

Westover View

August 2019



Cotham Lectures 2019
John Pavlovitz

Save the dates! John Pavlovitz will be Westover Hills Presbyterian Church's 2019 Cotham Lecturer, joining us September 22 and 23, 2019. Events are free and open to the public.



John is a writer, pastor, and activist from Wake Forest, North

Carolina. In the past four years his blog, *Stuff That Needs To Be Said*, has reached a diverse worldwide audience.

A 20-year veteran in the trenches of local church ministry, John is committed to equality, diversity, and justice—both inside and outside faith communities.

John is the author of *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community* (Westminster John Knox, 2017) and *Hope and Other Superpowers: A Life-Affirming, Love-Defending, Butt-Kicking, World-Saving Manifesto* (Simon & Schuster, 2018).

From Stuff That Needs To Be Said:

“People ask me all the time, “How do we move forward when there is so much bitterness and discord in the world?” They usually don’t like the answer—although I don’t like it much either.

- We’re all going to have to figure out how to do the difficult work of loving people we dislike.
- We’re going to have to stop creating false stories about people from a safe distance, and get truer stories.
- We’re going to have to find a way to offer an open hand as often as a clenched fist.
- We’re going to need to slow down enough, and get close enough proximity to our supposed enemies, so that we can look in the whites of their eyes and find the humanity residing there. It may be buried in jagged, ugly layers of fear and grief and hopelessness—but it is almost always there.

The Cotham Lecture Trust was established at Westover Hills in 1967, in memory of E. Ralph Cotham V. For over fifty years, the Trust has made it possible for Westover Hills to bring in distinguished speakers for the benefit of the church of Jesus Christ in the Little Rock community.

Sunday, September 22, 2019

10:30 am Preaching at Westover Hills
11:45 am Luncheon at Westover Hills
7:00 pm Cotham Lecture

Monday September 23, 2019

12:00 pm Luncheon by invitation for Clergy and
Church leaders
7:00 pm Cotham Lecture

For more information, contact Rev. Frank LeBlanc at (501)
663-6383, www.westoverhills.org



Treats and Treasures

From Yule to tools, silver to china, camping gear to luggage, pots and pans, toys to crystal serving pieces, vintage children's books, garden tools, games, collectibles, art, costume jewelry, flatware to furniture, holiday décor to fishing gear, you can find it all during [the 11th annual Treats & Treasures Sale at Westover Hills Presbyterian Church in Little Rock](#). Join the fun and furnish a house, apartment, or dorm room!

Co-Chairs Mary Lois Stanfield and Betty Glenn promise it will be a shopper's paradise! Come early for the best selection during the [Friday, August 9 Preview Party from 6-8pm in Fellowship Hall](#). Enjoy

hors d'oeuvres and libations while browsing the selection of organized and sorted items available for purchase at bargain prices.

Purchase your tickets Sunday, August 4th after services. Cash or check preferred although debit/credit cards are accepted with a minor surcharge. Tickets will also be sold at the door on August 9.

You won't want to miss buying raffle tickets for a glorious dinner for 12 "Under the Stars." It's only \$10 a ticket for your chance at this wonderful prize.

Saturday morning, August 10 sale fun starts at 7 am and continues until 3 pm when bargain hunters shop and scoop up treasures to take home! Free admission. Arrive at the fellowship hall early for the best of everything!

Treats and Treasures Volunteer Opportunity

Can you help unpack, sort and display donated items? Please come to Fellowship Hall during set-up: July 29-August 7, Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm, Saturdays 9-noon, Sundays 12-3 and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7'ish. Please come and join the fun!

It's the 11th Anniversary this year!

BIG SALE

Saturday, August 10
sale 7 a.m to 3 p.m.

Treats & Treasures Church-Wide Sale

Westover Hills Presbyterian Church • 663-6383
6400 Richard B. Hardie Drive
(Intersection of Kavanaugh, McKinley & Pine Valley Road)

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PREVIEW PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS FOR FABULOUS DINNER — \$10 per ticket

**Proceeds support Westover Hills
Presbyterian Women's community
outreach projects & programs!**

For details on Treats & Treasures including
Friday, August 9 (6-8pm) Preview Party Tickets,
\$10 pre or at door, go to www.westoverhills.org

WHPC T-Shirts



The Westover Hills Membership Committee is in the process of ordering T-shirts which can be worn at various Westover Hills activities: Treats and Treasures, Farmers Market, Pride Fest, etc.

Although the one illustrated is for men, one for ladies will also be available. T-shirts will be available in Medium, Large, Extra Large, 2X and 3X. Cost is estimated to be \$18-20. If you would like to order one, please send the following information to Donna Terrill: Men's or Women's and size.

Special Note: The design on the T-Shirts will not have a white background as displayed above, but will have a background the same color of gray as the T-Shirt.





Westover's youngest maker of compassion blankets for UAMS is Alex Thomas (Joy and Bobby Thomas's granddaughter). She is holding the brightly colored unicorn blanket that will lovingly embrace a UAMS palliative care patient.

Presbyterian Women

**Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering at WHPC
Saturday, August 24**

The Westover Hills Presbyterian Women will host the Fall Gathering for the women of Cluster V on Saturday, August 24. Registration will begin at 9:30 AM in the Gathering Space. Worship will be led by Rev. Stacey Hammons. Rev. Lindy Vogado will lead us in an overview of our new Horizons Bible study, "Love Carved in Stone," about the Ten Commandments. The meeting will end following lunch, which is \$10.00 per person.

All women are invited – even if you don't participate in a circle. For more information, please contact Kay Stephens, Deanine Rogers, or Betty Glenn.



Ordination of Stacy Hammons (center), Presbyterian Village

Vera Lloyd Home Updates

Lewis House Boys Enjoy WHPC Donations

Westover Hills maintains a Lewis House Account to help pay for activities when the



Lewis House Boys come to Little Rock. Movies, roller skating, swimming, trips to the zoo, bowling and eating at restaurants are just a few of the activities that are paid for from the account. Money for the account is generated from the sale of notecards, coasters and the church calendar created by Charlie Frith. Some Westover members have made donations to the Lewis House account after having been helped with computer problems by Charlie Frith. Two large expenditures were recently paid for from the WHPC account: \$500 to pay for one of the Lewis House boys to attend summer camp at Ferncliff and \$500 to pay for a new dishwasher for the Lewis House.



Another Name Change - from Lewis House to Pettus House

in response to the need for siblings in the foster care system to stay together, Vera Lloyd recently opened a Sibling/Shelter Home in the Pettus Home. Some youth, including two brothers who have been at Vera Lloyd since 2017, have been moved from the Lewis House to that home, and a couple of young men have been moved to another home on campus. The Lewis Home is currently unoccupied.

The new Sibling Home allows Vera Lloyd to keep siblings of different genders together in a family like setting. Over the years Vera Lloyd has had many siblings on campus, but until now they have been unable to house siblings of different genders together. Experts agree that for children in foster care, close proximity to their brothers and

sisters promotes a sense of safety and well-being, while being separated from them can trigger grief and anxiety. Since children in foster care lose many significant relationships, siblings are often their only continuous attachments.

House parents Heather and Kris Burghart from the Lewis House have moved from the Lewis Home into the Pettus Home to provide continuity of care. Modifications for the safety and security of all youth were made to the Pettus Home, including extensive remodeling, cameras and alarms. At this writing there are six youth in the Pettus Home. Westover Hills' continued support as a house sponsor is critical in giving Vera Lloyd youth the healing love they so desperately need.

(The Burgharts have requested that the new dishwasher from Westover Hills' Lewis House account accompany them to the Pettus House!)

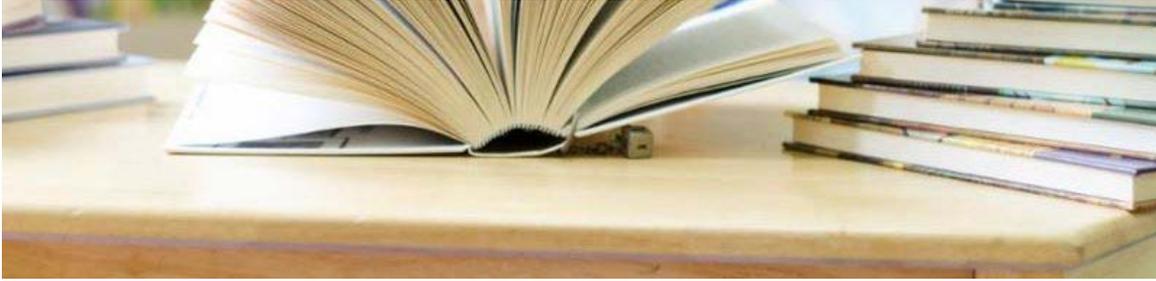
Contributions to Vera Lloyd More than Double the Goal!

In response to the request from Kathy French of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services that Westover Hills give toward new school outfits for its students this year, WHPC members have contributed \$2,300. The amount was more than double what board member Charlie Frith had anticipated; his goal had been to collect enough for at least ten \$50 gift cards (\$50 each for 10 students). WestoverMen contributed \$250.

Thanks, Westover Hills!

Evening Book Study





***The Gift to Listen, The Courage to Hear
Three Tuesdays in August***

Our August evening book study will give us the opportunity to examine our listening habits, good, bad, and worse.
Tuesdays, **August 13, 20, and 27, 7:00 – 8:30pm***

There is power in the concepts in this book, concepts which apply to 1-to-1 communication and also to listening as a church. Come see and hear for yourself. Learn about soul listening, the 90% rule, and about the importance of knowing yourself.

We'll consider some of Jackson's statements, such as:
"To be fully present to others, it is critical to consider the possibility that what they are talking about is not centered on you."

"When you listen to others but remain focused on your particular needs, you cannot clearly hear what is in their hearts. You miss opportunities to give support to others in ways that would be most helpful to them. This one point is critical. The world does not revolve around you. It revolves around all of us."

*Books are available from Liz Branch for \$5 each.

**5th Sunday Brunch
in June**

The WestoverMen prepared a delicious 5th Sunday Brunch on



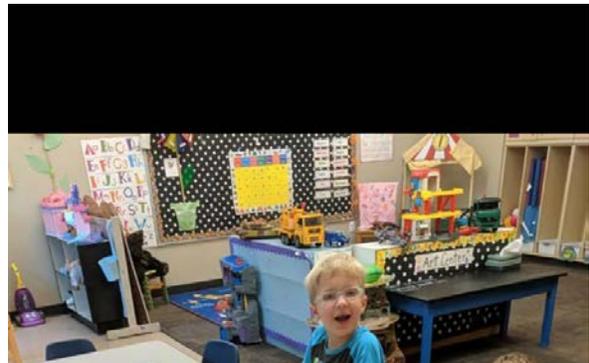
June 30th. The men served biscuits with cheese, scrambled eggs, sausage -- and biscuits with butter and raspberry jam purchased from the Westover Hills Farmers Market. Fresh fruit, coffee and orange juice were served along with the biscuits. The food was good and plentiful and so was the fellowship!



Preschool Update



A “dynamite” dinosaur summer at Westover Play Days in June and July!





Preschool Summer Play Days

Summer Play Days are coming to a close. The kids have had a great summer. They got to experience dinosaurs, snakes, ferrets and even volcanoes! We are looking forward now to a little time off. Then back to work -- to get ready for an new exciting school year.





First Wednesday BBQ and Ice Cream Social

WHPC Celebrates July 4th on July 3rd

WHPC celebrated July 4th on July 3rd 1st Wednesday with a delicious meal of pork butt, smoked chicken wings, potato salad, baked beans, layered salad, watermelon and homemade ice cream. Nancy Carter and Jane Johnson prepared the staples and several others brought homemade ice cream. Mary Ellen Holder brought her famous chocolate cake, which was auctioned off with proceeds going to the highest bidder's favorite charity. Liz Branch was the lucky winner of the cake, which she shared with the congregation after worship on Sunday. The bid money went to the Presbytery Disaster Preparedness and Response Subcommittee, which is currently helping with AR flood recovery. After dinner, the Carter Family (Lee, Jane and Jill) entertained with many "golden oldie" songs. It was a fun time for all!





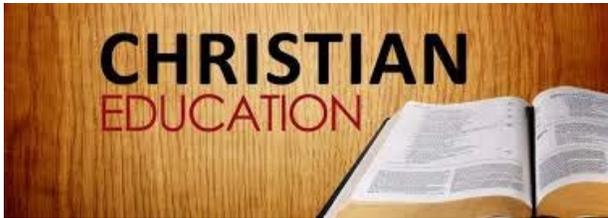
The Carter Family, Jill, Jane, and Lee



Children on Sunday Morning

Through Labor Day Weekend, Children on Sunday Mornings will meet from 9:15 to 10:15 am in the Preschool Nursery room with Ms. Allison and Haley June. Ms. Allison, our wonderful church-nursery caregiver, will have Old Testament Bible Stories and a snack to share with children. Summertime is a special time and will be for our children on Sunday Morning.

Adult CE August - September



Writing up our Christian education plans is like planning a family trip. We have ideas from you, you and you. We have ideas from our Christian Education Committee. We get out the maps (or Maps app!) and we plan how to get from here to there.

So here's where we are headed in August and September:

August 4 – H. K. Stewart will lead discussion to follow up on our interfaith dialogue with Doug Holmes from the Ecumenical Buddhist Society here in Little Rock.

August 11 – Another one of our Westover Hills educators, Marti Hampton, who is principal at the Hawkins Unit for Males will tell us about her work. Marti says, “Hear about Arkansas Correctional School system operating within the AR Department of Corrections (ADC), specifically at the Hawkins Unit for Males, and the Pathway to Freedom re-entry program. We will discuss how the two programs work together to change lives and give men in the ADC hope for their future.”

Evening book study – *The Gift to Listen, The Courage to Hear* – Tuesday nights in August, August 13, 20, and 27, 7:00 – 8:30pm

August 18 and 25 – Pastor Frank will lead us in discussing the lectionary passages he has selected as basis for his sermons on the following Sundays.

September 1, 8, and 15 – We will discuss *Hope and Other Superpowers* by Cotham Lecture speaker, John Pavlovitz. As Pavlovitz asserts, “It’s exhausting to [care] these days, isn’t it?”

Perhaps you're feeling anguished about what you see on the news or in your social media timeline, or by your personal circumstances, and are paralyzed waiting for political or religious leaders, or celebrities, to rescue us from it all. But what if you didn't have to wait for someone else? What if you could be the hero? This book—a spirited call to action—shows you how."

September 22-23 – Cotham Lectures – no adult Christian education on the 22nd

September 29 – 5th Sunday Brunch

Prison Ministry Updates

Juvenile Detention Center

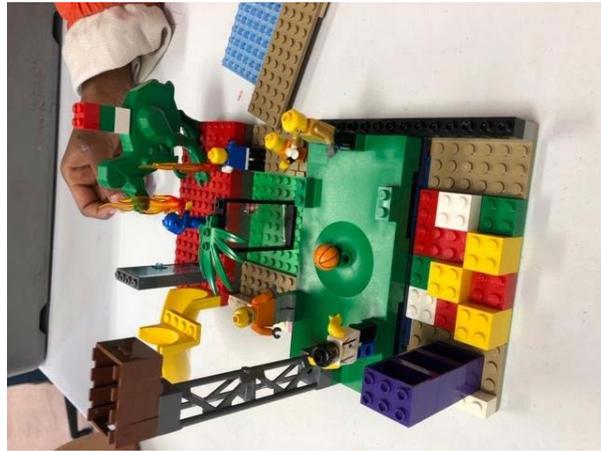
Kids at the Pulaski County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) had a variety of fun projects during June and July. Examples were Legos (thanks to Central AR Library staff), seashell wind chimes that Jill Acree holds in such a great display, and fireworks acrylic paintings. One clever child even added a Ferris wheel because he could "ride it and really see the fireworks up close." Also, wonderful, expressive collages that took some unique forms.

Thanks to Kay McCollum and Westover's congregation, the JDC kids now have games and more DVD's to help break the boredom of summer without school classes.



Collages, 4th of July fireworks, and Lego-building.





Hawkins Women's Prison



Presbyterian Women helped fund a new program at Hawkins Women's Prison in Wrightsville. Not only is it where Kathy Rateliff and Sally Johnson volunteer each week in the Think Legacy re-entry program, it is also the only prison in Arkansas that houses pregnant inmates.

On a recent Friday afternoon, PW was alerted that the Director of the Arkansas Department of Corrections had signed an order authorizing a lactation room for new moms to pump breast milk for their newborns for one year following the baby's birth. The milk is stored and can be picked up or delivered to family members or the baby's guardian.

Since this wasn't funded in the ADC budget, a quick email went to PW's leadership team and by Saturday morning, the room was well on its way to being furnished with four rocking chairs, necessary nursing bras and pads plus other equipment for the program. The timing was really great--because the first participant had her baby Saturday afternoon.

Thank you, Presbyterian Women!

Session Minutes July - August



From the Stated Meeting of June 9th, 2019

The church received the following correspondence:

a. Letter from Vera Lloyd Lewis House thanking Westover Hills, specifically Charlie Frith, for the dinner out at Ameca Restaurant in Monticello, AR.

b. Letters from Memorial Presbyterian Church of Atkins, AR; First Presbyterian Church of McGehee, AR; Presbyterian Kirk of the Hills of Fairfield Bay, AR; First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, AR; Grace Presbyterian Church of Little Rock, AR; First Presbyterian Church of Yellville, AR; and Faith Presbyterian Church of Horseshoe Bend, AR all stating they remembered Westover Hills in their prayers.

Session approved a BBQ and ice cream social on July 3rd, 2019. Entertainment will be provided by the Carter Family Singers.

From the Stated Meeting of July 14th, 2019

The church received the following correspondence:

a. Three letters from Vera Lloyd thanking WHPC for the donation of \$500.00 for camp scholarships, \$429.00 for a new dishwasher and \$500.00 for the summer enrichment program.

b. Letter from PC (USA) Presbyterian Mission thanking WHPC for the One Great Hour of Sharing Donation of \$2,600.00.

c. Letter from Presbyterian Village Little Rock thanking WHPC

for the donation of \$750.00.

d. Letter from Life Quest thanking WHPC for the donation of \$250.00.

e. Letter from CWS Global thanking WHPC for the donation of hygiene kits and miscellaneous kit supplies.

Sid McCollum and Courtenay Jackson were elected from the Session to form the Nominating Committee for the 2022 Class of Ruling Elders and Deacons.

Westover Hills will have a booth at the 2019 Little Rock PrideFest on October 19th.

Funds from the TPF Memorial account will be used to pay down the mortgage debt. From January to June, the church paid down \$20,000.00 against the principal balance of the mortgage.

Ellen McEwen will bring the Word on Sunday, August 4th while Pastor Frank is at continuing education. Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell will be available for pastoral emergencies.

At the June 8th Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas, the Presbytery voted to become a Matthew 25 Presbytery. For more information, please visit www.pcusa.org/matthew25 .

New signage designed in conjunction with the monument sign will be erected in the north and south parking lots.

From the Electronic Meeting of July 16th, 2019

The Session voted to request the Presbytery of Arkansas to authorize WHPC Pastoral Intern to celebrate the sacrament of communion. Jill has previously been authorized to celebrate communion by the Indian Nations Presbytery in Oklahoma.

Respectfully Submitted,

N. Zane Wilson,
Clerk of Session, WHPC

WHPC Office Coverage

Thanks to the Office Angels !

A big thank you to Adrienne Kolousek, Roy Nash, and Deanine Rogers for providing office coverage in June and July.



You, too, can get a piece of the action. Talk to or email Liz Branch for the opportunity. Our expectation is that you offer your presence, not your technical skills.

Special Announcement from the Preschool

Have some spare time? Love kids?
We are always in need of substitutes for the preschool classrooms.

Please email Shawn at westoverhillspreschool@gmail.com to find out more.



Troopons!

Coupons for Troopons!



We need your coupons for Troopons!

Please leave the Sunday newspaper inserts in the NARTHEX. Mary Chrisman is heading up this mission that helps our servicemen and women. If you can help Mary, please call her at 501-773-6268

Honoraria and Memorials



Honoraria

Martha Maguire, Birthday
Kay & Ray Stephens



Memorials

Joe Balkman

Laura & Fred Whitmore for building principal
Betty Glenn for Bldg. Fund
Ray Koone
Marianne Estes
Westover Presbyterian Women
Courtenay Jackson

Vaska Westbrook

Kay & Ray Stephens for Bldg. Fund

Tom Nordengren

Laura & Fred Whitmore for building principal
Westover Presbyterian Women
Westover Choir

Edna Whitmore



Laura & Fred Whitmore for building principal

Laura Fuller

Laura & Fred Whitmore for building principal

Jane Perkins Horner

Westover Presbyterian Women

Larry Ahart

Westover Presbyterian Women

Mark Snowden

Betty Glenn for Whitmore Pre-School Scholarship Fund

Isiah Neyland

Westover Presbyterian Women

Bob McCowan

Marianne Estes

Kay & Ray Stephens for Bldg Fund.

Vivianna McAtee

Betty Glenn for Bldg. Fund

Laura & Fred Whitmore for building principal

Ray Koone

Kathy Rateliff for Bldg Fund

Westover Presbyterian Women

Courtenay Jackson

Ralph Finney

Vivianna McAtee for Bldg Fund

Jane Briggs & Dale Diddy for Bldg Fund

Kathy Rateliff for Bldg Fund

Courtenay Jackson for Bldg Fund

Betty Glenn for Bldg Fund

Ray Koone for Bldg. Fund

Joyce & Bill Smith for Bldg Fund

Winnie Robinson for Bldg Fund

Dr & Mrs. W.R. Roberson for Bldg Fund

Dr & Mrs. Robert B. Moore for Bldg Fund

Martha W. Thannisch for Bldg Fund

Nancy Evans for Bldg Fund

Schuek Family for Bldg Fund

W&W/AFCO Steel for Bldg Fund
Donna & Tommy Callaway for Bldg Fund
Kay & Ray Stephens for Bldg Fund

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