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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**

**MAY 2024**

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**SAVE THIS DATE!**

**3rd ANNUAL JUNETEENTH  
CELEBRATION  
SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

**Pre-Talk: “The Underground Railroad – Lawrence to  
Quindaro” 4 - 5 PM in the Parlor**

**Celebration Program: “Lift Every Voice and Sing –  
Together” 5:15 - 7 PM in the Sanctuary**

**Location: Resurrection Leawood  
13720 Roe Ave. Leawood, KS**

Preparations are underway for the annual St. James & Resurrection celebration of Juneteenth! Mark your calendar to join us for fabulous musical performances, artistic dance, inspirational spoken word, and enlightened learning opportunities. This event is free and open to the public. Programming is designed for all ages, so bring the kids. Light refreshments will be served. It's the perfect way to commemorate and celebrate Juneteenth – the Nation's holiday honoring the transition from chattel slavery to freedom.

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**Mark the date on your calendar now!**



**Dr. Shana Mashego** is our keynote speaker. She is a nationally recognized classical artist, administrator, ethnomusicologist, and published researcher. Her work probes the origin of African Americans along with their contributions, struggles, triumphs and disparities while living in the USA. She is the founder of Mashego & The Sacred Ensemble, a Christian hymn preservation and performance collective.



**Dr. James Leiker**, history professor, author and founder of the Johnson County Community College Kansas Studies Institute, will lead the pre-event discussion on the history of The Underground Railroad and its significance to our area and Nation. An artistic display of replica quilts, used as Underground Railroad communication tools, will also be on display.

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## NEW POSTING FOR ARJ SPIRITUAL ADVISOR PASTOR JACQUELINE McCALL



**Jacqueline McCall, M. Div.**  
**Pastor of Discipleship & Ministries St. James Church**

While we are happy for her, Allies for Racial Justice is sad to announce that our St. James Spiritual Advisor is taking a new role in a new location. She has accepted the position of Senior Pastor at St. Andrew UMC in Florissant, MO. Pastor Jackie is transitioning her duties at St. James and plans to complete the move to the St. Louis area in time for her first Sunday on July 7th. Pastor Jackie has provided wise counsel during her tenure with ARJ. Her passion and energy will be sorely missed. We wish you and your family abundant happiness and blessings in this new chapter in your lives.

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**GET INVOLVED!**  
**OUR PARTNER CHURCHES**

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

St. James Church and Resurrection offer wonderful worship, fellowship, and community volunteer activities each and every month of the year. Check the individual websites and weekly newsletters to stay up to date on all opportunities.



## Stay Connected

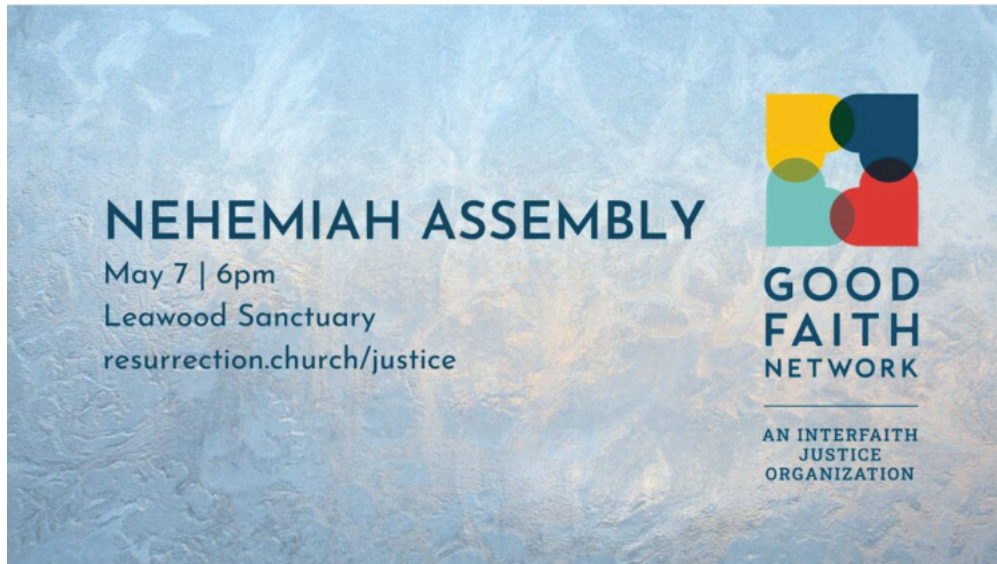
Visit our church's web pages and sign up for pastor newsletters.

Resurrection [resurrection.church/next](https://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



**NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY!**  
**Tuesday May 7, 6 - 7:30 pm**  
**Resurrection Sanctuary, Bldg. A - 13720 Roe Ave.**  
**Leawood, KS**

The Good Faith Network's Nehemiah Assembly returns to Resurrection Leawood on Tuesday, May 7 at 6 pm. This inspiring event unites representatives from over 30 congregations to celebrate progress on pressing issues like Mental Health Crisis Care, Ending Homelessness, and Lack of Affordable Housing. Join us to hear updates, witness the power of community, and see how Johnson County officials are addressing these critical challenges. Open to GFN members and guests, this assembly is your chance to be a part of positive change in our community.





**ST. JAMES CHURCH** **ST. JAMES WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**  
 Please consider purchasing gift items for the families of our Community Baby Shower via our registries!  
 We need all items delivered to church by Friday, May 10, 2024!

**Community Baby Shower**  
 Saturday, May 18, 2024  
 5540 Wayne Ave. Kansas City, MO 64110

Walmart Amazon

Contact: Mrs. Tracy Milsap [tmilsap@sjumckc.org](mailto:tmilsap@sjumckc.org)

You can also follow these links: [Amazon Gift Registry](#)& & [Walmart Gift Registry](#).



# NATIONAL BAIL OUT

The National Bail Out collective came together in recognition of the devastating harm and disproportionate impact that money bail and pretrial detention have on communities of Black people. The organization is committed to freeing our people through bail outs, advocacy, and leadership development.

Every day, tens of thousands of people languish in jail simply because they cannot afford bail. In addition to the \$25 billion+ wasted on

incarcerating people convicted of no crime, pretrial incarceration has catastrophic impacts on families and communities. Black people are incarcerated at nearly five times the rate of white people and, once arrested, are twice as likely to be “caged” before trial. LGBTQ and gender-nonconforming families are targeted at even more alarming rates, and once in jail, they are significantly more likely to be sexually and physically abused.

Even a few days in jail can ruin a person’s life. They may lose their job, their family housing, and their children ... even if they’re later found innocent of the crime they were charged with.

The majority of the female prison population are women of color and low-income women. According to a report by the Vera Institute of Justice, nearly two-thirds of women in jail are women of color; 44% are Black, 36% are white, 15% are Latinx, and 5% are of other backgrounds. The report indicates that most incarcerated women are in jail for low-level offenses, which can include things such as loitering or simple drug possession. Their bails could vary from \$75 to \$30,000.

The week before Mother’s Day, organizations in dozens of cities across the country will bail out as many mothers as possible who otherwise would spend Mother’s Day in a cell simply because they cannot afford bail. For more information and to find out how you can help, [CLICK HERE](#).

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## COMING IN JUNE





## UNITE KC'S 4TH ANNUAL WALK FOR UNITY

**Saturday, June 8, 2024 @ 8:30 AM**  
**Field at the Corner of Troost and Truman**  
**Troost & Truman Rd. | Kansas City, MO**

Join us for the 4th Annual Walk for Unity, a summer event for the whole family to enjoy! Participants will come together on the field at the corner of Troost and Truman, meet a new friend and journey together down Troost - making a statement of unity on a street that previously defined the dividing line. Walk participants will continue through 18th & Vine to the Great Lawn, arriving behind the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum where there will be opportunity for fun, games and deeper connection among Kansas Citians.

[Register Here](#)

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# RUMMAGE SALE

**Serve**  
June 9-15

**Donate**  
June 9-12

**SHOP**  
JUNE  
13 & 14

FOUNDRY HALL at  
RESURRECTION LEAWOOD



## SERVE

**June 9 - 15**

**Service opportunities every day!**

CLICK [HERE](#) to sign up.

## DONATE

**June 9 - 11**

**Donate your stuff to a good cause!**

[LEARN MORE.](#)

## SHOP

**June 13 - 14 Proceeds**

**go to help women, children & families on the margins in Kansas City.**

For more information [CLICK HERE.](#)

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## 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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