



Summer 2021 at Idlewild Presbyterian Church

Ministry at Idlewild is organized by ministry units. Read on to learn about the opportunities for worship, formation, outreach, and nurture this summer. For more information such as locations, zoom links, and class subjects, visit our website at www.idlewildchurch.org.

Worship

Fruit of the Spirit

This summer's sermon series will explore the Fruits of the Spirit. Fruit of the Spirit comes from Galatians 5:22-23 where we are given attributes of a person or community living in accord with the Holy Spirit. Join us weekly in worship as we explore each of the nine fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Adult Formation

Adult Summer Forum Series: Sundays 9:40 AM
Join this class for faithful discussion each week either through [Livestream](#) or in-person in the TKY room. Speakers and topics include:

- (5/30) Joshua Narcisse, *Church Health*
- (6/6) Dr. Kendra Hotz, *Culture & Health Equity*
- (6/13) Charles Key, *Equipping the Saints*
- (6/20) Tina Sullivan, *Overton Park*
- (6/27) Nicole Kennel, *Immigration Integration*
- (7/11) Dr. Alexandra Chambers, *Incarcerated Women and Domestic Violence*
- (7/18) Ericka DeBruce, *Don't We All Matter?*
- (7/25) Ms. Yetta Lewis, *Diversity & Inclusion in Charter Schools*
- (8/1) Dr. Simone De Lerme, *International Memphis*
- (8/8) Brandon Jones, *Faith and Politics*

Word on Wednesdays: @7:30 PM [on Zoom](#)
This class is a mid-week time for reflection and will be broken into three series:

- (6/2-9) *Christian Responses to War, Past, and Present* with the Reverend Sara Dorrien-Christians
- (6/23-7/14) *The Social Gospel* with Dr. Aaron Stauffer
- (7/28-8/11) *Gun Violence Prevention* with the Reverend Mary Gale

Backyard Bible Study:

Enneagram and the Fruit of the Spirit

June 5: Those participating in groups this summer are encouraged to come to this workshop on the Enneagram via Zoom led by licensed instructor and fellow Presbyterian, Beth Mueller. [Register on Realm.](#)

Beginning June 6: This in-person series will take place in multiple back yards across town. Paired with the wisdom of the Enneagram, join this journey towards wholeness and discovering true selves beyond ego. Register on Realm.

Praying the Psalms Podcast: Weekly

The Psalms are a collection of prayers that give us language to express a wide range of human emotions. Join Anne Bradley Thomas every Thursday in a moment of silence together wherever you listen to your [podcasts](#).

Tuesday Men's Bible Study: @9:00 AM [on Zoom](#)

This summer's book in discussion is N.T. Wright's commentary, *Paul: The Prison Letters - Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon*.

Idlewild Book Club: Fourth Thursday of the month @2 PM [on Zoom](#)

This group reads all kinds of books. This semester will include *A Long Petal of the Sea* and *Little Fires Everywhere*.

Young Adult Formation

Theology on Tap: Every other Thursday of the month @ 7 PM

These will be in-person events in backyards across town. A different leader will facilitate each session and walk through a current event through the lens of Christian faith.

- (6/3) Caroline Cox & Galen Gower's Home
- (6/17) Elizabeth & Tim Doolin's Home
- (7/1) Amanda & Jeff Myers' Home
- (7/15) Natalie & Joe Birch's Home
- (7/29) Kelli Conrad's home

Youth Formation

BASIC: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 5 PM
For 9th—12th graders

QUEST: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 5 PM
For 6th– 8th graders

Wednesday Meetups

Join us for a time of fellowship off campus!
Bonfire, hikes, swims, movies to come.

QUEST: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month

BASIC: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month

Sunday School: June 6 - July 25 @9:40 AM

As people of faith, what is our role in social action? 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us for this series on social justice. We'll look at cultural moments, debate, and explore scripture together.

Idlewild Youth Camp: July 27-30

We'll be doing Montreat at Home while we stay together at Pinecrest. Join us for a time of recreation, hanging out, and faith exploration. Scholarships are available.

[Register on Realm.](#)

Children's Formation

June 6 Nursery and Worship & Wonder Opening

You will be able to register your baby or toddler for the nursery. Worship & Wonder is open to potty trained 3 year olds through kindergarten. Both are for the 11 AM worship.

Let's Play!: June 10 & July 9

Join your church friends at Avon Park for a play-date for second grade children and younger.

Compassion Camp: Change the World through

Lovingkindness: June 20-June 27

Come to the Garth on June 20th before or after church to pick up your supplies and have some fellowship with your church friends. A video with all kinds of VBS fun will air at 9 each morning during the week. We will gather again on June 27th before or after church to put together a collaborative work of art showing what we learned during the week!

Second Grade Bible Presentation: August 22

Second graders are presented with Bibles during the 11 AM worship with Pastor David.

Rally Day for all ages: August 15

Nurture

Joyful Fellowship Movie Night: June 19th @5PM
Bring your own food, drink, blanket, and chairs to sit and enjoy a movie. Popcorn will be provided.

Mini Batters: July 17-August 7 @10 AM
For 4-5 year olds, learn basic batting skills on Saturdays at Middle College High School. Registration begins June 21.

Parking Lot Party: August 14 @4 PM
Come play carnival games like mini-golf, cake walk, and basketball shots while sacred distancing. Bring school supply donations as your ticket in.

Fall Soccer Registration:

Registration for boys and girls 4-12 years old will be on Realm beginning June 7.

Pottery Studio: Wednesdays @6-8 PM

[Register on Realm](#) for studio time.

Outreach

Wednesday Food Bank Distribution

On the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, we work with the Mid-South Food Bank to feed 300 households. We need your help! If you can serve, please consider [signing up](#).

MICAH Memphis

MICAH has several events this summer as they work to amplify on issues of justice in our city. Come to their *Issue Night* June 28, July 26, or August 23 on Realm. Visit their [website](#) for links and more information.

Contact Information

**Sunday Morning
Adult Classes**

[The Reverend Sara Dcrrien-Christians](#)

[The Reverend Mary Gale](#) (Beginning June 20)

**Men's Breakfast &
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Idlewild Book Club

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Children's Ministry

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Nurture Ministry

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MICAH Memphis

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