



# WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 16, 2017  
Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### Sermon:

Donovan Drake  
Assisting: T.J. Piccolo

### Anthem:

8:30 AM Chamber Choir  
11:00 AM Summer Choir  
"We Plow The Fields And Scatter"  
- Joel Martinson

### Hymns:

32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
171 *A Sower Came from Ancient Hills*  
79 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

July 23, 2017  
Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Genesis 28:10-19, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### Sermon:

Guy Griffith  
Assisting: Claire Harris Kramer

### Anthem:

8:30 AM  
Allison Stokes, mezzo soprano  
Colby White, tenor  
"Best of All Friends"  
- Stephen Paulus

11:00 AM Summer Choir  
"Best of All Friends"  
- Stephen Paulus

### Hymns:

412 *God, Reveal Your Presence*  
470 *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

## GREAT NEWS!

We are delighted to announce that the newly renovated church administrative offices will be ready for occupancy the week of July 17th. The space is really beautiful! As has been the case with much of the renovation, the move to the new space will be a bit of a process.

### Additional Scoop

-We are upgrading our telephone and Internet service and there will be a temporary interruption in service during that week.

-**We will use a temporary telephone number during the transition.** The temporary number is **615-306-9272** and will be in use beginning July 17th through the end of the week.

-Website and email service will be intermittent during the transition and we will provide current information as the week progresses.

-Temporary signage will direct us to the new office space from Fellowship Hall and temporary access through the Parlor still under construction.

-Handicap parking will be available as usual in the new north parking lot and along Wilson.

Please be patient as we complete the move and please continue to pray for our construction workers and staff.

This is an important milestone in the campus renovation. We are truly richly blessed to have such an amazing church staff and now we will have expanded, welcoming space to facilitate their work in ministry and administering all our efforts to **Live Out the Word!**

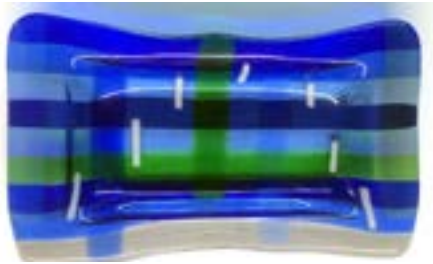


While the Mayfair entrance is still under construction, please visit the new church offices through the north entry, handicap parking is available, or the Parlor entrance.





- Special Edition -



Come LEARN a new craft  
FUSED GLASS  
and have FUN as well!  
Sign up now for 1 (of 4)  
2-hr studio sessions\*

\*Friday, August 4  
9:30 - 11:30 AM or 1:30 - 3:30 PM

\*Saturday, August 5  
9:30 - 11:30 AM or 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Design your own

Trinket Tray  
Butter Dish  
or Small Bowl

For all Westminster Friends\*  
- ages 10 - 100!

\*parent-child/mother-daughter/  
old friend-new friend  
6-person max per session

\$30 per person

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 28th  
To sign up, please contact Beth Drake  
at [4bethdrake@gmail.com](mailto:4bethdrake@gmail.com) or 615-972-  
6032.



**KNITTING AND CROCHETING WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER!!**

Thursdays, 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](mailto:4bethdrake@gmail.com)).



**“STONE DOOR/BIG CREEK GULF A QUINTESSENTIAL INTRODUCTION TO THE RUGGED CUMBERLAND PLATEAU.”**

Saturday Hiking - intergenerational. A moderate strenuous hike!

Date: August 5; Time: 8:30 AM --meet at the north parking lot.  
Return: early evening, Transportation: church vans. Bring your own lunch, snacks and water.

For more information, please contact Rachel Pence, [rpence@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:rpence@nashvillewpc.org).

**H.O.S.T.**

**ANOTHER HOST GROUP IS FORMING!**

HOST stands for Hearts Open to Studying Together. These groups are made of intergenerational adults whether singles or couples. They meet 8-10 times a year, usually on a Sunday evening, with a dinner and devotional and in different homes.

If you are interested in learning more about these wonderful fellowship groups, please contact Beth Drake at [4bethdrake@gmail.com](mailto:4bethdrake@gmail.com) or Lindsay Ballev at [lindsayballev@yahoo.com](mailto:lindsayballev@yahoo.com).





## Outdoor Challenge 2017

*camping • hiking • biking • fun! • caving • rappelling •  
swinging • fun! • friends • smiles • giggles • fun! • thrills  
• adventure • challenges • faith • FUN!!*



## ASHEVILLE JUNIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP JULY 9-14

The youth will be in Asheville, North Carolina for a week of service with Asheville Youth Mission. We will work with a variety of non-profit organizations and ministry groups that serve people experiencing homelessness, people with intellectual and physical disabilities, and children and families living in poverty. We would love for you to join us for worship on July 16, when our youth participants will speak about the trip during the concerns of the church. Please keep the following participants in your prayers:

Janet Briggs	Eleanor Bryant	Audrey Campbell
Erin Crosby	Kirsten Crosby*	Sofia Folk
Kirsten Fox*	Adeline Hall	Ty Harden
Claire Harris Kramer*	Billy Jones	AC Oeser
Jack Perry	T.J. Piccolo*	Kate Shurden
Ivy Weathersby	Nora Wheliss	

\*chaperones



## MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE JULY 23-29

WPC youth will soon be off to Montreat, North Carolina for an unforgettable youth conference! At Montreat, youth have a great opportunity to ask difficult questions about faith, meet new friends, grow closer to old friends, enjoy God's creation, and be reminded of God's love for each of us as we participate in small groups, keynote, and worship. We would love for you to join us for worship at Westminster on July 30, when our youth participants will speak about the trip during the concerns of the church. Please keep the following participants in your prayers:

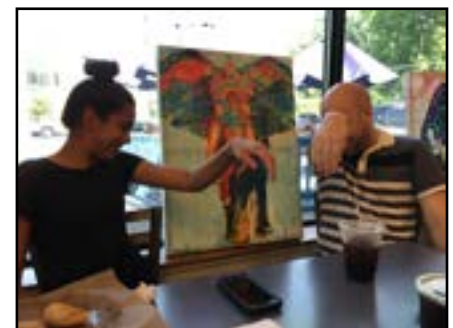
Whitney Booth*	Luke Boyer	Cammie Douglass
Noah Dunlap	Eleanor Ikard	McKensie Miller
T.J. Piccolo*	Taylor Renwick	Andrew Spencer
Callie Spencer	Rachael Wooley	

\*chaperones

## STAR BAGEL SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017

Rising 7th graders to rising 12th graders are invited to join us for a bagel and Bible study on the Sunday mornings indicated below. For a ride, meet us in the Koinonia Youth Café at 9:45 AM. If you plan on meeting us at Star Bagel, please let the Youth Staff know ahead of time!

- July 16
- July 30
- August 6
- August 13
- August 20



Life imitating art...Isabella Dave and T.J. Piccolo do their best elephant impression during a recent trip to Star Bagel.

photo credit: Claire Harris Kramer

# 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.*

## GAME NIGHT PROVIDED GOOD FUN, FELLOWSHIP

On June 23, the Young Adults of WPC got together at the home of Zack and Rebecca Summy for a fun game night.

*Top Pic:* (left to right) Emily Cornish, Rebecca Summy, Jeff Burrows, Grace McCaw, Michael Drake, Jenny Brownlie-Carey & Clark Brownlie-Carey.

*Bottom Left:* an intense game of Dutch Blitz is underway.

*Bottom Right:* Zack Summy gives two thumbs up for fun and games.



## 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.

July 11: SERVICE PROJECT (We will be joining with the Well at WPC and participating in STOP HUNGER NOW, then gather for a beer after)

## 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.

July 23 Chapters 11 and 12

All are welcome! Contact Rachel Pence ([rpence@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:rpence@nashvillewpc.org)) with questions.



Photo Credit: Rachel Pence



## CLASS OFFERINGS

Summer Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)—



July 16, 2017

### Spiritual Practices: Engaging the whole self in your Spiritual Life

We understand what it means to be religious, but being spiritual can be harder to grasp. We will examine bodily practices and spiritual practices that help remind us that our faith is often construed as way of thinking and these practices remind us that faith is a way of life.

Led by Rachel Pence, Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Young Families



July 23, 30 and August 6

### Listening Across Lines of Race

The 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA, meeting in Portland, Oregon, last summer, took action to encourage member congregations to enter into conversation on the topic of race relations in the United States. This General Assembly was prompted to take this action in part because of headline news of racial tension and racial violence growing out of events in Ferguson, Missouri, and Charleston, South Carolina in 2014 and 2015.

This summer, Westminster Presbyterian Church will be afforded three opportunities to engage in such conversation. Viewing a segment each Sunday from one of three fairly recently released major motion pictures that largely dramatize the experiences of African Americans [“42,” “Hidden

Figures,” and “Loving”], our Executive Presbyter, the Rev. Warner Durnell, will facilitate small group table conversations. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., in a New York Times article dated February 18, 2017 titled, “The Power of Movies to Change Our Hearts,” wrote,

*“No matter how divisive life in this country may become, the movie theater has always been a place where we can rediscover what unites us...When we see injustice from another perspective on the screen, it makes us more aware of real-life injustices around us.”*

Come to Sunday School on the three dates aforementioned, watch part of a popular motion picture, and as Christians, engage in conversation about race relations in America of yesteryear and this year!

**Murdoch MacLeods** (Donovan’s office vestibule, 174) —*Ongoing*: A discussion of the day’s lectionary texts.

**Search** (C-152, WSYC wing) — *Ongoing*: Bill Moyers’ discussion with author Jonathan Haidt

## DISCIPLE CLASSES FORMING FOR THE FALL

Westminster is committed to Bible study in a small group format and will be offering a wide range of options for the coming year. The introductory class is the **Disciple I** curriculum which covers the entire Bible in 36 lessons and runs from September through May. We are looking to offer three sections of Disciple I this year: to encourage those who work full-time, a Tuesday early morning class (6:30-8:00 AM) and one on Wednesday night (7-9 PM). Also a Wednesday morning, 9:30-11:30 AM. Additionally, sections of **Disciple II** (Genesis-Exodus/Luke-Acts) and **DISCIPLE III** (the Prophets and Paul’s Letters) are available for those who have previously completed a DI course. We are also offering a number of **Disciple Short-term** courses on Understanding the Old Testament, the Psalms, and the Gospel of John. For more information, please contact [Guy Griffith](mailto:Guy.Griffith@westminsterpc.org) or Kris Pardue.





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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**PERIODICAL**

**WESTMINSTER WEEK**

**Sunday, July 16**

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:00 PM Prayer Service for Wholeness

**Monday, July 17**

**Tuesday, July 18**

**Wednesday, July 19**

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

**Thursday, July 20**

- 9:30 AM Thursday Women's Book Study

**Friday, July 21**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

**Saturday, July 22**

- 11:30 AM AA Meeting

**Sunday, July 23**

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

**Monday, July 24**

**Tuesday, July 25**

- 7:00 AM Men's Morning Bible Study
- 10:30 Morning Prayer

**Wednesday, July 26**

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

**Thursday, July 27**

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

**Friday, July 28**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

**Saturday, July 29**

- 11:30 AM AA Meeting



Greetings from Africa!

Your generous Mother's Day gifts, totaling over \$7,700 to restock our village Birthing Attendants, brings us great encouragement. Your gifts will help improve the mortality rate for both babies and mothers. Your generosity will save lives and improve the quality of healthcare in rural Tete Province villages. We are deeply grateful.

Zikomo Kwambiri, (Thank you VERY MUCH)

Nedson Zulu and Sebbler Banda