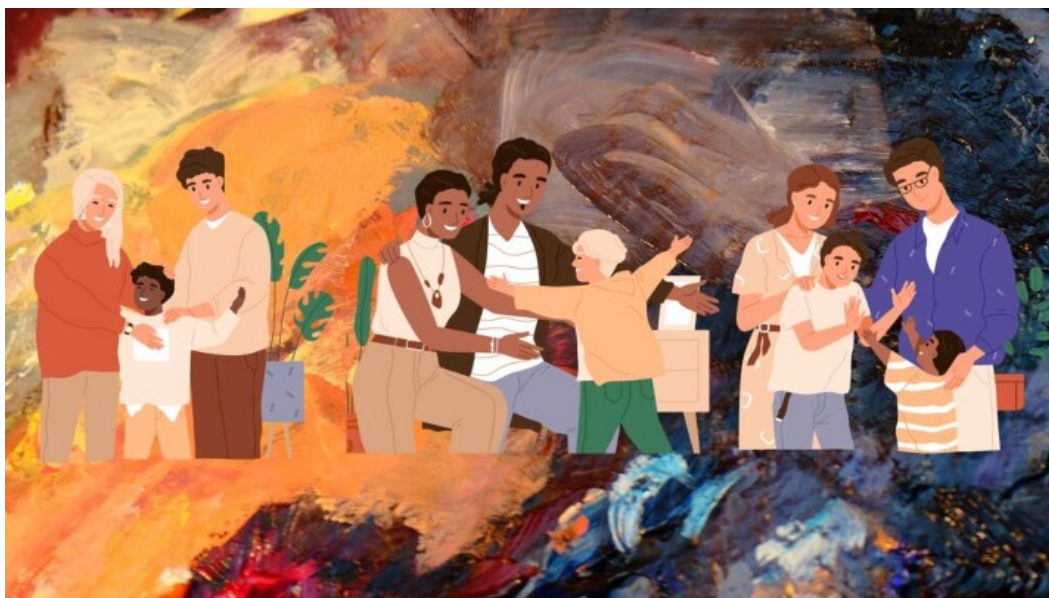


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A partnership between St. James UMC and Church of the Resurrection
You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.
Matthew 22:39

THE MANY COLORS OF GOD'S LOVE



Insights to Multiracial Foster Care & Adoption

Apr. 11, 2023 - 6:00-8:00PM – Online Class

Join us for a thoughtful discussion as we explore the ins and outs of multiracial foster care and adoption. How does it work and how does it impact children, teenagers, families and communities? Participants are encouraged to watch the movie “The Color of Love”, available on YouTube and other streaming services, prior to the class as it will be part of the conversation. ARJ’s Patricia Ross will lead a panel that includes middle school counselor Lynette Walker; foster and adoptive parent Dr. Traci Marshall; and businessman, volunteer and foster advocate David Rock. Register now to participate using [THIS LINK](#). A link to join the Zoom event will be sent to you prior to April 11.

CALLING ALL ST. JAMES & RESURRECTION TEENS!



Young folks have a lot to say about the world as it is ... and the world as they'd like it to be. Allies for Racial Justice offers the teens in our two churches a unique platform to speak up through poetry. High school teens who participate at St. James or Resurrection United Methodist Churches (in person or online) are invited to lift their voices and inspire racial justice through poetry. One teen from each church will receive \$500 for their winning entry and present their poems at our Juneteenth Celebration on June 24.

Entries must be submitted by April 21. Learn more [HERE](#).

REGISTER NOW!



**April 22, 2023 – 9 AM-Noon
Resurrection Foundry – Building B
13720 Roe Avenue, Leawood, KS 66224**

President Harry S. Truman was raised amid the racist bigotry of a segregated Missouri. His grandparents were slave owners. Truman's own biases were unchallenged until he faced an "Aha!" moment over the arrest, beating and blinding of fellow war veteran, Isaac Woodard. Learn how Truman was moved to repudiate his own apathy and the country's officially-sanctioned discrimination policies, by making use of his personal power to desegregate the US military and federal agencies.

In addition to more on this notable civil rights history, our workshop facilitators will lead us in discovering the personal power we each possess. Learn how you can apply your personal power to the issues that still plague our world: disparities in wealth, healthcare, education, the environment, voting rights and more. The intentional use of our individual personal power can lead to actions that transform the world for all.

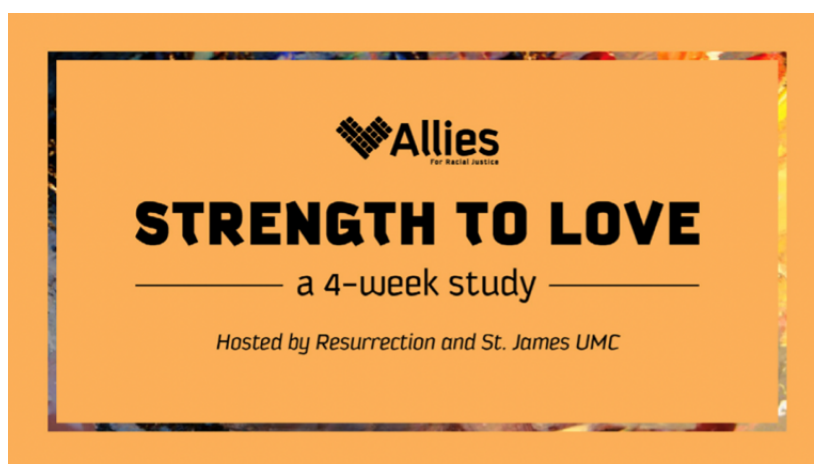
Block the date and join Allies for Racial Justice, along with Senior Pastors Adam Hamilton, Resurrection, Emanuel Cleaver III, St. James, and

representatives from the Truman Library Institute. The workshop is free and open to all. A light breakfast will be served and workshop materials provided. Please register so we know that you're coming and for our planning purposes.

[Register Here](#)

EVERYBODY GET TOGETHER ... AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER RIGHT NOW!

A Cross-Town Dual-Congregation Study April 19-May 3



Join Resurrection and St. James for this exceptional opportunity to connect across our two UMC congregations. This 4-week study uses selected sermons from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's book, **Strength to Love**. Sponsored by Allies for Racial Justice and the adult education ministries, the program brings together a diverse group of participants from both congregations to focus on racial awareness. Together we can create understanding, hope, and healing. Together we can truly live the great commandments: **Love God and Love Our Neighbor**.

All classes start at 6:30pm. St. James will host the first and third classes on April 19 and May 3 at 5540 Wayne Ave, KCMO 64110; Resurrection will host

the second and fourth classes in the Resurrection Foundry, Bldg. B, 13720 Roe Ave, Leawood, KS 66224, on April 26 and May 10. Get your family, friends and small groups to join you for this important series.

[Register Here](#)

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS



ARJ sponsors numerous programs throughout the year, such as those featured in this newsletter. Perhaps you've attended many of them. Our programs are designed to raise awareness, educate, collaborate, build relationships, and get folks involved in building God's Kingdom here on earth. They take a bit of work, as you might imagine. That's why we need YOU! Please bring your God-given talents to the ARJ table.

All ages and skill sets are welcome. You can spend just a little time on one activity ...or a lot of time involved in many; it's whatever your interests and schedule allow. So please raise your hand and join us in this important work. For more information, email allies4racialjustice@gmail.com and include **"ARJ Volunteer Information Please"** in the subject line.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARTNER CHURCHES BETTER

**Forging authentic relationships to eliminate the existing racial divide
in our communities and churches.**



Share Holy Week and Easter services in person and online. Check websites for details.

Resurrection [COR.org/next](https://cor.org/next)

St. James Church <https://sjumckc.org>

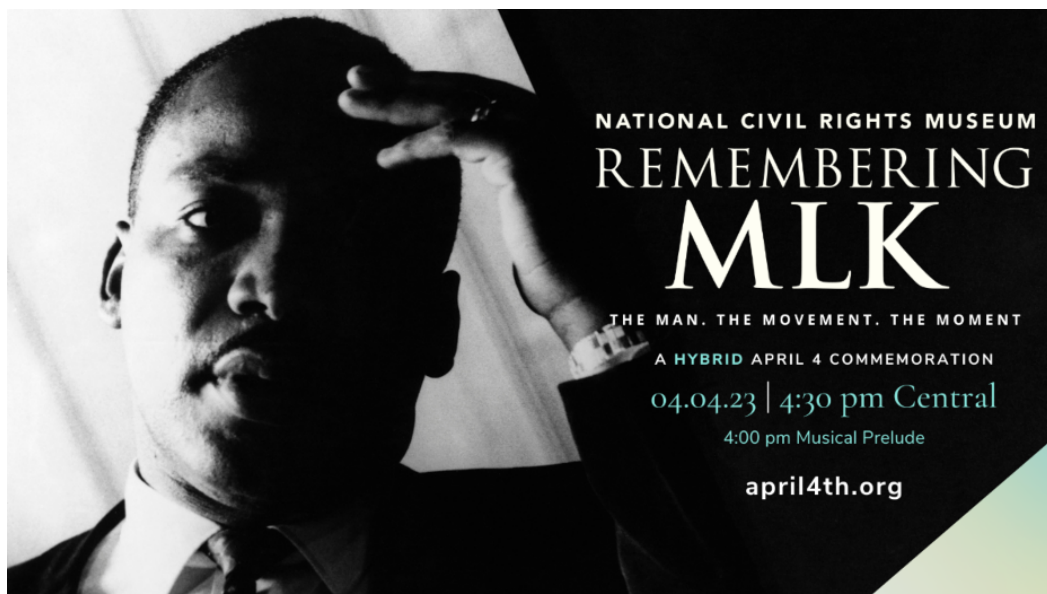
Sign up for the weekly Senior Pastor messages for updates and to better connect within our two congregations.

St. James Church [Sign up for Pastor Cleaver's Newsletter](#)

Resurrection [Sign up for Pastor Adam's Newsletter](#)

OTHER INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES

55th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION LIVE-STREAM EVENT



The National Civil Rights Museum presents a hybrid commemoration in honor of Dr. King's life and legacy on the 55th anniversary of his death. Go to <https://www.civilrightsmuseum.org> and register to join virtually.

Register To Join Virtually



“We Are Better Together”

Friday, April 14, 2023

UMKC Student Union Level 4

5100 Cherry St. Kansas City, MO 64110

The Women of Color Leadership Conference is an annual gathering which seeks to promote equity, education and professional development in an environment for, by and about women of color. This year's featured speaker is Tiffany S.W. Hamilton, CEO YWCA White Plains and Central Westchester, New York. Check-in: 7:30 am Program: 8:30 am – 2 pm.

Learn more and register: [Women of Color Leadership Conference |](#)

[Diversity and Inclusion | University of Missouri - Kansas City](https://diversityandinclusion.umkc.edu)
(umkc.edu)

Countering Hate with Kindness



Now in its ninth year, the non-profit SevenDays continues its healing journey following the April 2014 murders of three innocent people outside local Jewish facilities at the hands of a convicted neo-Nazi shooter. Two public events are featured this year:

- **Wednesday, April 05 - Love Day Kindness Breakfast** – will be held at Church of the Resurrection (Building B, the Foundry) in Leawood at 8 am. Limited tickets remain and are available on the [website](https://sevendays.org).
- **Sunday, April 16 - Kindness Walk** will also take place at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood. Pre-walk activities begin at 4 pm with live music and activities; the one-mile walk begins at 4:30 pm. Kansas City's food trucks will be available after the walk and Diamond Empire Band will perform. **Kindness Walk registration** is now open on the website at [SevenDays.org](https://sevendays.org).

Read, View and Learn



Visit the Allies for Racial Justice website for great video and book suggestions that can help us better understand our differences, appreciate our similarities and establish Christ-centered solutions to end racial and social injustices. Terrific selections for ARJ Small Groups!

[Click HERE](#) for all our recommended reading and video resources

For more information on Allies for Racial Justice, visit our website:

<https://resurrection.church/arj>

or join the conversation on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlliesForRacialJustice>

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