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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

**Allies for Racial Justice Presents
The Annual St. James &
Resurrection United Methodist Churches'
2023 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**



SATURDAY, JUNE 24

**Doors Open at 4:30 PM, Program Starts at 5 PM
 Location: St. James Sanctuary – 5540 Wayne Avenue
 Kansas City, MO 64110**

Join us for a lively, joyful and inspiring celebration!

Also known as Emancipation Day and Juneteenth Independence Day, Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It acknowledges the day in 1865 when the last American slaves in Texas found out they were actually free. More than two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. This National Holiday is officially observed on June 19 and celebrated throughout the month and across the country. This year, we're celebrating Juneteenth at St. James church on June 24... and the fantastic program lineup has something for everyone!

THERE'S MUSIC!



A powerful music program led by Tyrone Yarbrough (St. James) and Justin Huey (Resurrection) featuring *The Voice* contestant Zae Romeo and gospel singer Andrea Tribitt. Plus, the soul-filled voices of St. James “The Fam,” Resurrection’s Worship Collective, and choral groups from St. Andrew UMC and Centennial UMC churches.

THERE'S LEARNING!



Speaker and historian Erik Stafford takes questions from teen church members as he provides insights on the often overlooked but miraculous achievements realized by the Black community during the Reconstruction Period – before the devastation of Jim Crow. We'll have an inspiring message from Senior pastors Emanuel Cleaver III (St. James) and Adam Hamilton (Resurrection) and information on upcoming ARJ activities.

THERE'S ART!



Browse the diverse and noteworthy art exhibition presented by outstanding local artists.

THERE'S POETRY & DANCE!



Hear compelling “Spoken Word” from award-winning poet, Glenn North and delight in an uplifting dance performance.

THERE'S FELLOWSHIP!

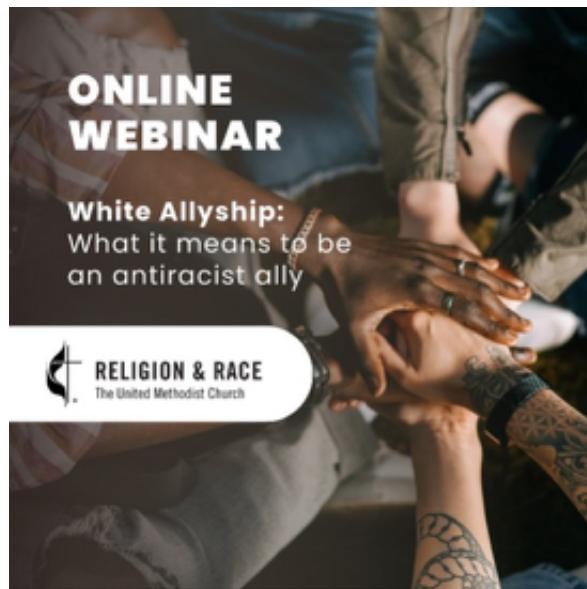


The whole vibe of our event is one of celebration and getting folks together for a vibrant and joy-filled Juneteenth experience. So, bring your family and friends, and invite your small groups too. We'll have free refreshments for all!

LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

The event is free, but we ask that you please register here for our planning purposes. Parking in St. James Church parking lots is limited, so plan to arrive early if you wish to park close. If you live in southern Johnson County and prefer a ride, we will have bus service leaving from Resurrection Leawood (137th & Roe – Parking Lot C). **Bus seating is limited. You must register separately for bus transportation and it's first come, first served.** Register for the event first. You will find details for bus registration on your confirmation notice. [Click here to register.](#)

WHITE ALLYSHIP WEBINAR REPLAY



In case you missed this webinar last month, recording is now live on the UMC [resource website](#) and [YouTube channel](#). Watch and share with friends!

GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARTNER CHURCHES BETTER

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

Resurrection resurrection.church/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



WALK FOR UNITY: COME TO THE TABLE

Saturday, June 10, 8:30 AM - Noon

Meet at corner of Truman & Troost Rd, KCMO

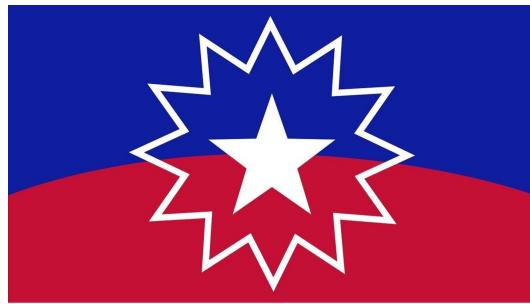
Unite KC welcomes you to the annual Walk for Unity. Help make 2023 the best year yet. In addition to the walk, there will be games, music and a shared meal. Great for all ages so bring the whole family. For details [click here.](#)

Register Here

JUNETEENTH IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER!

The commemoration of Juneteenth has become a month-long celebration across the nation. The Kansas City metro area joins the fun with dozens of events for you, your family, friends and small groups to participate in. Here are just a few:

**JUNE 1 - 30 – During Regular Library Hours
625 Minnesota Avenue Kansas City, KS 66101**



Do you know what flag this is? How much do you know about Juneteenth? Adults and youth (19 and under) can learn all about it by taking up this fun challenge. Questionnaires are available at the Information Desk in the Main Library. All Youth answers can be found throughout the children's department and Adults can check out the display panels throughout the library. For more information go to: [Upcoming Events | Kansas City, Kansas Public Library \(librarymarket.com\)](#)

JUNETEENTH KC CULTURAL PARADE



Saturday, June 3 - 11 AM - 3 PM
18th & Woodland to 18th & Michigan to 18th & Euclid
Kansas City, MO

JuneteenthKC hosts the 6th annual Juneteenth Cultural Parade with 100+ entries celebrating African American culture. Performances by the Golden Feather Black Indians and Rebirth Brass Band. Free hand fans, community photo booth and other activities. The parade will also be televised live on [kshb.com](#) and the KSHB 41 app. For full details go to [PARADE | JuneteenthKC](#)

JOHNSON COUNTY ARTS &

HERITAGE CENTER SECOND ANNUAL JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATION



**Saturday, June 10 10 AM - 1 PM
8788 Metcalf Ave. Overland Park, KS 66212**

The Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center hosts its Second Annual Juneteenth celebration; a free family-friendly event, built with community partners, to honor the history and celebrate Juneteenth with art, music, food, and more!

[Learn More](#)

PRAIRIE VILLAGE JUNETEENTH FREEDOM CELEBRATION



**Saturday, June 17, 4 - 8 PM
Harmon Park - West 77th Place & Delmar Street
Prairie Village, KS 66208**

This annual, free event offers the opportunity for a late afternoon and early evening of food, drink and fun featuring music from the band Funk Syndicate. A variety of games and inflatables. Several Black-owned vendors will be on-hand. This event is sponsored by: STAND-Up for Black Lives+ PV, PV Diversity Committee, JCNAACP and Village Church. For more information: [Juneteenth Freedom Celebration](#)

JUNETEENTH KC HERITAGE FESTIVAL RETURNS TO 18TH & VINE HISTORIC JAZZ DISTRICT



SATURDAY, JUNE 17 Noon to 10 PM

JuneteenthKC's 12th Annual Heritage Festival returns to the 18th & Vine Historic Jazz District with 200+ retail vendors, an interactive youth zone, 2 stages hosting live performances from Pokey Bear, Sir Charles, Kevin "Church" Johnson, Kim Keys & more. Free for all to enjoy! Find full information on this year's activities and schedules and to download the app go to [HOME | Juneteenth | Kansas City's Official African American Heritage Event \(juneteenthkc.com\)](#)

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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