



IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 13 - DECEMBER 31, 2023



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



Church Wide

Woven Together:

Wednesdays, September – October | 5:30 – 7 PM

The afternoon will begin with dinner in Montgomery Hall followed by Adult formation programming and children's choir practice. Youth can head to the youth wing for a time of connection and fun. The pottery studio and basketball court will be available as a free space. The evening will conclude with choir and handbell practice. There is something for everyone in this evening of ministry and fellowship.



Worship

Beginning August 13, we will move to two worship services. The 8:30 AM service will be in the chapel and include weekly communion. The 11 AM worship will be in the sanctuary.

Sermon Series: Beginning Again: August 13 – September 3

Through this series, we will explore how to make a fresh start: in friendships and in family, at school and at work, even in our lives of faith. How does the Spirit of God enable us to begin again? How does our faith inspire hope and possibility in the future?

The Narrative Lectionary: September 10 – November 26

The Narrative Lectionary will guide our worship throughout the Fall of 2023. Each week we will explore a new passage of scripture drawn from the lectionary which helps tell the expansive story of God and God's people.

Important Dates:

Baptism 101 (August 27 | 9 AM) This class is for parents of children who will be baptized soon. Childcare will be available.

Second Grade Bibles (September 10) We will gift our children with Bibles from the Idlewild family

Blessing of the Pets (October 8 | 5 PM) This will be a Sunday evening service for our pet friends.

Commitment Sunday (October 29) We will make our financial commitments to the life and ministries of the church for the 2024 year.

All Saints Sunday (November 5)

First Sunday of Advent (December 3)

Christmas Eve (December 24)



Music

Grow in your faith journey by participating in a community creating sacred music.

Ensemble:

Whether you have a background in music-making or are new to the experience, all are welcome to participate in the music ministry at Idlewild. This year the music ministry theme is *community*.

Chancel Choir: 7:30 – 9 PM on Wednesdays | Choir Room*

We offer the primary musical leadership of the 11 AM worship service. The music is varied and all ranges of vocal ability are welcome. Join us in making a joyful noise on Sundays and for many exciting programs throughout the year.

Handbells: 6:30 – 7:30 PM on Wednesdays | Strock Room*

This fall, a new Handbell ensemble is forming and will kick off on August 16th. Handbells are a wonderful way to learn how to read music, and build community with others. Open to all ranges of musical ability.

Children's Choir: 6 – 7 PM on Wednesdays | Worship & Wonder Room

Beginning September 6: Children (K – 6th grade) will practice for the first 30 minutes and then will be guided to an art space for led crafting time. We hope musical and artistic expression can be a new element to our youngest's faith journey. Sign-up through Realm.

Special Musical Events:

Taize Prayer Service: October 1 | 7 PM | TK Young Room

For World Communion Sunday, we will offer a contemplative service to pray for our world through candle lighting, prayer, and repetitious chant music.

UT Chattanooga Chamber Chorus: October 15 | 7 PM | Sanctuary

Idlewild is excited to welcome the Chamber Choir of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for a concert. The choir is under the direction of Kevin Ford.

Idlewild's Festival of Christmas: Gloria! December 15 | 7 PM | Sanctuary

Kick off the Christmas season at Idlewild with a new concert that will feature our very own Chancel choir, magnificent pipe organ, and festival orchestra. We hope you will invite friends and family as we share the joy of the season.

*During August and September, Choir will be in the Chapel and Handbells will be in the Christian Formation suite



Children

We want our children to know they are loved by God, practice how to share God's love with others, and to grow in their faith.

Sunday School: 9:30 – 10:40 AM

Large Group (9:30 – 10 AM): 3-year-olds - 5th grade, check in together for energizers, memory verses, songs, skits, bible stories, and games.

Small Group (10 – 10:40 AM): Teachers lead students into age-based small groups where we are immersed in God's story. This space is geared towards developmentally-appropriate activities and play.

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.

Second Grade Bibles: September 10

Our emerging readers will receive a keepsake bible during worship. After, we will eat lunch and learn how to read scripture on our own

Parents' Night In: September 15 | 5:45 – 7:30 PM | Montgomery Hall

Parents will have time to connect with old friends and make new ones during dinner. After, we will have a guided conversation around faith and family practices. Children will have their space for pizza and fun.

Pumpkin Party: October 21 | 10 – 11:30 AM | Idlewild Playground

We will enjoy pumpkin activities and snacks, free play, and fellowship.

Parents' Night Out: November 10 | 5:45 – 8 PM

Drop your kids off at the church and enjoy some kid-free fellowship offsite. Volunteers will have activities prepared for the big kids while the nursery will be open for 0 – 3s. Check back in for location details!

Toy Drive Party: December 10 | Sunday School | Children's Wing

Please bring unwrapped gifts to share with our ministry partners. We will play Christmas tunes, drink hot chocolate, and make cards for our partners who will receive the gifts, and pray a blessing over our presents!

Child Led Christmas Eve Service: December 24 | 3 PM

Young Idlewilders lead worship as they share the story of Jesus' birth through songs, readings, and acting out the Nativity story.

Children's Choir

Learn more in the music section.



Youth

Our Youth Ministry is for 6th graders through high school. We hope to be a space to gather as a faith-based community of friends.

First Sunday Breakfast: First Sundays of the month | 9:40 AM | High School Room
All youth are invited to put down the curriculum and meet up for breakfast! We'll check in with each other, hang out, pray, and eat together.

High School Sunday School: Sundays 9:40 – 10:40 AM | High School Room
Join Jeanene in the High School Room to dive into the Bible Project, a comic book-style commentary on each book of the bible. We'll learn what scholars say and discuss/debate what it means to us.

Middle School Sunday School: Sundays 9:40 – 10:40 AM | Middle School Room
6th-8th graders will meet together to play games, work on service projects, and examine a scripture of the week.

Sunday Youth Group: Sundays | 6 – 7:30 PM | Montgomery Hall & Youth Wing
Dinner starts at 6 PM. After, middle and high schoolers break into groups to play games, check-in, and join in on faith-based conversation. Check to see if we are off campus through social media and the newsletter. Note, sabbath on September 3.

"Ease back" dinner: August 13 | 6 – 7:30 PM | Youth Wing
Our first youth group will be a chill time to connect and meet new friends after summer. We will have a taco bar and break out into our groups.

Youth Kick Off Party: August 20 | 6 – 7:30 PM | Youth Wing
Bring yourself and bring a friend!

Haunted Corn Maze: October 22 | 6 – 8:30 PM | Jones Orchard Corn Maze
Middle and high schoolers will leave the parking lot at 6 PM to go to the Haunted Corn Maze. We will bus back by 8:30 PM.

Woven Together Youth Hang: Wednesdays, September 6 – October 25
Come to the church for dinner in Montgomery Hall at 5:30. At 6 PM the youth wing is open so you can come check in with friends and Jeanene, play games, or even use one of the other rooms to study or do homework.

Fall Retreat: November 4 – 5 | Location TBD
Save the date for an out of town trip with your youth group. Look forward to late-night programming and connection with our creator and each other.

Soup Sale: November 12 | After 11 Worship
Make some soup and raise some money for our trip and scholarship fund!

Christmas Party: December 3 | Middle School: 5 – 6:30 PM | High School: 6:30 – 8 PM
Wear an ugly sweater, bring a dessert or appetizer to share, and bring a wrapped white elephant gift \$15 or less!



Adult & Young Adult

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

Sunday School: 9:40 AM

Christian Parenting: Children: (Room 304)

We invite parents of infants to fifth graders to come together to explore the theme of faithful responses to our children's difficult questions. Join us for discussion, a deepening of friendships with one another, and prayer.

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.

Faith & Function: (Room 303)

We welcome local scholars to teach the Bible in its contexts: the stories, the writers, and as Christians today. We also study history and current event topics that are closely related to these Biblical lessons.

August	20	Rev. Butler Vin Cole	October	22	Dr. Patrick Gray
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September	10	Dr. Mitzi Minor	November	5	Jim McClanahan
	17	Dr. Mitzi Minor		12	Jim McClanahan
	24	Dr. Mitzi Minor		19	Jim McClanahan
October	1	Dr. Matt Matthews	December	3	Dr. Peter Gathje
	8	John Kaltner		10	Amy Howe
	15	John Kaltner		17	Amy Howe

Stephen Class: (Room 301) – Beginning September 10

We will continue our engagement with words in selected modern short stories from two different volumes: Margaret Atwood's *Old Babes in the Woods* and editor Valeria Luiselli's *The Best Short Stories of 2022: The O. Henry Prize Winners*. Everyone who likes to read, buy a copy and join us!

Tapestry: (Harlan Room)

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! Drop-in visitors are encouraged.

20/20: (Room 305)

Through leader-facilitated discussions each week, we consider what it means to be a Christian in our often challenging, contemporary world. We will take turns leading the discussion. Open to all, drop-ins welcome!

more offerings →

Adult & Young Adult *continued.*

Week Day Offerings

Tuesday Morning Men's Group: 9 – 10 AM | Montgomery Hall

In-person friends can enjoy breakfast while discussing the Gospel of Matthew in a small group discussion. If you prefer, you can purchase N. T. Wright's study guide to assist.

Book Club: Fourth Thursdays of the month | 2 – 3 PM | Room 305

Each month we choose the book for the next month. We are always looking for new faces and hearing new views!

Disciples Bible Study Fast Track: Wednesdays | 6:30 – 8 PM

This study is a comprehensive, participatory study of the Bible and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in a small group setting. The Fall semester will be the Old Testament.

Presbyterian Women

This group is for all ages and for those who identify as women. Circles are at the core of our group and meet for fellowship and Bible study on the first Tuesday of the month. If you are interested, reach out to Lee Anne Roehm.

Bible Study Training (August 26 | Pinecrest)

Fall Semester Circles Begin (October 3)

HOPE Circle begins (October 3 | 4:30 | Church Parlor)

Young Adult Dinners: Second Thursdays of the month | 7 PM

If you are looking for laid-back connection and fellowship, join us for dinner one evening. You are welcome to bring a friend!

August 10: Molly's

September 14: Belly Acres

October 12: Rotolo's

November 9: Swanky's by Colonial

December 14: Xmas Party at CAFE house (On S Evergreen)

Young Adult Service Project: September 16th | 10 AM – 12 PM

We will head over to McMerton Gardens, on the corner of Merton and McAdoo St., and garden alongside Binghamton residents. Bring gloves!

Young Adult Sunday Study: First Sundays of the month

Beginning in September, join us for some breakfast treats and guided conversation on the first Sunday of the month.



Nurture

Connect with your church family outside of Formation with events geared towards friends of all ages.

Basketball Registration Opens: September 18

For boys and girls ages 4 – 14, basketball registration opens Monday, September 18 and closes Friday, October 20. For those between the ages of 6 – 14, practices start the week of November 6, and games begin December 2. For 4 – 5 years of age, the first session is Saturday, January 6 at 9 AM. Registration is \$60 for ages 4 – 5 and \$90 for ages 6 – 14. Registration fees include uniforms. Scholarships are 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 Fire Museum on August 15 at 10:30 AM. You are welcome to join us for lunch afterward!

Delight @ NaCoMe: All Church Retreat: Friday, October 13 – Sunday, October 15

Enjoy intentional Sabbath at our annual all-church retreat at NaCoMe – our home away from home in Pleasantville, TN. Come for rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation while spending time with the body of Christ that we call Idlewild.

The cost is \$250 per private room or \$65 per gender-specific shared room. Meal packages range from \$40 – \$60. Scholarships are available.

Halloween Carnival: Saturday, October 28

All Hallows Eve invites us to party as we anticipate All Saints' Day – a day in the Church's calendar in which we celebrate all who have faithfully served God.

Join us to party, play games, trick or treat, cake walk, and more!

All Saints' Potluck: November 5 | After Worship

Feast with us as we honor the communion of saints and give glory to God for our ordinary, holy lives. Bring a side dish/salad/dessert that reminds you of a loved one. We will provide our famous fried chicken for the main course!

Pottery Sale/Soup-to-Go: November 12 | After Worship

Come for the soup, and stay for the pottery! Soup purchases help our Youth Ministry scholarships while pottery sales support our beautiful pottery studio.

Food & Fellowship: Advent Gathering: November 28 | 6 – 7:30 PM

Join us for a meal and fellowship as we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming Advent season.



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.

Adopt-A-School: August - December 2023 | Fridays, 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Those involved in this ministry serve as readers in kindergarten classes at Idlewild Elementary School. In addition to readers on Friday mornings, tutors are also needed to work with students for one hour each week at various times.

McMerton Gardens: Saturdays | 10 AM – 12 PM

Volunteer gardeners from Idlewild – alongside Binghamton's residents, neighbors, and friends - plant, tend, and harvest the gardens' produce.

Mental Health Court: Thursdays | 12:15 PM | Calvary Church

In partnership with Calvary Church, we offer caring support to Mental Health Court participants. Volunteers meet at Calvary and walk to 201 Poplar where we visit with clients before court and listen as their cases are heard in court.

MICAH: Monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday, 5 – 6 PM

As a founding member of 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.

Midtown Legal Clinic: Saturday, October 7, 10 AM – 12 PM

In partnership with Memphis Area Legal Services, Idlewild organizes, promotes, and hosts two free legal clinics each year – one in the fall and one in the spring. These clinics offer assistance to anyone who seeks it.

More than a Meal: Thursdays | 4 – 5:30 PM

Every Thursday evening Idlewild provides an evening prayer service and a hot meal to all those in need. Volunteers worship and connect with our guests, serve them meals, play music, pray, and clean up after the dinner is finished.

No Longer Strangers

No Longer Strangers shows love and support for immigrant neighbors locally, nationally, and abroad by welcoming new families to Memphis, advocating for immigrants to federal legislators, creating relationships with partners across borders, and partnering with Cafe Justo, a fair trade coffee company. We sell Cafe Justo on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Room in the Inn: November 2023 – March 2024 | 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month

On the first and third Thursday evenings during the months of November through March, Idlewild partners with Room in the Inn to graciously host women needing shelter by providing dinner, a warm and safe place to shower and sleep, and breakfast. Various opportunities for people of all ages are available.

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** including baptisms, weddings, and funerals*

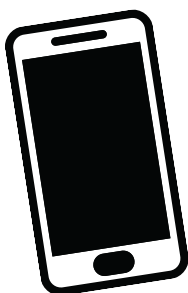


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