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NEWSLETTER



June 2025



Dear Readers

Our ARJ June newsletter provides timely guidance on how you can support racial justice issues throughout the summer, plus information on upcoming events for your participation. The ARJ newsletter team is taking a July and August break. We'll stay in touch, though, with Email ARJ Alerts as items come up. Before we take that break, we'd like to remind everyone that ARJ is a partnership between St. James Church and Resurrection, two United Methodist churches. We exist to build authentic relationships to eliminate the existing racial divide in our churches and communities.

ARJ is committed to implementing Christ-centered solutions to end racial and social

injustices. We focus on creating opportunities to break down barriers and help people understand our differences and appreciate our similarities.

Over the years, we have created small groups, encouraged shared worship, conducted workshops, hosted local and national speakers, launched group studies, provided resources, networked with KC area and online communities, and sponsored educational and social events.

We encourage you to continue moving forward with us as we:

- Bring people together to **CONNECT** through engaging educational events. Let's start a conversation.
- Bring people together to **UNITE** by growing authentic relationships through interactive programs. Let's learn from each other.
- Bring people together to **ACT** by supporting racial justice activities throughout our churches and communities. Let's work together.

Check out our website [HERE.](#)

If you are interested in learning more about Allies for Racial Justice, or want to get involved, please reach out to us at allies4racialjustice@gmail.com

DON'T MISS THESE ARJ JUNE EVENTS!



ARJ NIGHT AT THE KC MONARCHS GAME

Saturday, June 14 - Gates Open at 6 PM

Tickets On Sale Now

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 KC Monarchs vs Milwaukee Milkmen game starts at 6:35 PM on Saturday, June 14th. We'll be sitting in a private location on the Party Deck with access to our food and the game. The all-inclusive special ticket price is just \$38 per person. The buffet will include: hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, baked beans, and cookies. Parking, soft drinks, and water are all free.

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets to sit on the field after the game to watch the movie, “Jurassic Park.”

Our special ARJ-discounted tickets for this special event will go quickly, so add it to your calendar and get your tickets now by [clicking here](#).

ST. JAMES CHURCH & RESURRECTION ANNUAL JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 – 4 PM

At St. James Church - 5540 Wayne Ave,
KCMO 64110



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 chattel 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.

- Learn about many of the highly significant contributions of formerly enslaved people
- Hear the story of the Black soldiers who delivered the news of freedom to the still-enslaved in Texas, two years after emancipation
- Witness the legacy of the American Legion Wayne Miner Post 149 and the impact of Black Americans in the military
- Explore an exhibit of Black military memorabilia

This community-wide event is free and open to everyone. Middle and High School students will especially gain historical insights by attending.

Registration is not required, but for planning purposes, we'd like to know if you'll be joining us and how many will be in your group. [You can let us know here](#). Light refreshments will be provided.



VOLUNTEER, DONATE, SHOP

June 12 - 13 – Resurrection Leawood

The annual Resurrection Rummage Sale is on June 12 - 13 at the Leawood location. Furniture, household goods, and gently used items are currently being collected. All proceeds will support local initiatives to assist women, children, and families directed by our **United Women in Faith**.

Volunteers are needed to prepare for the sale June 8 - 11, during the sale June 12 - 13, and post-sale June 14. Donation drop-off is June 8 - 9. If you live within 10 miles of Leawood, our volunteer pick-up team can come to your house and pick up your donations from your main floor or garage when you sign up. You can sign up to volunteer, find a full list of acceptable donation items, and [schedule your pick-up time here](#).



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.

The walk is short; less than a mile. Participants will also enjoy 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! The event is free, but please register in advance [HERE](#).



St. JAMES LIBERATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

June 18, 19, 20 St. James Church – 5540 Wayne Ave. KCMO 64110

Start your summer with friends and neighbors by signing up now for Bible School at St. James. All ages are welcome, with programs for the kiddos and adults. Kick off is at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, June 18. See the [St. James Church e-News](#) for details and registration or call 816-444-5588.

ISAAC CATES AND AFFIRMATIONS ARE BACK THIS FALL. YOU CAN BE PART OF IT!

Affirmations, an amazing evening of gospel music, is returning to Resurrection Leawood on Saturday, September 6, at 6:30 pm in the Leawood Sanctuary. This extraordinary family-friendly worship music event features multiple choirs and ensembles under the direction of Isaac Cates, with special guests Grammy-nominated artist Oleta Adams (known for her hit single "Get Here") and award-winning virtuoso vocalist Callie Day (educator, voice teacher, and *America's Got Talent* performer).

If you are interested in singing in the *Affirmations* choir, we are now recruiting volunteers to be part of this meaningful and uplifting experience. No matter your experience level, if you have a passion for worship and music, we'd love to have you join

US. [Learn more and sign up to sing here.](#)



2025 Freedom Walk

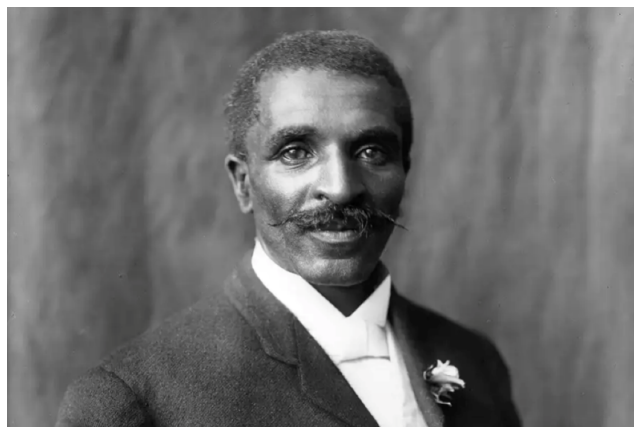
SATURDAY, JULY 12 8 - 11 AM

6520 W. 110th Street, Overland Park, KS 66211

The 2nd Annual Greater Kansas City Freedom Walk is a powerful event dedicated to raising awareness about the wrongful incarceration of innocent individuals due to systemic injustices and corruption in the criminal justice system. This walk serves as a collective call to action, amplifying the voices of those who have endured wrongful imprisonment, highlighting the urgent need for reform. All are welcome to participate.

Food, beverages, and t-shirt provided!

LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE



GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER CELEBRATION

July 12 – 10 AM – 3 PM

George Washington Carver National Monument 5646 Carver Road, Diamond, MO 64840

Join us for a special day celebrating the establishment of the George Washington Carver National Monument 82 years ago! Authorized by Congress in 1943, the National Monument preserves the birthplace and legacy of the famed African American scientist, educator, and humanitarian.

George Washington Carver reputedly discovered three hundred uses for peanuts and hundreds more for soybeans, pecans, and sweet potatoes. **This was the first national monument dedicated to a Black American and the first to honor someone other than a president.**

Carver Day features programs interpreting the life and legacy of Mr. Carver, guest speakers, musical groups, and exhibitors. Attendees can earn a special Carver Day Junior Ranger badge! Programs and events are free of charge and are supported by the Carver Birthplace Association. Park facilities include a visitor center and museum, gift shop, walking trail, and picnic area. A concession stand will be available. [Learn more HERE.](#)



A NEWSLETTER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND FAITH

Allies for Racial Justice is pleased to share an incredible resource with you. The General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church provides a newsletter full of insights into social justice issues, inspiring stories, and actionable steps to make a difference in our churches, communities, country, and the world. It's a meaningful way to stay informed and connected to efforts for justice and peace that are driven by our United Methodist Social Principles.

If you'd like to join this community, [you can sign up here.](#)

PRAYING FOR CHANGE



Daily Prayers for Anti-Racism

ARJ provided this link previously, but as racism continues to be seen and felt on both individual and systemic levels, we felt it was important to provide it again. Because dismantling racism is not a short-term task. It is a lifelong moving forward to perfection in love.

Change will not happen unless the whole process is bathed in prayer every step along the way. The United Methodist Church continues to provide daily prayers to help keep us all centered to the ongoing journey of transformation. From Monday through Friday, a new prayer is posted by email for your use as personal devotion, to share in your small group, or for use in corporate worship. [Sign up 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

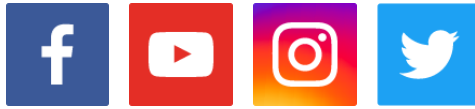
For more information on Allies for Racial Justice, visit our website:

<https://resurrection.church/arj>

or join the conversation on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlliesForRacialJustice>

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