



# Spring 2023 Semester Guide

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*

### Narrative Lectionary

This spring worship will be guided by a four-year cycle of scripture readings called the Narrative Lectionary, assigned texts that follow the sweep of the biblical story from Creation through the early Christian church. This Lectionary provides a unique avenue for listening to the many different voices within Scripture.

### Lent Series: Parables That Prepare Us

**When:** Feb 26 - March 26

In the early church, the season leading up to Easter was used by some Christians as a time of preparation to enter the Paschal mystery of baptism: *Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.* During Lent, we will prepare ourselves to live into the same mystery by exploring five parables that Jesus shared in the days leading up to his crucifixion.

### Important Events

<b>February 12</b>	Youth Sunday	<b>April 8</b>	Easter Sunday
<b>February 22</b>	Ash Wednesday	<b>April 23</b>	Confirmation Sunday
<b>April 2</b>	Palm Sunday	<b>May 7</b>	Graduation Recognition
<b>April 5</b>	Maundy Thursday	<b>May 28</b>	Pentecost & Ordination
<b>April 6</b>	Good Friday		& Installation of Officers

## Music

### Chancel Choir

Our goal is to support and enhance congregational songs by leading worship through music. We are always looking for new members

### 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: Children: (Room 304)** This class invites parents of infants to fifth graders to wrestle with difficult questions and formulate faithful responses together. What does it mean when Jesus tells us to "change and become like children" to enter the kingdom of God? How do we bring that wonder, awe, and humbleness into faith conversations with our children? This semester our conversation will be guided by *When Kids Ask Hard Questions* edited by Rev. Bromleigh McCleneghan & Rev. Jackson and *Bless This Mess* by Rev. Molly Baskette & Dr Ellen O'Donnell.

**Christian Parenting: Teens & Young Adults (Room 302)** This team-led, discussion-oriented class is open to all those who are parenting teens and/or young adults. Topics vary from week to week; drop-ins and newcomers are always welcome. Also, we have coffee.

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

<b>January 8</b>	<i>The Killers</i> by Ernest Hemingway
<b>January 15</b>	<i>Miami-New York</i> by Martha Gellhorn
<b>January 22</b>	<i>The Second Tree from the Corner</i> by E. B. White
<b>January 29</b>	<i>Criers and Kibitzers, Kibitzers and Criers</i> by Stanley Elkin
<b>February 5</b>	<i>A City of Churches</i> by Donald Barthelme
<b>February 12</b>	<i>Janus</i> by Ann Beattie
<b>February 19</b>	<i>You're Ugly, Too</i> by Lorrie Moore
<b>February 26</b>	<i>Proper Library</i> by Carolyn Ferrell
<b>March 5</b>	<i>Soon</i> by Pam Durban
<b>March 12</b>	<i>The Best Girlfriend You Never Had</i> by Pam Houston
<b>March 19</b>	<i>Class Choice</i>
<b>March 26</b>	<i>Class Choice</i>
<b>April 2</b>	Mark 15-16
<b>April 16 - May 7</b>	<i>Recitatif</i> by Toni Morrison
<b>May 14</b>	Course Planning
<b>May 21</b>	<i>Good People</i> by David Foster Wallace

**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:

<b>January 15</b>	Joshua Narcisse	<b>March 19</b>	Jim McClanahan
<b>January 22</b>	Mary Newberg Gale	<b>March 26</b>	Jim McClanahan
<b>January 29</b>	Patrick Gray	<b>April 16</b>	John Kaltner
<b>February 5</b>	Pete Gathje	<b>April 23</b>	John Kaltner
<b>February 12</b>	Pete Gathje	<b>April 30</b>	Steve McKenzie
<b>February 19</b>	Mitzi Minor	<b>May 7</b>	Steve McKenzie
<b>February 26</b>	Mitzi Minor	<b>May 14</b>	Steve Haynes
<b>March 5</b>	Courtney Veazey	<b>May 21</b>	Steve Haynes
<b>March 12</b>	TBD		

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**Tapestry: Contemplate Prayer Experience: (Harlan Room, Sanctuary Building)** Explore a tapestry of contemplative practices that require focus and attention while our minds are busy analyzing, asking questions, pondering, or listening. We weave lectio, visio, musica, and walking divina prayer practices through the daily lectionary. If you're unfamiliar with one or more of these, come and learn something new! Class begins promptly at 9:40 and drop-in visitors are encouraged.

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**20/20: (Room 305)** We are returning after a pandemic hiatus! Through leader-facilitated discussions each week, we will consider what it means to be a Christian in our often challenging, contemporary world. Discussion leaders will be drawn from class members. We will begin with consideration of some books and see where that leads us. Open to all, drop-ins welcome!

<b>January</b>	<i>Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life</i> by Rowan Williams
<b>February</b>	<i>Revelation for Everyone</i> by N.T. Wright
<b>March</b>	<i>Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer</i> by Rowan Williams
<b>April-May</b>	TBD

## Special Offerings

### **Navigating Grief: Finding Wholeness and Joy**

**Date:** Wednesdays in Feb  
6 - 7:30 PM

**Place:** Montgomery Hall

This workshop, led by Angela Kelly, Administrator at Baptist Centers for Good Grief, will teach tools for healthy processing of our grief in order to claim our joy and wholeness. Throw out any ideas you have about a grief group. This is not that! This is experiential and focused on our joy, hope, and wholeness.

### **Racial Justice Mini Retreat**

**Place:** 302

**February 18 (9AM 12PM)**

**April 1 (9AM-12PM)**

The Racial Justice work Christ calls us to do can be challenging and painful. We must equip ourselves by understanding where they might have originated from in our life stories.

**101 Racial Identity** unpacks racial identity through the development of our personal *racial roadmap*

**102 Becoming a Better Ally** focuses on becoming better allies and is designed for those who have taken the 101 course.

### **Sacred Ground**

**Date:** TBD (Set by participants)

**Register Interest on Realm:**

Jan 23

This is a film and readings based series on race, grounded in faith and designed by the Episcopal Church for us in an ecumenical setting. Where does race meet the family story, economic class, and political and regional identity? This course is hosted at Idlewild and facilitated by Tom Momberg and Meredith Pace.

### **The Eighth Phase**

**in the Soul's Journey**

**Date:** Thursday 10:30AM

Feb 23 - March 16

**Place:** Parlor

This will be an elder gathering, designed to explore the dramatic changes in the older adult phase of life. We'll discuss the transitions in living conditions, relationships, activities, physical bodies, and spiritual insights for this phase in our lives.

## Weekday Studies & Fellowship Groups

### **Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**

**Date:** Tuesdays, 9 AM

**Place:** Montgomery Hall/ Zoom

We are a discussion group led by Jim McClanahan and Ted Mealor that focuses on the history and culture of the text as it forms our faith and theology for living as Christians. We will begin a study of Matthew in August. We welcome you into our group and discussion.

### **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.

**Jan 4 - Feb 1**

**Feb 8 - March 1**

**March 8 - 22**

**Pat Kelly** Exerpts from Milton's *Paradise Lost*

**Jim Cole** Faulkner's *The Mansion*

**Stephanie Rodda** Will Campbell's *Brother to a Dragonfly*

### Idlewild Book Club

**Date:** 4th Thursdays of the month  
**Place:** 305W and on Zoom

This class meets at 2 pm for an hour to discuss books of all genres. All are welcome - members and non-members.

### Presbyterian Women

**Circles Meet:** First Tuesdays

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. Group circle leaders and meetings times:

<b>Abigail</b>	Lee Anne Roehm (12 PM)	<b>Rebekah</b>	Patricia Suttle
<b>Lydia Ruth</b>	Sarah Brandon (10:30 AM)	<b>IdleWILD Women</b>	Alica Powers
<b>Mary Magdalene</b>	Linda Scholl (Noon)		

#### Project Day

**Date:** January 21, 10 AM  
**Place:** Montgomery Hall

We will make stoles for confirmands, Valentines cards for shut in's, flower arrangements and baptism baby blankets. After, we will enjoy lunch.

#### HOPE Circle

**Date:** Tues in February, 4:30 PM

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

#### Johnson Auxiliary

**Date:** April 18, 9 AM  
**Place:** Idlewild Chapel

The Idlewild PW women have been a part of Johnson Auxiliary which serves patients and families at Regional One. Their 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Idlewild Chapel.

#### Spring Gathering

**Date:** April 22, 8:30 AM  
**Place:** Montgomery Hall

This is PW's annual spring luncheon, installation of officers, and fellowship. All those who identify as women are welcome to join us!

## 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 Thursdays of the month, 7 PM

<b>January 12</b>	Abner's in Crosstown
<b>February 9</b>	Young Avenue Deli
<b>March 9</b>	Slider Inn in Midtown
<b>April 13</b>	Lost Pizza Company
<b>May 11</b>	Babalu

### 20 Somethings

This group is an opportunity for young adults under 30 to connect with one another, deepen their faith, and form stronger community at Idlewild. Our first happy hour will be:

**February 2, 5:30 PM** Alchemy

# 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 March 12 or April 9.

## 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

**January 8**

Corn Hole Kick-Off Party

**January 29**

Hosting Taco Night Fundraiser for church

**May 7**

Graduation Recognition in Service

**May 21**

Last Day of Youth Group

No Youth Group January 15, February 19, March 12, April 9

## Presbyterian Youth Connection

**Date:** February 24 - 25

**Place:** Pinecrest

We'll head to Pinecrest to join with other Presbyterian youth from across the mid-south for a time of connection and fellowship. Check the newsletters for sign ups.

## Confirmation

Confirmation is suggested for 8th graders and is open to grades 8-11th. Classes are on Sundays from 12:15-2 PM excluding holidays. Other dates to keep in mind:

**April 15** Retreat

**April 19** Session to hear Faith Statements

**April 23** Confirmation Sunday

## Other Events

**January 10** Nicaragua Trip Deposit Due

**February 12** Youth Sunday

**April 23** Confirmation Sunday, come support!

# 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. Note, no class on March 12 or April 9.

**3-Year-Olds - K** Room 326, 3rd floor Jones

**1st - 3rd Grade** Room 326, 3rd floor Jones

**4th - 5th Grade** Room 323, 3rd floor Jones

## **Parents' Night In**

**Dates:** Jan 20 (5:45-7:30PM)

April 28 (5:45-7:30PM)

**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:** Feb 3 (5:45-7:30PM)

**Where:** Off church campus

Parents will meet up offsite to spend some time in kid-free fellowship. Drop the kids off at Idlewild. 0-3s will have nursery care and kids will have a party of their own.

## **Baptism Class**

**When:** February 12

This workshop is for parents whose children have been recently baptized or plan to baptize their child soon and folks of all ages who are contemplating being baptized. We will discuss a Reformed theology of baptism and explore some frequently asked questions.

## **Special Events**

**March 31**

**April 2**

**May 20**

Created By God

Easter Egg Hunt

Idlewild Elementary Clean Up

# Nurture

## **Secret Cupid**

**Register:** by January 12  
**Gift:** Jan 22nd-Feb 12th

For those who sign up, you or your family will be matched with another participant. For 3 weeks, you will give a gift. We will have a reveal on February 12 after worship.

## **JOCOME**

**When:** March 4  
**Where:** Jones Building

Do you love NaCoMe? Join us for a day of NaCoMe-like fun in the Jones Building. We will share meals, have gym games, arts and crafts, campfire songs, and of course, late-night dancing, and more!

## **Food & Fellowship**

**Shrove Tuesday Dinner**  
**When:** Feb 21, 5:30 PM  
**Where:** Montgomery Hall

Shrove refers to the confession of sins as a preparation for Lent and was a usual practice in Europe in the Middle Ages. It can also be referred to as Fat Tuesday or Carnival. Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and activities as we prepare for the Lenten season.

## **Spring Potluck**

**When:** TBD  
**Where:** Gym

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.

## **Pottery Studio**

**When:** Wednesdays at 6 PM

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

## **Yoga: A Lenten Practice**

**When:** Feb 25-April 1 (9 AM)  
**Where:** 222 Activity Room

Saturdays through Lent, join us in a yoga series. Engage the spiritual discipline of praying with your body as you practice listening for our triune God's voice through this incarnation practice.



## Outreach

### **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 4 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:** April 29

Idlewild coordinates with Memphis Area Legal Services and volunteer lawyers to promote and host 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.

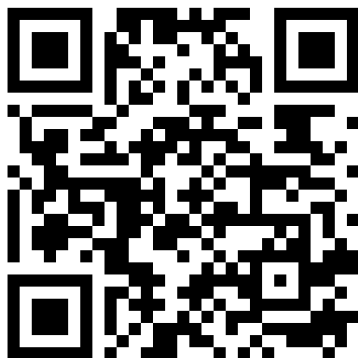
### **Room in the Inn**

**When:** 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month, through April

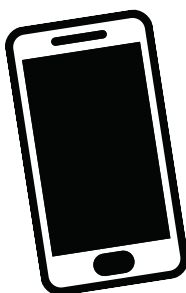
Room in the Inn is a hospitality-oriented ministry for our unsheltered female neighbors. To make this ministry work, we need drivers to drive our van, a set up crew, a takedown crew, drink and dinner providers, laundry fairies, and evening hosts. Check out the Outreach page for sign-ups and more information.

**Check out our Calendar page  
for regular sign ups and descriptions,**

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