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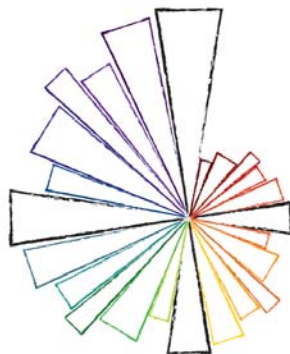
(re)Creation: A New Festival of Faith

From August 14 - September 14, First-Centenary is bringing you a *new* kind of Festival of Faith. It's called (re)Creation, and over four weeks you'll have the chance to challenge your mind, use your hands, and refresh your spirit.

On **Sundays**, join us in worship with special guests including Steve Byrum, Tripp Johnston, Don Saliers, and Jim Catanzaro.

On **Wednesdays**, participate in challenging Bible study and small-group discussions, hands-on and thought-provoking arts workshops, musical training, and Christian yoga. You have the chance to participate in one, two, or even three classes and workshops every Wednesday evening! Plus, feed your soul with delicious, handmade meals

(re)creation
a festival of faith



mind • body • soul

August 14 - September 14
at First-Centenary United Methodist Church

catered by local restaurants.

Throughout (re)Creation, we invite you to meander through the **art exhibition** located throughout the church. Thirty-eight Chattanooga-area artists created works of art in response to the well-known hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth." These inspiring works represent a broad range of media, from painting and photography to quilting and gourds.

We've got activities for kids, too! Kids can make their own terrariums, try their hand at tie-dye, and make their own musical instruments.

There's something for everyone at (re)Creation: explore new ways of thinking, invigorate your creativity, and find your center.

Sundays Feature Special Guests

Four Sundays during (re)Creation will feature special guests in the 10:45 Sanctuary service.

We kick off (re)Creation on August 14 joined by Steve Byrum, who will preach about our need for beauty. Byrum is an ordained Methodist minister, graduate of UT Knoxville, and President and CEO of the Byrum Consulting Group. He is well-known in the First-Centenary community as the long-standing teacher of the Morgan Sunday School Class.

On August 21, Tripp Johnston will preach about transformative ministry. Johnston, who earned a MBA from Harvard, is the founder

of Sports Friends, an international non-profit organization that works in Africa, Southeast Asia, and South America to make disciples of youth through sports ministry.

We welcome Don Saliers on August 28. Saliers will lead a pre-service class during Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30) in the Sanctuary. Afterwards, he will preach and preside over communion in the 10:45 Sanctuary service.

Saliers is an accomplished musician, theologian, scholar of liturgics, author, and United Methodist pastor. He co-authored *A Song to Sing, a Life to Live* with his daughter Emily Saliers, a member of the Indigo Girls.

Preaching in the 10:45 service on September 4 will be Jim Catanzaro, a long-time community college president and teacher. He is an author and presenter, and currently serves as Director of Higher Education Research & Development Institute South. Catanzaro will round out our series of guest speakers with the theme of Renewal Through Forgiveness.

The last Sunday of (re)Creation will be led by combined choirs of First-Centenary UMC and Signal Crest UMC. The choral fusion will premiere a new anthem with music and poetry celebrating creation and creativity.

TIME FOR (RE)CREATION



Dr. Jan McNair
Director of Worship
and Music Ministries

Excitement is growing for the Season of (re)Creation. Our Committee has been hard at work, not planning activities, but creating opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship within our congregation.

The art exhibit, organized by Donna Palmer and Jennifer Fry, is the creative work of 38 artists responding to the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth."

Some of the Festival speakers and leaders are well known to you, others will be new, and all are passionate about what they bring to the event. From lectures on interesting topics, to theological discussion around the table, to the piecing of life experiences into the shape of a quilt and the practice of Christian meditation through yoga – there is much to experience.

This Festival of Faith is different, and my hope is that some part of you will also be different at the end of it. Join us with an open mind and an open heart as we explore creativity, transformation, reflection, restoration and (re)Creation.

-- Dr. Jan McNair

Schedules & Course Offerings

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

(Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4)

On Sundays, join us in the **10:45 Sanctuary service** for worship with special guests.

Aug. 14: Steve Byrum
Being Stewards of Our Environment: Our Relationship to God and our Need for Beauty

Aug. 21: Tripp Johnston
Transformative Ministry: A Glorious Calling

Aug. 28: Don Saliers
The Transformative Power of Holy Communion

Sept. 4: Jim Catanzaro
Renewal for Forgiveness

Sept. 11: The Choirs of First-Centenary and Signal Crest UMC
Sing a New Creation

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

(Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sept. 7)

On Wednesdays, join us for classes and workshops at **4:30, 6:10, and 7:00**. Dinner will be served at **5:20**. Below is a list of course offerings and times:

4:30: Classes and Workshops

Session with Steve Byrum
Theology Around the Table
Art Track

5:20: Dinner

6:10: Classes and Workshops

Session with Steve Byrum
(repeat of 4:30 session)
Theology Around the Table
(repeat of 4:30 session)
Art Track
(repeat of 4:30 session)

Piano Lessons

7:00: Classes and Choir

Living Grace Yoga
Chancel Choir

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Sessions with Steve Byrum: Theologian Steve Byrum will present challenging and insightful lectures. Byrum, an ordained Methodist minister and retiree from the Holston Conference, will lead sessions such as "A New Way of Examining the Evolving of our Humanity -- and Reclaiming What We Have Lost Along the Way" and "The Knife Blade's Edge -- Addressing the Modern Political Conversation."

Theology Around the Table: An inclusive roundtable discussion based on messages from contemporary theologians about creation and creativity.

Aug. 17: Created with Dignity with Lisa Sharon Harper

Aug. 24: Creating through Dreaming with Edwin McManus

Aug. 31: Creating through Risk and Action with Edwin McManus, John Phippil Newell and Nadia Bolz-Weber

Sept. 7: Re-Creation for the Kingdom of God with Lisa Sharon Harper

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

Art Track: In this series of workshops, you'll observe and practice ways of storytelling through mixed-media, memorabilia, and fabric.

Aug. 17: Sherry Dahrling and AnneG. Lang
God brought these two Christian friends together. You will be blessed by their story as it is shared through narrative and art. (6:10 only)

Aug. 24, 31: Memory Boxes with Jeanne Brice
Do you have family mementoes and treasures from your past? Jeanne Brice will show you how to create artistic assemblages to display these disparate items.

Sept. 7: Master quilter *Sandi Suggs* will take us on a journey into our "scraps of life" and how we re-invent and re-create peace, joy and passion.

Learn to Play the Piano in 4 Weeks! Organist David Patton will teach anyone "who always wanted to learn to play the piano but never had the chance" how to play the piano in just 4 weeks. Open to any youth or adult with little or no musical background or keyboard experience. Limited to 7 participants.

Living Grace Yoga: Instructor Sharon Green facilitates an open worship environment where spirit, soul, and body can experience wholeness in Christ through the physical healing benefits of yoga.

(re)Creation for KIDS!

We've got exciting programming for kids, too! Kids have the chance to explore and ignite their creativity by making their own terrariums and tie-dye, experimenting with chalk drawings, and even crafting their own musical instruments.

Childcare available for birth to four-year-olds in the Children's Clubhouse, where they will be discovering their own creative abilities.

We invite kids to join us at dinner –
Kids 7-12 half price, 6 and under are free.

Contact Beth Spears (bspears@fcumc.org)
for more information.

What's for Dinner?

Every Wednesday, we're catering dinners that feature fresh, handmade, and local foods. Savor the flavors of Southern favorites and new culinary adventures over all four weeks.

August 17: Kabob-ster

Wednesdays at (re)Creation kick off with a new addition to Chattanooga's food scene. Kabob-ster opened its doors in August 2013 and has been serving authentic Middle Eastern food ever since. The menu includes *chicken kabobs, veggies and Greek salad, falafel, grape leaves, and rice.*



August 24: 212 Market Restaurant

Week 2 features an entrée from one of Chattanooga's culinary staples – 212 Market. Known for fresh, adventurous foods sourced from local farms, 212 Market is sure to feed your soul. The menu this week includes *Chattanooga Whiskey BBQ, roasted sweet potatoes, and a lima bean, sweet corn, and tomato succotash.*



August 31 and September 7:

The Chef and his Wife

The Chef and his Wife, a new catering concept in Chattanooga, is so good that we included them *twice!* Chef Tim and his team (which is small but mighty!) will serve Southern favorites with local ingredients. **August 31** will feature a *salad of spring greens, oven fried chicken, sweet potato casserole, and roasted zucchini and squash.* **September 7** will feature a *spring greens salad, herb-rubbed pork loin, mashed potatoes, and green beans.*



Because these dinners are catered,
you *must register in advance.*

If you register now through August 14,
dinner is just \$10/person!
After August 14, dinner is \$12/person.

Kids 7-12 half price, 6 and under are free.

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For the Beauty of the EARTH

From August 14 through September 14, 38 Chattanooga-area artists -- many of whom are involved in the First-Centenary congregation -- will exhibit works of art inspired by the well-known hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth."

This diverse group of works consists of paintings, photographs, mixed-media, film, quilting, stained glass, gourds, and more. The exhibition will be on display throughout the church.

You are invited to explore the work during First-Centenary business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and on Sunday mornings.

Check out the First-Centenary UMC Facebook page and www.firstcentenary.com for behind-the-scenes content and interviews with featured artists!



"The Monk" by Moe Mitchell

Ready to Register?

Registration is FREE! You still have to pay for dinner, though.

If you're ready to register for (re)Creation, simply complete the registration form included in this newsletter and return it to the Church Office.

Volunteers will be ready to register participants in-person after the 8:30 and 10:45 Sanctuary services and the 10:45 Vine service on August 7 and 14.

Personal checks and credit cards are accepted to pay for meals.