interest in community (5–12 people) who support each other by praying and studying together. Some groups are open for enrollment at the beginning of each semester; others are drop-in groups. Each group has a contact person, or you may contact Anne H.K. Apple, anne@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681 ext. 18.

Issues of Addiction: Meets monthly, 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Whether you have wrestled with issues of addiction yourself, or have a family member or friend who has struggled, this group supports people whose lives have been touched by addiction. Contact: EJ Baird, misliz917@mac.com or 901-299-6716.

Folks Pickin' and Singin': Meets semi-monthly at a member's home to play music together. The group occasionally plays in worship, and every 5th Thursday serves at MTAM. Contact: Steve Berger, sberger@brg3s.com.

Wednesday Night Women's Group: Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 Meets 1st–3rd Wednesdays for study; 4th Wednesday for a potluck in a member's home. Study varies each semester. (Open enrollment at the beginning of each academic semester.) Contact: Jenni Brooks, jbrooks@idlewildchurch.org.

Men in Mid-Life: Two biweekly groups meet on Wednesday evenings. (Open enrollment at the beginning of each academic semester.)

Group 1: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays.

Leader: Mike Bruno, michaelgbruno@gmail.com or 901-590-7177. Place and time to be decided.

Group 2: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00 at Panera Bread, 4530 Poplar.

Leader: Steve Haynes, Haynes@rhodes.edu.

Mothers of Middle Schoolers: Monthly meetings, third Tuesday of each month in members' homes. (Time and theme to be announced.)

Contact: Kristin Croone, croonefamily@gmail.com.

Spiritual Formation: Meets bimonthly, 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in a member's home. Study to be decided.

Contact: Pat Neely, patsealneely@gmail.com.

Gay-Straight Fellowship: Meets monthly, 4th Sunday in a member's home, and serves at MTAM the 4th Thursday.

For GSF upcoming events, contact Martin Donaldson at drmartyd@yahoo.com

Theology and the Arts: Meets monthly in a member's home. Contact: Joyce Webber, brucewebber@earthlink.net.

Eat-Out Dinner Groups

Would you like to start a dinner group? Just gather a group of folks and set up a time for table fellowship or join one of these.

First Friday Group, 6:30 p.m. Dine Out Group
Contact Carol Good, 726-4681.

Third Friday Group, Meets September–May, 6:30 p.m.
Contact Ann Fain, 334-4810.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & MUSIC

Sunday School is from 9:40 to 10:40 a.m. Classrooms and nursery are in the Jones Bldg. For information about children's programs contact Caitlin Bomar, Director of Children's Ministry at 540- 471-4825 or cbomar@idlewildchurch.org.

Infants, Toddlers & Two-Year-Olds

All infants through two-year-olds and three year olds who are not out of diapers, go to the Jones Bldg., 2nd floor east.

Infants and Toddlers [Nursery Room] Loving, nurturing care is provided for the littlest members of our church family.

Two-Year-Olds [Room 212E] Explore simple Bible stories using Cokesbury's *Deep Blue* curriculum, and lots of time for active play.

Leaders: Sam and Melanie Stewart.

Preschoolers (Pre-K and Junior-K)

Preschoolers are in the Jones Bldg., 2nd floor west. Using Cokesbury's *Deep Blue* curriculum, preschoolers explore the world through Bible stories and songs while they play and make a joyful noise as they experience sights, sounds, tastes, smells and textures.

PK (three-year-olds out of diapers) & JK [Room 204W]

Leaders: Gwen McLaughlin, Martha Young; Shepherd: Cristi Mosteller.

Elementary (SK—5th Grade)

Classes are in the Jones Bldg., 3rd floor east.

Using Cokesbury's *Deep Blue* curriculum, elementary children SK–3rd grades have adventures, hear exciting Bible stories, and learn how to live as disciples of Jesus.

Senior Kindergarten (SK) and 1st Grade [Room 311E]

Leaders: Laurie Barbee, Karen Matthews; Shepherd: Mary Muscari.

2nd and 3rd Grade [Room 310E]

Leaders: Dana and Ray Brandon; Shepherd: Molly Glover.

4th and 5th Grade [Room 312E]

Class is in the Jones Bldg., 3rd floor east.

Using *Feasting on the Word* curriculum, 4th and 5th graders will identify signs of God's peaceable kingdom around them and plan ways to live as peacemakers.

Leaders: Jackie Baker, Jenny Haddad; Shepherd: Amanda Ray.

Children's Music

begins Sunday, JAN 8

Each Sunday morning, music plays an important role in children's Christian education. The first 20 minutes of Sunday School for children ages pre-kindergarten through 5th grade consists of singing songs to God. The purpose of this time is to deepen children's spiritual lives and equip them to lead worship during the 11:00 a.m. worship service, (which they do approximately four times a year).

Pre-Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten [Room 201W]
Directed by Donia Wade.

Senior Kindergarten and 1st Grade [Room 309E]
Directed by Mary Jane Claassen.

2nd—5th Grade (Primary Choir) [Room 309E]
Directed by Ginger Hopkins.

Primary Choir will sing in 11:00 worship on Feb. 26 and Mar. 5.

Children's Sunday Worship & Childcare

8:30 Worship Service:

Infants through senior kindergarteners may go to the nursery. After the 8:30 service, parents need to escort 3 year olds, junior and senior kindergarteners to class in Room 204W.

11:00 Worship Service:

Babies, toddlers and two-year-olds may stay in the nursery. Three year olds, junior and senior kindergarteners go to worship service with their parents, then, following *Time with the Younger Church*, they may either go to Children's Church Continued (C3) or stay in worship. For C3, parents should escort children to the hallway outside the Sanctuary, sign them in with the volunteer, and pick them up in Room 204W immediately following the service.

Children's Church Continued (C3)

C3 is provided for three year olds, junior and senior kindergarteners during the 11:00 service. Following *Time with the Younger Church*, bring your child to the hallway outside the Sanctuary and sign your child in. Children younger than 3 should be taken to the nursery. Immediately after the church service, pick your child up in Room 204W.

During C3, children will have a Bible lesson, do a craft related to the lesson, play, and have fun. A snack is provided. Volunteers are needed to supervise C3, so please feel free to sign up by contacting Caitlin Bomar at cbomar@idlewildchurch.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SPECIAL EVENTS

To sign up for the following events, please contact Caitlin Bomar, Director of Children's Ministry, cbomar@idlewildchurch.org.

JAN 22: MEETING: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please attend if you are interested in serving on the 2017 VBS Committee. Parlor.

JAN 29: COMMUNION WORKSHOP FOR FIRST GRADERS AND PARENTS. Lunch served. RSVP by Sunday, JAN. 15.

MAR 26: GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE FOR 2ND GRADERS AND PARENTS. Lunch served. RSVP by Sunday, MAR 12.

MAY 7: INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP FOR SENIOR KINDERGARTENERS AND PARENTS. Lunch served. RSVP by Sunday, APR 23.

JUNE 12–15 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017. We look forward to a week of joining your children in an exploration of who Jesus is and how we can more closely follow him.

YOUTH CLASSES & FELLOWSHIP

Youth fellowship is composed of two groups: QUEST (grades 6–8) and BASIC (grades 9–12). For information contact either Frank Kelly, Director of Youth Ministry, 726-4681 ext. 14 or fkelly@idlewildchurch.org, or Dara Bigger, Asst. Director of Youth Ministry, 726-4681 ext. 37 or dbigger@idlewildchurch.org.

Sunday Morning Classes

Classes are 9:40–10:40 a.m. A lectionary-based Presbyterian Church (USA) curriculum is used.

QUEST (Questioning, Understanding, Exploring, Sharing/Serving Together) [Room 105W, Jones Bldg. 1st Floor]

BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) [Wrenn Room, Jones Bldg. 1st Floor]

Sunday Evenings

Youth groups share dinner, games, worship, discussion and fellowship. Details about Sunday programs and other events are sent to youth and parents each week. Contact Frank Kelly at fkelly@idlewildchurch.org.

QUEST 6:00–7:30 [103W Jones Bldg. 1st Floor]

BASIC 6:00–7:30 [Wrenn Room, Jones Bldg. 1st Floor]

Senior High Breakfast

BASIC youth meet each Tuesday morning at Panera Bread (4530 Poplar). Frank is there from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Youth provide their own transportation. No breakfasts during holidays.

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NURTURE MINISTRY UNIT

The Nurture Ministry Unit is under construction! The Recreation Ministry is moving from the Outreach and Mission Ministry Unit and merging with the Nurture Ministry Unit which includes the Congregational Care Committee, the Evangelism Committee and the New Member Welcoming Committee. The change includes a new structure for the Nurture Ministry Unit which will include three pillars of structured programming:

Creative Play and Recreation: current sports ministries in the first year of transition.

Joyful Fellowship and Evangelism: programs of the Evangelism Committee and collaboration on programming where congregants and others can participate—whether it's a monthly movie night with concurrent children's programming or a Dinner and Trivia Date night.

Health and Wholeness: the ministries of the Congregational Care Committee and other possibilities for ways in which we shape our lives together.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this transition and how we communicate about programming. For additional information contact Anne Apple, anne@idlewildchurch.org, 726-4681 ext. 18.

Creative Play, Recreation, Joyful Fellowship, & Evangelism Events

Shari Gross, Interim Recreation and Fellowship Director,
sgross@idlewildchurch.org
Jacob Pierce, Interim Athletic Director,
jpierce@idlewildchurch.org, or 725-4165

The Pottery Studio

Jones Bldg., Room 104W
Wednesday, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to participate in pottery. There is not an instructor, but there are regulars that will help first timers. No charge (donations are appreciated for supplies). For more info call 725-4165.

Upcoming Events

JAN 7: Basketball games start

JAN 9: Spring soccer sign-ups begin (thru Feb 17)

JAN 15: 4:00 p.m. Adult Movie: *At the River I Stand* and children's activity

JAN 17: Baseball sign-ups start (thru March 3)

FEB 12: Dinner & Trivia Date night/child care

FEB 17: Spring soccer sign-ups end

FEB 19: 4:00 p.m. Family Movie night: *The Peanuts Movie*

FEB 25: Winter Jam concert at Fed Ex forum

FEB 28: Fat Tuesday Pancake dinner & activity for Kids

FEB 28: Baseball sign-ups end

MAR 5: Spring soccer practices start

MAR 11: Possible day at Pinecrest

MAR 19: 4:00 p.m. Adult Movie: *Long Day's Journey into Night* and Children's activity

MAR 25: Spring Soccer games start (Saturdays)

APR 2: 4:00 Family Movie night: *Zootopia*

APR 9: 4:30 Grizz Game leave church at 4:30, game at 5:00.

APR 12: RBI sign-ups start. Baseball practices start

APR 22: Day at Shelby Farms (Earth Day)

APR 23: New member meet & greet

APR 29: Last Spring Soccer games

APR 30: Spring Potluck

MAY 31: RBI sign ups end

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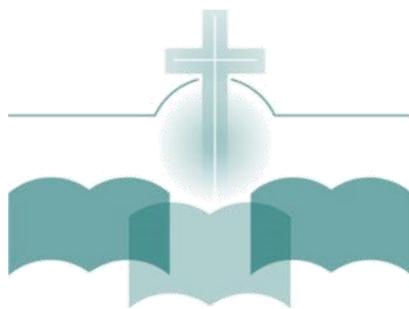
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