



# SPRING 2022 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

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

### Worship Events

**March 2 at 6:30PM:** Ash Wednesday  
**April 3 at 11 AM:** Palm/Passion Sunday  
**April 14 at 7 PM:** Maundy Thursday  
**April 15 at 7 PM:** Good Friday  
**April 17 at 8:30 & 11 AM:** Easter

### Stations of the Cross

**When:** Holy Week  
**Where:** Sanctuary

An intergenerational, walking meditation through Jesus' final hours, from condemnation to death on the cross. Guided by liturgy, art, and attention to social context, we will explore the meaning of crucifixion "back then" to better understand what it means for us today.

## Adult Formation

Sunday School Classes: 9:40 AM each Sunday

### Feasting on the Word

**Begins:** January 2  
**Place:** Parlor

This is a conversational-style Bible study guided by a curriculum called *Feasting on the Word*. Each Sunday the class takes a deep dive into a particular scripture, exploring how it is relevant to daily life and responding in faith. [[click here for full schedule](#)].

**January 2** Acknowledging our identity as the people of God, we will ponder ways to live a faithful life of praise. (Ephesians 1:3-4)

### Faith & Function

**Begins:** January 9  
**Place:** 303W/ [Zoom](#)

This is a lecture-style Bible study guided by teachers of scripture. This class explores biblical texts rooted in the times in which they were told and crafted. A careful attention to context illumines new meaning and the function of the stories for people of faith today.

**January 9** Rev. Ron Serino: *Race and the Bible*

**January 16** Dr. Janel Bakker

**January 23-30** Dr. Peter Gathje: *Theological Wisdom from Martin Luther King Jr.*

**February 6-13** Dr. Patrick Gray: *Familiar Yet Strange*

**February 20-March 6** Rev. Dr. Kendra Hotz

**March 13-20** Rev. Dr. Jim McClanahan: *Jesus' Teaching on Justice, Judgment, and Hope in the Gospels*

**March 27** Dr. Scott Morris

**April 3-10** Rev. Dr. Jim McClanahan: *Jesus' Teaching on Justice, Judgment, and Hope in the Gospels*

**April 24-May 1** Dr. John Kaltner: *The Death(s) of the Messiah*

**May 8-15** Dr. Steve McKenzie: *A Lesson from the Old Testament*

### Christian Parenting

*T(w)eens*

**Begins:** January 9  
**Place:** 304 W

This is a conversational-style forum for parents of adolescents to explore parenting t(w)eens through the lens of faith and faith formation. In January, it will be guided by curriculum from "*The Thoughtful Christian*."

**January 9** *Helping T(w)eens with Identity*

**January 16** *Helping T(w)eens Connect to their Church Community*

**January 23** *Helping T(w)eens Deal with Daily Pressures*

**January 30** *Helping T(w)eens Grieve*

**Christian Parenting Young Children** This is a conversational-style forum for parents of younger children. This class explores faith and parenting. Guided by curriculum on the Apostle Paul's *Fruit of the Spirit*, the spring sessions will seek to discern and encourage the virtues of kindness, gentleness, peace, etc. in our children.  
**Begins:** January 9  
**Place:** 302 W

**Stephen Class** This class is a conversational-style book group for those who embrace some prep work. This spring, the class will explore short stories, all of which can be found in *The Best American Short Stories of the Century* by John Updike.  
**Begins:** January 2  
**Place:** 301W

<b>January 2</b>	<i>Zelig</i>	<b>March 13</b>	<i>The Rotifer</i>
<b>January 9</b>	<i>The Other Woman</i>	<b>March 20</b>	<i>Gold Coast</i>
<b>January 16</b>	<i>Double Birthday</i>	<b>March 27</b>	<i>Roses, Rhododendron</i>
<b>January 30</b>	<i>That Evening Sun Go Down</i>	<b>April 3</b>	<i>Gesturing</i>
<b>February 6</b>	<i>Crazy Sunday</i>	<b>April 10</b>	<i>I Want to Live</i>
<b>February 13</b>	<i>My Dead Brother Comes to America</i>	<b>April 17</b>	Held Open for Church-Wide Easter Event
<b>February 20</b>	<i>The Hitch-Hikers</i>	<b>April 24</b>	<i>Half Skinned Steer</i>
<b>February 27</b>	<i>The Interior Castle</i>	<b>May 1</b>	<i>A Jury of Her Peers</i>
<b>March 6</b>	<i>The German Refugee</i>	<b>May 8-22</b>	<i>To be determined</i>

## Adult Formation

## Weekday Studies and Fellowship Groups

**Men's Breakfast** Men's Breakfast, Fellowship, Prayer, and Bible Study looks into N.T. Wright's commentary, *The Prison Letters - Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon*.  
**Date:** Tuesdays, 9 AM  
**Place:** Montgomery Hall/ [Zoom](#)

**Idlewild Book Club** We meet the fourth Thursday of the month to discuss books of all genres. On January 27, we will discuss the book *Circe* by Madeline Miller  
**Date:** Thursday at 2 PM  
**Place:** [Zoom](#)

**Wednesday Morning Studies** Upcoming topics include readings and discussions on *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf; *The Town* by William Faulkner; *Varina* by Charles Frazier; and *Art of the Sistine Chapel, a detailed look*.  
**Date:** Wednesdays, 9:30 AM  
**Place:** 303W

**Word on Wednesday** During the season of Lent, this covenant group will take a deep dive into racial justice, focusing on ally-ship.  
**Date:** Wednesdays in Lent, 7:30 PM  
**Place:** 304W or Zoom

**Parenting Through the Seasons** This evening gathering will officially launch peer groups for parents with children in specific age groups. Over a shared meal and conversation, we will explore developmentally-appropriate faith formation and the creation/maintenance of homes that nurture it. Parent peer groups will continue to meet quarterly.  
**Date:** Final Friday of the Month  
5:30 - 7:30 PM  
**Place:** Montgomery Hall

**February 25** *Parenting Through the Seasons: Wee Ones*  
**March 25** *Parenting Through the Seasons: Children*  
**April 22** *Parenting Through the Seasons: Adolescents*

**MLK Lunch & Learn** Screening of *Flint: The Poisoning of an American City*, followed by meal and discussion.  
**Date:** January 17 at 11 - 1:30 PM

## Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women Circles will meet the first Tuesday of the month February-May. Hope Circle meets each Tuesday in February at 4:30 PM.

### Special Events

**April 5** *Spring Zoom Gathering*

## Young Adult Formation

### Young Adult Book Study

**Date:** Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6 PM

**Location:** Church

Curious about some of Jesus' more difficult gospel teachings? Join us beginning January 11 as we read and discuss *The Difficult Words of Jesus* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.

Facilitation by Nichole Cooley & Andrew Falls.

### Young Adult Men's Dinners

**Date:** Second Thursday of the month at 7 PM

**January 13** *Flames Ramen*

**February 10** *Hattie B's*

**March 10** *BBQ Shop*

**April 7** *Tacos N Ganas*

**May 12** *TBD*

### IdleWILD Women

**Date:** First Tuesdays of the month at 7 PM

**January 4** *Judy Johnson's house*

**February 1** *Judy Johnson's house*

**March 1** *Andi Hill's house*

**April 5** *Andi Hill's house*

### 20 Something Bible Study

**Date:** Wednesdays at 7 PM

**Place:** Crosstown Concourse

The 20-Something Bible study is an opportunity for young adults in their twenties to connect with one another, deepen their faith, and form a stronger community at Idlewild through the book of Mark.

January 5th we will begin with Mark chapter 6.

### Special Events

**February 4 @6:30 PM** *Valentine's Trivia* at Nichole Cooley's house

**March 17 @7 PM** *Theology on Tap* at Nichole Cooley's house

**April 24 @11 AM** Young Adult Sunday

**May 21 @6:30 PM** Young Adult Summer Social

## Youth Formation

### Kick-Off Party

**When:** January 9

Kick off the new year with hot dogs, a corn hole tournament, and a campfire!

### Youth Special Events

**February 25-27** PYC at Pinecrest

**March 27** Spring Olympics

**April 3** Youth Sunday

**May 8** Confirmation Sunday

**May 15** Kick Ball Competition Parents vs. Students

**Sunday School**  
**Date:** Sundays at 9:40 AM  
**Begins:** All classes in 2022 begin January 9th

**Youth Sunday School**  
**Place:** BASIC Room

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

**Confirmation**  
**Place:** QUEST Room

Confirmands are asked to join us each Sunday for class with the exception of 3/13 and 4/17.

**First Sundays**  
**Place:** Montgomery Hall

Youth are putting down the curriculum and picking up the frying pan. Join us in making breakfast before worship.

**Parents of Confirmands**  
**Place:** Montgomery Hall

On the second Sunday of the month, parents of confirmands gather to review what their children are exploring in confirmation.

**QUEST/BASIC**  
**When:** Sundays 1/9-5/15

Youth group is a time of fellowship, games, discussions around faith, and dinner! Both QUEST and BASIC will gather from 6-7:30 PM.

## Children's Formation

**Sunday School**  
**When:** Sunday Mornings, 9:40 AM  
**Begins:** 1/16  
**Where:** 1st Floor of Jones Building

Nursery, Pre Kindergarten-Senior Kindergarten, and grades 1-5 will meet before worship for age appropriate scripture lessons.

**Time with the Younger Church**  
**When:** Sundays during worship

A moment during worship when all children are invited forward to connect, talk together about the day's scripture or theme, and pray!

**Worship & Wonder**  
**When:** Sundays during worship

After Time with the Younger Church, children who are potty-trained ages 3 years-5 years are welcome to have their own time for stories, songs, and worship experience geared towards children.

**Special Events**      **January 9th**  
9:40-10:15

**Welcome Back Sunday School Open House**  
Come do some crafts and grab some hot chocolate in the children's wing as we come back to Sunday School in the New Year! Parents stay for the fun and head up to their Sunday school at 10:15.

**January 28th**  
5-7 PM

**Parents Night Out/ Kids Church PJ Party**  
Parents drop off their kiddos (babies-fifth graders) at the church and head to a fellow parents house to fellowship and hang kid-free! Registration can be done through Realm. Cost is \$10 per child and scholarships are available.

## Music

### Idlewild Choir

Our goal is to support and enhance congregational songs by leading worship through music every Sunday. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00.

### Handbell Ringers

Handbell ringers embellish worship every week with peals that call us to worship. They often enhance congregational songs and choral music with their ringing. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings before worship.

## Nurture

### Secret Cupid

**Sign Up:** 1/3-17

**When:** 1/23 - 2/14

Register on Realm and you will be matched with another person or family. You will leave a small treat for 3 weeks and on the final week, you will reveal who you are. Leave a picture and/or note with your final treat. You can sign up as a family or as an individual.

### JoCoMe

**When:** March 5

Do you love NaCoMe? Join us for a day of NaCoMe in the Jones Building (JoCoMe). We will share a meal, have gym games, arts and crafts, campfire songs, "late night dancing," and more! Sign up on Realm.

### Spring Soccer

Registration begins January 10 and practice starts March 7 for boys and girls 6 to 13-year-olds. For kiddos under 6, Mini Strikers will begin March 26th.

### 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.

### Shrove Tuesday

**When:** March 1 at 5:30 PM

Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us, also known as Fat Tuesday or Carnival. We will enjoy good food, fellowship, activities, and learn what people around the world do in preparation for the Lenten season.

### Spring Potluck

**When:** May 1 after worship

**Where:** Montgomery Hall

The potluck is back! We will provide the fried chicken, so bring the sides or desserts to share. We will gather after church in Montgomery Hall and the gym for food and fellowship.

## Outreach

### Food Bank

**When:** 2nd & 4th Wednesday mornings of the month

We will continue to partner with the Mid-South Food Bank on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Please sign up so we know if we have enough volunteers. [\[sign up\]](#).

### Room in the Inn

**When:** 1st & 3rd Thursdays

Idlewild will host women who are experiencing homelessness by transporting our guests, provide dinner, a safe place to sleep, and a breakfast. We need volunteers to make this project successful. [\[sign up\]](#).

**MICAH**

**Meeting:** 3rd Thursday of the month at 5 PM

The Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope is a regional faith-based coalition working for social justice in the Memphis area. MICAH seeks to identify areas of social concern, find consensus, and work with community leaders for lasting change. [\[join the newsletter\]](#)

**More than a Meal**

**When:** Thursdays at 5 PM

Idlewild opens her doors to anyone that desires a hot meal and fellowship. This includes many in Memphis who are experiencing homelessness or poverty. [\[sign up\]](#)

**Legal Clinic**

**Next Clinic:** To be determined

Idlewild coordinates with Memphis Area Legal Services and volunteer lawyers, to promote and hosts two free legal clinics each year. We offer assistance to anyone who seeks it.

**McMerton Gardens**

**When:** Saturdays

Idlewild has partnered with the Binghampton community, to help the neighborhood gardens full of fresh tomatoes, okra, green beans, and other nutritious veggies. They are tended by Idlewild gardeners, neighbors, and friends who meet on Saturday mornings to plant, tend, and harvest the produce.

**No Longer Strangers**

Responding Faithfully to Immigration is currently [selling](#) Cafe Justo Coffee to support Frontera de Cristo. The group is also helping house a refugee family.

## Contact Information

<b>Sunday Morning Adult Classes</b>	The Reverend Sara Dorrien-Christians, Associate Pastor
<b>Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study</b>	Ted Mealor
<b>Idlewild Book Club</b>	Joyce Webber
<b>Young Adult Ministry</b>	The Reverend Elizabeth H.Doolin, Director of Young Adult Ministry Laura Falls
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	Jeanene Mutchler, Director of Youth Ministry
<b>Children's Ministry</b>	Jeanene Mutchler, Interim Director of Children's Ministry
<b>Music Choir and Ringers</b>	Barry Oliver, Director of Music
<b>Nurture Ministry</b>	Jacob Pierce, Director of Nurture Ministry Unit Shari Gross, Coordinator for Nurture Ministry
<b>Outreach Ministry</b>	The Reverend Sara Dorrien-Christians
<b>MICAH Memphis</b>	Leigh Taylor White
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### Pastoral and Program Staff

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