

Third Sunday Sessions to Start Next Month

Come and experience the power of music to transform lives.



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Jeanine Fuller to the first concert of the Third Sunday Sessions concert series at Bookwalter UMC. We are excited to have Jeanine share her music with us on Sunday, June 18th at 3:00 pm. The concert is free and open to the public. We hope you will join us for this special event! More about Jeanine and her music will be featured in next month's newsletter.



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Southern Skies Music Festival Returns to Knoxville this May

The Southern Skies Music Festival is a two-day music festival that will take place on May 20-21, 2023 at World's Fair Park in Knoxville, Tennessee. The festival will feature a variety of musical genres, including rock, pop, country, and folk. The lineup for the 2023 festival includes Grace Potter, St. Paul & the Broken Bones, The Dirty Guv'nahs, Black Joe Lewis, Jackie Venson, The Stews, Cruz Contreras, Doc Robinson, Cece Coakley, EG Vines, Kelsi

Walker & the Nervous Kids, Brian Clay with Lauren Arp, and Ben McLaughlin & the Mystic Marauders.

The festival will also feature a variety of food trucks, beverages, a Maker Market, and more. The Southern Skies Music Festival is a family-friendly event, and children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets for the festival are on sale now, and can be purchased online or at the door. The Southern Skies Music Festival is a great opportunity to experience the best of Knoxville's music scene. The festival will feature a variety of talented musicians, and it is sure to be a fun and enjoyable event for all ages.



Meet the Ministry!

Name & Instrument: *Todd Spangler, piano*

Favorite thing about being involved in the music ministry:

Finding a way to connect with people musically. Having the opportunity to participate in the ministry makes that possible.

One thing people might not know about you:

My wife says I can repair anything with a screwdriver and YouTube video.

Favorite Bible verse:

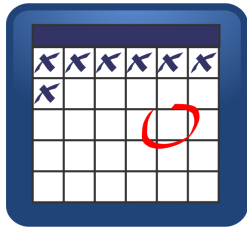
Psalm 121

Favorite thing about Bookwalter UMC:

Folks are kind & love all types of music!

One thing you would like to see happen at Bookwalter in the future?

Growth in the choir.



Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, May 7th, Choir Rehearsal @ 4:30pm

Sunday, May 14th, Choir Rehearsal @ 4:30pm

Sunday, May 21st, Choir Rehearsal @ 4:30pm

Sunday, May 30th, Choir Rehearsal @ 4:30pm

Sunday, June 18th. Third Sunday Sessions feat. Jeanine Fuller @ 3:00pm

John Wesley's Directions for Singing

Wesley believed that singing hymns was an important part of Christian worship. He wanted singers to put their whole heart into their singing, so that the words and music would come alive. He also wanted singers to pay attention to the melody and harmony of the hymn, so that it would be easy to sing and follow. Finally, he wanted singers to understand the meaning of the words they were singing, so that they could grasp the message that the hymn was trying to convey. He created these "Directions for Singing":

1. **Sing all.** Everyone should participate in singing.
2. **Sing lustily and with good courage.** Sing with enthusiasm and energy.
3. **Sing in time.** Keep the beat of the music.
4. **Sing in tune.** Sing the notes correctly.
5. **Sing with understanding.** Know the meaning of the words you are singing.
6. **Sing distinctly.** Make sure your words are clear and easy to understand.
7. **Sing modestly.** Do not sing too loudly or draw attention to yourself.

Wesley's Directions for Singing are still relevant today. When we sing hymns with spirit, melody, harmony, and understanding, we are not only praising God, but we are also uniting our hearts and minds with other believers around the world.

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Inspiring Faith Through Music.

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