



WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY

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Fostering a caring, diverse & deeply spiritual community

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY June 18, 2017 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 5: 1-8; Psalm 100;
Matthew 9: 35-10:8

Sermon:

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler
Assisting: T.J. Piccolo

Anthem:

8:30 AM Chamber Choir
11:00 AM Summer Choir
"Jesus Calls Us"
— Deborah Holden-Holloway

Hymns:

645 *Sing Prais to God Who Reigns Above*
280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*
719 *Come, Labor On*

June 25, 2017 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;
Romans 6:1-11

Sermon:

Donovan Drake
Assisting: Claire Harris Kramer

Anthem:

8:30 AM Chamber Choir
11:00 AM Summer Choir
"Christus Paradox"
— Alfred Fedak

Hymns:

485 *We Know That Christ Is Raised*
718 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*
726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

YOU ARE INVITED

to attend the music camp
performance of
"In the Image"
during the Sunday School hour
on June 18, 2017
in Fellowship Hall!



LIVING OUT THE WORD THE WELL at WPC Summer 2017

In The Beginning There Was Joy

THE WELL is a concept of families coming together
to be nurtured with the Living Water.



WHO: All ages
Nursery care will be provided.

WHEN: Sunday, July 9 5:30-7:30 pm
Monday, July 10 5:30-7:30 pm
Tuesday, July 11 5:30-7:30 pm

WHERE:  WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHAT IS THIS? Scripture, art, singing,
DINNER, crafts, devotions, DINNER,
Stop Hunger Now, prayer,
and DINNER every evening!

Most importantly this is an opportunity to
nurture yourself as well as enjoy fellowship
with your family and friends.

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Cherrie Farnette	Class of 2020
Hugh Harvey	Suzanne Allen
Ann Humbracht	Doug Berry
Elaney Johnson	Jodie Folk
Patrick Warfield	Anders W. Hall
Richard Warren	Paige Harden
Tom Wilson	Richard Lane
Class of 2019	Mark Lawrence
Ellen Anderson	Myra Leathers
Layne Bryant	Beth Moore
Carol Callaway-Lane	Eli Richardson
Pam Koban	Sarah H. Wilkinson
Fred Lowrance	Lisa Wooley
Colleen McCanless	

MISSION STATEMENT

With God's help, Westminster Presbyterian Church fosters a caring, diverse, and deeply spiritual community that nurtures lives of faith, hope, and love. Through prayer – and with thanksgiving for God's grace – we seek to grow in the spirit of Jesus Christ, joyfully committing ourselves to worship, study, and service in the local community and the world.

You may call the church office at 615-292-5526. If you have an article for the newsletter, please send it to Kristen Steele, Communications Coordinator at: ksteele@nashvillewpc.org. The deadline is 4:00 PM on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017.

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PRAY FOR

Post Oak Presbyterian Church
Cookeville, Tennessee

NEW ARRIVAL

Catherine & Patrick Warfield are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, *Helen Martha Warfield*, born April 5, 2017. James is a proud big brother.

HOSPITALS

Margaret 'Peggy' Mieras Vanderbilt

TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Dr. Karen Stevens

May 19, 2017
Sister of Kristen Douglass (Cullen);
Aunt of Cammie, Currey, and Harrison.

Dr. Paul Taber Forth, Jr.

May 25, 2017
Father of Sharon Camille (Rick) Pensing;
Grandfather of Brandon and Amanda.

Andrew 'Frank' Johns, Jr.

June 1, 2017
Father of Andrew Frank Johns III
(Kristen); Grandfather of Ansley, Frank and Luke.

Lila Wendell

June 3, 2017
Mother of Beth Ann Wendell Cosgrove.

Alonzo 'Lon' Marion Tenison, Jr.

June 6, 2017
Husband of Shirley Tenison; Brother-in-law of Joyce Warner.

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

PRAYER SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS – JUNE 18

The monthly Prayer Service for Wholeness will be held in the Chapel immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, June 18. This brief and informal service (about 15 minutes) will include a time of centering ourselves in God's love and light, sharing of joys and concerns, and individual and communal prayer. Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler and Claire Harris Kramer will lead this service, and be present to pray with and for members of our community. All are welcome.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

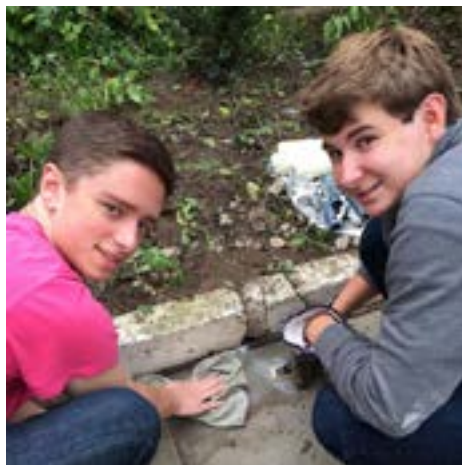
If you are new to us, we invite you to visit as soon as possible and explore our many programs and service opportunities. Our ministry flows out of our worship of God. In worship, we are reminded of God's grace and claim upon our lives. The realization of this gift inspires us for ministry. We hope that you will want to join the many who learn, lead and continually seek to grow in unity of faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Westminster provides exceptional worship, educational and ministry opportunities for all ages. We are a large active congregation that provides many ways for you to engage in ministry.

The next series of new member classes will begin on September 10. Interested in learning more about Westminster's life and mission or exploring becoming a part of this community of faith? Please be in touch with Elder Jim Hartman (615-887-3787; overlookjim@yahoo.com) or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615-292-5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org)

BELFAST SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP SUCCESS!

The youth had an inspiring week of service and learning in Belfast, Northern Ireland, working with organizations rooted in peace and reconciliation. Thank you for all of your prayers for our youth and chaperones.



WESTMINSTER'S 21ST CONSECUTIVE HABITAT HOME

Thanks to all who have visited the Habitat table in the temporary Parlor during May. Many of you have signed on for construction crews and for meals. Many are saving the dates of the build, working with schedules, vacations and duties to fit in a day to participate in this build, Westminster's 21st consecutive Habitat home.

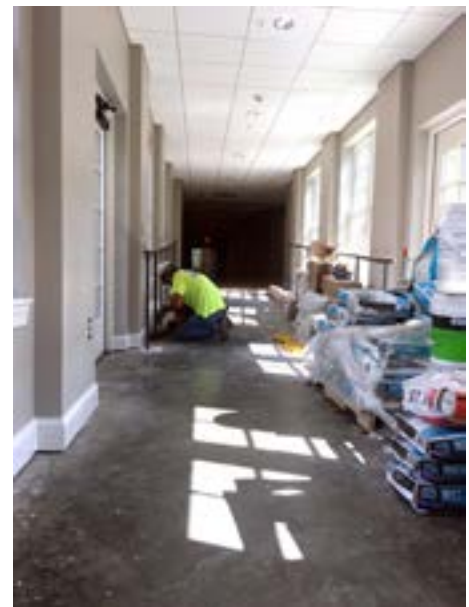
We begin the build the weekend of September 9th, working the three following weekends to complete the home by Sunday, October 1. There are jobs for everyone's level of comfort, from building trusses to sweeping nails, from painting baseboard to digging holes for shrubs. And the opportunity to learn new skills via hands on training by learned craftsmen and women is a constant!

Check out the Habitat for Humanity page on the WPC website. You may sign up on line, or in the Parlor during August. Thanks, Westminster, for your ongoing involvement in Habitat. Your hearts are large, your hands active in Service. This Is Who We Are – This Is What We Do. Blessings!



PROGRESS CONTINUES!

Tile installation has begun in the area outside Fellowship Hall and will soon continue into the area we have been using as the temporary Parlor.



The old brick walkway and retaining wall have been removed from Blevins Garden, and the area is being prepared for the new retaining wall and walkway.

KEY/EMERGING ISSUES

- **Adult Education Committee:** Sue Tully Trout taught for four Sundays in May and June. Adult Ed continues to work on plans for fall classes with the idea of adding several new classes as well. Dr. Paul Lim will kick off fall Sunday school on August 20 with a series of four Sundays dedicated to a discussion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.
- **Benevolence Committee:** The Benevolence Committee heard reviews of Living Waters of the World, Preston Taylor Homes, Martha O'Bryan Center, and Outreach. It was decided to hold a future monthly meeting at Monroe Harding so as to hear more about the change in the non-profit's focus away from a residential group home.
- **Committee on Preparation for Ministry:** Claire Harris Kramer and Whitney Booth Lockard have both passed the Theology Ordination Exam.
- **Congregational Care Committee:** A few updates from the past month:
 - Pastor's Aides continue their monthly visits with members who are in assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. They have mourned the recent losses of multiple members in their care.
 - The Independent Living Care team recently reviewed and expanded its list of people being visited.
 - More prayer blankets and prayer shawls have been given to those dealing with illness, or in treatment.
 - The Divorce Adjustment Group has seven participants this spring.
 - The Communion @ Home pairs who served on May 7 reported meaningful reflection on Psalm 23 with many of those they visited.
- **Generosity Team:** The Generosity Committee is continuing to refine and expand their focused plan for inspiring financial generosity within the congregation and growing support for the annual operating budget, in particular. Matthew 6: 21 – "For where your treasure is, there your heart is"
 - October 22 - Kickoff Sunday for Generosity fall pledge drive - Living Out the Word Through Generous Giving. The campaign will end on November 19 - Generosity Sunday
 - Generous givers will be sharing their stories regularly during the fall and throughout the coming year.
 - Members of the committee's new 2020 Class include Jeff Burrowes, (representing Young Adults), Ralph Wheeler, Mark Lawrence, and Cherrie Farnette.
- **GETconnected Team:**
 - Successful reception for new members on April 23. More in the future!
 - Committee works side by side with the New Members Committee. Each new member was asked to fill in the new Time and Talent Surveys. We follow up by:
 1. Connecting coordinators of the checked interest groups and new members.
 2. Followed up with Time and Talent Survey email attachments to those not able to return them in class.
 - Time and Talent Surveys and parlor inquiries spreadsheet will be available in the church office for the staff.
 - Joy in Learning Special Edition for ages 10-100: Textile Weaving with Sara Figal in July. A very successful basket weaving workshop with Sylvia Leins was held in May, as well as pottery with Pam Wylly in June.
- **New Member Assimilation Committee:** We rejoice that 20 new members were received on April 23! We are grateful to the 14 elders who were present at the called meeting to formally receive them into membership and to personally welcome them. Thanks to the help of the GETconnected Committee, a terrific new member reception was held on April 23, and we



WESTMINSTER SNAPSHOT

will reach the goal of 100% new member returns of the Time and Talent Survey. We give thanks in advance to all the coordinators who will be following up with these new members regarding their interests and desires for involvement. The next New Member Class will begin on September 10.

- **Personnel Committee:** The Center for Non-profit Management has been retained to complete a compensation study for WPC. A review of the WPC Personnel Policies is being conducted by an outside firm.
- **Westminster Home Connection:** Westminster Home Connection plans to make 210 homes safe and functional in 2017 in nine counties. This will allow over 300 people to age in place in their homes. One of our strategic initiatives is to share our model in other communities and counties.
- **Youth and Their Families Committee:** Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for and participate in summer trips:
 - The Junior High Mission Trip to Asheville, North Carolina is July 9-14.
 - Montreat Youth Conference is July 23-29

MAY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Session approved moving forward with the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee leasing space at Westminster. The Presbytery will pay for build out modifications.
- Session approved the sabbatical for Sophie Maness slated for the September-November.
- The need for a new columbarium committee was discussed as space is becoming limited.
- Session Retreat is scheduled for August 18-19.
- A discussion of a brief series of evening services to be offered in the September-October.
- A discussion about a group looking at Haiti and Cuba for possible overseas mission opportunities.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 2016:	2373	April 2017:	4886
May 2016:	3136	May 2017:	2646

MONTHLY FINANCIAL OPERATING SUMMARY

As of April 30, 2017

	April	Year to Date
Income:	\$ 247,763	\$ 1,218,999
Expense:	<u>197,833</u>	<u>873,887</u>
Net Income (loss):	\$ 49,930	\$ 345,112
Accrued Benevolences:	<u>29,518</u>	<u>118,072</u>
Net after Accrued Benevolences:	\$ 20,412	\$ 227,040

Each month the Finance Committee will place a summary in the newsletter for members to be more aware of the church operating income and expenses. If any members wish to have more information about the church finances, please contact Paul Webb, Church Administrator (pwebb@nashvillewpc.org; 615-292-5526), Jim Aderhold, Finance Committee chair (jadead@comcast.net), or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer (sgm58@bellsouth.net).

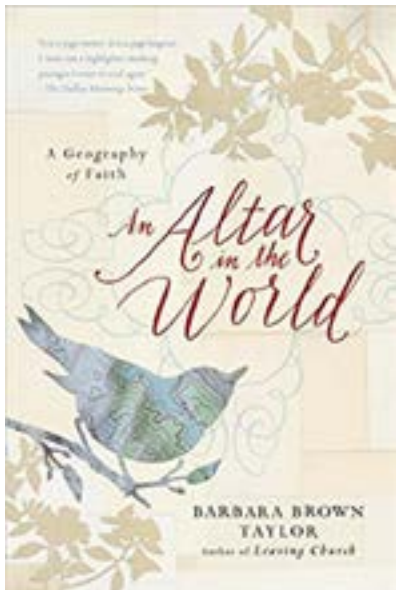
YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adult Ministry at Westminster serves to create community and fellowship with those 18 to 35 years old, as they explore how to integrate their faith into their lives and through life transitions. We work together to deepen a life of faith, empower a life of service, and engage with the larger WPC community.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

A bi-monthly gathering at ML Rose (4408 Charlotte Ave) at 6:00 PM.

We explore the role of faith in our lives and other topics and questions of theology. On June 27, our discussion topic is “Doubt and Faith.”



COLLEGE AND CAREER BOOK STUDY AND LUNCH

Following the 11:00 AM service, young adults will be meeting for lunch and a discussion on the book *An Altar in the World, A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

June 25 Chapters 7 and 8
July 9 Chapters 9 and 10
July 23 Chapters 11 and 12

All are welcome! If you need a copy of the book please contact Rachel Pence (rpence@nashvillewpc.org)

GAME NIGHT!

Bring your favorite game, beverage or appetizer and come join us! We will gather on Friday, June 23, 7:00 - 10:00 PM and play some great games together and enjoy some fun summer fellowship!

1520 Compton Ave. Nashville
(Home of Zack and Rebecca Summy)

All young adults are welcome!

RSVP by Wednesday, June 20 to rpence@nashvillewpc.org.

MEMORIALS

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Joel Raymond Buchanan

Jennifer Fagan and Family
The Hinson-Hulan Family
Nancy and Jim Langdon

Chaplain George M. Coaker, Jr.

Beth and Jim Felch
Nancy and Jim Langdon
(Mozambique medical fund)
Mr. and Mrs. John Milton V
Bob and Adrienne Parker
Rena and John Thomison

Mr. John Massey Donnelly

Barbara Miller Graves

Rita Doss

Dr. Leslie W. Doss “with love forever”

Dr. Robert Winston ‘Bob’ Ikard

Barbara Miller Graves

Summer Paul Lyle III

All gifts to for the Music Ministry
Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Crown, Jr.
Patsy Day
Beth and Jim Felch
Robert Kesling and Tamzin Kesling
Nancy and Jim Langdon
James F. Lytle

Vivian Maness

The Hinson-Hulan Family

Torrey Baxter Nance

Barbara Miller Graves (*Music*)

H. Clay Newsome III, MD

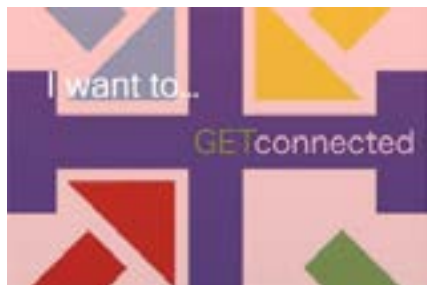
Hugh and Lane Harvey
(Mozambique medical fund)

Hayes Noel Springer

The Hinson-Hulan Family
(Children’s Ministry)

Joan Marks Yearwood

Barbara Miller Graves



KNITTING AND CROCHETING WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER!!

Thursdays, June 15, July 13, 20, August 10, 17 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the temporary Parlor (stay tuned for new room assignment coming soon). For questions, contact Beth Drake (4bethdrake@gmail.com).

WESTMINSTER WALKING GROUP

Who? Westminster members and friends

What? Radnor Lake walking

When? Most **Friday** mornings continuing through August 15, starting promptly at **9:00 AM**

Where? We will depart from the **West parking lot off Granny White Pike** and take the circular, relatively flat trail around the lake, hiking approximately 45 minutes. Some participants may choose to walk on one or two of the more challenging ridge trails.

Contact? For more information call or e-mail:

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NO YOGA THROUGH THE SUMMER

There will be no yoga classes during June and July.

JOY IN LEARNING SPECIAL EDITION: TAPESTRY

Tapestry on July 8 and 15 (Saturdays), 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Fee: \$30.00 for both days, includes yarn and delicious lunches. There will be an option to purchase a loom for \$40.00. Registration deadline: June 23.

Email Beth Drake (4bethdrake@gmail.com) to sign up! Childcare is provided; inform Beth Drake when signing up if needed. Lunch will be from The Picnic with orders taken up Saturday mornings.

CHANGING GEARS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 28
11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

Our June program will feature Allison Stokes, mezzo-soprano, a graduate from Belmont University's School of Music. She also happens to sing in Westminster's Chancel Choir. A two-time first prize winner in the Mid-South National Association of Teachers of Singing, she made her operatic debut as Hansel in the Belmont Opera Theatre production of *Hansel and Gretel*. She intends to pursue a Master of Music degree in classical voice.

Please make your reservation with Trisha in the church office (615-292-5526) by noon on Friday, June 23.





ADULT EDUCATION

All classes meet at 9:45 AM unless otherwise specified.

Throughout the Adult Education program we work to cultivate an environment in which diversity is valued and different opinions are respectfully engaged. Our Sunday morning classes are designed to be communities where members and visitors are invited to join the journey growing deeper in faith and fellowship. Some classes are geared more for “age and stage” of life, while others are intentionally intergenerational. During the year, special classes and speakers are arranged for the whole church to experience learning together. All are welcomed to become part of what God is doing through the education ministry at Westminster. We seek to nurture our members at all stages of their faith journey in ways that strengthen Biblical, spiritual, and moral foundations and affirm what we believe as Reformed Christians.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL — JUNE 18 AND 25

CLASS OFFERINGS

Please take note of room assignments, as some have changed

Summer Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)—

June 18: Everyone is invited to the Music Camp performance in Fellowship Hall.

June 25: “The Body of Christ: Bearing Burdens, Sharing Joys”

This class will look at biblical and theological resources that ground our understanding of the body of Christ in the call to compassion and care. Westminster is rich in these gifts of the Spirit. We will explore how we can continue to grow in our response to this call as followers of Christ known to one another and the world by our love. Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler will lead this class.

Murdoch MacLeods (Donovan’s office vestibule, E-285) —

Ongoing: A discussion of the day’s lectionary texts.

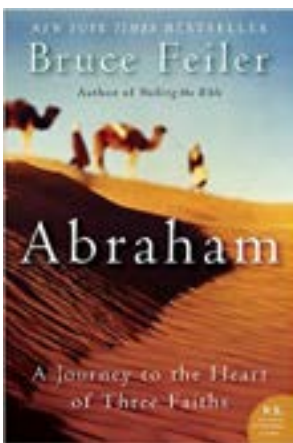
Search (C-152, WSYC wing) —

Ongoing: Bill Moyers’ discussion with author Jonathan Haidt

Families with Children —

Families with Children will resume in the fall.

SUMMER THURSDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY



As has been the tradition, the Thursday Morning Bible Study, which studies the weekly lectionary texts, shifts to a book study during the summer. This year, Associate Pastor Guy D. Griffith is facilitating a discussion of Bruce Feiler’s NYT Bestseller **Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths**. Feiler’s other books, *Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land through the Five Books of Moses* and *America’s Prophet: Moses and the American Story* have been used as summer studies in past years. We meet Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00 AM in the new Koinonia Café. Child care is available; please coordinate through Sophie Maness (smaness@nashvillewpc.org). For more information,

contact Guy Griffith (ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org) or Kris Pardue (kpardue@nashvillewpc.org) in the office.

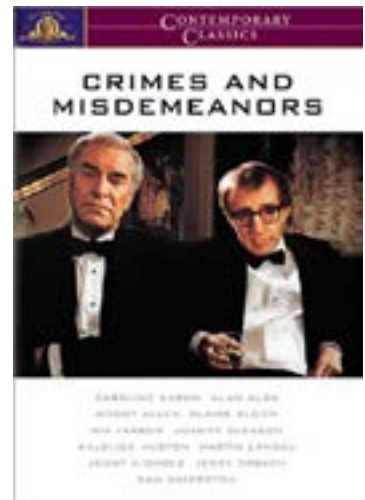
June 15: God of Abraham; Chapter 1: Birth

June 22: Chapter 2: Call

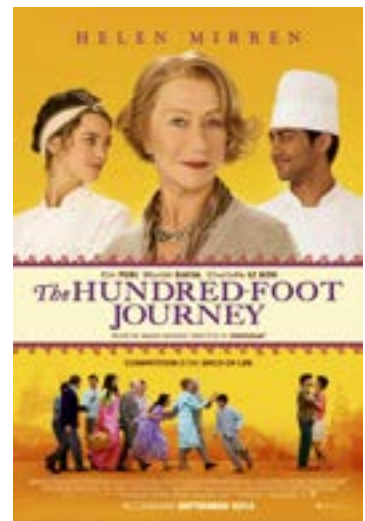
FAITH AND FILM FESTIVAL

The films are shown from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Fellowship Hall, but we do invite those who would enjoy community and companionship to bring a sack dinner at 6:30 PM to eat together before the film starts.

June 21 - *Crimes & Misdemeanors* (1989)



June 28 - *The Hundred-Foot Journey* (2014)





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PERIODICAL

WESTMINSTER WEEK

Sunday, June 18

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 Music Camp Performance
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:00 PM Prayer Service for Wholeness

Monday, June 19

Tuesday, June 20

- 7:00 AM Men's Morning Bible Study
- 8:00 Legacy Fund Trustees
- 10:30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday, June 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Group
- 5:00 PM Christian Education Committee
- 6:30 Faith and Film Festival

Thursday, June 22

- 9:30 AM Thursday Women's Book Study

Friday, June 23

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Game Night (off site)

Saturday, June 24

- 11:30 AM AA Meeting

Sunday, June 25

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 Sunday School
- Summer Choir
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:00 PM College and Career

Monday, June 26

Tuesday, June 27

- 7:00 AM Men's Morning Bible Study
- 10:30 Morning Prayer
- 6:00 PM Young Adult Theology On Tap (off site)
- 6:30 GETconnected

Wednesday, June 28

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Group
- 9:00 Centering Prayer
- 11:00 Changing Gears Luncheon
- 6:30 PM Faith and Film Festival

Thursday, June 29

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, June 30

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, July 1

- 11:30 AM AA Meeting

[Please refer to www.nashvillencpc.org](http://www.nashvillencpc.org) for complete and up-to-date information

GETCONNECTED

GET INVOLVED: EQUAL CHANCE FOR EDUCATION



Equal Chance for Education is signing up mentors who work in these areas: accounting, biology, computer engineer, computer science, criminal justice, early childhood development, education, film, immigration lawyer, IT, neurosurgeon, nursing, pharmacy, social worker, and sports management. For more information, go to <https://www.equalchanceforeducation.com> or contact Mike Spalding (mjspalding700@gmail.com) if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor.

COMING THIS FALL!

Joy In Learning guitar classes for 10 year olds and over. If you would like to donate a guitar, contact Beth Drake (4beth-drake@gmail.com).

