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Meet in McWhirter Hall. Sessions 6:15–7:15 p.m. Dinner at 5:15 p.m. (optional; RSVP required). Register for this class at *westendumc.org/creationjustice*.

## Yoga With Abigail Redman

West End UMC hosts yoga classes three days a week in Room 322 with instructor Abigail Redman. Classes are free but you may make donations to the instructor to help support this ministry. Come as you wish. Start 2020 off right with any of the following classes:

- Mondays ♦ 5:30-7 p.m. ♦ Vinyasa Yoga (Intermediate) ♦ Suggested donation: \$10-\$20
- Tuesdays ♦ 5:30-6:15 p.m. ♦ Gentle Yoga (Beginner friendly) ♦ Suggested donation: \$7-\$15
- Thursdays ♦ 5:30-6:30 p.m. ♦ Slow Flow Yoga (Beginner friendly) ♦ Suggested donation: \$7-\$15

## Join Us For College Lunch

All College Students, join us for a free meal every Sunday after the late service when school is in session. We meet in Reed Hall directly after the service and walk/drive to a location in the area for food and community. Reach out to Nancy for more info at *nparker@westendumc.org*.

## Prayer Requests and Concerns

Dot Byassee David Kinnard  
Skip Malone Barbara Cragg  
Price Taylor Sam Garrett