

Welcome to



The Creative Collective

"AND GOD SAW EVERYTHING THAT HE HAD MADE, AND BEHOLD, IT WAS VERY GOOD." (GEN. 1:31, ESV)

Hello!

The Creative Collective is a Christ-centered space we started about a year ago for anyone who is passionate about both creativity and meaningful community. God made this beautiful and strange world, and we get to experience and respond to it. Whether you're a seasoned artist, a film connoisseur, an aspiring writer, or someone who's just looking to try something new, you'll find encouragement and connection here.

What to Expect

We have two types of meetings. Our **Create and Connect** night is a dedicated space to explore visual art, crafts, music, and writing. We usually do a group writing/art activity, but sometimes we just bring paper and paint and chat while working individually. We've done poetry exercises, bookbinding, and linocut, and we've got more planned!

Our **Read and Reflect** meeting is a book and film club where we discuss a book/play each month or make some popcorn and watch a movie together, and banana bread and tea are usually on the menu in either case. Past books have included *The Secret Garden*, *The Hobbit*, and *Story of Your Life*, the latter for which we watched its film adaptation *Arrival*.

Creating as Created Beings

As discussed at length in Russ Ramsey's book *Rembrandt is in the Wind*, beauty is vital to awaken us from daily life to see God and His creation clearer. This is the joy of anyone who gets to make art of any kind! During our **Create and Connect** meetings, we get to try our hands at practicing art in the context of community.

J. R. R. Tolkien believed that the point of fiction was to elevate and reinvigorate our vision of God's creation by "subcreating" another world that makes us consider our world in a new light. During our **Read and Reflect** meetings, we try to chase that same vision, discovering how stories can lift our eyes back to God.

Calendar

Date	Location	Meeting Type	Activity	Notes
Every 2 nd Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm	Kirkmont Church, Room A1	Create and Connect	Some sort of writing, art, music, etc.	Unless communicated, we provide all the materials!
Every 4 th Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm	TBD, usually hosted by Jenna or in Room A1	Read and Reflect	Discussion about a book, play, etc. OR a film watch party	Have a favorite book, movie, play, or poem? Give us a rec and we might add it to the calendar!

Questions?

Email us @the.creative.collective.kc@gmail.com. Jenna, Riley, or Alex will get back to you!