



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; JANUARY 14, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

THE GATHERING

(8:30) THE REVEREND MARGARET BURNETT

(11:00) MS. SARAH WOLF

HANDBELL PEAL (11:00)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

—Martin Luther King Jr., *The Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

PRELUDE

"ELEGY"

JAMES BIERY (B. 1956)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God for dreams of justice and mercy that make our hearts rejoice.

Bless us with dreams, O God.

Praise God for dreams of weapons laid down and hope restored.

Bless us with dreams, O God.

Praise God for dreams of life beyond all walls that divide.

Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 1

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!"

NICAEA

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

**Please stand if able.*

Idlewild welcomes children and encourages them to participate in our entire worship service.

Pick up a children's worship packet at the sanctuary door.

"Elegy" is a poem on a serious subject, typically a lament for the dead. As a musical title it is generally used as a tribute to one who has died.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity

*In the presence of a holy God,
we become aware of the ways
we fall short of God's best
hopes for us, and the ways we
have hurt others. We turn to
God in prayer, asking for
forgiveness.*

*We express gratitude that
through God's grace and
Christ's giving of himself on the
cross we are forgiven and
restored to God and
one another.*

*We sing in thanksgiving for the
gifts of forgiveness
and new life.*

*The Passing of the Peace is one
of the most ancient
responses in worship. Having
received Christ's peace,
we pass it on.*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Life-changing God, who comes to us when we are least prepared
and blesses us with dreams, forgive us for dreams deferred.

**We confess that so many voices clamor for our attention
that your word is hard to hear.**

Forgive us if you have called us to be prophetic witnesses
or to use our gifts to serve you,
and we have not heard
or have been unwilling to respond.

**Take from us all that hinders our hearing your voice
and enable us to have the courage to say, "Come and see."**

Forgive us when we confuse our selfish desires with your grand dream.

**Fill us anew with the Holy Spirit that we may joyfully respond
to your call on our lives....**

(silent prayer and meditation)

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All sing the Refrain:

Donald Pearson

A - rise, shine for your light has come_
and your glo - ry has dawn'd up - on you.

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The choir sings:

Your gates will always be open by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you the city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

All sing the Refrain

The choir sings:

Violence will no more be heard in your land; ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls salvation and all your portals praise.

All sing the Refrain

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

We invite children to come to the front at this time.

Each week children bring quarters to put in education sticks, so that young girls around the world might have the opportunity for an education. Just \$275 (1,100 quarters) provides scholarship, supplies, and empowerment for a young girl. As our children come forward for the Time with the Younger Church, please pass them quarters to share.

The children lead the congregation in The Lord's Prayer using "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

Following the Time with the Younger Church, PK and JK children (three and four-year-olds) may go to Children's Church Continued (C3). Parents, please take your children out to the hallway by the T.K. Young Room and sign them in. Helpers will escort them to the library.

Children two years old or younger may go to the nursery (Conference Room).

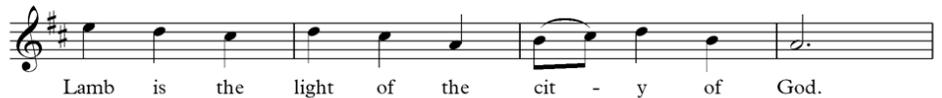
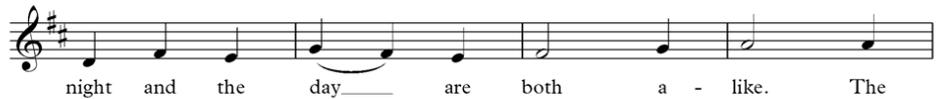
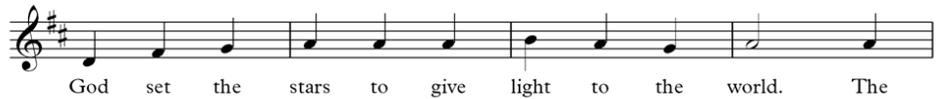
C3 is in the library for PK and JK children. Children in senior kindergarten and older are welcome to come up for the Time with the Younger Church, then stay in the sanctuary for the entirety of the worship service.

Before we can know God, God knows us. Baptism, one of the two sacraments of the Presbyterian Church (USA), is in response to the grace of God, who calls us to be the people of God. We welcome children and adults into the fellowship of faith. Parents, the congregation, and children of the church make promises to guide, nurture and love the baptized person.

GATHERING HYMN (11:00)

K. Thomerson

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966



TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

THE REVEREND REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BAPTISM (11:00)

THE REVEREND DR. STEPHEN R. MONTGOMERY
MS. ABEL LAMAR

ANDERSON PATRICK MURPHY & HEIDI ELLA MURPHY, SON & DAUGHTER OF
KRISTEN & PATRICK MURPHY

ANNE & JOHN JONES, BAPTISM BUDDIES

BAPTISM HYMN

“CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE” (verses 1 & 4)

Child of blessing, child of promise,	Child of God, your loving Parent,
Baptized with the Spirit’s sign,	Learn to listen for God’s call.
With this water God has sealed you	Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Unto love and grace divine.	Trust and love God more than all.

BAPTISM PRAYER

WELCOME AND CELEBRATIONS

DR. MONTGOMERY

*PROCLAMATION HYMN NO. 726

“WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME”

KELVINGROVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DR. MONTGOMERY

ANTHEM (11:00)

“PRECIOUS LORD”

THOMAS A. DORSEY, ARR. ARNOLD SEVIER

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone, at the river, Lord, I stand,
guide my feet and hold my hand:
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

-Thomas A. Dorsey

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 1:43-51

(PAGE 92, NT, PEW BIBLE)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

THE INVITATION

DR. MONTGOMERY

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MS. BURNETT

One day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places shall be made plain, and the crooked places shall be made straight and the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood and sisterhood.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer’s response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the hymn text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer’s time of ministry.

The sermon is a reflection on the day’s scriptures, suggesting implications for our faith and life.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together,
to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom
together, knowing that we will be free one day.

So let freedom ring.

When we allow freedom to ring—when we let it ring from
every village and hamlet,

From every state and every city,

We will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children

Black and white,

Jews and Gentiles,

Catholics and Protestants,

Will be able to join hands and to sing in the words of
the old Negro spiritual,

Free at last,

Free at last,

Thank God Almighty, we are free at last.

—from Martin Luther King Jr., *I Have a Dream*, August 28, 1963

*We bring to God our
celebrations and cares, praying
for the world, the church and
those close to us.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MS. BURNETT

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

“PRECIOUS LORD”

BALM IN GILEAD

THOMAS DORSEY, SPIRITUAL, ARR. DAVID SCHNELL

David Schnell, soloist; Pamela Schnell, flute

(11:00)

“THE SAINTS OF GOD”

JAMES BASSI

The saints of God! their conflict past,
And life's long battle won at last,
No more they need the shield or sword,
They cast them down before their Lord:
O happy saints! forever blest,
At Jesus feet' how safe your rest!

The saints of God! their wand' rings done,
No more their weary course they run,
No more they faint, no more they fall,
No foes oppress, no fears appall:
O happy saints! forever blest,
In that dear home how sweet your rest!

The saints of God! life's voyage o'er,
Safe landed on that blissful shore,
No stormy tempests now they dread,
No roaring billows lift their head:
O happy saints! forever blest,
In that calm haven of your rest!

The saints of God their vigil keep,
While yet their mortal bodies sleep,
Till from the dust they too shall rise
And soar triumphant to the skies:
O happy saints! rejoice and sing:
He quickly comes, your Lord and King!

—William Dalrymple Maclagan

Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who desire to follow Christ, remembering that access to the communion table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who has doubts or whose trust is wavering is invited to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this hymn text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

American composer Charles Ore combines two well-known hymns but in the minor mode: "Rock of Ages" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" in this rhythmically driving piece.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MS. BURNETT

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

WORDS OF INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 339

"LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*BENEDICTION

DR. MONTGOMERY

POSTLUDE

"GLORY ROCK"

"WHEN I SOAR TO WORLDS UNKNOWN—GLORY, HALLELUJAH!"

CHARLES W. ORE (B. 1936)

WORSHIP NOTICES

The Sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Myrtle Eddins Gillespie, Marion Ray Gillespie and Anne Roede Giddings, from Dr. and Mrs. M. Boyd Gillespie.

Camera and video use is not allowed during the worship service. Please turn off your cell phone.

Members and guests, please indicate your presence on the Friendship Roster this morning.

The 11:00 service is live at new.livestream.com/idlewild, or search for "Idlewild" in the Livestream phone or Roku app. You can also listen on WREC-AM 600 or at www.600wrec.com, or use the iHeartRadio app.

If you need to step out of the sanctuary for any reason during worship, you can watch the service on Livestream in the T.K. Young Room.

Music is printed under Onelicense.net A-702280.

VISITOR NOTICES

We welcome our visitors this morning. To learn more about Idlewild, please speak to a clergy member at the sanctuary door after the service, or call the church office during the week.

New members are received by the Session the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please see a minister after the service, or call the church office at 726-4681 during the week.

Visit www.idlewildchurch.org for news, events and more. If you're not on the web, call the church office at 726-4681.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

Refreshments are served in the T.K. Young Room after the 11:00 service. Please join in this time of fellowship.

Members in the hospital as of January 10: Martha Duncan and Drew Kofahl.

A Project Day for all women of the church is this Tuesday, January 16, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the T.K. Young Room. Projects include Sister 2 Sister (assembling bags for MTAM women), sewing stoles for this year's confirmands, and making Valentine's cards for circle care partners. Lunch (\$8) to follow. Please RSVP to Teresa Caldwell, teresa-caldwell@hotmail.com or 901-830-4650.

As we approach the 50 year anniversary of the assassination of the Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Presbytery of the Mid-South and the Greater Memphis Area Chapter of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus cordially invites the community to the special Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 14 at Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church (1005 East Shelby Dr.).

A Moral Mondays gathering will be held Monday, January 22 at Hope Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., senior minister emeritus of Riverside Church in New York, will be the special guest speaker. There is a reception at 5:30 p.m., worship at 6:30, and a training session with the Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis at 7:15. For information and to register visit mlk50.civilrightsmuseum.org/moral-Mondays. Moral Mondays is a series of clergy-led gatherings with speakers and guided table talks on social justice issues, in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in our city.

Memphis 1968, a free community workshop set for January 20, will explore the Spring of 1968, when Martin Luther King, Jr. came to Memphis and the sanitation workers went on strike, and the concepts behind this culminating moment in the Civil Rights era. The workshop is especially relevant for staff and volunteers in community organizations that work directly with youth. The event is Saturday, Jan. 20, 1:00–5:00 at Clayborn Temple. Details and registration at www.facinghistory.org/calendar/w2018tn2-memphis-1968.

These Days, a booklet of daily meditations published quarterly by the PC(USA), is in the church office. Pick up your free copy for January, February and March.

Giving sanctuary flowers is a special way to honor a loved one. If you would like to give flowers, please contact Buff Adams at 818-5567, 834-0479, or mredbirds@gmail.com.

Winter Weather Watch: Whenever public schools are closed due to inclement weather, our church classes, dinners and meetings are cancelled. For info about specific groups, please check with the committee chair or group leader. *More Than A Meal on Thursdays is always held regardless of weather.*

PASTORAL CARE & EVANGELISM

Unless otherwise noted, contact Anne Apple, 726-4681 ext. 18 or anne@idlewildchurch.org.

The Idlewild Gay-Straight ChristCare group meets on Sunday, January 28, at 12:30 at the home of Martin Donaldson (3760 Northwood Dr.). Lunch is potluck. Please bring appetizers, sides, salads and desserts if you can. If you decide at the last minute, please come anyway. Everyone is welcome!

The Cuba Committee is planning the next visit to our partner church, Juan G. Hall Presbyterian in Cardenas, Cuba. Possible dates are May 26–June 2, 2018, although that may change. If you would like to learn more as plans develop, email A.J. Northrop at genteelrogue@yahoo.com. A short informal meeting will be held Sunday, January 21, at 12:15 in the Harlan Room. Watch upcoming bulletins for more info about this extraordinary ministry.

The Sandwich Generation brings together people taking care of both children and aging parents. Meetings are the first and third Thursdays of each month: one is study-based, covering topics requested on the surveys and often with a guest speaker; the other is a support/social meeting, offering a chance to ask questions and share experiences. The next social gathering is Thursday, January 18. All meetings are 6:30–8:00 p.m. at Cheffie's Café (483 High Point Terrace).

If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office, 726-4681. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may leave a confidential message (just wait until the after recording). Those messages are checked regularly so that pastoral needs can be directed to the clergy staff.

Confidential prayer requests can be made by calling the prayer chain, 683-6578, or by filling out a card from the literature rack.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Baptismal Trees: “Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5: 11). Baptism is a sign of being engrafted into the Body of Christ. When we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, a baptismal tree is shared with the family. The tree is rooted to earth and its canopy awed before heaven. Our hope is that the baptized will be rooted to the earth in discipleship and awed before heaven in a life of ministry with Jesus Christ. We have deep gratitude for those who nurture the trees from seed to sapling and to those who deliver these baptismal gifts.

CREATIVE PLAY AND RECREATION MINISTRY

*Jacob Pierce, 725-4165 or jpierce@idlewildchurch.org.
Shari Gross, 725-4165 or sgross@idlewildchurch.org.*

Spring soccer registration is open through Feb. 23. Register at www.idlewildchurch.org/registrations or at the church office. Costs (include jersey): \$55 for Mini Strikers and \$85 for U8-U13. Scholarships available upon request. The first week of practice for U8-U13 age divisions begins March 19. Mini Striker session and U8-U13 games begin April 7.

- Mini Strikers (for 4–5 year olds)
- Under 8 boys/girls (for 6–7 year olds)
- Under 10 boys/girls (for 8–9 year olds)
- Under 13 boys/girls (for 10–12 year olds)

Soccer coaches needed. It is easy and super fun! If you would like to coach or help coach a team, or would like more details, please contact Jacob Pierce.

Save the Date: NaCoMe Church Camp will be October 12-14, 2018. There will also be an early registration starting in April and you will be able to pay monthly.

The pottery studio at Belltower Artisans (549 S. Highland) is available for Idlewild members on a pay-as-you-can basis 9:00 to 12:00 Saturday mornings. Guests of Idlewild members are welcome for three free sessions, then \$10 each additional session. The church is using this studio during the Jones Building renovations.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Unless otherwise noted, contact Rebekah Abel Lamar, 726-4681 ext. 46 or rlamar@idlewildchurch.org.

ADULT MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Rebekah Abel Lamar, 726-4681 ext. 46 or rlamar@idlewildchurch.org.

The Common Table is a place where you can be heard and practice listening with others on important issues. Winter sessions are 4:00-6:00 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 21, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 at the church. The topic is “Death Matters.” Childcare available. To register and request childcare, please contact Brenda Harris at 726-4681 ext. 35 or brenda@idlewildchurch.org.

MEN’S BREAKFAST, FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the T. K. Young Room

The study of *Mark: 20 Studies for Individuals and Groups* by N.T. Wright is facilitated by Ted Mealor. Breakfast is \$8. Please make reservations with Brenda Harris, 726-4681 or brenda@idlewildchurch.org. If you have questions or need transportation, contact Ted Mealor at 683-4764 or wt.mealor@aol.com.

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK SERIES BEGINS JANUARY 24.

In the book *Waking Up White*, author Debby Irving unpacks the often difficult topics of white privilege and racial inequality using her own experiences of growing up in “a blissfully sheltered, upper-middle-class suburban childhood.” Join a three-week book discussion on Wednesdays, Jan. 24–Feb. 7, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the parlor. By listening to each other, we may understand why and how our beliefs, developed along historical and racial lines, have shaped us and how we might think and act more inclusively. Pan Awsumb is the facilitator. The church has several copies of the book to purchase, and it is available on Amazon.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES—JANUARY 21

If you would like more detailed information on Sunday morning church school please visit www.idlewildchurch.org.

20/20 (CAFE, 28 S. Evergreen, 2nd Floor) After the Reformation Began. Scott Moore and John Boughter, leaders.

Christian Parenting of Young Children (T.K. Young Stage) Raising Resilient Children. Margaret Burnett, leader.

Confirmation Parents (Chapel) How Should We Approach the Bible? Rebekah Abel Lamar, leader.

Covenanters (Parlor) Feasting on the Word. Charles Key and Ben Bledsoe, leaders.

Faith and Function & Timothy (Harlan Room) Texts That Influenced Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Steve Montgomery, leader.

Praying with Scripture (Samaritan Counseling Center) The Practice of Lectio Divina

Stephen (Session Room) Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor. Sarah Terry, facilitator

Young Adults (Pastor Steve’s office) Coffee at 9:40, discussion at 10:00.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Frank Kelly, 337-0159 or fkelly@idlewildchurch.org.

QUEST (grades 6-8) and **BASIC** (grades 9-12) meet today from 6:00 to 7:30. Both groups meet in the T.K. Young Room from 6:00 to 6:30 for dinner, then split up for individual programs.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Sarah Wolf, 726-4681 ext. 43 or swolf@idlewildchurch.org.

Young Presbyterian Women’s group Dine-01 meets at Boscos Squared (2120 Madison Ave.) Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. For information contact Kristen Murphy at 816-896-5707 or kristendmurphy@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Caitlin C. Bomar, 726-4681 ext. 33 or cbomar@idlewildchurch.org.

Sunday School Class Locations

Two-Year-Olds: Conference Room (Nursery)

PK/JK: Library

SK-2nd Grade: Strock Room

3rd-5th Grade: Start with music in Choir Room, then move to Christian Formation Suite

Monthly Fellowship Opportunities: 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.

Fellowship for SK-5th Grade Families: Saturday, January 20, hosted by Jenny and Rob Robertson at 4277 Amber Lane, 38111 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Caitlin by TODAY.

Fellowship for Young Families (at least one child JK or below): Saturday, January 27, hosted by Matt and Carol Fields at 4462 Sequoia Rd., 38117 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Caitlin by January 20.

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. If your child would like to be a bulletin greeter or an usher for the 11:00 service, please contact Caitlin.

First Sunday Bulletin Greeters: Children in SK-5th grade are given the opportunity every first Sunday of the month to help pass out bulletins prior to the beginning of the worship service.

Third Sunday Ushering: Children in 3rd-5th grade are given the opportunity every third Sunday to usher during worship.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Sara Dorrien-Christians, 726-4681 ext. 42 or sdorrien@idlewildchurch.org.

Outreach opportunities abound as we seek to reflect Christ's love in Memphis and beyond. Volunteers worship and enjoy a hot meal with many who are homeless in our community at MTAM every Thursday evening; tutors assist students with reading and math at Idlewild Elementary School; helpers stuff backpacks with weekend meals for students at Brewster; gardeners work with neighborhood children to tend the McMerton Gardens in Binghampton; mission leaders work with partners in Ghana and Cuba to install and sustain clean water systems and learn about one another; and a hospitality team offers compassionate care to those seeking assistance and prayer on Sunday morning. And this is just a sampling!

These ministries are sustained by those who present the offering of their hearts and time. If you feel called to join in, or are simply curious and want to learn more, don't hesitate to reach out. We'd love to plug you in somewhere or discern where and how your gifts and passions can best be used.

The Education Sticks: quarters collected by the children last week were sent to the River Dougbe School in Liberia, West Africa. Together, they totaled \$1,370.07, which will give the gift of education to four girls for one year.

After a period of discernment, the staff and Outreach Leadership Team have determined to change the recipient of our quarters from Heifer International to the River Dougbe School, which is a mission of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. It is our hope and intention that a close Presbyterian connection will afford opportunities for education and fellowship in addition to financial support.

The quarters collected by our children really do make a difference. Thank you all and please keep it up!

CAFE NEWS



The new Idlewild Preschool will open January 7, 2019, in what will be the newly renovated preschool facility on the first floor of the Jones Building. The new preschool will be developed and run by the new Children and Family Enrichment Center (CAFE) at Idlewild. The mission of the CAFE is to "provide children and families tools for lifelong resilience." Studies show that 80% of a baby's brain is developed by age 3, so we help even the youngest children learn to "self-regulate." The new Idlewild Preschool curriculum will be based in cutting-edge brain development studies and will be based in curriculum that is focused on emotional intelligence in addition to traditional early childhood learning modalities.

OFFICER RETREAT

January 26-27

All current officers (classes of 2018, 2019, 2020) will attend the annual officers retreat January 26-27. It begins with dinner that Friday at 6:00, and concludes Saturday at 3:00. (New ruling elders and deacons (class of 2020) will be ordained and installed that Sunday, Jan. 28.) The retreat leader will be the Rev. Dr. Joan Gray, moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

That Sunday morning, at 9:40, she will speak in an adult forum in the T.K. Young Room. Joan is the author of the books *Sailboat Church* and *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers*. Joan will also be preaching that day.

KEEP OUR CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Each week we invite you to pray for our church.
This week's prayers are for...*

- Those who are suffering in the cold weather.
- The Session as it meets on Wednesday.
- The confirmation class and parents of confirmands classes, which began this morning.
- Idlewild's Mini-Jammers basketball program (4-year-olds and 5-year-olds) as they begin today at Lindenwood while IPC is under construction.
- The new officers, committee chairs, and members who are beginning their work for 2018.
- The officer retreat on January 26-27, that it will be a time of discernment of where God is calling Idlewild in the coming year and years to come.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

The calendar is online at www.idlewildchurch.org/fullcalendar.

Sunday January 14

8:30am Handbell Choir Rehearsal, East Transept
8:30am Worship Service, Chapel
9:40am Sunday School
11am Worship Service, Sanctuary
3pm Mini-Jammers, Lindenwood
6pm QUEST/BASIC, TK Young

Monday January 15

MLK Day

Church Office Closed
5:30pm Christian Formation, CAFE

Tuesday January 16

6:30am BASIC Prayer Breakfast, Panera Bread
9am Men's Fellowship & Bible Study, TK Young
9am PW Coordinating Team, Parlor
10am PW Sew Stoles, TK Young
1pm PW Bible Moderators, Parlor
5:30pm Cuba, Parlor
5:30pm Girl Scouts
6:30pm NA, TK Young

Wednesday January 17

9:30am Wednesday Morning Class, Harlan Rm
5:30pm Budget & Finance, Stroock Rm
6:15pm Choir Section Leaders Rehearsal, Choir Rm
6:30pm Men in Mid-Life, Session Rm
6:30pm Session, Harlan Rm
7pm Adult Choir, Choir Rm

Thursday January 18

9:30am Kitchen Table, Away
10am Thursday Morning Bible Study, Trezevant Manor
4:30pm Greek Class, Away
5pm More Than A Meal Worship, Chapel
5:30pm More Than A Meal, TK Young
6:15pm Kitchen Table, Away
6:30pm AA Meeting, TK Young
6:30pm Sandwich Generation, Away

Friday January 19

6pm Waltzing, TK Young

Saturday January 20

4:30pm SK-5th Grade Family Gathering, Away

Sunday January 21

8:30am Handbell Choir Rehearsal, East Transept
8:30am Worship Service, Chapel
9:40am Sunday School
10:30am New Members, Chapel
11am Worship Service, Sanctuary
12pm Young Adults to Lunch, Away
12:15pm Cuba Informational Meeting, Harlan Rm
12:30pm Children's Ministry, Parlor
3pm Mini-Jammers, Lindenwood
4pm Common Table, Harlan Rm
6pm QUEST/BASIC, Away

WELCOME TO IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

You will notice that our vision statement begins and ends with “Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which....all who enter might find a home.”

We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God *knows* we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian!) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yes, in our preaching and our prayers, (and many of our newer hymns!) we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the 8:30 service, join us for Sunday School. There are lots of options. After the 11:00 service, stick around. Come to the fellowship hall for refreshments in the T.K. Young Room. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy.

There are tons of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Joyfully,

Pastor Steve Montgomery

A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

Jesus Christ is the center;
the mighty voice of God inspires us to love;
the Spirit joyfully sustains and nurtures seekers of every age,
stage, and circumstance.

Worship forms the core of community life;
prayer binds our brokenness and connects us in Christ's love
to God and to one another;
music, poetry, and art flourish in gratitude to our Creator;
the beauty of creation is treasured and preserved;
all the members of the church are ministers.

The focus is scripture and its meaning for today;
faith is formed and spirits nourished through reflection,
practice and shared learning;
the wisdom of other faith traditions is respected;
and a diverse membership enriches and unites us.

Justice speaks loudly and peace is our aspiration;
all voices are heard;
recreation and play are a wellspring for fellowship,
celebration, and growth;
the love of God guides our minds and spirits,
leading us to right action in our hearts, our homes,
our community, our nation, and our world,

And all who enter find a home.



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The mission of Idlewild Presbyterian Church is to pursue, personify, and practice as Presbyterians the good news of reconciliation and salvation in Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach.

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