

# WHITE MEMORIAL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018  
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Gluten free wafers are available in the narthex and JBGS.

At 9:30 a.m. a gluten free station will be offered by the pastors at the communion table.

#### Greeting

Kirsten Homdrom

*One: The promise of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Let us prepare for worship.*

#### Preparation for Worship

*Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

#### Prelude – Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### Christian Welcome and Announcements

Chip Pope

*Children through fifth grade will be invited forward for the lighting of the Advent Wreath after which they may return to their seats.*

*Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor, include all requested information.*

#### Call to Worship and Advent Wreath Lighting (*all singing*)



1. Star - Child, earth - Child, go be - tween of God, love Child, Christ Child, hea - ven's light - ning rod,
2. Street child, beat child, no place left to go, hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
3. Grown child, old child, mem - 'ry full of years, sad child, lost child, sto - ry told in tears,
4. Spared child, spoiled child, hav - ing, want - ing more, wise child, faith child, know - ing joy in store,
5. Hope for peace Child, God's stu - pen - dous sign, down to earth Child, Star of stars that shine,



this year, this year, let the day ar - rive when Christ - mas comes for ev - ery - one, ev - ery - one a - live!

Star-Child, v. 1; text: Shirley Erena Murry; music: Carlton Young

*One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.*

**All: So long ago, God's people waited for the Child of promise.**

*One: In those days I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David,  
[Light one candle]*

*One: Let us pray.*

**All: Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations.**

**Renew in us hope, that we may be awake and alert  
as we watch for the glorious return of Christ, our judge and Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(BCW, p. 176)

**\*Hymn 88 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

VENI EMMANUEL

Verse 1-2: all

Verse 3: choir

Verse 4: lectern side

Verse 5: pulpit side

Verse 6-7: all

**\*Act of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

*One: Merciful God, hear us now as we confess our sin together.*

**All: We are easily discouraged when our good deeds do not make things better. We fear harm and we doubt the future you have promised. Help us let go of our old ways and embrace the newness you offer.**

*One: The mercy of God is new every day. We are free to accept the difference it can make in us. God's steadfast love is waiting to embrace us as whole people, to instruct us and to lead us in the paths of truth. We can put our trust in God, knowing that we are forgiven.*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Response Hymn 137**

HE CAME DOWN

**He came down that we may have hope;  
he came down that we may have hope;  
he came down that we may have hope;  
hallelujah forevermore.**

Sing twice.

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

(11:00) Brody Joseph Gerber, child of Brooklyn and Bryan Gerber

**Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 25:1 –10**

pew Bible, p. 475

**New Testament Lesson - Luke 21:25-36**

pew Bible, p. 80

**(11:00) Worship Enrichment for the Younger Church**

*At this time, four-year-olds through second graders will meet Cole Whitford at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Ashlyn Whitford from the OnPoint service, for Worship Enrichment in L201.*

**Sermon - Words Which Don't Pass Away**

Christopher Edmonston

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Words of Institution**

**Serving of Bread and Cup**

8:15 & 11:00 - Communion will be served in the pews. Please hold each element until invited to partake together. As you pass the elements, remember that by the grace of God, Christ calls us and equips each of us to minister to each other.

9:30 - The elders will stand at the four corners of the sanctuary. Ushers will direct you from the side aisles to the station nearest you to receive the elements. Return to your pew by way of the center aisle. Those seated in the balcony and chancel will begin. Any who cannot come forward will be served in the pew.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Gloria Johnson

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.**

## Offertory Anthem

(8:15) *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'et bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To shew God's love aright she bore to us a Saviour, when half-spent was the night.*

(9:30 & 11:00) *Splendor is Coming*

Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)

*Tree of David terribly cut to ground lay in her ashes. Splendor is waiting in a kingdom of pow'r. Son of David quietly born on ground lay in his manger. Splendor is coming in a kingdom of glory. Child of David gloriously rise from ground; stand in forgiveness. Splendor is present in a kingdom forever. His splendor is coming and here, in a kingdom of power and glory forever.*

- Herbert Brokering (1926-2009)

## \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he arose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn 383 – *Dream On, Dream On*

DREAM ON

## \*Charge and Benediction

*The congregation is invited to be seated for the Postlude during the season of Advent.*

**Postlude** — *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

*The text and the music of "O come, O come, Emmanuel" developed separately. The tune VENI EMMANUEL (Emmanuel=God with us) was first linked with this hymn in 1851, when Thomas Helmore published it in the Hymnal Noted and is most familiar in the English-speaking world with its origins in 15th-century France. The Latin text, dating back 1,200 years to 9th-century monastic life, is first documented in Germany in 1710.*

## Chiming of the Trinity

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**Lighting the Advent wreath today are:** 8:15 - Faith Formations Class: John White, Jeanne White, Carl Hibbert, Susan Hibbert, Tracey Hall. 9:30 - Newly Installed members of Diaconate: Marlene Batchelor, Kelly Miller, Parker Wright, Robert Ange. 11:00 - TNT Sunday School Class: Linda Robinson, Dee Davis, Tom Davis. 11:00 OnPoint@1704 - FYC Ministry Team: Parker Wright.

**Greeters:** 9:30 - Gregg Thompson, Bill McLaurin, Sally McLaurin, Parham McNair, Emily McNair. 11:00 - Parker Wright, Jane Worley, Sam Worley.

**Ushers:** 8:15 - Trey Tierney, Grey Poole, Celia Poole, Bruce Sharpe, Bill Turner, Linda Turner. 9:30 - Gregg Thompson, Morgan Grimes, Carter Grimes, H.H. Hancock, Pete Harris, Mel Honeycutt. 11:00 - Gregg Thompson, Butch Gunnells, Gail Gunnells, Mary Beth Helton, Todd Helton, Scott Horton.

**Service Assistants:** 8:15 - Charlie Griffith. 9:30 - Grace Daly.

**Treasurer's Assistants:** Kendra Allen, Julia Reeder.

**Shuttle Drivers:** Steve Lochbaum, Morgan Grimes.

## WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC(USA)

We are glad you are worshipping with us.  
Visiting? Stop by the Welcome Table in Jane  
Bell Gathering Space for information,  
directions and a friendly greeting. New  
members are received after a one-day  
Beginnings Class.

Visit [whitememorial.org/join](http://whitememorial.org/join)  
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206  
for details, class dates and registration.

### THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Shuttle buses** run every Sunday at five- to ten-minute intervals, 8:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., from Carolina Place, 2626 Glenwood Avenue, across from Glenwood Village Shopping Center.
- **Restrooms** are located in the Luther Building immediately behind the sanctuary/Jane Bell Gathering Space.
- **Childcare** is available for children up to four years old.
- **Refreshments** are served in Carol Copeland Courtyard or Pickard Hall on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- **The sanctuary** has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- **Live-streamed services** are at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org).
- **Radio**, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast December 2 and December 16.
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation. WMPC is a certified Earth Care congregation of the PC(USA).



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

### PASTORAL & PROGRAM STAFF:

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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, December 2** (*Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36*)

- Advent I
- Worship/Communion (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
- 9:00 a.m. - Christmas Share (Connector)
- 9:30 a.m. - OnPoint House Band Rehearsal (Pickard)
- 10:15 a.m. - Advent Kit Sales (Courtyard/Connector)
- 10:30 a.m. - Christmas Share (Connector)
- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal (S300)
- 5:30 p.m. - Joy Gift Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**Monday, December 3** (*Psalm 90; Numbers 17:1-11; 2 Peter 3:1-18*)

- 9:30 a.m. - PW Coordinating Team (C301)
- 5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard)
- 6:00 p.m. - Gift Wrapping Project (Geneva); Stephen Ministry Leaders (K307)
- 6:30 p.m. - Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph (C301)
- 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Handbell Choir (S300); Stephen Ministry (Christmas Party) (C200)
- 8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

**Tuesday, December 4** (*Psalm 90; 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Revelation 22:12-16*)

- 7:00 a.m. - Women's Breakfast Bible Study (K100); Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Geneva)
- 8:30 a.m. - Yoga for Exercise (C100); PW Finance Committee
- 9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard); God Talk (W400); Russia Etc.: Knitting & Crocheting Group (C200)
- 10:30 a.m. - Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph (C301)
- 3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m. - StepUp Santa's Workshop (Pickard); Treble Ensemble (S300)
- 6:00 p.m. - Centering Prayer (W400); StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva)
- 7:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee (C204)
- 7:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 395 (Pickard Hall)

**Wednesday, December 5** (*Psalm 90; Isaiah 1:24-31; Luke 11:29-32*)

- 8:00 a.m. - Clothing Closet (W100)
- 9:30 a.m. - PW Bible Moderators Meeting (W400)
- 10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (C200); Keenagers - Golden Age Breakfast (Off Premises); Shepherd's Table OnPoint House Band (Off Premises)
- 4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir Rehearsal (S300); Cherub Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (K304)
- 5:00 p.m. - First Wednesday Spaghetti Supper (Pickard/Geneva)
- 5:30 p.m. - Advent Kit Sales (Pickard)
- 6:30 p.m. - Advent Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. - Disciples: Invitation to John Bible Study (K307); Russia Mission Committee Meeting (C203)
- 7:00 p.m. - OnPoint House Band Rehearsal (K100); Young Adult Bible Study (C102)
- 7:15 p.m. - Adult Faith Formation (C302)
- 8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

**Thursday, December 6** (*Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:5-12; Philippians 1:12-18a*)

- 9:30 a.m. - Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400)
- 10:45 a.m. - Keenagers Program (K100)
- 12:00 p.m. - Keenager Lunch (Geneva)
- 4:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard)
- 7:00 p.m. - Combined Adult Choirs Rehearsal (S300); Community Allocations (W400)
- 7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (Pickard)

**Friday, December 7** (*Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:13-18; Philippians 1:18b-26*)

- 9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
- 5:45 p.m. - Family with Young Children (FYC) - First Friday Movie Night (K100)
- 8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

**Saturday, December 8** (*Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 9:1-6*)

- 9:00 a.m. - Advent Wreath Lighting Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. - Combined Adult Choirs Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Each Sunday, we offer four opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial (8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 11:00 a.m. OnPoint@1704 in Pickard Hall). While you will notice differences in music, location and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our liturgy. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture and Affirmation of Faith.

### Generosity Campaign 2019 Update

As of Wednesday, November 28, we have received 644 pledges totaling \$2,852,342. Thank you for your support of the ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church.



# Joys & CONCERNS

WHITE MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

**Julian, Mary, Ted and Sallie Bossong**, on the death of Julian's father, Joseph Culverhouse Bossong, Asheboro, NC.

## NEW PRESBYTERIANS

**Maxine Kay Hobson**, born November 20, child of Kelly and Hunter Hobson, grandchild of Kristy and Chris Blake.

**Griffin James Olls**, born November 10, child of Courtney and Adam Olls.

**Henry Knox Pate**, born November 24, child of Sara Bailey and Kep Pate, Atlanta, GA, grandchild of Jackie Stocks.

**Jackson Fisher Wilks**, born November 20, child of Hannah and Jonathan Wilks, grandchild of Jane Chiles and Steve Chiles.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Doris and David Clappier**, upon celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 1.

## HOSPITALS (\*designates discharged)

**Duke Raleigh:** Joe Kluttz

**Mayview:** \*Steve Chiles

**Hillcrest Rehab:** Nancy Dils, \*Jerry Havens

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church, email Rebecca Turner at [rturner@whitememorial.org](mailto:rturner@whitememorial.org). If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, call the church office or email Amy Clapood at [aclapood@whitememorial.org](mailto:aclapood@whitememorial.org) so our pastoral staff can reach out. If you have a pastoral care need outside of regular business hours, call our after hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.



A WMPC family worship tradition.

December 2 | 5:30 p.m.

**SANCTUARY**

Reception to follow.

Childcare is provided for children 3 yrs. and younger.  
Please register online at [whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register).

## BLUE IS THE NEW PURPLE FOR ADVENT

The Session, with the assistance of the music staff and the worship committee, has officially adopted the color Royal Blue to represent the season of Advent. There are multiple reasons to change from purple to blue, which signifies the darkness of the night sky before dawn and the coming of Christ's light. The season of Advent is filled with darkness and anticipation and leads us to the brightness Christ's birth brings to the world. Throughout history, the Virgin Mary has been depicted in blue both in painting and iconography. Blue represents hope, expectation and heaven and will especially enable children to recognize the uniqueness of the seasons through color. Purple will continue to be the color of Lent which represents penitence and preparation.

## TURKEY DINNER COLLECTION

We will be holding our annual Christmas Turkey Dinner Collection on December 9 from 8-11 a.m. We offer curbside pickup by the Carol Copeland Courtyard. Dinners will go to local food pantries, StepUp ministry and Mayview/Oberlin community. For a list of items visit [www.whitememorial.org/events](http://www.whitememorial.org/events).

## 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WMPC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us in Pinehurst, February 8-10, 2019 as we welcome back - for the third time - Leslie Klingensmith, pastor of St. Matthew Presbyterian Church. She will explore the topic *'The Holy Spirit Shows Up. How? When? Why?'* Register before December 15 to avoid a late fee at [www.whitememorial.org/pw](http://www.whitememorial.org/pw).



# Mary's Song

MUSIC FOR ADVENT WITH FEATURED  
WORKS BY JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH  
presented by  
Sounds on Oberlin Concert Series

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 9  
3 P.M. | SANCTUARY  
FREE ADMISSION

The song of Mary as found in Luke 1:46-55 has inspired countless works of art and music. This concert presents four settings based on the text, all by Johann Sebastian Bach.

The combined choirs of WMPC accompanied by orchestra under the leadership of Karl Zinsmeister and Kirsten Homdrom present this Advent Concert.

Featured soloists: Jeanne Fischer, Susannah Rhodes Stewart, sopranos; Emily Wolber Scheuring, mezzo-soprano; Timothy W. Sparks, tenor; Marc Callahan, bass.

Childcare is available with registration. [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register)

A love offering in support of the Sounds on Oberlin concert series will be collected.



## Poinsettia Delivery Volunteers Needed

Help deliver Advent poinsettias to our members who can no longer attend worship. This tradition makes a huge impact in the lives of our members during this season. We will be delivering poinsettias on December 16, 17 and 18. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Robert Galloway at [rgalloway@whitememorial.org](mailto:rgalloway@whitememorial.org).

## Christmas Share

Christmas Share is an alternative giving program, started by Presbyterian Women over 25 years ago, where you can make donations to church-supported agencies and international mission partners. Over the years we have contributed more than \$900,000 to our community and world. One check is sent to each agency after Christmas.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Decide which agencies you would like to make contributions. 2. Put the amount beside the agency. 3. **Make one check for the total amount to: White Memorial Christmas Share.** 4. Bring form by the Christmas Share table located in The Connector on Sundays during Advent between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. and at the 10:30 coffee hour, the December Presbyterian Women's Luncheon, or bring by Gloria Johnson's office anytime after November 1. You can receive a Christmas card to send to family & friends with each \$5 donation. 5. The contribution to Christmas Share will appear on your church financial statement. 6. After Christmas, we will issue one check to each agency for the total amount contributed.

### INTERNATIONAL MISSION (IM)

- ☐ Distribute where needed for IM
- ☐ Haiti: Ministries with children
- ☐ Russia: Partner church in Smolensk
- ☐ Poland: Scholarships for seminary students
- ☐ Middle East - Scholarships (Mar Elias School at Ibilim)
- ☐ Santuario Hispanic Fellowship

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### COMMUNITY MINISTRY (CM)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A Place at the Table                | <input type="checkbox"/> Meals on Wheels                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alliance Medical Ministry           | <input type="checkbox"/> National Alliance for Mental Illness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autism Society                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Enlightenment Foundation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Brothers/Big Sisters            | <input type="checkbox"/> SAFEchild                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys/Girls Clubs                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Saint Saviour's Center               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Horizon                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emmaus House                        | <input type="checkbox"/> StepUp                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIGS (Filling in the Gaps)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tammy Lynn Center                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Glenaire Scholarship Fund           | <input type="checkbox"/> Triangle Family Services             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Chair Project                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Triangle Pastoral Counseling         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for Humanity                | <input type="checkbox"/> Triangle Reading Service             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Haven House                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Ministries                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healing Transitions                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wake Relief                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Foundation                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wake Smiles                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interact                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheels4Hope                          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Experiences                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loaves and Fishes                   |   |





Are you experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation? Do you feel overwhelmed? Would you welcome someone to walk along side you to speak with about this journey?

Stephen Ministers are Christian men and women—trained to provide confidential one-to-one care. Their commonality?

A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

To learn more about how you can speak confidentially with a trained Stephen Minister contact Robert Galloway, Pastoral Resident, at [rgalloway@whitememorial.org](mailto:rgalloway@whitememorial.org) or call 919-834-3425, ext. 251.



## INTERNATIONAL BOOK CLUB

Join us Sunday, December 9 from noon-1:30 p.m. in Calvin 301. Noepaw Htaw will be speaking. Register required at: [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register)

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS GREENERY MEMORIALS AND HONORIA

Contributions in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member, friend or member of the church family are welcomed. Contributions may be made for any amount; suggested gift is \$20 or more. All those honored or memorialized will be listed in the bulletin insert of December 23 and Christmas Eve services. Deadline is Monday, December 17. Please email or call Rebecca Turner at [rturner@whitememorial.org](mailto:rturner@whitememorial.org) or 919-834-3425, ext 222 with questions. Forms are available in the Witherspoon lobby.

## HELP US WRAP IT UP!

Join us as we wrap gifts collected from the Joy Gift service for Project Goodfellow on Monday, December 3 at 6 p.m. in Geneva Hall.

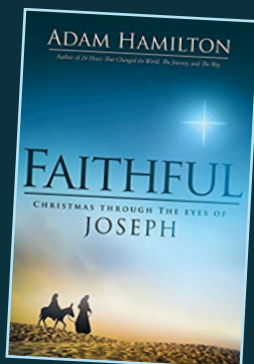
## 4-week ADVENT STUDY: CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF JOSEPH BY ADAM HAMILTON

From his beginnings as a humble carpenter, to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus, Joseph's crucial actions played an important part in salvation history. We will see how Joseph's story is much like our own when we are tempted to walk away from difficult situations.

To join the study, register online at [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register). Books are \$10.00 and can be purchased from Tonya Higgins in W211. Contact Gloria Johnson, class leader, with questions at [gjohnson@whitememorial.org](mailto:gjohnson@whitememorial.org).

Attend Monday evenings: 6:30-7:30 p.m. OR Tuesday mornings: 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Calvin 301

Session 1: November 26/27  
Session 2: December 3/4  
Session 3: December 10/11  
Session 4: December 17/18



## WMPC FAMILY ADVENT KIT



Help children enjoy the Advent season with a \$5 purchase of our 2018 Family Advent Kit – *Celebrate a Deep Blue Family Christmas*. This beautiful kit contains an activity book that tells the story of Jesus' birth from the gospel of Luke and includes a maze, word search and an Advent countdown calendar with stickers! The kit also comes with Nativity crayons and a Children's Christmas Share card to color and send to a loved one.

Your \$5 purchase provides this package for your child and one for a StepUp family's child. StepUp is a local organization that works to end the cycle of poverty and empower people to provide safe and healthy lifestyles for their families.

Available while supplies last at Wednesdays Together Dinner and Sunday mornings.

## Help StepUp Children Shop for Parents

Children love to pick out items for parents or special adults in their lives. This is the seventh year of the Shop for Parents Store, to be held on Tuesday, December 4. Each StepUp child has the opportunity to pick out several gifts and have them wrapped. We need your help with items for men and women: holiday-themed items, pot holders, dish towels, gift sets, gloves/scarves, wallets, ties, tools kits, flashlights/batteries, candles, or any item that would make a great gift for a child to choose (new items only). Bring items to Gloria Johnson's office in the Witherspoon Building, W301, by Monday, December 3.



- Joy Gift Worship Service  
December 2, 5:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary
- Christmas Parties  
December 9, 5-6:30 p.m.  
- MS Impact Groups  
6-8th grade, host homes  
- HS Connections  
K-100 and Pickard Hall
- December 16  
- Sunday School 9:30-10:30  
various classrooms  
- College Student Coffee  
9:30-10:30 a.m., Geneva Hall
- December 24, Christmas  
Eve College Drop-In,  
10-10:30 p.m. K-100

### LOOKING AHEAD

- Mini Kick-Off, January 6  
5-7 p.m., Parents and Students
- 2019 LOCKOUT! January 18  
7 p.m.-7 a.m., Middle and  
High School Students
- Youth Sunday, January 27  
8:15 a.m.-noon, multiple  
worship services
- 2019 MS Cross Mission Trip  
February 1-3. Registration is  
full. To be added to the wait  
list email Deb Smith
- 2019 Community Table  
Fundraiser, February 22  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

### WEEKLY YOUTH EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Do you want to receive the weekly youth email newsletter that's full of great information? Contact Deb Smith at [dsmith@whitememorial.org](mailto:dsmith@whitememorial.org) to be added to the contact list.



## First Friday Movie Night

**When:** Friday, December 7

**Who:** K - 5th grade

**Registration:** \$5 per child = pizza and bottled water

**Time:** Drop off and pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.  
followed by movie. Pick up at 8:00 p.m.  
Bring your sleeping bag or blanket!

Register and pay online at  
[whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register).

Registration is required no later than  
Thursday, December 6 at midnight.

families  
with young  
children



Be a Friend to  
White Memorial's  
Mission Partner



**Haiti Outreach Ministries**  
Help Provide 800-1,000 Healthy Kids Kits!

Here's what to do.

Fill a gallon Ziploc bag with the following:

- toothbrush and toothpaste
- bar of soap
- wash cloth
- wide tooth comb
- nail clippers
- several Band-Aids
- small gender-neutral toy or gift  
(stuffed toy, car, yo-yo, etc.)
- \$2.00 (to help cover the cost of  
transporting bags to Haiti)

\* Please remove all packaging before filling the Ziploc bag \*

Return sealed bags to a bin in The Connector

Collection received between now and December 31

If you have large nylon bags (think reusable grocery bags) please  
bring to Gwen Whiteman, Witherspoon, Room 314.  
These will be handy in packaging and handing out kits.