

Summer at Idlewild

MAY 28 - AUGUST 13, 2023



*Learn about summer opportunities for
Worship & Music, Formation, Outreach, & Nurture*



Worship

*In the summer, we will gather each week at 10 a.m.
in the sanctuary for one service.*

Psalms of Summertime: June 11th – August 6th

The Psalms are a collection of songs, poems, and prayers that capture the breadth of the human experience. Through our summer sermon series, we will deepen our knowledge of scripture by exploring a different psalm each week. From praise to lament, thanksgiving to wisdom, the psalter will center our worship and help us become more familiar with the rich language and vivid imagery of the Bible.

More than a Meal Worship: Chapel (Thursdays at 4 PM)

Join us for a 30-minute service complete with sharing the eucharist.



Music

*If you've wondered what making music at Idlewild
is like, the summer is a good time to test it out!*

Summer Choir: Rehearsals on Sundays at 9:15 AM

6th grade to adults are invited to participate in the summer choir. This ensemble will lead music Sundays in June - July. The music will be accessible and a perfect time to give the choir a try. If you are at all interested, reach out to Landry Duvall.

Handbell Pause

We are excited to re-introduce handbells in the fall.



Adult & Young Adult

Our goal is to form mature disciples of Jesus Christ in word and in deed.

Summer Forum: Sundays at 9 AM in Montgomery Hall

Join us this summer for faithful discussion each week either through Zoom or in person in Montgomery Hall.

- June 4 Mark Jones: *Historical Tour of Idlewild*
- June 11 Dr. James Whelan: *Behavioral Addiction: Risky Business*
- June 18 No Longer Strangers: *Idlewild Good Neighbor*
Welcome Team
- June 25 Kevin Ritz: *Justice and Civil Rights*
- July 2 No Class
- July 9 The Rev. Joshua Narcisse: *The Black Church & the Mystic Tradition*
- July 16 Dr. Raissa A. Von Doetinchem de Rande: *The Politics of Islamic Ethics*
- July 23 AJ Northrop: *Cuba Ministry Update*
- July 30 To Be Announced
- August 6 John Ashworth: *Economics of Enslavement*

Psalms of Summertime Class : Wednesdays in June in Room 303 (time, TBD)

Pastor Mary will lead a five-week series discussing the particular scriptures from the Book of Psalms in tandem with the sermon series for the summer. Mark your interest for an evening or daytime option in Realm.

Young Adult Sunday Lunch: First Sundays after worship

Gather in the TK Young Room following worship, and we'll head out for fellowship and reflection about the worship service.

- June 4 Mary Ellen Dumas will coordinate
- July 2 Kelli Conrad will coordinate
- August 6 Laura & Andrew Falls will coordinate

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Young Adult Theology on Tap : Thursdays in June

Every week, a different pastor will join us at a brewery in town to lead a discussion. Hope you can tap in with us this summer!

June 1	Pastor Joshua: <i>Wiseacre on Broad</i>
June 8	Pastor David: <i>Crosstown Brewing</i>
June 15	Pastor Mary: <i>Ghost River Brewing</i>
June 22	Pastor Courtney: <i>Wiseacre</i>
June 29	Ask Us Anything! <i>Hampline</i>



Youth

We trust that God accepts us wherever we are on our faith journeys as we explore what it looks like to reflect our Creator's love and justice in our world.

Summer of Service

Sunday School: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Youth are invited to attend the summer forum or volunteer to help with children's Sunday School in the Large Group Kids' Room on the third floor of the Jones building. Or, head to the choir room and experience what being part of the choir looks like.

Serve at Room in the Inn: July 5, August 2nd (4:15 - 8 PM)

Youth will help host housing-insecure families through Room in the Inn. We will set up, make and serve dinner, and spend time in fellowship with guests.

July 5th Meet in Idlewild parking lot at 4:15 PM and
we will host at Calvary

August 2 Meet at Idlewild to host in our building

Serve at Chapel for More than a Meal: June 1 & July 27 (3:45- 5:30 PM)

Youth will help lead chapel along with Pastor Courtney and then serve dinner and fellowship with our food insecure neighbors. After we serve, youth will have the option of sticking around to head out for swimming, or a movie night in the youth room.



Children

We learn to know, love, and serve the Lord by providing a solid foundation of Biblical understanding with opportunities to apply spiritual truths at home, school, and play.

VBS Compassion Camp: June 5-8, 9AM-12 (Register by May 28)

Children who have completed pre k- rising 5th graders are invited to spend a week of morning camp at the church! We'll play games, hear stories, sing, snack, serve in outreach, and make art together. We'll learn about having compassion for ourselves and our world. Rising 6-12th graders are invited to be counselors/ shepherds.

Summer Sing & Story Time: Sundays at 9 - 9:40 AM

Summer Sunday school is full of laid-back fun. First, choir friends will lead us in beloved children's church songs. Next, we'll hear a story, have a snack, and play in the Large Group Sunday School or the outside playground. All ages will be combined and parents are asked to volunteer to shepherd one Sunday during the summer. Email Anna Wheeler to pick your week.

Sunday school sabbath: May 28, July 2

Worship & Wonder: Following Time with the Younger Church

Children ages 3- Kindergarten are invited to leave big church and continue their worship in a service of their own with Anna Wheeler.

Nursery: During Sunday school hour and worship

Loving nursery care will be provided for 0-3 year olds in the nursery located on the first floor of the Jones building. Caregivers can pack a snack/bottle, a change of clothes, diapers, and wipes.



Nurture

Our vision is to provide opportunities grounded in our Divine Creator that stir imagination, provoke wonder, form faith, and invite transformation.

Pride Parade: June 3 (10 AM - 5 PM) Robert Church Park (Downtown)

All are welcome to march with the PresbyQueerians & Allies. Meet us at the tent by 12:45 and we will line up together. Admission is \$1 (cash) and shirts are \$20 (card). Idlewild's tent and table at the festival will be set up in advance. Bring a chair, wear an Idlewild shirt, and BE COLORFUL! E-mail Shari Gross at by Thursday, May 25 for a ride.

Community & Connection

June 24
(6:30 PM)

Stax Music Academy at the Shell: Join us for a free concert! We will set up a spot at 6:30 before the show. Pack a picnic basket or purchase food and drinks at the Shell. Please bring something to sit on.

July 13
(6 PM)

Twilight Thursday: Meet at the Memphis Botanic Garden to explore the Garden while enjoying food trucks and live music.

July 29
(6:30 PM)

Memphis Redbirds: Come enjoy a Memphis Redbirds baseball game, dinner, and fireworks! Tickets (admission & dinner) are \$15 with a \$50 cap per family. Realm registration required closer to the event.

Weekly Nurture Activities:

Pottery
(Wednesdays 5-7 PM)

The space and materials are for you to use and create! Donations are always welcome. Studio is on the 2nd floor Jones Building, down the hall and to the left.

Pickleball
(M/W/F 1-3 PM)

Players of all capabilities are welcome to the Jones Building Gym. We have several paddles to borrow. Suggested donation is \$2.

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Fall Soccer Registration Opens: June 26

Ages 4-5: First session begins September 9

Ages 6-12: Practices begin August 14 and Games begin September 9

Registration is \$60 for ages 4 – 5 and \$90 for ages 6 – 12. Registration fees include uniforms. Scholarships available upon request

OlderWilders

We are a fun crew of mostly retired-age friends who take turns coordinating outings. Our next outing is at the Metal Museum on June 11 at 12:45. You are welcome to bring a lunch!



Outreach

We work to extend our hands to all in need and help build a more just, inclusive, and welcoming community in Memphis and beyond.

Room in the Inn: Thursdays June - August

On June 28 and July 26, we will host women who are unhoused at Calvary Episcopal (102 North 2nd Street). On August 2 and 23, we will host in the Jones building. A multitude of volunteers makes this ministry come to life. Sign up under Outreach on our website.

More than a Meal: Thursdays at 4 PM

This is our weekly evening prayer service and a hot meal for all who are spiritually and physically hungry. Volunteers worship, connect with our guests, serve meals, play music, pray, and help clean up.

McMerton Gardens: Saturdays (10 AM - 12 PM)

Garden alongside Binghampton's residents, neighbors, and friends – plant, tend, and harvest the produce. This ministry takes care of our earth and teaches Binghampton's children about gardening, fresh food, and money management. Find the gardens at the corner of Merton Street and McAdoo Ave.

MICAH: Core Team meets June 20, July 18 at 5 PM

As a founding member of MICAH (The Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope) Idlewild participates in the life of the organization through membership on the board and participation in task forces. Idlewild's MICAH Core Team meets at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

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** including baptisms, weddings, and funerals*

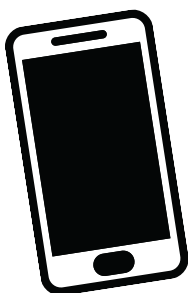


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