

JL NEWS

Summer Gatherings!



SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND

Featuring Debra Griner, Joe Irrera, Jimbeau Walsh, and David Harper.

Tuesday, May 21

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Show from 7:00-8:30 pm

Location: Westminster Cafe

*Presented by the
Westminster Cafe
benefitting
Room In The Inn.*



Tickets are \$20 each.

Coffee, tea and pastries are available from 6:30-7:00 pm.

The Westminster Cafe Music & Art Ministry is committed to inspire, support, and amplify the diverse voices that shape the rich tapestry of the Nashville songwriter community.

**Read bios of
our songwriters**



**Purchase
tickets**



ALL CHURCH

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL!



Sunday, June 9

2:00-4:00 pm

Westminster Cafe

All ages are welcome!
No fee to attend, but please register to make sure we have enough ice cream!



- Come learn how to make your own Lemon(aid) stand at home for Preston Taylor Ministries.
- Learn and play with Living Waters for the World hands-on water purification board!
- Games and crafts!

NEW Songwriting Class with Steve Leslie!



**The Craft
of a Nashville Songwriter**

Tuesdays in June

10:00 am to noon

Westminster Cafe

Offered for free!

Steve Leslie generously led the first songwriting class in January and is back to offer another 4-week workshop!

This 4-week workshop introduces an expanded 12-week course called “The Craft of the Nashville Songwriter”. The course is to be offered by Steve Leslie at the Nashville Musicians Association, starting in July 2024.

Steve Leslie

Register



[Register Here](#)

CHRISTMAS POTTERY WORKSHOP



Fridays, July 26 - August 16

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$40 for all days

Limited to 6 participants.

You've heard of Christmas in July? Well, come get ready to create some unique, hand-crafted gifts that are microwavable, oven-proof, and dishwasher-safe and beat the rush of the holiday season. These items also make fabulous housewarming, shower and graduation gifts!

LOOKING FOR CHESS PLAYERS

Fridays, 10:00-noon

Westminster Café



WANTED:

Teens & Adults

We are currently gathering on Friday mornings, but are open to working with different schedules!

[Click here if you're interested!](#)



AUTHOR'S ROUNDTABLE

WITH BEST-SELLING AUTHOR JANE LORENZINI

[Register Here](#)

Save the Date

Friday, June 14 - 10:00 am
Westminster Café

New York Times Best-Selling Author Jane Lorenzini. The author will discuss her latest book, The Growing Season, at the Westminster Café. Jane's book is second in a series set in early Ft. Myers, Florida, and continues the story of Belle Carson and a host of other lovable, quirky characters.

This is Jane's second appearance at an Authors Roundtable at Westminster. She discussed her debut novel, After the Rain, shortly after its release in 2019. She has been a great friend to beginning writers in the Joy in Learning creative writing workshop called *Telling your Story* by consulting with individuals as well as speaking to a class session.



Jane has written four best-selling books with her dear friend, Hoda Kotb, so-host of NBC's Today show. She and Hoda have remained close after working together years ago in TV news in Ft. Myers. According to Hoda, "Jane's writing will charm your heart and tickle your funny bone."



This Authors Roundtable will also introduce Sam Owen, who began writing about his Mississippi boyhood in the Telling Your Story workshops. Sam's delightful stories have become a book titled, Old Times Not Forgotten: As Told by a Son of the South.

Sam and his wife Judy are long-time members of Westminster. He is busily at work on his second book about his love of Ole Miss, meeting Judy, and playing football on championship teams in the early 1960s.

Books by Jane Lorenzini and Sam Owen are available on Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and other book sellers.

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE CAFE LATELY?

If you have not, come take a look!

Café Hours: Tuesday-Friday

8:00 a.m.-Noon

Park in the North Entrance by the blue outdoor umbrella!

Enjoy specialized coffees, various teas, and cold drinks along with homemade yummys.



Work on your computer, gather in a small group, meet up with a friend, or sign up for one of the many Café activities.

NEW: high chairs and items for our young ones!

Would you like to help us out in the Cafe? We would love your help as this amazing ministry is growing!

[Register Here](#)



SEW PILLOWCASES

WITH PRESTON TAYLOR MINISTRIES

Tuesday, June 18

Thursday, June 20

Tuesday, June 25

9:30-11:30 am

Westminer's Sewing / Weaving Room



We're recruiting "sewing buddies" to work one-on-one with Preston Taylor Ministries' girls (grades 3-5) as they create their own pillowcases. The class will be limited to a maximum of 8 students.

For more details, contact Janet Kuhn (janetkuhn@mac.com) or Marilyn Cornish (gkcmhs@msn.com).

CROWDED TABLE EVENT A SUCCESS!

A wonderful group met to learn more about Westminster's partnership with Crowded Table on Wed., April 28th in the Café.



What is Crowded Table?

It is a nonprofit that works to increase and sustain support for foster families in Middle Tennessee by partnering churches with foster families.

A group of church volunteers, or a Table Team, provide practical support to the foster family, which can include weekly meals, groceries twice a month, laundry, lawn care, and other needs based on an ongoing and intentional relationship.

We Learned:

- Tennessee has the highest rate of instability in foster care in the nation. This means that children in foster care are changing placements frequently.
- According to the State of the Child in Tennessee, of first-time foster children entering the system in 2022, more than 30% had been in three or more placements that first year.
- If a child has more than 3 caseworkers, his or her chance for permanency is less than 13%.

What are Comfort Bags?

We partnered with *My Bag My Story* and *Tennessee Alliance for Kids* to pack duffle bags for children. Often, when a child is either removed from a home or transitioning between placements, they can take no more than what fits in a grocery sack. Through support from Joy in Learning and individuals, Westminster has filled 6 bags for the current area of highest need: girls ages 1-3.

What is a Table Team, and why are they important?

While the numbers are staggering and heartbreaking, *Crowded Table's* mission of walking alongside foster care families and their caseworkers provides churches with a practical way to support and surround these children with love. When a foster family is supported, they are more than 90% likely to continue fostering. Westminster currently has a Table Team in place of about 20 WPC members.



PAINTING CLASS THANK YOU!

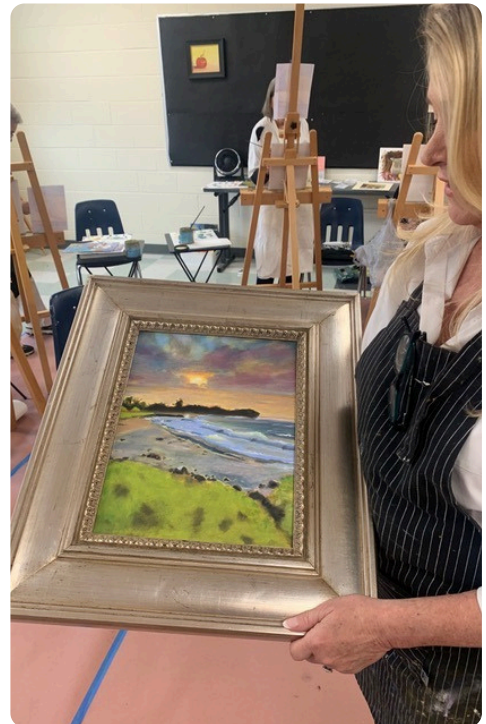


A HUGE thank you to Rene Poe for instructing a three-hour 6-week beginning and a 6-week intermediate class this spring!

The \$50.00 supply fee started the workshop off to a great start. Each participant was surprised with a new set of paints, brushes, palette paper and canvases. Besides learning many painting techniques with communal and individual paintings, the participants also learned how to take care of their supplies.

Another wonderful gift? They were able to bring their supplies home to continue painting! A beginner commented that she now has an easel set up in her garage and is inviting more friends to join the classes when they are offered again.

What a beautiful gift that keeps on giving!



FOLLOW UP WITH MARTHA O'BRYAN CARDS

Follow up with Martha O'Bryan Cards

A group gathered to create 50 cards on April 26 and May 3rd. The Community Outreach Card ministry wrote inspirational "Mom to Mom" notes afterward and Darlene Sinks delivered them on May 7th.

From Darlene Sinks

"The Martha O'Bryan volunteer coordinator, Petra Chiabi, was overwhelmed and brought to tears. She said these mothers haven't ever received anything like this, the beautiful hand crafted designs and heartfelt messages would make them feel supported and valued.

Reflection from Darlene

Sometimes, what may seem like a simple gesture to us can hold immense significance for someone else and may often leave a lasting impression far beyond what we may realize. I can only deeply thank all you all for your time and talents on this, it is so greatly appreciated!



Ongoing Through the Summer: Register and Join at Any Time!



Tai Chi – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings

Mah-Jongg – Tuesday mornings in the Café

Knit and Crochet – Thursday mornings in the Parlor

Community Outreach Card Writing - 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings in the Café

Songwriters Song Circle – Thursday mornings in the Café

Questions? Contact Beth@westminsterjoy.org or call the church office at 615-292-5526
