

GRATITUDE CALENDAR– IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LENT 2019			6– Ash Wednesday Reasons I started attending Idlewild	7 Reasons I keep attending Idlewild	8 Places I feel most connected to other people	9 Place/time at church I feel most connected with other people
10 Legacies of departed church members I hold dear	11 Place I work/worked or go/went to school	12 Groups with which I volunteer	13 The variety of cultures and experiences in the world and the mission team in Cuba this week	14 Ways I lead in my church and community	15 Businesses I frequent that are important to me	16 The families and teachers of the Early Enrichment Center
17 Places and times I feel most connected to God	18 Things I do well	19 Things and people who challenge me	20 Activities I enjoy	21 Time I have available	22 Equipment or materials I am willing to loan or donate	23 Things I make or ways I play
24 The church’s worship spaces and all who worship in them	25 Church space that is being used	26 Church space that is not being fully used	27 Church’s location	28 The opportunities of our renovated church building	29 Subject/skills I would like to learn about	30 The church's fellowship spaces and all who find connection in them
31 The youth of Idlewild and their faith and leadership	1 Idlewild’s name recognition in community	2 The other churches in Memphis doing Christ's work	3 Idlewild’s community partners	4 PC(USA)’s denominational partners	5 Church’s global partners	6 The Child and Family Enrichment Center (CAFE)
7 The sacraments of the church (baptism and communion)	8 Church Staff	9 The young adults of Idlewild and the gifts they bring	10 The Session and Diaconate of Idlewild	11 The adult members of the church and ways they serve God	12 The church's outreach to those in need	13 The children of our church and the way they lead us
14– Palm Sunday The music and musicians who lead us in worship	15 The people who are examples of faith for us	16 The hospitality ministries of the church	17 The ways Idlewild cares for its members	18– Maundy Thursday The power of gathering with our church family	19– Good Friday The sacrificial love of Jesus Christ	20 The times we have seen hope in dark and difficult times
21– Easter The hope of resurrection we find in scripture and in our lives	<p><i>Lent is a time for reflecting on and removing what gets in the way of our relationship with God. One common obstacle is scarcity thinking, or the perspective that I/we do not have enough. The calendar above gives gratitude prompts for each day of Lent and the first day of Easter in the hopes that pray-ers can develop a deep sense of where God is at work. The prompts are focused on resources, connections, interests, and skills of both the pray-er and the pray-er’s congregation, thus highlighting individual and collective blessings.</i></p>					

Adapted from Laura Stephens–Reed