

Can't see this email? [View it online.](#)



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



Religion & Race

**30 DAYS OF ANTIRACISM
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1ST**

The United Methodist Church General Commission on Religion & Race invites us to join their 30 days of antiracism campaign. The September calendar in the link below provides daily activities to help us become more antiracist in the ways we think and act. Share with family and friends.

[Read More](#)

ARJ HOSTS SUMMER FUN AT THE BALLPARK



ARJ hosted a summer gathering at Legends Field in KCK on Saturday, August 19. Yes, it was hot...but not as "hot" as the Kansas City Monarchs' bats as they won 10-5 over the Fargo-Morehead RedHawks. Folks participated in a pre-game "meet 'n greet" and received free customized ARJ hand fans and hand sanitizers. Door prizes included cool Monarchs' merchandise and tickets. ARJ Spiritual Advisors, Pastor Jackie McCall (St. James) and Pastor of Community Justice, Cheryl Bell (Resurrection) threw out the ceremonial first pitches. [Click here](#) to see pictures of them and other event attendees. (link will be provided by Matt this afternoon) Our ARJ group was also welcomed with a PA announcement and our logo on the scoreboard before the 3rd inning! Many thanks to our ARJ event organizers, Crystal Hart-Johnson and Mark Mears. A good time was had by all!

**IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR ARJ
SATURDAY MORNING WALKS IN THE PARK**



Saturdays Sept 16, 23, & 30 and Oct 7, 14 & 21 7:30 - 9 AM

It's time for Fall fellowship and light exercise as we bring back our popular Saturday morning "Walks with Jesus". Walkers gather at a different area park each week. Come and meet members from our partner churches and make new friends. You'll share interesting discussions while enjoying the beauty of nature. There is no prep work required. All you do is show up at 7:30AM and we'll walk together for an hour, starting at 8:00AM. See you at the Loose Park Pavilion, 5200 Wornall Rd., KCMO on September 16 for our first walk. All are welcome to participate in ARJ's "Walks with Jesus". Pick any or all of these dates and add them to your calendar now!

***September 16** - Loose Park Pavilion, 5200 Wornall Rd, KCMO 64112

***September 23** - Mill Creek Park, 43rd & Broadway, KCMO 64111

***September 30**– Shawnee Mission Park, 7900 Renner Road, Shawnee, KS 66219

***October 07** – Liberty Memorial, 1 Memorial Drive, KCMO 64108

***October 14** - Lowenstein Park, 1901 NW Lowenstein Drive, Lees Summit, MO 64081

***October 21** - Swope Park, 63rd and Swope Parkway (meet at the entrance), KCMO 64132

***October 28** - Waterworks Park, N.E. 32nd St. and North Oak Trafficway, KCMO 64116

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



This highly anticipated event returns on Saturday, September 9 at 6:30 pm in the Resurrection Leawood Sanctuary. Enjoy an inspiring evening dedicated to uplifting music and heartfelt performances led by Isaac Cates. This family-friendly concert is FREE and open to the public. [Check it out here.](#)

HATE IN THE UNITED STATES



The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) is a catalyst for racial justice in the South and beyond, working in partnership with communities to dismantle white supremacy, strengthen intersectional movements, and advance the human rights of all people. In efforts to expose, prevent, counter and remedy hate and hard right extremism in the U.S., the organization monitors hate and antigovernment extremist groups and exposes their activities to the public, the media, and policy makers. They currently track more than 1,300 extremist groups operating across our country. Since 1990, SPLC has published an annual census of hate groups, including a map depicting approximate locations representing activity during the previous year. A copy of the map and additional information [can be found here](#).



THE LEGACY OF BUSING

Don't miss two upcoming documentaries examining the deeply mixed legacy of America's efforts to racially integrate our public schools. On September 11, see : [The Busing Battleground](#) and on September 12, watch [The Harvest](#):

[Integrating Mississippi's Schools](#). Check your local PBS station for times and streaming options. These provide great learning opportunities for “get together” discussions with your small groups!

THE FUTURE OF BLACK ARTS & CULTURE



September 29, 30 & October 1, 2023

Don't miss this inaugural festival and tribute to the rich art, history and culture of the African diaspora. Vibrant art, brilliant fashion, dynamic performances, tasty food and much more in Kansas City's famous 18th & Vine District! [For more information click here.](#)

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

Sharecropping: Slavery Rerouted

Sharecropping is a system by which a tenant farmer agrees to work an owner's land in exchange for living accommodations and a share of the profits from the sale of the crop at the end of the harvest. What could possibly go wrong? Read this informative article on how sharecropping kept most Black Southerners impoverished and immobile for decades to come.

Read Here

RACISM IN THE CHURCH SAVE THE DATES – ONLINE BOOK DISCUSSION

Two Thursday Evenings

Oct. 5 and 12, 2023
6 – 7:30 p.m. CDT
on Zoom

OR

Two Saturday

Mornings
Oct. 7 and 14, 2023
9 – 10:30 a.m. CDT
on Zoom

Plan to join ARJ's Debra Jarvis and UMC Rev. Michelle Cobb for a thoughtful and enlightening discussion of Rev. Austin Channing Brown's book "I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness". Nearly all organizations claim to value everyone in their mission and value statements. Brown's book helps us understand how and why our actions fall short of those words and what restorative actions we can take. You don't have to have read the book; the facilitators will provide a complete overview. Registration is free and reservations required. The Zoom link will be provided once you've signed up.

For more details, contact Debra Jarvis at [317-213-0102](tel:317-213-0102) or
[djarvey60@gmail.com.](mailto:djarvey60@gmail.com)

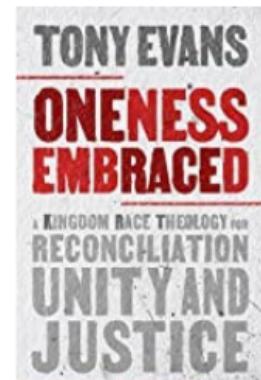
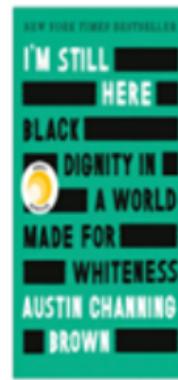
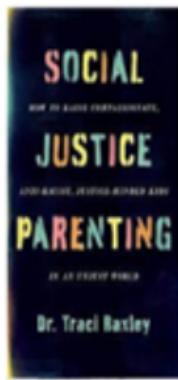
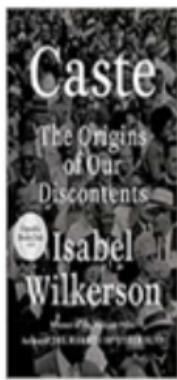
CHRISTMAS AT RESURRECTION **December 7-9, 2023**



TICKETS NOW ON SALE

This must-see musical presentation features more than 300 actors, singers, dancers and instrumentalists in a celebration of Christmas and a depiction of the traditional Christmas story. The all-new program is called **Sing Choirs of Angels**, but will also include favorites from previous years. This Kansas City musical tradition is a great holiday event for families and small groups. Get your group together now and make plans to attend. For more information and to purchase your reserved seats [click here.](#)

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>

Allies for Racial Justice Team

13720 Roe Ave, Leawood, KS 66224

[Unsubscribe](#) - [Unsubscribe Preferences](#)