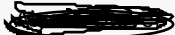


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NEWSLETTER



April 2025



A PRAYER FOR THE SEASON

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world.

Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children.

Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, to abolish poverty, injustice, and favoritism of one race over another. Hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy name. Amen

Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

***Allies for Racial Justice wishes everyone
a blessed Easter.***



Bringing people together to **CONNECT** through engaging educational events.
Let's start a conversation.

A KANSAS CITY PREMIERE



April 9 through 13
Performances held at The Simpson House
4509 Walnut, KCMO 64111

The MET brings us another opportunity to delve into the Black experience through live theatre. This play takes place as the Civil Rights movement is brewing. A controversial children's book about a black rabbit marrying a white rabbit stirs the passions of a segregationist state senator and no-nonsense state librarian in 1959 Montgomery, Alabama. A contrasting story of childhood friends – an African American man and a woman of white privilege, reunited in adulthood – provides a private counterpoint to the public events swirling in the state capital.

Political foes, star-crossed lovers, and one feisty children's author inhabit the same page in a Deep South of the imagination that brims with humor, heartbreak, and hope.
Inspired by true events.

GET TICKETS HERE

**JOIN ARJ SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION ON ZOOM**



**Get Out of Your Comfort Zone to Learn
Something New!**

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 6 - 7 PM

Growing personally or professionally does not happen when we stay in our comfort zone.
We invite you to grow and learn what you don't know that you don't know.

Join our small group discussion this month to talk about what we can learn from each other
when we truly care enough to listen to differing perspectives.

The assignment, before joining the discussion on April 22, is to engage in an activity
with or about a culture different from the one with which you identify. This could be visiting
a museum exhibit, attending an international event or festival, taking a class, attending a
theatre production, reading a book or article, attending a diversity event, attending a
religious service, attending a political event, watching a movie, or engaging in a
conversation with someone of a different culture.
Please be prepared to share what you learned.

To receive the Zoom link for this small group discussion, send a request to
Debra Jarvis at djjarvey60@gmail.com with "ARJ April Small Group" in the subject line.

TWO UPCOMING ARJ EVENTS



ARJ NIGHT AT THE KC MONARCHS GAME **Saturday, June 14 - Gates Open at 6 PM**

Make plans now for a fun evening of baseball and socializing at the ballpark.
We'll share an all-you-can-eat buffet, enjoy music, games, prizes, and even a
movie if you want to stay late!

The event is set for June 14 so get it on your calendar. The KC Monarchs vs
Milwaukee Milkmen game starts at 6:35 PM. The all-inclusive special ticket
price is just \$38 per person. Parking is free. We'll be on the patio and have a
private location on the party deck with access to our food and the game.

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets to sit on the field after the game to watch the movie “Jurassic Park.” **Get your tickets now [by clicking here.](#)**

JUNETEENTH 2025

PRAISE!

ST. JAMES CHURCH & RESURRECTION

ANNUAL JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 – 4 PM

ARJ is pleased to present this annual event on behalf of our two partner churches. Add the June 21 date to your calendar and plan to gather with family and friends for this very special occasion commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

There will be music, song, spoken word, and stepping – an African American percussive dance form. All is designed to inspire and inform.

You'll learn about the highly significant contributions of formerly enslaved people, the development of Public School education during the Reconstruction Period, and how the fight continues for equity and equality in achieving recognition and developing our full human potential.

This community-wide event is free and open to everyone. Festivities begin at 4 PM at St. James Church, 5540 Wayne Ave, KCMO 64110 **Save the date – June 21.** More details coming in next month's newsletter.



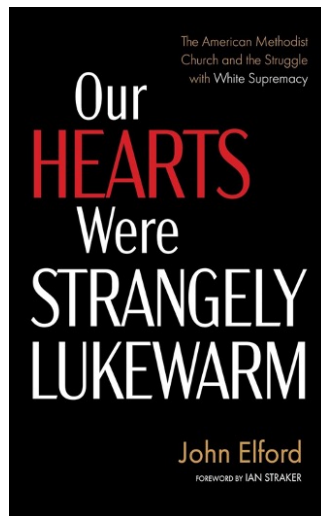
Bringing people together to **UNITE** by growing authentic relationships through interactive programs.
Let's learn from each other.



SATURDAY, JUNE 14 at 8:30 AM
Field at the Corner of Troost & Truman
KCMO 64108

Unite KC's 5th Annual Walk for Unity is a celebration of community, diversity, and togetherness. This family-friendly event brings people together to walk in solidarity, promote peace, and strengthen bonds across Kansas City.

Participants will enjoy a day of inspiring conversations, local performances, and activities that highlight the power of unity. Join us in walking for a brighter, more connected future for our city! Watch for registration opening soon [HERE](#).



3-WEEK STUDY COMING MAY 4, 11 & 18

Join Rev. Cheryl Jefferson Bell, Resurrection Pastor of Community Justice and ARJ Spiritual Advisor, in a three-week study of the book *Our Hearts Were Strangely Lukewarm* by Rev. Dr. John Elford.

This study invites Christians to engage in deep reflection and open dialogue about the impact of racism, within both the church and society. This class will allow participants to engage in honest, transformative dialogue to envision a future of equity and inclusivity within the church.

The class will be on Sunday mornings May 4th, 11th and 18th at 9:00 AM. Room to be determined. It is not necessary to purchase the book to attend the class, but if you wish to read the book there will be some available at the Resurrection Leewood bookstore and through various retailers.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Bringing people together to **ACT** by supporting racial justice activities

throughout our churches and communities.
Let's act together.

The purpose of Allies for Racial Justice is to break down racial barriers that exist around us. We need to know and better understand those we see as "Others" in our congregations and communities. One way to move toward understanding is to see and appreciate things through their eyes.

The Kansas City metro is fortunate to have resources that inform, educate, and connect us to the lives of our Black brothers and sisters in ways that traditional media outlets do not. It's important to know that the Black press emerged out of the Black church to provide a visible and accountable antidote to the mainstream media's demeaning and disrespectful news coverage of Black excellence and progress.

ARJ encourages you to read the news from a Black perspective. Below you'll find information on several local Black papers you can receive free or for a nominal subscription fee. Take action today.



The Kansas City Globe is a weekly publication that was first established in 1972 serving the African-American community in both Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas.

The Globe is a 100 percent-owned African-American family business. Its format is geared toward news that positively impacts readers with sections that include news on the community, education and youth, health, business and automotive, lifestyles, religion, food, opinions, employment, etc. The publication is a member of the Missouri Press Association and the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

You can subscribe to the weekly printed paper and/or the E-Globe for a nominal fee. Copies are also on sale at local stores and newsstands every Thursday evening for just 75 cents. Complimentary copies are delivered each week for distribution at local churches. For more information [CLICK HERE.](#)

THE VOICE

The Community Voice is a trusted source of news and information for the African-American communities of Kansas and the Kansas City metro area. Over the past 30+ years, it has evolved into a free multi-platform publication, connecting with readers via an electronic

edition, a state-of-the-art website, multiple targeted newsletters, a YouTube channel, and active social media streams. All provide clear and accessible information on topics of crucial importance to readers.

Pick up your free copy of the [paper at merchants around the metro.](#)

LEARN MORE

THE **Kansas City** DEFENDER®

The Kansas City Defender is a Black nonprofit community media platform employing innovative digital and community-building strategies to engage Gen Z and Millennials across the Midwest. It was birthed from the ashes of the 2020 uprisings. As Black people, as young people, as organizers and abolitionists, the founders recognized they could not depend on white media nationally or locally to serve, empathize, and advocate for the best interests of the Black community.

The Defender covers education, justice, business, arts & culture, and technology. Access to The Defender is free to all. It accepts gifts, grants, and sponsorships from individuals, organizations, and foundations to help with general operations, coverage of specific topics, and special projects. Accepting financial support does not endorse donors or their products, services, or opinions.

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The Kansas City Call is the region's historic Black newspaper, founded in 1919 by Chester A. Franklin. It continues to serve the Black community of Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas. It's now owned and published by Lucile Bluford and Reuben Benton. This weekly newspaper serves as a voice for the Black community, advocating for equality and civil rights, encouraging African Americans to register and vote, and promoting political empowerment. The Call delivers a Black viewpoint on important local and national events, bringing insight into the Black community's experiences and perspectives. It also features

advertisements that promote Black businesses, contributing to the economic development of the Black community.

More than 70 years of historical content from The Call is now available in the Kansas City Public Library's Digital archives, accessible through the Library's website.

Subscribe to The Call at

<https://www.kccallnews.net/subscribe/>

Or pick up a copy at these area locations:

https://www.kccallnews.net/pickup_locations/

You can also catch their podcasts and videos at

<https://www.kccallnews.net/podcasts-and-videos/>

THE NEXT PAGE KC

The Next Page is a relative newcomer to the Black News scene and was founded by long-time Kansas City news professional, Eric Wesson, the former publisher and editor of The Call.

The broadsheet targets the Black community who still prefer a hard copy of their newspaper, as well as those who like to access the news online. It covers features, local stories, and national wire service news, plus sports, opinion, and community interest. A section "Across the Bridge" follows Black issues in Kansas.

The Next Page is a free paper distributed in 30 locations, primarily grocery stores, gas stations, and restaurants, mostly on the city's east side. [Check it out HERE.](#)

2025 Kansas City Urban Core Home Show & Bus Tour Saturday, April 26 - 11 AM – 3 PM 5737 Swope Pkwy, KCMO

By Purpose Productions, a nonprofit organization, sponsors the 2025 Spring Home Show and Bus Tour as part of its purpose: to ***Fulfill the Unfulfilled Promise of Fair Housing & Homeownership in Kansas City!***

The event includes a Home Buyers Seminar, Community Resource Mixer, Bank Account & Credit Coaching, and opportunities to meet with advisors, realtors, and financial institutions. This is an opportunity to learn that home ownership is attainable for first-time home buyers and all people, and to see what the Kansas City urban core has to offer.

The event is free but requires registration.

[FIND DETAILS HERE](#)

RESURRECTION HUMAN RIGHTS IMMERSIVE TRIP TULSA BLACK WALL STREET & OSAGE NATION JUNE 12-13

Join Resurrection Pastor Robert Johnson for a 2-day (1 night) human rights immersive trip to Tulsa, OK, this coming June. Tour the Greenwood district, also known as “Black Wall Street, learning from expert guides about the history and continued impact of the 1921 Tulsa race massacre. You will also spend time at The Osage Nation, immersing yourself in the history, art, and culture of the Osage people.

The registration fee includes roundtrip bus fare, hotel (breakfast included), exhibition entrance fees, and Thursday night dinner. Apply by May 30.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](#)

OUR PARTNER CHURCHES

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

**St. James Church and Resurrection offer inspiring worship,
fellowship, studies, and community volunteer activities
throughout 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.

Websites

Resurrection resurrection.church/next
St. James Church sjumckc.org

Pastor Newsletters

St. James Church [e-News](#) from Senior Pastor Emanuel Cleaver III
(click the grey box to join the mailing list)
Resurrection [Weekly Updates](#) From Pastor Adam

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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