



FALL 2021 AT IDLEWILD

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

Worship & Music

Worship Services will be Sundays at 11 AM in-person and on Livestream

Forever Pieces Sermon Series
When: 9/12 - 10/24

In this series, we will explore the timeless dimensions of worship in the Reformed tradition. We will learn about how the "forever pieces" of furniture and accessories in our sanctuary shape the way that we understand our journey with God. From the font to the table to the pews, we will explore how we are shaped by the pieces that fill the sanctuary.

Celebrations

August 29: UKirk Sunday	November 7: All Saints' Sunday
October 3: World Communion Sunday	November 21: Christ the King Sunday
October 31: Commitment Sunday & Carillon Concert	November 28: Advent Begins

Do You Hear What I Hear? Sermon Series
When: 11/28-12/19

In this series, we will explore the different ways in which the Gospel writers present the story of the incarnation. Together, we will examine the motivations of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and learn about the nature of God by listening to their unique voices.

Adult Formation

Sunday School Classes: 9:40 AM each Sunday
 Classes will not meet September 5 or December 26

Faith & Function
Date: 8/22-12/12
Place: 303W/ Zoom

This class hosts visiting scholars who lead us in exploring the origins, contexts, themes, meanings, and impact of the Bible, both throughout history and in our own time.

August 22-29	Dr. John Kaltner: <i>"The Bible and the Qur'an"</i>
September 12-26	Dr. Mitzi Minor: <i>"The New Testament & Our Imaginations"</i>
October 3-10	Rev. Dr. Kendra Hotz
October 17-24	Dr. Peter Gathje: <i>"Doubt as a Spiritual Practice"</i>
October 31	Dr. Janel Bakker
November 7-14	Dr. Scott Morris: <i>"Anti-Semitism"</i>
November 21	Idlewild Staff Member
December 5-12	Rev. Dr. Steve Haynes: <i>"Why Can't Church be more Like AA?"</i>

Stephen Class
Date: 9/12-12/26
Place: 301W

In memory of the two founders, John and Elaine Whitaker, this class will focus on the short stories the Whitaker's chose as the original focus of the class. All short stories can be found in *The Best American Short Stories of the Century* by John Updike.

September 12	<i>Theft</i>	October 31	<i>The Key</i>
September 19	<i>Bright and Morning Star</i>	November 7	<i>A Silver Dish</i>
September 26	<i>That in Aleppo Once...</i>	November 14	<i>The Shawl</i>
October 3	<i>The Farmer's Children</i>	November 21	<i>Where I'm Calling From</i>
October 10	<i>The Country Husband</i>	November 28	<i>The Things They Carried</i>
October 17	<i>Greenleaf</i>	December 5	<i>Meneseteung</i>
October 24	<i>Defender of the Faith</i>	December 12	<i>Christmas Gift</i>
		December 19	<i>In the Gloaming</i>

Covenanters Class
Date: 9/5-12/12
Place: Parlor

The Covenanters Class curriculum follows the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year format of scripture readings that follows the liturgical year. This class's theme is *Feasting on the Word*. We will engage participants in a deeper exploration of biblical texts through the context of Sunday's scripture.

Adult Formation

Weekday Studies and Fellowship Groups

Men's Breakfast

Date: Tuesdays, 9 AM

Place: Zoom

Men's Breakfast, Fellowship, Prayer, and Bible Study looks into N.T. Wright's commentary, *"The Prison Letters - Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon."*

Idlewild Book Club

Date: Fourth Thursday, 2 PM

Place: Zoom

This group meets to discuss books of all genres. August 26th selection is *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan.

Wednesday Morning Studies

Date: Wednesdays, 9:30 AM

Place: 303W

September *The 49 Vice-Presidents in US History* (begins September 8)

October *Foundations of the US Constitution*

November *Conspiracy Theories, Real & Imagined*

IdleWILD Women

When: First Tuesday

Where: Andi Hill's home

Formally known as the Multi-Gen Circle, this group is geared towards women of all ages. The group meets for Bible study and fellowship September through November at 7 PM.

Presbyterian Women

When: First Tuesday

All women are welcome to come to be a part of this exciting, multi-generational way to expand your circle of faithful friends. Small-Group Circles meet monthly at various times.

Special Events

August 28

Presbyterian Women Bible Study via Zoom:

Join PW from around the Presbytery of the Mid-South to discuss the 2021-2022 *PW Horizons Bible Study: What My Grandmothers Taught Me* with the Reverend Dr. Meryl Blair.

August 29

Meet and Greet: Conversations on the Porch:

All women are welcome to Charlotte Gillespie's house for a casual kick-off party for the fall semester.

September 23

Pop-Up Preview

Join the ladies of PW at 10:30 AM for a gathering in the Garth to spend time with one another and learn about the work of Presbyterian Women over the last year. The gathering is a chance to learn about the different circles as well.

October 5-26

Hope Circle

Tuesdays in October join this Pop-Up Circle for four weeks of fellowship and study.

Young Adult Formation

Young Adult Events

September 17 Trivia Night

October 16 Beale Street Scavenger Hunt

December 11 YA Christmas Party

Young Adult Men Dinners

When: Once a month, 6 PM

September 2 Torchy's

October 14 Tamboli's

November 11 SOB East

December 2 Green Beetle

Let's Talk Code Switch

When: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 6 PM

In each gathering, beginning August 25, we will be discussing episodes of the NPR Code Switch podcast with a different member of the Young Adult Ministry group.

IdleWILD Women
When: First Tuesday

Women in Young Adult Formation are encouraged to participate in this Adult circle. See description under Adult Formation.

Waffle Sunday is December 19 at 9:40 AM!

Everyone is invited to Montgomery Hall for fellowship and waffles.
Hosted by the Young Adults

Youth Formation

QUEST/BASIC

When: Sundays 8/22-12/12

QUEST is for 6th - 8th graders and BASIC is for 9th - 12th graders.

QUEST 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Dinner for all 6:00 - 6:30 PM

BASIC 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Youth Sunday School

When: 9:40 AM

6-12 graders, Wake up early, meet up with friends, eat a donut, and debate the ancient & mysterious book of our faith.

First Sundays of the month

Come to Montgomery Hall to cook up bacon, eggs, or pancakes.

Tuesday Meet Ups

When: Aug 24-Dec 7th, 6:30AM

Where: Panera on Poplar

Stop by for a quick breakfast and check in on your way to school!

Special Events

August 22

Kick-Off Party

September 12

Parent Social Potluck

October 17

Corn Maze

October 24

Confirmation Meeting

November 21

Soup To-Go

Friendsgiving

December 5

BASIC Christmas Party

December 12

QUEST Christmas Party

Children's Formation

Sunday School

When: Sunday, 9:40 AM

Children of all ages will engage in formative and experiential learning as they are immersed in stories of scripture, wonder, spiritual practices, and ways of peace.

Nursery

When: Sunday, 11 AM

Where: Rooms 153 and 145

Our nursery caregivers are ready to give loving care to children 6 weeks to 2 years old during worship. Please sign in each child at the Nursery Sign-In Station and pick up your child promptly after worship.

Worship & Wonder

When: Sunday, 11 AM

Where: 2nd Floor Library

After Time with the Younger Church, children who are potty-trained ages 3 years-5 years may sign in with Emily Chateau for an age-appropriate worship experience with storytelling, music, and liturgy.

Special Events

September 19

Second Grade Bible Presentation & Workshop

December 5

Advent Party

Nurture

These events are family and community centered

Winter Basketball

For 6-12-year-olds, practice begins August 23 and games begin September 11. For 4-5 year olds, practice begins September 11.

Neighborhood Block Party

When: September 11, 4 PM

We are hosting a neighborhood block party to get to know the neighbors of Idlewild and for them to get to know each other.

NaCoMe

When: October 8-10

Registration begins August 15th on Realm! This is a weekend to get away, rest, play, renew your spirit, and connect with God and the community in middle Tennessee.

Drive-through Trunk or Treat

When: October 30

This year our event will be a progressive drive-thru trunk or treat. Jump in the car line and grab some goodies from several churches in the midtown area! We will collect candy donations starting October 11.

Fall Potluck

When: October 31

Bring your favorite fall dishes to our annual Fall Potluck after worship.

Make it - Take it - Bake it

When: November 20

Thanksgiving edition - Pies and Sides: Come to the church and put together some of the best side dishes you will eat during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Pre-Race Pasta Potluck

When: December 3

Pre-Race Pasta Potluck to support St. Jude runners the night before the race. Bring your favorite carb friendly pasta dish and enjoy fellowship.

St. Jude Marathon

When: December 4

If you plan to run in any part of the St. Jude Marathon, join the Idlewild team when you register and the Idlewild Runners Facebook group for training meet ups.

Movie Night

When: December 10

Join us for a family-friendly Christmas themed movie night. Bring your own blanket, chairs, food and drink. Popcorn will be provided!

Pottery Studio

When: Wednesdays, 6-8PM

Register on Realm to come to open pottery studio time. We have all the materials you need to create and enjoy this space. Donations are accepted to cover costs.

Outreach- Early Enrichment Center

Art Market & Craft Fair

When: October 23, 9 AM-12 PM

Come to the parking lot for a craft fair. Proceeds benefit the EEC.

Trots for Tots 5K

When: November 13, 8 AM

Mark your calendars for the inaugural Trots for Tots 5K & Family Fun Run. Proceeds benefit the EEC. More details coming soon.

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For more information head over to our website,
idlewildchurch.org

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