



Summer 2020 at Idlewild

Ministry at Idlewild is organized by ministry units. Read on to learn about the opportunities for worship, formation, outreach, and nurture this summer.

Worship

Collaborative Worship in June

In June, we will continue collaborative with shared leadership from sister churches in the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Each week we will explore themes from The Lord's Prayer.

Evening Prayer

Barry Oliver, Director of Music Ministries, has filmed an Evening Prayer. Find it on the church website under Worship.

Thursday Noontime Prayer

Beginning Thursday, June 4, we will gather at Noon [via Zoom](#) for a time of sharing, scripture reading, and prayer. The Rev. Anne H.K. Apple will lead the first day, followed by other members of the program staff.

Adult Formation

Sunday Adult Forums

Join us at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday through August 9 for a forum and discussion. Summer Adult Forums will connect via Zoom at 9:40 a.m.

JUNE 14. Mr. Page Williamson: Photography and Spirituality

JUNE 21 Drs. Jim and Meghan McDevitt-Murphy: Understanding Addictive Behavior—A Public Health Response to the Opioid Epidemic

JUNE 28. Mr. Shamichael Hallman, Shelby County Librarian: Cossitt Library Renovation

JULY 5. Idlewild Fellowship

JULY 12. Ms. Amy Weirich, Shelby County Attorney General: Criminal Reform Topic

JULY 19 The Reverend James L. Gale, Jr. What Exactly Is an Executive Presbyterian?

JULY 26 Alexandra Chambers, Ministering to Women Recently Incarcerated or Victims of Domestic Abuse

AUGUST 2. Idlewild Fellowship

AUGUST 9. Dr. David Rupke and Matt Seltzer: The Science of Climate Change and the Built Environment

Adult Formation

Praying the Psalms Podcast

Join Anne Bradley Thomas and the Contemplative Sunday school class in praying a different Psalm each week.

Presbyterian Women

On the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. join PW for an all-circle meeting [on Zoom](#)

Men's Breakfast

On Tuesday at 9 a.m., pour a cup of coffee or tea and join the men of the church for bible study [via zoom](#).

A Word On Wednesday

We will gather for an hour [on Zoom](#) on Wednesday evenings (7:30-8:30 p.m.) for fellowship and discussion of different topics, led by program staff.

Racial Equality or Equity?

As grief consumes and cities pulse with pain and passion, the Church is called to respond, reflecting the life and ministry of Jesus Christ: repenting, accompanying, challenging, bearing, and building. In the fall, we will begin an intentional study on anti-racism, doing the hard and slow work of looking inward. In the meantime, you are invited to prepare....

The Invitation:

-*Watch/Listen/Read* three resources each week that explore systemic racism, implicit bias, white supremacy and privilege, and anti-racism work.

-*Reflect* in your journals, and online with the Idlewild Community

-*Challenge* yourself to join our anti-racism study in the fall

Watch This Week at Idlewild and social media for the weekly schedule.



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Young Adult Formation

Book Study

Beginning June 4, we will begin a book study on *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor. This book study is hosted by the Young Adults but is open to folks of all ages! Like our previous book studies, we will "meet" for the first and final gathering (but now, on Zoom), and have Realm discussions in between. The first meeting will take place on June 4 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Theology on Tap

Every other week on Thursdays at 8 p.m. join us for Theology on Tap on Zoom! A different leader each session will walk the group through a current event through the lens of Christian faith.

"God In the Wild" Podcast

The Young Adult Committee is helping launch a new series to be aired on the Idlewild Podcast Channel entitled, "God in the Wild." This podcast will feature interviews with Idlewild members to tell the faith stories of our community. If you would like to conduct an interview or if you would like to nominate someone contact Elizabeth .

Youth Formation

Ice Cream Social

On Wednesday, July 15 at noon the youth will gather for an ice cream social. This immediately follows the youth shift for the food bank distribution. Youth are encouraged to attend both activities. COVID-19 safety protocol will be followed.

Children's Formation

Compassion Camp

June 22-26 children age 3—5th grade can join Ms. Marjorie for an at-home, interactive Compassion Camp. Ms. Marjorie will open the session with a Facebook Live gathering each morning at 10 am. Families may tune in, watch later, or even choose to do Compassion Camp at a later date. Compassion Camp is flexible!

Children's Formation

Weekly Zoom calls with Ms. Marjorie

Children can join Ms. Marjorie for a short Zoom call each Thursday.. Parents, email Marjorie to sign up.

Sunday School Lessons on Facebook

Each week, the Sunday School lesson for each class is posted on the Idlewild Parents Facebook page.

Outreach

Wednesday Food Bank Distribution

Each week on Wednesdays, we work with the Mid-South Food Bank to feed 1,000 households. We need your help! If you are under the age of sixty with no underlying health concerns, please consider serving with us on Wednesday mornings at our mobile food bank. There are three shifts, and the second is a YOUTH-led shift. [Signing up is required, so please don't show up without signing up!](#)

More Than A Meal To-Go

Each Thursday, we are serving More Than A Meal in to-go fashion. [Please sign up to help if you are able.](#) We need volunteers from 4:15-5:45 p.m. each week.

Nurture

1750 Arts Collage Class

The first Saturday of each month, join us for a Zoom collage class from 9-10:30 a.m. Sign up in Realm.

Yoga

The last Wednesday of each month, join us for Zoom yoga with Emily Mulqueen at 1 p.m. Sign up in Realm.

1750 Arts Installation

The second quarter 1750 Arts installation is the *Threshold of Abundance* pottery exhibit by artist Amanda Kohr. Contact [Amanda](#) if you are interested in purchasing a piece. A percentage of the proceeds benefit the 1750 Arts ministry.

Pentecost birds

In the spring we asked members of the congregation to help fold red origami birds. The installation is now up in the Jones Building stairwell. Watch the [installation video on YouTube.](#)