

YOUTH

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Other than Sunday school, youth do not meet regularly during the summer. Activities are announced via e-mail and bulletin notices.

QUEST (Questioning, Understanding, Exploring, Sharing Together) is for middle school students, grades 6–8.

BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) is for senior high students, grades 9–12.

Sunday School Classes, May 26–August 11

Both groups (rising 7th graders through rising college freshmen) meet together in the Youth Wing, Jones Building, 3rd Floor East, (9:40–10:40 am.).

MUSIC

Contact: Barry Oliver, Director of Music Ministry, 726-4681 ext. 212, bolivar@idlewildchurch.org.

May 26–September 1: The Summer Choir meets each Sunday morning at 10:00 in the Choir Room to prepare for the 11:00 service. All interested singers are invited to contact Barry Oliver to join the choir during the summer. *Regular weekly choir rehearsals resume Wednesday, August 21.*

CREATIVE PLAY AND RECREATION

Contact: Jacob Pierce, Director of Creative Play and Recreation, 726-4681, ext. 225 or jpierce@idlewildchurch.org

Mini-Batters for ages 4–5

One hour a week program on Sundays in June at 2:30 p.m. (not on Father's Day) at Middle College High School, by Christian Brothers University, 750 E. Parkway S. Parents are asked to stay and help with the program each week. Cost is \$45.00. *If you have questions, please contact Jacob Pierce.*

Summertime Labyrinth Walks: (9:00–10:00 a.m.) Saturday, June 8, July 13 and August 10

Join Anne Bradley Thomas for a labyrinth walk at Rhodes College. Park on University Street and walk through the Phillips Lane school entrance. The Adrienne McMillan Burns Memorial Labyrinth is located southwest of the Fisher Garden near the school entrance.

Free Play

Do you have a teenager who likes to play basketball, or would you like to play a pickup basketball game? Free Play will begin soon on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoons.

NaCoMe All-Church Camp is October 11–13 in Pleasantville, TN.

Join your church family for a weekend of fun and fellowship removed from the distractions of technology and daily life. Payment plan options are available and registration is open now.

Idlewild Presbyterian Church

SUMMER 2019 CHRISTIAN FORMATION

May 26 through August 11. Classes and programs for all ages! Visitors always welcome!

The Adult Summer Series

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:40-10:40. Please see signage for location.

Each week features a different, fascinating topic with speakers from throughout the community.

For information contact the Reverend Rebekah Abel Lamar, rlamar@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681, ext. 246

May 26: Refugee Empowerment Program (REP)

The Refugee Empowerment Program is a ministry of the Memphis Leadership Foundation, whose mission is to address the needs and concerns of refugees and immigrants in Memphis by offering high-quality programs and services that encourage, educate, and equip individuals, families, and the local community. REP walks alongside newcomers as they build new lives and work to achieve their personal and professional goals. REP is a recipient of an Idlewild Community Support grant.

Cam Echols-Blackmon, Executive Director, created Refugee Empowerment Program in 2007, which now encourages and equips over 400 refugees and immigrants building new lives in Memphis.

Polly van der Bijl has been REP'S Adult Education Coordinator for three years. She leads REP's efforts to empower refugee and immigrant adults through language acquisition, cultural acclimation, digital literacy development, and citizenship preparation.

June 2: Making the Art for the new Book of Common Worship

Martha Kelly will talk about the process of creating block prints, mostly landscapes, for the new *Book of Common Worship*. She will also walk through a selection of Scriptures showing all of creation, not just people, participating in salvation history and show the relevance of these images to our traditions and book of worship.

Martha Kelly, painter, printmaker, illustrator, has exhibited work in galleries around the Southeast since 1999. Her illustration project for the new *Book of Common Worship* for the Presbyterian Church (USA), was published in April 2018 by Westminster John Knox Press.

June 9: MICAHA Update

The Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope (MICAHA), continues to grow, with citizens representing 50+ congregations/organizations working on three different task forces: Education, Economic Equity, and Immigration & Intercultural Equity.

At this Adult Forum, Idlewild liaisons *Lucy Townsend*, *Ben Clark*, and *Melissa Peeler* will present the platforms of their respective task forces and take questions. Come, see what MICAHA is doing.

June 16: Tennessee Alternatives to the Death Penalty

Come learn about the death penalty, particularly in Tennessee, and look at issues regarding cost, deterrence, innocence, fairness, and the unique response of people of faith.

Amy Howe is a retired pastor who served at both Woodland and Evergreen. She is a member of the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry.

June 23: Prayer Beads

Join tap-dancing French goats, the Holy Spirit on a Harley, Gangster Disciples, Lady Godiva, and Memphian Suzanne Henley in exploring the rich, 4,000 year history of prayer beads and their increasing use by Presbyterians and other Protestant denominations.

Suzanne Henley, former community college English instructor, college development director and hospice volunteer director, works with fused glass, designs jewelry, tables, prayer beads, and renovates early 20th century houses. Her book *Bead by Bead: The Ancient Way of Praying Made New* was published by Paraclete Press in March 2018.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION VISION STATEMENT

Christian Formation is:

*Being children of God and becoming the people of God by:
a lifelong journey of transformation
through play—sharing God's creation in recreation;
through word—engaging Scripture and discerning its meaning for today;
offering space for questions and doubt;
through mission—nurturing and sustaining a responsiveness to God and to one another.*



Come kick-off a new year of Sunday School at Idlewild, August 18, 2019!

On Sunday, August 18, all ages will gather in the Sanctuary for music and fun as we begin a new program year together. Children will spend time in their new classes. Adults will have a chance to check out adult ministry opportunities.

Mark your calendars and invite your friends!



June 30: The Virgin Mary in Art

Mary is one of the most enigmatic figures in the Bible. As the mother of Jesus Christ she is central to his narrative, yet the Bible barely mentions her. Art give us not only a window into Mary's life, but also shows us how Christians and non-Christians alike have fully embraced her as the Mother of Christ. Art history also provides a fascinating look at how Mary's stature in the Christian church has grown significantly over time.

Dr. Jonathan M. Jones is the Anne and Glenn A. Crosby Chair of Christian Ethics, chair of the Department of History and Social Studies, teaches U.S. and European history and AP Art History, at Memphis University School.

July 7: Idlewild's Sanctuary Organ

(will meet in the Sanctuary)

Director of Music Ministry *Barry Oliver* will give a presentation on our organ, built by the Bedient Pipe Organ Company. Join us in the organ loft for a hands-on experience of the organ, how it is utilized in worship, and what makes it unique and distinctive.

July 14: The Slippery Slope: The Legal and Theological Implications of Court Cases About Religious Freedom

Beginning in the 1950s, the federal court system decided a series of cases that ended Jim Crow discrimination in the South. The laws were found to strip private citizens of their inalienable rights, namely the right to speak, the right to an education, and, perhaps most importantly, the right to vote. Decades later, as new plaintiffs won cases before the court that legalized gay marriage, a movement was sparked from primarily conservative Christian groups to defend the religious liberties of private citizens.

Perhaps most famous is the case of the Colorado baker who refused to provide a cake to a gay couple for their wedding reception. Since then, several other cases are pending before the court that seek to further clarify the rights of religious people who refuse to provide services due to "religious objections."

The *Honorable Sheryl H. Lipman* sits on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee.

Dr. Peter R. Gathje is Professor of Christian Ethics, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Academic Dean, Memphis Theological Seminary.

July 21: The Emotional Truth in the Psalms

The full range of human emotions are expressed in the Psalms: anger, agony, despair, trust and hope. The Psalms are our intimate conversation with God. Rabbi Micah Greenstein will share what he views as the major themes in the Psalms and how this unique Biblical book can steady and enrich our lives.

Micah Greenstein is Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel, where he has served for almost three decades, sustaining its position as the largest synagogue in Tennessee.

July 28: St. Jude Proton Therapy

In 2015, St. Jude became the first pediatric-only proton therapy unit. William Myers will discuss why it is an important treatment modality and how St. Jude uses it to give children world class cancer treatment right in our backyard.

William Myers is a clinical medical physicist supporting the Radiation Oncology Department at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He is currently a deacon and choir member.

August 4: The Battle for Bonhoeffer

Theologian in Residence Stephen Haynes offers an incisive and clarifying perspective into the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book, *The Battle for Bonhoeffer: Debating Discipleship in the Age of Trump*. (Eerdman's Publishing, September 2018).

Dr. Haynes presents an analysis that treats the November 2016 election of Donald Trump and the "Bonhoeffer moment" announced by evangelicals in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's 2015 decision to legalize same-sex marriage. Haynes redeems Bonhoeffer, who has become a clay puppet in modern American politics.

Dr. Stephen Haynes is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes College.

August 11: Why Christians Should Work to End Mass Incarceration

The skyrocketing number of Americans sent to prison in recent decades has had a devastating effect in minority communities, wrecking families and impacting all of us. This class will review the historic roots of mass incarceration—including slavery and Jim Crow laws—and current efforts at reform.

David Bell is a federal public defender and a founder of Idlewild's free legal clinic. *Dolores Bell* and *Jim Cole*, who taught a recent Wednesday Morning Studies Group session on unequal justice, will assist.

OTHER ADULT GROUPS

Men's Breakfast, Fellowship, Bible Study & Prayer

Tuesdays, 9:00–10:00 a.m., Jones Building Fellowship Hall

Study: N.T. Wright's *Luke For Everyone* (available online).

Please make reservations with Brenda at the church office, 726-4681 or brenda@idlewildchurch.org. Cost of breakfast: \$8.00.

Please come as your schedule allows.

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

Thursday Kitchen Table Bible Study

Mornings, June 6–July 25, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

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Evenings, June 6–July 25, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Throughout the centuries, believers have asked questions. Well, Jesus asks questions too. In this study, *Questions Jesus Asks*, we will explore some of his questions to us like "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord?'" and "What do you want me to do for you?"

Everyone is welcome to participate in one of these small groups of 8 disciples who together grow their faith through Scripture study around the kitchen table in the home of the host and facilitator, Mary Lou McCaa. Contact: 684-5427 or maryloumccaa@msn.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

For more information please contact Andi Hill, andifhill@gmail.com, or 901-581-0219

The Bible Study Gathering at Pinecrest

Saturday, August 24

Registration 9:00 a.m. **Program** (9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.), includes lunch. Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center Chapel, 21430 Hwy 57, Moscow, TN 38057, 901-878-1247.

All women are invited.

The Bible Study Gathering provides an opportunity for Bible moderators and leaders to examine the 2019–2020 PW Horizons Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Leader/speaker: The Rev. Kori Phillips McMurtry, First Presbyterian Church, Memphis.

YOUNG ADULTS

For more information please contact, Elizabeth H. Doolin, Director of Young Adult Ministry, edoolin@idlewildchurch.org.

PW & YAW Spring Meet and Greet, May 19, 3:00 p.m.

Home of Peggy McClure, 387 Roseland Pl, 38111.

Third Sunday Lunch

May 19: Memphis Pizza Cafe, Madison Ave., 12:30p.m.

June 16, July 21, August 18: Locations TBD.

Theology on Tap at Pyro's Pizza, Union Ave., Thursdays Evenings

June 6–27; July 11–25; August 2–9 (7:00–8:00 p.m.).

Come a little early if you want to order a pizza!

Fall Young Adult Kickoff-Party

Saturday, AUG 24 (6:30 p.m.). Home of Betsy Hood, 2281 Court Ave, 38104.

PARENT ENRICHMENT PLACE

Children and Family Enrichment (CAFE), 28 S. Evergreen

For additional information and to reserve a place, contact Kristi Nobbman, knobbman@cafeidlewild.org, 901-746-9450.

Baby Time: Tuesdays in June and July (9:30–10:30 a.m.)

For moms and babies (new born to pre-crawlers), a safe, non-judgmental time to share experiences. *No need to sign up.*

Parents Book Club: Wednesdays, June 5–26, July 10–17

(6:00–7:30 p.m.)

*The topic is "12 revolutionary strategies to nurture your child's developing mind" adapted from the book *The Whole Brain Child*. (You don't have to read the book.) A certain level of commitment is necessary. *Please make a reservation.**

Mothers Support Group: Thursday mornings June 6–27 and

July 11–25 (10:00–11:30 a.m.)

Guided by Brenè Brown's *Gifts of Imperfect Parenting*. Childcare options depend on interest. A certain level of commitment is necessary. *Reservation needed.*

Summer Camp for Mothers: 3rd Fridays in May, June, July, and August (6:00–7:30 p.m.). Come to one or all four. Cost is \$10 per session for materials. *Contact Kristi Nobbman by Tuesday of each week to reserve a spot.*

Father's Support Group: Fridays in August (8:30–9:30 a.m.).

An opportunity to socialize, learn, and support each other as you navigate fatherhood. *No need to sign up.*

CHILDREN

Contact: Caitlin Bomar, Director of Children's Ministry, cbomar@idlewildchurch.org or 540-471-4825.

Monthly Fellowship Opportunities

Fellowship gatherings are held regularly 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. Look in the bulletin and Children's Ministry newsletters for more details on the following gatherings a few weeks before they take place.

FELLOWSHIP FOR FAMILIES JK AND UNDER:

Saturday, June 22 (5:00–6:30 p.m.) Home of Jim and Mary Hopkins, 4137 Long Leaf Drive, 38117.

Saturday, July 20, Hosted by Matt and Carol Fields, 4462 Sequoia Ave, 38117. Time TBD.

Saturday, August 10 (3:00–5:00 p.m.) Pool party. Home of Judy Johnson, 768 Charles Place, 38112.

FELLOWSHIP FOR SK–5TH GRADE FAMILIES:

Saturday, June 22 (2:00–4:30 p.m.) Pool party. Home of David and Erin Simpson, 2329 Hickory Forest Drive, 38119.

Saturday, July 13 (2:00–4:30 p.m.) Pool party. Home of Jarad and Jared Braddy-Haney, 1625 Central Ave, 38104.

Saturday, August 3 (2:00–4:30 p.m.) Pool party. Home of James and Lucia Gilliland, 60 Morningside Place, 38104.

Sunday Morning Childcare

The Jones Building. 1st Floor

8:30 WORSHIP: Infants, toddlers and two year olds may stay in worship or go to the Nursery, **Room 153**.

11:00 WORSHIP: Babies, Toddlers and Two-Year-Olds may stay in worship or go to the Nursery. PK and JK children may stay through the entirety of worship or stay through the Time with the Younger Children, and then attend Children's Church Continued (C3) in **Room 128**. Children SK and above are asked to stay in the Sanctuary for the entirety of the worship service.

Summer Sunday School May 26–August 11, (9:40–10:40 a.m.)

During the summer, children's ministry only has two Sunday School classes.

PK–1st grade children meet in the **Room 128** .

2nd–5th grade children meet in **Room 121**.

Children do not "graduate" to their new grade until Rally Day on August 18.

Two-year-old class does not meet in the summer.

TEACHERS & SHEPHERDS are needed for the 2019–2020 school year.

If you would like to teach or shepherd in beginning August 18, please let us know. Teacher Orientation will likely be **Sunday, August 4** (12:30–2:30 p.m.).

There are four classes: PK/JK, SK/1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th.