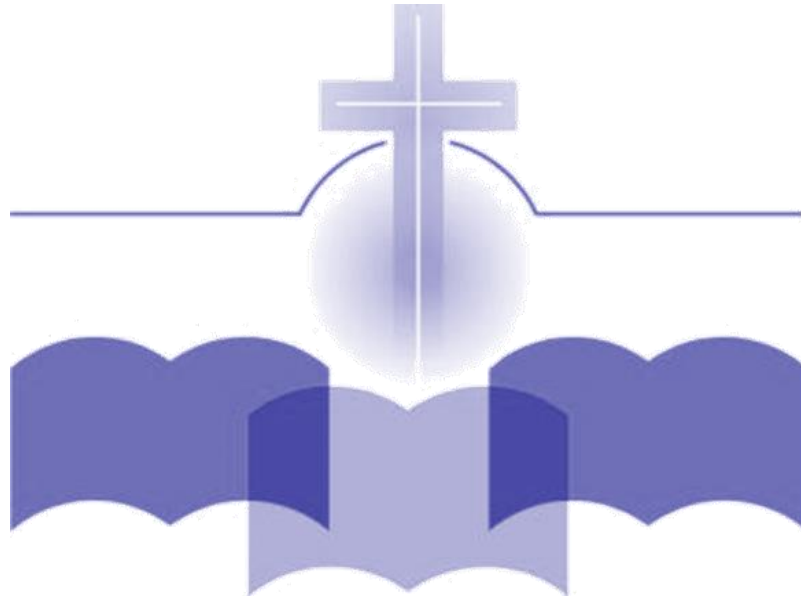


Idlewild Presbyterian Church



Christian Formation for All Ages Winter/Spring 2018

CHRISTIAN FORMATION VISION STATEMENT

Christian Formation is being children of God and becoming the people of God by supporting a lifelong journey of transformation:

- Through Play – sharing God’s creation in recreation.
- Through Word – engaging Scripture, discerning its meaning for today, offering space for questions and doubt.
- Through Mission – nurturing and sustaining a responsiveness to God and to one another.

Adult Forum with the Rev. Dr. Joan S. Gray

Being a Sailboat Church

Sunday, January 28 @ 9:40 a.m., T.K. Young Room

Moderator of the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and author of the books, *Sailboat Church* and *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers*.

January 7–May 20, 2018

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

All Sunday School classes welcome newcomers and visitors, as well as familiar faces! Classes are 9:40–10:40 a.m. Many classes have a contact person. For more information, contact Rebekah Abel Lamar, Associate Pastor for Christian Formation, rlamar@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681 ext. 46.

Young Adult Sunday School

Pastor Steve's Office, Sanctuary Bldg.

Coffee at 9:40. Discussion begins at 10:00.

Childcare available in the Nursery.

The Young Adults Sunday school is open to all young adults. This semester, we will discuss a variety of topics from the elements of worship, to outreach at Idlewild, to the characteristics of Jesus Christ. Come anytime between 9:40 and 10:00 for coffee and donuts followed by discussion at 10. No prep work required. Contact Sarah Wolf, Director of Young Adult Ministry, swolf@idlewildchurch.org, for more information.

Christian Parenting of Young Children: Nurturing the Soul of Your Family

T.K. Young Stage, Sanctuary Bldg.

Childcare available in the Nursery.

Faithful parents understand the importance of their own relationship with God and desire to create a home conducive to shaping the hearts and minds of children in a vibrant faith and love toward God and others.

Join other parents/guardians/partners of young children, birth to early elementary, to explore moving through parenthood.

JAN 7 –21: *Raising Resilient Children.*

What do children need to cope with the inevitable struggles and tragedies of life? Come hear some of the latest in the area of child brain development and learn about ways to help your children become more resilient.

Leader: The Rev. Margaret Burnett, Associate Pastor and Executive Director for the Children and Family Enrichment Center at Idlewild.

JAN 28: *Being a Sailboat Church.*

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Joan Gray is a Presbyterian pastor from the Atlanta area. She has served in churches of varying sizes and as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA). She is the author of several books, including *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers* and *Sailboat Church*. She will lead the Idlewild Officer retreat.

FEB 4: *Practices of Faith: Saying Yes and Saying No*

“Christian asceticism is not spiritual boot camp, but neither is it effortless. Learning when and how, to what, and to whom to give our yes or our no is a life long project.” M. Shawn Copeland. Come and explore ways to decide what gets our time and attention and what does not.

Leader: The Rev. Anne H.K. Apple, Associate Pastor

FEB 11: *Practices of Faith: Forgiveness*

“Practicing forgiveness can produce dramatic transformations in our imaginations and the psychological, social, and political horizons of our lives,” L. Gregory Jones. Come and explore what it means to forgive and to be forgiven.

Leader: The Rev. Anne H.K. Apple, Associate Pastor.

FEB 18: *Talking about Faith at Home: How do we make conversations about faith more than just a Sunday morning occurrence for our family?* Leaders: Caitlin C. Bomar, Director of Children's Ministry; Dara Bigger, Assistant Director of Youth Ministry, and David Bigger, Youth Ministry Teaching Team Member.

FEB 25-MAR 4: *Uncharted Territory: Finding New Insights in Ancient Texts.*

Come and explore the lectionary text for the day and learn new ways to engage with Scripture.

Leader: Ashley Lamar, M. Div. in 2005 from Columbia Seminary, currently teaches at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School.

MAR 11: No Class, Spring Break

MAR 18: *Why Does Jesus Matter?*

As we move toward Holy Week, we consider why Jesus of Nazareth matters in the modern world.

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Steve Montgomery, Pastor

MAR 25: *What I Have Learned from MLK50.*

The Rev. Alvin O. Jackson was the pastor of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church before going to serve churches in DC and NYC. He is now retired in Jacksonville, FL and is the coordinator of the MLK50 clergy group.

APR 1: Easter

APR 8: TBD

APR 15: *Practices of Faith: Faith and Finances*

“To choose simplicity is to live into complicated questions without easy answers, taking one step that may make another step possible,” Sharon Daloz Parks.

Come and consider how choices about finances can be choices of faith.

Leader: Sarah Wolf, Director of Young Adult Ministry.

APR 22: *Practices of Faith: Caring for Creation*

God made the world and called it good. What does it mean to be stewards of the earth in 2017? On Earth Day, come and discuss what it means to be a Christian caring for creation and how we can teach this practice to our children.

Leader: The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, Associate Pastor.

APR 29: *Practices of Faith: Play.*

Play is important for people of all ages and is one way that we connect with God and all that God is doing in our lives. Come and discuss ways that play can find its way into the busyness of family life.

Leader: Lucy Cummings, Idlewild member and Associate Presbytery/Executive Director of Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center for the Presbytery of the Mid-South.

MAY 6: *What I Wish People Knew about Judaism.* Leader: TBD

MAY 13: *What I Wish People Knew about Islam.* Leader: TBD

MAY 20: *Summertime Faith: Finding God Outside Our Routine.* Summers are full and a change in routine can make it difficult to keep faith at the forefront of life. Before the class breaks for summer, the group will have a chance to learn ways to have a faith-filled summer and brainstorm ideas to carry into the coming months.

Leader: The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

Confirmation Parents

Chapel, Sanctuary Bldg.

JAN 7: *Breakfast and Introduction*, T.K. Young Room

JAN 14: *What is a parent's role in confirmation?*

Leader: The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, Associate Pastor, Christian Formation

JAN 21: *How should we approach the Bible?*

JAN 28: *Being a Sailboat Church*

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Joan S. Gray, Moderator of the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and author of *Sailboat Church* and *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers*. (T.K. Young Room)

FEB 4: *Sovereignty of God*

FEB 11: *Reformed and Always Being Reformed*

FEB 18: *Jesus as Savior and Lord*

FEB 25: *Sin and Human Nature*

MAR 4: *Worship*

MAR 11: No Class, Spring Break

MAR 18: *Sacraments*

MAR 25: *What I Have Learned from MLK50.*

Leader: The Rev. Alvin O. Jackson, former pastor of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church before going to serve churches in DC and NYC. He is now retired in Jacksonville, FL and is the coordinator of the MLK50 clergy group. (T.K. Young Room, with Christian Parenting Class)

APR 1: Easter

APR 8: *Talking About Our Own Faith*

APR 15: *Helping Your Child Live a Life of Faith*

APR 22: Raising Teenagers: Topic TBA

APR 29: Raising Teenagers: Topic TBA

May 6: Confirmation Sunday

20/20 Class

2nd Floor, 28 S. Evergreen

JAN 7 – May 20: In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we look at topics that concerned the Church in the century right before and after the Reformation began in 1517. Each week, we will look at a question from that time and discuss how we as Christians might still be wrestling with similar issues.

Leaders: Scott Moore and John Boughter.

Covenanters Class

Church Parlor, Sanctuary Bldg.

JAN 7–MAY 20: *Feasting on the Word*

Feasting on the Word materials engage adults in a deeper exploration of biblical texts. Christian faith is enhanced when the Scriptures, read and proclaimed in worship, are reinforced and expanded upon during Sunday School. Education and worship can be mutually supportive in helping God's word in Scripture come alive in the Sunday morning experience.

Leaders: Charles Key and Ben Bledsoe.

Faith and Function and The Timothy Class

Harlan Room, Sanctuary Bldg.

"Welcome to the Argument!" Recalling the invitation from one of our beloved teachers, Kendra Hotz, we are reminded that the Scriptures are Holy, not because the answers are all there, but because the questions are. We do not always hear God clearly nor do we read the Bible with the same lens. However, together, led by some of the best theologians in Memphis, we are challenged to seek and to debate. Only then will we be open to the Spirit and how God speaks to us today. So, please consider this invitation to the Argument.

JAN 7–14: Dr. Scott Morris, MS, M.D., M. Div., Chief Executive Officer, Church Health:

"Why was the New Testament written and what does that mean for us?" Written over a few decades time in the 1st century, the New Testament canon includes Gospels which often do not agree and lengthy correspondence from Apostles that do not have a consistent view of how the early Christians should live and be organized. How can this be our authoritative text for today?

JAN 21: The Rev. Dr. Stephen R. Montgomery, Pastor, Idlewild Presbyterian Church: "Texts that influenced Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." A brief look at some of the scriptural texts, both in the Old and the New Testament, that helped shape Dr. King's theology and activism. Many of the texts were those written by the prophets in exile, such as Isaiah 40:1-11, a text that we read during Advent; others are stories of Jesus' life, like his meeting with Nicodemus in John 3; or Jesus' parables, such as the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

FEB 4–18: Dr. Patrick Gray, Chair, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Rhodes College: "The Apocalyptic Imagination": There's more to the Apocalypse than the end of the world. This series looks at the phenomenon of apocalypticism and how it relates to the Bible and to the broader culture.

FEB 25—MAR 18: Dr. Matt Mathews, Professor of Theology, Memphis Theological Seminary: "The Reformed Tradition": We are always referring to ourselves as part of the Reformed Church and names like Calvin, Zwingli and Knox are bandied about. But, what is the scriptural basis for this theology and what does it mean for the way we minister at Idlewild?

MAR 25: Rabbi Katie Bauman, Associate Rabbi, Temple Israel: "Passover Exploration." On this Palm Sunday, we will look at the Passover tradition. With our Passion Week inextricably linked to the Passover celebration, this offers a fresh appreciation for that tradition's meaning—over millennia and today for Christians as well as for our Jewish sisters and brothers.

APR 8—15: The Rev. Dr. James McClanahan, retired Professor of Religious Studies, Kings College: "Post-Easter Thinking with the Apostle Paul—Two Major Passages on the Resurrection." The Apostle Paul, who proclaimed his conversion with a personal encounter of Christ on the Road to Damascus, provided one of the earliest theological interpretations of what the resurrection uniquely means to Christians.

APR 22—MAY 6: Dr. D. Jay Earheart-Brown, President of Memphis Theological Seminary and Minister of Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Dr. Brown began his career as a professor of theology in 1997.

Stephen Class

The Session Room, Sanctuary Bldg.

David McCullough in his book, *The Wright Brothers*, notes the importance of reading in the home of Wilbur and Orville Wright. "Between formal education at school and informal education at home, it would seem [their father] put more value on the latter... If one or the other of them chose to miss a day or two for some purpose or interest he thought worthy, it was all right. And certainly he ranked reading as worthy." Their home library contained works of Dickens, Irving, Hawthorne, Twain, Scott, Virgil, Plutarch, Milton, Boswell, Gibbon, Thucydides, Darwin, along with many others. At one point, after an accident, Wilbur was homebound for three years—"three years when he began reading as never before."

No one doubts the value of STEM education; it should go hand-in-hand with reading widely. The Wright brothers exemplify this truth.

Everyone who likes to read is encouraged to join us. We choose what we read, and class members facilitate discussions. We read to find expressions of important issues in life; and, from time to time, we believe that we find why reading is an inherently valuable lesson in living.

We pace our reading based on the difficulty of the book and the desire of the class for time for reflection. There are no prerequisites except for a love of reading and a willingness to discover what others find in a book read in common.

Contacts: Jim Cole, jpcoltn@bellsouth.net, and Bob Llewellyn, rrllewellyn@comcast.net.

JAN 7—28: Barbara Brown Taylor, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. Facilitated by Sarah Terry.

FEB 4—18: Adam Nicolson, *God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible*. Facilitated by Bob Llewellyn and Jim Cole.

FEB 25: Scott Newstok, *How to Think Like Shakespeare*. Facilitated by Jim Cole.

MAR 4—APR 8: Jon Meacham, *American Gospel*. Facilitated by Jim Cole.

APR 15: Jack Miles, *Why God Will Not Die*. General class discussion.

APR 22—MAY 13: Cormac McCarthy, *The Road*. Facilitated by Phil Taylor.

MAY 20: Cormac McCarthy, *The Sunset Limited*, (a play). Facilitated by Phil Taylor, Jim Cole and Bob Llewellyn.

Praying with Scripture: The Practice of Lectio Divina

Samaritan Counseling Center, 35 S. Auburndale St.

This meditative group has been active for several years now and is eager to expand and welcome new members or drop-ins. Using the Scripture that is preached upon that day, we read aloud, meditate in silence, and then share our reflections about how God is moving in our lives. We find that our concerns, relationships, hopes and aspirations naturally intertwine with this weekly mediation and sharing of the Scripture. We have realized that by listening "with the ear of our hearts," we can more easily feel the rhythm of God's presence in our daily lives. If you enjoyed being part of a weekly group of Lectio during past Lenten seasons, or have never tried it but are intrigued by the opportunity to slow your pace of prayer and listen more intently for God's call to you in Scripture, come and join us!

Leaders: Mary McIntosh, church elder, and willing class members.

IDLEWILD CHOIR

Choir Room, 2nd Floor, Sanctuary Bldg.

The Choir sings weekly during the 11:00 service and for other special services and concerts. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room (Sanctuary Bldg., 2nd Floor). Members also attend one section rehearsal each month. To discuss choir membership please contact Barry Oliver, Director of Music Ministry, at boliver@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681, ext. 12.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING OPPORTUNITIES

Common Table

Idlewild's vision statement states that we are a place where "all voices are heard." The Common Table was formed in response to that vision. It is designed to be a safe place to be heard and an opportunity to practice listening with others.

Topics come from the congregation and all are welcome to join the conversation, so that we may really be a church where "justice speaks loudly and peace is our aspiration."

JAN 21, JAN 28, FEB 4: *Death Matters*

Harlan Room, Sanctuary Bldg.

4:00–6:00 p.m.

Childcare is provided.

The questions about death range from medical, to legal, to theological and ethical. The Common Table will provide an opportunity to raise and discuss some of the important questions to be considered.

To register for this event and to request child care, please email or call Brenda Harris, brenda@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681 ext. 35.

Movie Night

APR 22: "The Man Who Planted Trees"

T.K. Young Room, Sanctuary Bldg.

4:00–6:00 p.m. (See Nurture Ministry Unit)

WEEKDAY STUDIES AND FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Lenten Lectionary Groups

Week of FEB 18 –week of MAR 18

These small groups meet in people's homes to reflect on the sermon texts for the upcoming week using spiritual practices. Watch for registration information in January.

Kitchen Table Bible Study

Thursdays, JAN 4 –FEB 22

9:30–11:30 a.m. OR 6:45–8:45 p.m.

It takes courage these days to check out the constantly "breaking news" or answer the unexpected phone call. The bad news seems unrelenting. Using the Scriptures and the study guide, *Good and Evil*, small groups (max. 8 ea.) will sit around the kitchen table each week and explore how we as Christians can live in hope despite the daily awareness of bad things happening. The groups will meet at the home of the facilitator, Mary Lou McCaa, 5394 Collingwood Cove. Open to all. Contact Mary Lou at 684-5427 or maryloumccaa@msn.com.

Men's Breakfast, Fellowship, Bible Study and Prayer

Begins Tuesday, JAN 9, T. K. Young Room

9:00–10:00 a.m. Facilitated by Ted Mealor.

Study: N.T. Wright's *Mark: 20 Studies for Individuals and Groups*
Please make reservations with Brenda Harris at the Church Office, 726-4681 or brenda@idlewildchurch.org.

Cost of breakfast: \$8.00

If you are interested, have questions or need transportation, contact Ted Mealor at 683-4764 or wt.mealor@aol.com.

Wednesday Morning Studies

9:30–11:00 a.m.

Harlan Room

JAN 3–JAN 17: *The Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys

Most people remember the mad Bertha from Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* and feel great sympathy for poor Mr. Rochester saddled with a mad woman for a wife—a woman who, in fact, causes his blindness. Few people consider that there might be another side to this sad story. In her novel *Wide Sargasso Sea*, Jean Rhys considers a very different possibility—the possibility that Bertha may, in fact, be the victim. In this class we will look at Rhys' interpretation of Brontë's story and consider her point of view. We will not be rereading *Jane Eyre*; the leader will supply handouts of the relevant parts.

Leader: Pat Kelly

Wednesday Morning Class will not meet JAN 24 and 31.

FEB 7-21: *Richard Thaler and Behavioral Economics*

Richard H. Thaler, an economist at the University of Chicago School of Business who was a founder of the field of behavioral economics, is the recipient of this year's Nobel Prize in Economics. You may have seen him in the film "The Big Short," where he explains Wall Street's creation of collateralized debt obligations at a blackjack table with Selena Gomez. He has been providing evidence since the 1980s that refutes the assumption underlying economic theory that people are rational. More importantly, he demonstrates that humans depart from rationality in consistent and predictable ways. He has made his research accessible in two recent books, *Nudge* and *Misbehaving*. We will discuss why his findings were so resisted by efficient market theorists, how behavioral economics explains bubbles when classical economic theory cannot, and how this new branch of economics can be used by governments to develop policies that "nudge" people toward altering certain choices. Finally, given this new behavioral tool, it is in our self-interest to understand it since it can be used, in Thaler's words, "to nudge for good or to nudge for bad."

Leader: Debbie Pittman, Faculty Emeritus, Rhodes College.

FEB 28–MAR 7: Memoir Writing

The personal memoir has become the most popular form of non-fiction literature among today's readers. What's behind the rise in popularity of the memoir? This class will look at ten of the best memoirs of the last two decades, then discuss how to turn your own personal or family stories into a written, video or digital record of your experiences and reflections. Leader: Dolores Bell, a writer and editor who has assisted others in telling their stories.

MAR 14–28: *The Men Who Made America*

The “Great Man Theory of History” is often debunked, but a look at America’s past makes it clear that certain individuals have played a transformative role in the political, economic, and cultural story of America.

The list includes notable Founding Fathers who never became president, industrial and financial titans who converted the U.S. from an agrarian backwater into a rich and powerful nation, and a few Jewish immigrants, pariahs in mainstream culture, whose movie studios shaped that culture in the formative years of Hollywood.

We will explore the personal attributes, the achievements, and the legacy of these “great men.”

Leader: Dr. Lucie Bridgforth, retired after teaching 25 years at Northwest Community College in Senatobia.

APR 4–18: *Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea: Why the Greeks Matter* by Thomas Cahill

Using Cahill’s book as a resource, we will discuss the important contributions of the ancient Greeks: philosophy, theater, sculpture, and epic poetry. We will focus on the concept of *arete*, (excellence, living up to one’s full potential). Since Cahill says that the Greeks are “evergreen, always with us,” we must ask, “How can we pursue excellence?”

Leader: Stephanie Rodda

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion

JAN 24, 31, FEB 7: *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving

6:30–8:30 p.m., Parlor, Sanctuary Bldg.

In her book, Irving tackles the often-difficult topics of white privilege and racial inequality using her own experiences growing up in “a blissfully sheltered, upper-middle-class suburban childhood.” Join us as we discuss this important book on Wednesday evenings this winter.

Leader: Pan Awsumb

Koine Greek Class

One weekday afternoon, usually Thursday, 4:30–5:30 p.m. This is an adult weekday class for the study of the New Testament in the original Greek. This group was formed by Dr. Milton P. Brown, a retired professor from the Department of Religion at Rhodes College. Those interested in the class, or in undertaking a beginner’s course in Koine Greek, may contact Ernest Kelly for information at 901-568-8462 or horselovers@aol.com.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

JAN 18–MAR 22

10:00–11:00 a.m. at Trezevant Manor, 177 N Highland

In the Footsteps of Ancestors

The Thursday Bible study group continues its study of Genesis as we travel with Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Esau, Rachel, and Leah. Abraham was called to leave his father’s house. Sarah was called to believe in the impossible. Jacob had to wrestle with an angel. We will look at our own

calls as we read together Genesis 12–35 and some stories from the Qur’an. We will meet the ancestors of our faith. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible)

Leader: Mary Edith Walker.

For additional information contact Mary Edith Walker, msemewalker@bellsouth.net.

To register contact Brenda Harris, brenda@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681 ext. 35.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Study circles and fellowship are for women of all ages.

All Presbyterian women are invited to join a circle for friendship and spiritual growth. Throughout the year, four circles meet for Bible study and service. They reach out to one another as well as new members, collect and distribute money for outreach, serve the needs of those who can’t attend church, and pray for our church and the world. For more information, contact Teresa Caldwell, 901-830-4650 or teresa-caldwell@hotmail.com.

JAN 16: Sewing the Confirmand Stoles

Making Valentines for PW Care Partners.

New Project! Sister 2 Sister: Putting together feminine kits for the homeless.

APR 7: PWP Spring Gathering: TBA

APR 17: 10:00 a.m. Coordinating Team Meeting, Parlor
11:00 a.m. PW Gathering and Installation of Officers and Presentation of New Lifetime Members, includes Lunch. T.K. Young Room.

Most circles meet the first Tuesday of each month (Oct 3 to May 1). The Trezevant Circle meets the first Thursday. For more details or monthly meeting locations, please contact Teresa Caldwell, 901-830-4650 or teresa-caldwell@hotmail.com.

MARY MAGDALENE: 1st Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Please come and join the study of Hebrews from the Horizons Bible Study as well as enjoy the fellowship of other women. Working women, come and bring your lunch if you are able. Sarah Brandon, Leader; Teresa Caldwell, Co-Leader; Cathy Ward, Bible Moderator.

ABIGAIL: Meets for lunch in a member’s home. Shari Tucker, Leader; Mace Coday, Co-Leader; Debbie Pittman, Bible Moderator.

LYDIA RUTH: Meets at 10:30 a.m. in a member’s home. Barbara Denley, Leader; Barbara Terhune, Co-Leader; Mary Edith Walker, Bible Moderator.

REBEKAH: Meets at 10:30 a.m. in a member’s home. Mary Lou McCaa, Leader; Regina Benson, Co-Leader; Patricia Suttle, Bible Moderator.

TREZEVANT: Meets at 10:30 a.m., first Thursday of the month. Beth Simpson, Leader; Catherine Berger, Co-Leader; Barbara Denley, Bible Moderator.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S HOPE CIRCLE

(Pop Up Circle)

Tuesday, FEB 6, 13, 20, 27

4:30–5:30 p.m., Session Room

Katie Cole, Leader; Stephanie Rodda, Co-Leader

Are you eager to discuss important issues with other women? Then consider joining Hope Circle, a group of Presbyterian Women who plan to meet for 4 weeks in February for small-group conversations on influential topics. Moderated by Katie Cole, each session will include a guest who has devoted much time and experience to the topic under discussion. For details, contact Katie Cole at katielxs@aol.com.

All women are welcome!

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMMING

There is a lot going on in young adult ministry and many ways to get involved. If you would like to receive young adult ministry email updates each week, please contact Sarah Wolf, Director of Young Adult Ministry, swolf@idlewildchurch.org.

Please see Chimes newsletter and Young Adult Facebook group for event times/additional information.

Young Adult Fellowship Events

The Young Adults have a fellowship event every month. If you would like more information about Young Adult activities, please contact Sarah Wolf, swolf@idlewildchurch.org. In addition to monthly gatherings, we go out to lunch every 3rd Sunday after the 11:00 service.

JAN 27: Memphis Hustle Game

FEB 4: Super Bowl Party at the home of William and Catie Jane Myers

MAR 24: Ryes and Dyes: Easter Egg Decorating Party at the home of Andrew and Laura Falls

APR 17: Trivia at Brookhaven Pub and Grill

MAY 19: Picnic in the Park: an afternoon at Martyr's Park

THEOLOGY ON TAP

JAN 25, MAR 22 and MAY 24 at Pyro's Pizza on Union. Join the young adults for a discussion on current events and how our faith informs our understanding of them. Leaders: Will Gibbons and Gavin Driskill.

Young Presbyterian Women

YPW meets monthly for Bible Study on various topics at different members' homes. The group will also meet for dinner. Contact Kristen Murphy, kirstendmurphy@gmail.com or Sarah Wolf, swolf@idlewildchurch.org for more information.

YPW Bible Study Hosts

JAN 8: Ashley Coffey

FEB 6: Alicia Powers

MAR 15: Elizabeth Doolin

APR 10: Becky Taylor

MAY 9: TBD

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JAN 24: Boscos Squared

FEB 21: Huey's Midtown

MAR 26: Molly's La Casita

APR 24: Railgarten

MAY 23: Cookie Swap at Kristen Murphy's home

Young Adult Men's Dinners

The young adult men gather for dinner on the second Thursday of every month.

JAN 11: Soul Fish Café (on Cooper)

FEB 8: Aldo's Pizza (Midtown)

MAR 8: Cheffie's Cafe

APR 12: Molly's La Casita

MAY 10: Bosco's Squared

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth fellowship is composed of two groups:

QUEST (grades 6–8) and BASIC (grades 9–12). For

information contact either Frank Kelly, Director of Youth Ministry, 726-4681 ext. 13 or fkelly@idlewildchurch.org, or Dara Bigger, Asst. Director of Youth Ministry, 726-4681 ext. 45 or dbigger@idlewildchurch.org.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Classes are 9:40–10:40 a.m. A lectionary-based Presbyterian Church (USA) curriculum is used.

QUEST (Questioning, Understanding, Exploring, Sharing/Serving Together) [28 S. Evergreen, 1st Floor]
BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) [28 S. Evergreen, 1st Floor]

9th Grade Confirmation Class

9:40-10:40 a.m., 28 S. Evergreen, 1st Floor

Teaching Team: Ben Clark, Laura Russell, Mary Tayloe, Gib Wilson

JAN 7: Opening Breakfast, T.K. Young Room

JAN 14: *Old Testament*

JAN 21: *New Testament*

JAN 28: *Sovereignty of God*

FEB 4: *Reformed and Always Being Reformed*

FEB 11: *Jesus is Lord*

FEB 18: *Jesus is Savior*

FEB 25: *Sin and Human Nature*

MAR 4: *Worship*

MAR 11: No Class, Spring Break

MAR 18: *Sacraments*

MAR 25: *Worship Debrief*

APR 1: Easter

APR 8: *Book of Confessions and Polity*

APR 15: *A Life of Faith*

APR 22: *Welcome to the Church*

APR 29: *Stoles*

MAY 6: *Confirmation Sunday*

Sunday Evenings

Youth groups share dinner, games, worship, discussion and fellowship. Details about Sunday programs and other events are sent to youth and parents each week.

QUEST 6:00–7:30 p.m. [T.K. Young Room]

BASIC 6:00–7:30 p.m. [T.K. Young Room]

Senior High Breakfast

BASIC youth meet each Tuesday morning at Panera Bread (4530 Poplar). Frank is there from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Youth provide their own transportation. No breakfasts during holidays.

Youth Ministry Special Events

FEB 4: QUEST Super Bowl of Caring

FEB 11: Youth Sunday

FEB 23–25: PYC Retreat at Camp Pinecrest

APR 15: Church-Wide Senior Night

MAY 6: Confirmation Sunday

MAY 29–30: QUEST 24-Hour Trip

JUN 10–18: BASIC Mission Trip to Nicaragua

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

(5th Grade and Under)

The children's ministry at Idlewild is abounding with opportunities for children fifth grade and under to be nurtured in their faith. From monthly fellowship gatherings, weekly Sunday School classes, and deepened involvement in worship services, to special events like Bible and Communion Workshops, intergenerational events at church and off-site retreats...there is no shortage of ways for you and your children to plug-in to the wonderful ways God is working at Idlewild.

For more information about children's programs please contact Director of Children's Ministry, Caitlin C. Bomar at cbomar@idlewildchurch.org or 540-471-4825.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Classes are 9:40–10:40 a.m.

The nursery as well as all children's ministry classrooms are in the Sanctuary Building while the Jones Building is under construction.

Nursery: Two-Year-Olds and Under

The Nursery is located in the former Conference Room, (1st Floor next to the Parlor)

Childcare: Marshall Johnson and Toni Christopher

Sunday School Teachers: Sam and Melanie Stewart.

Explore Bible stories using Cokesbury's *Deep Blue* curriculum, and enjoy time for active play.

Children's Music: Making a Joyful Noise

Music Classes begin **JAN 7** at 9:40 a.m.

PK/JK class meets in the Former Library. Donia Wade, Music Leader.

SK–2nd Grade class meets in the Strock Room. Mary Jane Claassen, Music Leader. *Dates for singing in the 11:00 worship service: Sunday, March 4 and Sunday, May 6.*

3rd–5th Grade class meets in the Choir Room. Ginger Hopkins, Music Leader.

Singing will begin on **JAN 7** for PK/JK and SK–2nd grade class. The 3rd–5th grade class will continue to be led through a curriculum that seeks to broaden their musical experience of worship. Children in grades 3–5 who are interested in being a part of a children's choir will have the opportunity to meet at a scheduled weekday time as arranged by Barry Oliver, Director of Music Ministry.

PK/JK Class

(Former Library, 2nd Floor)

Teachers: Carol Fields and Nancy Wilson

Shepherds: Lindsey Henson and Mary Alice Taylor
Using Cokesbury's *Deep Blue* curriculum, PK and JK children build relationships and grow in God through exploring Bible stories, making crafts and enjoying free play.

SK, 1st, and 2nd Grade Class

(Strock Room, 2nd Floor)

Teachers: Laurie Barbee and Judy Johnson

Shepherds: Mary Muscari, Cristi Mosteller, & Lindsay Adams

Using Cokesbury's *Deep Blue* curriculum, senior kindergartners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders have adventures, hear exciting Bible stories, and learn how to live as disciples of Jesus.

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Class

(Christian Formation Suite, begins with music in the Choir Room)

Teachers: Dana Brandon and Amy Sharp

Shepherd: Ray Brandon

Using a curriculum by Sparkhouse called *re:form*, 3rd–5th graders are encouraged to grow in their faith through the questions they actually wonder about the Bible, creeds, disciples, and the person of Jesus. At Idlewild, we believe that questions are just as important as answers when it comes to a growing relationship with Christ.

Children's Sunday Worship

Idlewild welcomes children of all ages to participate in the worship services held here. Children's worship packets can be

found at all entrances to the church Sanctuary. For parents with children ages two years of age and under who would like to be child-free during worship, nursery care is provided from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Sunday.

Where to Go During 11:00 Worship

Infants, toddlers and two-year-olds may stay in worship or go to the nursery.

PK and JK children (typically three and four year olds) may stay through the entirety of worship, or stay through the *Time with the Younger Church* and then attend Children's Church Continued (C3) for the remainder of the worship service. (Continue reading for more details on C3.)

Children in SK and Above are asked to stay for the entirety of the worship service, (as opposed to going to C3). We are excited to grow alongside these children as they adjust to "big church!"

Children's Church Continued (C3)

PK and JK Children only

Children's Church Continued is offered in the former Library for children in PK and JK following the *Time with the Younger Church* which takes place during the 11:00 worship service. Parents should escort their children from the Sanctuary to the hallway outside of the T.K. Young Room, sign them in with C3 teachers, and pick them up in the library immediately following the service.

Children in SK (senior kindergarten) and above are welcome to come up front for the *Time with the Younger Church*, but are asked to stay in the Sanctuary for the entirety of the worship service.

Children's Leadership in Worship

As a church that strives to have an intergenerational approach to ministry, we believe that children's participation in worship is vital to the health of our congregation and helps tremendously in the way of giving children a sense of purpose and belonging.

First Sunday Bulletin Greeters: Children in SK through 5th grade are given the opportunity every first Sunday of the month to help pass out bulletins by the entrances to the Sanctuary. If your child would like to be a bulletin greeter, please contact Caitlin.

Third Sunday Ushering: Children in 3rd through 5th grade are invited to participate as ushers every third Sunday. If your child is interested in being an usher, please contact Caitlin.

Children's Ministry Fellowship

Fellowship gatherings are held every month for both JK and under families, and SK-5th grade families. There is no agenda for these gatherings other than to enjoy each other's company and grow in community through the challenge and joy of raising children. Be on the lookout for monthly invites! If you'd like to host, contact Caitlin.

Fellowship for Young Families: (JK and Under)

JAN 27: Hosted by Matt and Carol Fields at 4462 Sequoia Rd., 38117, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

FEB 24: Hosted by Leigh-Taylor White and Macky Futhey at 805 S Perkins Rd., 38117, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

MAR 31: Hosted by Ali and Casey Hill at 4260 Heatherwood Lane, 38117, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

APR 28: Hosted by Matt and Emily Mulqueen at 4310 Minden Rd., 38117, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Fellowship for SK-5th Grade Families

JAN 20: Hosted by Jenny and Rob Robertson at 4277 Amber Lane, 38104, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

FEB 25: Hosted by Frank and Mary Muscari at 108 S. Rose Rd., 38117, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

MAR 24: Hosted by Jenna and Jeremy Sykes at 487 Wolf View Cove, Cordova 38018, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

APR 15: Hosted by David Bell at 4565 Princeton Rd., 38117, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Children's Ministry Special Events

To sign up for the following events, please contact Caitlin C. Bomar, Director of Children's Ministry.

FEB 18: *Talking about Faith at Home: How do we make conversations about faith more than just a Sunday morning occurrence for our family?* Leaders: Caitlin C. Bomar, Director of Children's Ministry; Dara Bigger, Assistant Director of Youth Ministry, and David Bigger, Youth Ministry Teaching Team Member. T.K. Young Room.

MAR 4: 2nd Grade Bible Presentation during 11:00 Worship followed by lunch and "Getting to Know Your Bible" Workshop for 2nd graders and parents from 12:15-1:45 p.m. in the Strock Room.

APR 7: Half Day at Pinecrest, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. \$15.00 per person. More information to come.

APR 22: Movie Night, 4:00-6:00 p.m., T.K. Young Room "The Man Who Planted Trees"

APR 28: MIFA Neighborhood Clean-Up Day, 9:30-11:30 a.m. The service day is geared towards families with children ages 6-13. (Older and younger children are welcome.) Please RSVP to Dorothy McClure at dmclure@mifa.org.

END-OF-SCHOOL YEAR PARTY FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

May 20: 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Hosted by Judy Johnson, 177 Kimbrough Road, Atoka, TN.

NURTURE MINISTRY UNIT

Re-Creation and Creative Play, Joyful Fellowship and Evangelism, and Health and Wholeness are the three areas that create the framework and capture the expansive range of the Nurture Ministry Unit.

Sports Ministries, NaCoMe, and the Pottery Studio are programs in Re-Creation and Creative Play. Potlucks, Baptismal Buddies, welcoming visitors, greeters, new member welcoming, and hosting visiting groups are programs in Joyful Fellowship and Evangelism. Health and Wholeness includes programs of congregational care, such as blood drives, and small group Christcare ministries. Each area also hosts special events throughout the year.

For additional information contact Anne Apple, anne@idlewildchurch.org, or 726-4681 ext.18. Jacob Pierce, Interim Director of Athletics, jpierce@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681, ext.25 and Shari Gross, Interim Director of Recreation and Fellowship, sgross@idlewildchurch.org or 901-371-7840.

Re:Creation & Creative Play

Idlewild Pottery Studio: Belltower Artisans in the Highland Strip, 549 Highland. Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m.–Noon.

Idlewild members can participate in an ongoing, pay as you are able program. You may bring a guest three times at no cost, and \$10 for subsequent visits. Check in with volunteer pottery leader, Amanda Kohr, amanda.kohr@hilton.com.

Mini-Jammers (Basketball) Begins JAN 14 for boys & girls ages 4 and 5. All practices and games are at Lindenwood Christian Church, 2400 Union Ave., on Sundays, 3:00–4:00 p.m. If you have questions, please email Jacob Pierce at jpierce@idlewildchurch.org.

Spring soccer teams: For boys and girls ages 4–12. Registration begins JAN 8 and ends FEB 23.

Practice starts week of MAR 19 for 6–12 year olds and games begin week of APR 7.

The first session for 4 and 5 year olds is APR 7 at 9:00 a.m. Registration is \$55 for ages 4–5 and \$85 for ages 6–12. All registrations include uniforms. Scholarships available upon request.

Baseball teams For boys and girls ages kindergarten—4th grade. Registration begins FEB 20 and ends MAR 23. Registration is \$45 for kindergarteners and \$75 for 1st–4th graders. All registrations include uniforms. Practices begin the week of APR 16. Games begin the week of MAY 7.

RBI is a free baseball program for 8 weeks in the summer. RBI meets Monday through Thursday, 9:00–12noon. Lunch is included. The Idlewild RBI site is Jesse Turner Field. Look for signup information in April.

Coaches are needed for soccer and baseball. If you are interested, please contact Jacob Pierce, 726-4681, ext. 25 or jpierce@idlewildchurch.org.

Joyful Fellowship & Evangelism

For additional information contact Shari Gross, sgross@idlewildchurch.org or 901-371-7840.

FEB 14 Ash Wednesday

Join us for a simple supper, intergenerational table activity and cookie decorating to celebrate the love of God as we enter the season of Lent. Cost: \$8 adults, \$4 children, and \$25 family maximum.

Supper at 5:30 p.m., T.K. Young Room
Worship is at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

APR 7: Save the date on your calendar for some intentional family or personal down time and play time. Join us at Pinecrest from 10:00-4:00. Cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch. Watch the bulletin for further details.

APR 20–22 Earth Day Weekend (Watch for more information)

APR 22: Movie Night

4:00–6:00 p.m., T.K. Young Room

In observance of Earth Day, Movie Night will feature "The Man Who Planted Trees." This Academy Award-winning animated film appeals to adults and children, and conveys a powerful message on the power of one person to make a positive change on the planet and people's lives. Intergenerational discussion will follow the film.

MAY 6 Spring Potluck/Silent Artisan Auction

Come enjoy a potluck lunch and silent artisan auction benefitting Youth Ministry after church. If you would like to donate items for auction or help with the potluck, contact Shari Gross, sgross@idlewildchurch.org.

Health and Wholeness

JAN 7 Survey results

At the first Sunday lunch of the New Year, the Health and Wholeness branch of the Nurture Unit will present findings from a congregational survey from December. New initiatives that are identified will be rolled out to the congregation.

MAR 4 Blood Drive

8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. The bloodmobile will be back!

Idlewild hosts a blood drive twice a year. This is an opportunity to give back to so many in our community.

Small Group ChristCare Ministries

Each group shares a common interest in community (5–12 people) who support each other by praying and studying together. Some groups are open for enrollment at the beginning of each semester, others are drop-in groups. Each group has a contact person, or you may contact Anne H.K. Apple, anne@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681 ext. 18.

Issues of Addiction

Meets monthly, 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Whether you have wrestled with issues of addiction yourself, or have a family member or friend who has struggled, this group supports people whose lives have been touched by addiction. Contact: EJ Baird, misliz917@mac.com or 901-299-6716.

Sandwich Generation Group

This group will meet twice a month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The first gathering of the month will be a study, the second will be a social gathering. Locations TBA

JAN 4: Best Practices I Learned as a Geriatric Care Manager.
Leader: Jonathan Jones. Meet at Cheffies, 483 High Point Ter.

JAN 18: Social gathering. TBA

FEB 1: *Grief*.

FEB 15: Social gathering. TBA

MAR 1: *Options for Elder Care*.

MAR 22: Social Gathering TBA

APR 5: *Self Care for Care Givers*

APR 19: Social gathering. TBA

Please watch the Sunday bulletin for further details.

Idlewild Mothers 4th Thursday Breakfast Club

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month, 8:30–10:30 a.m. at a rotating breakfast/coffee spot. This group welcomes mothers late 20s to mid-40s who are seeking to grow in faith and to connect with other women in the church.

Contact Mary Jane Claassen, mjclaa@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Night Women's Group:

6:15–7:30 p.m. Meets 1st–3rd Wednesdays for study; 4th Wednesday as a potluck social in a member's home. Study varies per semester. (Open enrollment at the beginning of each academic semester.)

Contact: Jenni Brooks at jbrooks@idlewildchurch.org.

Men in Mid-Life

Two bi-weekly groups meet on Wednesday evenings. Open enrollment at the beginning of each academic semester.

Group 1: 1st & 3rd week Leader: Mike Bruno, MichaelBruno@gmail.com or 901-590-7177. Session Room. Time TBD.

Group 2: 2nd & 4th week at Panera Bread, 4530 Poplar, 6:00–7:30 p.m. Leader: Steve Haynes, haynes@rhodes.edu.

Mothers of Teenagers:

Monthly meetings in members' homes. Time and theme to be announced. Contact: Anne Bradley Thomas, ab29thomas@yahoo.com.

Spiritual Formation

Meets bi-monthly on Mondays, 6:30 p.m. in a member's home. Study to be decided. Contact: Leslie Goodwin, lesliegoodwin@comcast.net.

Gay-Straight Fellowship

Meets monthly, 4th Sunday in a member's home, and serves at MTAM every 4th Thursday.

Contact: Martin Donaldson, drmartyd@yahoo.com.

Theology and the Arts

Meets the second Tuesday of each month through May in members' homes to discuss art seen from the previous month.

This may include theater, music, movies, etc. We decide at the meeting what events to attend together the following month.

Coordinators: Jane Roberts, spidey2160@icloud.com and Debbie Williams, dwilliams@collier.com.

Dinner Groups

Would you like to start a dinner group? Gather a group of folks and set up a time for table fellowship. The following groups currently meet:

First Friday Group, 6:30 p.m. Dine Out Group. Contact Carol Good, 726-4681.

Third Friday Group, 6:30 p.m. Contact Ann Fain, 334-4810.

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