



Fall 2022 Schedule

Ministry at Idlewild is organized by ministry units. Read on to learn about the opportunities for Worship, Formation, Nurture, and Outreach.

Worship *Worship is on Sundays at 11 AM In-person and on Livestream*

Fall Sermon Series	September 11- October 23	Every so often, it is important for people of faith to pause and ask, "why do we do what we do?" Our fall worship series – Why Church? – will allow us, lifelong church members as well as those new to the faith, the opportunity to examine some fundamental practices of Christianity.
Important Events	September 25 October 30 November 6 November 27 December 24	Ordination and Installation of Courtney Veazey Commitment Sunday All Saints Day Advent Begins Christmas Eve

Music

Chancel Choir	Our goal is to support and enhance congregational songs by leading worship through music every Sunday.
Handbell Choir	The handbells enliven worship every week with peals that call us to worship. They often enhance congregational singing and choral music with their ringing.

Adult Formation

Sunday School 9:40 AM each Sunday

Christian Parenting: (Room 304) This welcoming class invites parents of babies to fifth graders to come together to explore what it might look like to grow into becoming Micah 6:8 parents. How do we live out scripture's calling for ourselves and encourage our children to do, love, and walk humbly? Join us for discussion, a deepening of friendships with one another, and prayer.

Stephen Class: (Room 301) This class continues its engagement with words in the best short stories of the 20th century, *The Best American Short Stories of the Century*, edited by John Updike. Everyone who likes to read is encouraged to join us. Class members facilitate discussion of the short stories.

September 11	<i>Little Selves</i> by Mary Lerner
September 18	<i>Blood-Burning Moon</i> by Jean Toomer
September 25	<i>Wild Plums</i> by Grace Stone Coates
October 2	<i>Here We Are</i> by Dorothy Parker
October 9	<i>Resurrection of a Life</i> by William Saroyan
October 16	<i>The Peach Stone</i> by Paul Horgan
October 23	<i>Death of a Favorite</i> by J. F. Powers
October 30	<i>The Resemblance Between a Violin Case and a Coffin</i> by Tennessee Williams
November 6	<i>The Ledge</i> by Lawrence Sargent Hall
November 13	<i>Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been?</i> by Joyce Carol Oates
November 20	<i>How to Win</i> by Rosellen Brown
November 27	<i>Verona: A Young Woman Speaks</i> by Harold Brodkey
December 4	<i>The Way We Live Now</i> by Susan Sontag
December 11	<i>Birthmates</i> by Jen Gish
December 18	Selected by the class at a later date

Faith and Function: (Room 303/ Virtual) This class welcomes local scholars to teach the Bible in the contexts of the stories, writers, and Christians today. We also study history and current event topics that are closely related to these Biblical lessons. This semester includes:

August 21	Kendra Hotz <i>Why Jesus would take the bus</i>
August 28	Kendra Hotz <i>Continued</i>
September 4	Jim McClanahan <i>The Colorful Quilt of American Religion: American Religious Groups</i>
September 11	Jim McClanahan <i>Continued</i>
September 18	Janel Bakker <i>Mission as Repair: Western Christianity and Slavery</i>
September 25	Janel Bakker <i>Continued</i>
October 2	Ron Serino <i>King Solomon's Whiteness (Race and the Bible)</i>
October 9	Mitzi Minor <i>The New Testament as it Guides our Spiritual Journeys</i>
October 16	Mitzi Minor <i>Continued</i>
October 23	Mitzi Minor <i>Continued</i>
October 30	Patrick Gray <i>Genesis: In the Beginning and More Recently</i>
November 6	Patrick Gray <i>Continued</i>
November 13	<i>To Be Determined</i>
November 20	<i>To Be Determined</i>
November 27	no class
December 4	John Kaltner <i>Births of the Messiah</i>
December 11	John Kaltner <i>Continued</i>

Weekday Studies & Fellowship Groups

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Date: Tuesdays, 9 AM

Place: Montgomery Hall/ Zoom

Men's Breakfast, Fellowship, Prayer, and Bible Study will begin the study of Matthew in August. We focus on the history and culture of the text as it forms our faith and theology today.

Idlewild Book Club

Date: 4th Thursdays of the month

Place: 305W and on Zoom

This class meets to discuss books of all genres. All are welcome - members and non-members.

Wednesday Studies

Date: Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 AM

Place: Room 303W

Facilitators are often members of the class, with the occasional guest, and the discussions range from politics, history, art, and literature. Find a topic you are interested in and join us for one or all of the classes.

September 7-28 Jody Hopkins: *A review of U.S. Presidential might-have-beens*

October 5-26 Lucy Bridgeforth: *Overview of American law: business and personal rights*

November 2 Ferrell Varner: *The 2022 Election in Preview*

November 9-16 Jim Cole: *Readings and discussion about The Sunset Limited by Cormac McCarthy*

November 30 Caitlin Bertsch: *An Intersection of Math & Culture*

Racial Justice Mini Retreat

Date: September 24, 10 -1

Place: 302 & Harlan Room

Join us for a retreat and spend contemplative time unpacking our personal racial identities. Both guided individual and group time to create and explore your "Racial Roadmap," will be components of our time together. Resources and suggested preparation work of about an hour will be provided two weeks prior to our gathering.

Presbyterian Women

This group is for all ages and for those who identify as women. Circles are at the core of our group and are a time for fellowship and Bible study. Contact a member to join a circle and stop by an event listed below:

Pinecrest Bible Study

Date: August 20, 9:30 - 12:30 PM

Place: Pinecrest Retreat Center

Each year, PW gathers to review the study for the coming year. This year, the author of our book study, *Love Carved in Stone* by Eugenia Gamble, will join us.

HOPE Circle

Date: Tues in October, 4:30 PM

HOPE circle will on Tuesdays throughout October in the Parlor. Details on the class topic will come.

Events

August 28 (3-5 PM)

September 17 (10 AM - 1 PM)

Meet & Greet at 930 Harbor Bend Rd

Fall Gathering in Montgomery Hall

Young Adult Formation

IdleWILD Women

Date: First Tues of the month, 7 PM

This Presbyterian Women Circle was created for women who cannot meet during the day and are available in the evenings.

Young Adult Dinners

Date: Second Thurs of the month,
7 PM

September 8 Central BBQ on Central
October 13 Aldo's Pizza in Midtown
November 10 Molly's La Casita

20 Something Bible Study

Date: Wednesdays, 7 PM

Where: Crosstown Meeting Room

This group is an opportunity for young adults under 30 to connect with one another, deepen their faith, and form stronger community at Idlewild.

Events

August 13 (6:30 PM)

Kick Off Bash at the Sykes' Home

December 10 (6:30 PM)

Christmas Party

December 18 (9:30 AM)

Waffle Sunday

Youth Formation *Grades 6-12*

Sunday School

Date: Sundays at 9:40 AM

Place: High School Room

Join us on Sundays as we break into groups, eat donuts, pray, and have a discussion around current events and through a lens of faith. Our leaders are Jess Joshi, Anne Fisher, Andrew Falls, and Laura Falls. No class 9/4, 10/9, & 11/27.

First Sunday Breakfast

On the first Sunday of each month, we make breakfast together in the kitchen on the second floor of the Jones building.

Youth Group

When: Sundays 6 - 7:30 PM

Sunday nights begin with dinner and then break out into groups to play games, do activities, check in with each other, and have group conversations around faith and practice. Sometimes we plan trips off campus!

Special Dates

August 14 (6 - 7:30 PM)

"Ease Back" Dinner

August 21 (6 - 7:30 PM)

Youth Kick Off Bash

August 28 (5:30-7:30 PM)

Mess Fest at Germantown Presbyterian

October 23 (6-7:30 PM)

Corn Maze

November 20 (6 - 7:30 PM)

Friendsgiving

December 4 (6 - 7:30 PM)

Christmas Party

Events

September 25	Mission Trip Info Meeting and Sign Up Launch after worship
October 23	Confirmation Info Meeting after worship
October 29	Trunk or Treat - Youth pass out candy in Idlewild parking lot
November 20	Soup-To-Go Fundraiser and Pottery Sale after worship
November 23	Food Bank and Breakfast
December 22	More than a Meal Dinner
December 28	Food Bank and Breakfast

Children's Formation *Infant - Grades 5*

Nursery Care

Dates: Sundays 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Where: First floor Jones Building

Parents may check in their 0 - 3s with our care workers while parents have space to participate in Sunday school and worship. Please bring diapers, favorite toys, and any bottles or food your children may require.

The Sunday School Hour

Dates: 9:30 - 10:40 AM

Check-In: 3rd Floor Kids Room

3-year-olds to 5th graders will begin with Large Group energizers, skits, and games. They will then break out into their age-based small group classes where children are immersed in God's story.
3-Year-Olds - K Kids Room 326e, 3rd floor Jones
1st - 3rd Grade Worship & Wonder Room, 2nd floor 1928 Building
4th - 5th Grade Room 323e, 3rd floor Jones

Parents' Night In

Dates: Sept. 23, 5:45 - 7:30 PM

Where: Montgomery Hall

Parents will first enjoy a meal and fellowship. Then, we'll break into small groups for guided discussions around faith, family, and practice.

0-3s will have nursery care and kids will have a party of their own.

Parents' Night Out

Dates: Nov. 18, 5:45 - 7:30 PM

Where: Off church campus

Parents will meet up offsite to spend some time in kid-free fellowship.

Drop the kids off at Idlewild. The nursery will be open for 0-3s. Volunteers will have activities prepared for big kids ages 3-12.

Events

September 18	Second Grade Bibles
October 22	Pumpkin Patch Excursion
December 11	Toy Drive at Sunday school
December 24	Child-Led Christmas Eve Service (3 PM)

Nurture

Food & Fellowship

When: 5:30 - 7 PM

Where: Montgomery Hall

Join us around the table for dinner, fellowship, and activities for our youngest. Meal tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids.

September 13 McMerton Gardens

November 29 Preparing our Homes & Hearts for Advent

NACOME

When: October 7 - 9

Where: Pleasantville, TN

Get away at the annual all church camp at NaCoMe. Rest, relax, and rejuvenate and have some fun with your church family. Registration on Realm to begin August 14th! Scholarships available.

Trunk or Treat

When: October 29

Where: Idlewild Parking Lot

Our annual Drive Thru Trunk or Treat! Drive through the parking lot a gather candy from our decorated trunks. Don't forget to stop by the other churches involved! Candy donations are greatly appreciated.

Potluck

When: November 6, after worship

Where: Gym

Bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert and drop it off in the kitchen before worship. After worship we will gather and enjoy a meal with our famous fried chicken. Donations are appreciated.

Soup to Go & Pottery Sale

When: November 20, after worship

Where: Montgomery Hall

Join us after church for the Youth annual Soup to Go Fundraiser and Nurture's annual Pottery Sale. All proceeds from the pottery sale go towards our pottery studio.

Basketball Registration

When: September 12 - October 14

Basketball practice will begin on November 14 for boys and girls ages 6 - 13-year-olds. Games will begin on December 3. All practices are in Idlewild gym and games are in churches in town.

Pottery Studio

When: Wednesdays at 6 PM

Register on Realm and join us in the pottery studio on Wednesday evenings. The space and materials are for you to use and create!

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 we have enough volunteers.

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.

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.

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,
10 AM- 12 PM

Idlewild has partnered with the Binghampton community to ensure the neighborhood gardens are 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

No Longer Strangers is currently selling Cafe Justo Coffee to support Frontera de Cristo. The group is also helping an Afghan family, the Akramis.

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