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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

LET US PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE



**Holy and Gracious God,
We pray for people throughout the world who
suffer the scourge of war;**

**for their countries and their leaders.
We pray for all those who are afraid;
that your everlasting arms hold them in this
time of great need.
We pray for all those who have the power over
life and death;
that they will choose for all people life and love.
We pray for leaders on the world stage;
that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage
of Christ.
We pray especially for peace and justice now in
Ukraine and the Middle East.
And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.
Lord have mercy.
Amen**

FINDING STRENGTH TO LOVE



Allies for Racial Justice brought members of St. James Church and Resurrection together for four consecutive Monday evenings to talk about race. The “Strength to Love” series, led by Resurrection Location Pastor Robert Johnson and St. James Associate Pastor Jacqueline McCall, proved highly successful with over 135 participants. Breakout groups addressed the perennial and perplexing questions of love, faith, racial healing and social

justice. Numerous participants decided to form ongoing friend groups. “We just need to get to know each other better; to learn more and understand each other. That’s what will break down barriers and biases.”, noted one attendee. Based on the positive response, ARJ proposes more joint-congregation classes and gatherings. Let’s keep the conversations going, thinking and living as Jesus taught us -- loving our neighbors as ourselves. [Click here](#) for photos from the October “Strength to Love” sessions.



COMING SOON NORTH – THE MUSICAL

**Saturday, January 27 at 2 PM
Yardley Hall,
Johnson County Community College**



ARJ has purchased a block of \$20 discount tickets for the January 27 performance of Ashli St. Armant's powerful musical about a teenage boy and his mother who escape slavery in the Deep South through the Underground Railroad. The moving story explores the multi-faceted reality of Black life during the antebellum period, and brings out the full range of experiences of freedom seekers. While acknowledging the realities of slavery, the narrative and original musical compositions explore themes of optimism, bravery, playfulness, wonder, suspense and mystery. The musical is intended for intergenerational audiences, ages 10 and up. **Tickets will go on sale December 4.** Watch for a special email announcement and purchase link. *North – The Musical* is a production of the Midwest Trust Center.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7



Local elections are critically important. Know the candidates and know what they really stand for. Let your voice be heard. The bipartisan League of Women Voters wants you to be ready to vote. Go to <https://www.vote411.org/kansas> or <https://www.vote411.org/missouri> for the details.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARTNER CHURCHES BETTER

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

CELEBRATE! ST. JAMES CHURCH TURNS 68

ST. JAMES CHURCH

68TH
Church Anniversary
CELEBRATION

ONE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
11-19-23
10AM CT

GUEST PREACHER:
REV. DR. TORI BUTLER

SCAN ME

RSVP for Brunch
Following Worship

This month, St. James Church celebrates 68 years of connecting people with God through exciting worship, compassionate outreach, and authentic faith development. Join in the festivities that include the One Worship Experience and a UMKC evening Basketball Game on November 11 and a Game Night on November 15. [Contact Yvette Richards HERE](#) for more information.

TEAM MICAH SPEAKER SERIES

THE NEXT MOVEMENT
STUDY PRAY FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY

TOPIC: AFFORDABLE HOUSING
WITH AMANDA WILSON
"Affordable Housing Advocate of the Year"

NOVEMBER 2, 2023
6:30 PM CT VIA ZOOM

SEND QA QUESTIONS & FOR MORE INFORMATION TO:
JMCCALL@SJUMCKC.ORG

ZOOM INFO:
MEETING ID: 832 7027 0126
PASSCODE: 931151

JEN HATMAKER & TYLER MERRITT AT RESURRECTION LEAWOOD

THIS FALL ★★★★★

DREAM AGAIN
A night with Jen Hatmaker & Tyler Merritt

NOV. 11 | LEAWOOD | SEE YOU THERE!

MY DRAMA TEACHER CHANGED MY LIFE.
THE TYLER MERRITT PROJECT

Dream again. Hope again. Laugh again. Feel worthy again. Jen and Tyler will pour out their hearts and lift yours. They'll show the magic that happens when you're committed to dreaming again, to seeking light in the darkness, and being open to the possibilities around the corner. Don't miss this evening of storytelling, humor, inspiration and hope. Doors open at 6 pm for the 7 pm event. [Learn more and purchase tickets here.](#)

“SING CHOIRS OF ANGELS” DEC. 7-10

Tickets are now available for the annual Christmas at Resurrection production, a Kansas City musical tradition. This musical presentation features more than 300 actors, singers, dancers, and instrumentalists of Christmas and the depiction of the traditional Christmas story. [Here's the link](#) to learn more and order your tickets.

Stay Connected

Visit our church's web pages and sign up for pastor newsletters.

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



November is Native American Heritage Month. Learn more about our indigenous brothers and sisters and what the United Methodist Church is doing – and still needs to do, to create a more inclusive and loving church where all are welcome at the table. [Download 11 Facts about Native People in Society and the Church by Bishop David Wilson.](#)

Ongoing Acts of Repentance with Indigenous People. [Watch Reverend Chebon Kernell](#) as he calls the church to participate more vigorously in ongoing acts of repentance, justice making and truth-telling about the historical and continuing impact of racism, specifically on Native American and indigenous people.

Land Acknowledgement vs. Welcome by the Original People. What is the United Methodist Acts of Repentance movement? How have various groups, particularly indigenous people, reacted to this movement? [Download these Suggested Guidelines for the United Methodist Church](#), as offered by Ragghi Rain, Chairperson of the Native American International Caucus, 2023.



WALK FOR RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 Staggard starts begin at 10:30 AM

This special family-friendly urban hike is an opportunity to walk the trail of history and reconciliation in the heart of Kansas City. The 3.1-mile route follows the outline of the former James A. Potter Plantation. People will learn the hard truths and the legacy left by slavery and disinvestment in our neighbors as we discuss the 200-year history of Troost. The walk begins at Troost Park and concludes with a community block party at 31st & Troost. Participants can walk for free or join competitive teams.

[More Info & Register Here](#)

CANON FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION WORLD PREMIERE – NOV. 5 – 7:30PM Community Christian Church, 4601 Main Street, KCMO

Issac Cates is pleased to announce the world Premiere of his new Piece "Canon for Racial Reconciliation". It is a large work for the Double choir commissioned by William Jewell College that blends the Orthodox Choral tradition with Black gospel music. [See this write-up from the Kansas City Star](#), listen to [this interview with Issac on Classical KC KCUR](#), and listen to a [short clip of the singers rehearsing one of his new compositions](#) from "The Canon for Racial Reconciliation."

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

AN INVITATION TO AFRICAN-STYLE WORSHIP IN KANSAS CITY AT KUOMBA UMC



On Sunday morning, directly across the street from East High School in Kansas City, at 1903 Hardesty Ave in KCMO, you can hear lively worship music coming from the former home of Wesley Heights UMC. Don't worry if you're a little late; The worship service will typically last three hours. As you get closer, you'll realize that it's not English or Spanish that you're hearing. It's Swahili. The new home for Kuomba UMC is connecting with new and second-generation African immigrants in a language and a culture they can understand. [Read more here.](#)



Allies for Racial Justice wishes all of you a beautiful

Thanksgiving.

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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