WMPCMONTHLY



White Memorial Presbyterian Church | June 2021

75 Years and Beyond

On Pentecost 1946 White Memorial was organized. Our congregation is still blessed with members who were children then and can remember the first church meetings at the Colony Theater and the move to Oberlin Road. Photographs from that time show a young and energized congregation; people ready to witness to the gospel through the confessions of our tradition; people ready to serve their neighbors in a growing Southern city. In large part, we are here today because of their vision and devotion. Before anything else, let us thank those organizing members: those upon whose shoulders we stand today. Let us thank Lynn Brown, Ed Pickard, and Art Ross, who pastored our church through 65 years of our vital history.

Last weekend, Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, taught and preached at White Memorial in honor of our 75th anniversary. Brian taught from Romans 14; he dug deep into our theme of "belonging to God and belonging to each other." He rightly described this dual belonging as a high calling: as full of challenge as it is opportunity. He preached from John 2, where Jesus turns water into wine, extending a wedding feast. In this way, he preached, Jesus becomes a co-host of the wedding banquet; he becomes a co-host in joy and celebration. The primary sign of this co-hosting of Jesus is the miracle itself; the secondary lesson is that if we are to follow in the way of Jesus, we must be willing to co-host other opportunities which are within our grasp. Our future, he said, would be defined by serving others, welcoming others, and supporting others as we co-host with Jesus. He called our church to continue our work; to expand our work and witness. It was a fine sermon and the right tone to begin our 76th year.

Make no mistake, the past year was a strange one at White Memorial. In many ways it was a hard one. It was certainly not the 75th year build-up that we had planned. But we not only survived, in many ways we thrived. What greater gift have we to offer than faithful ministry in Jesus' name and the obligation to co-host with him the love of our neighbors and service in the city, state, and world? The true inspiration of a 75th anniversary lies in the celebration of the past and in the obligation to the future.

May grace abound,

Christophe

Christopher Edmonston

Pastor



SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. In Person Worship in Sanctuary

Live Stream and Facebook Live

OnPoint@1704 10:30 a.m. In Person Worship in the Main Hall

Live Stream

Virtual Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Nursery 8:15 -11:45 a.m. Infants (L103) Through four-year olds (L102)

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IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Ward Stephen "Steve" Chiles – May 10, 2021 WMPC family member: daughter and son-in-law Hannah and Jonathan Wilks and grandson Jack; and son, Josh Chiles.

Susan Page Hornaday – May 10, 2021 WMPC family members: brother and sister-in-law, and their children, Page, Lynne, Carter and Parker Hornaday.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Paige, Ken, Amelia and Cece Marsh, on the death of Paige's aunt, Elizabeth Parker Wynne, April 29, Kinston, NC.

Laura, Bryan, and Abby-Kate Boyd, on the death of Laura's father, Paul Heman Boisvert, May 9, Port Charlotte, FL.

Peebee and Philip Scott, and Rob Bridger IV, on the death of Peebee's brother, John William Miller Jr., May 12, Raleigh, NC

Meredith, Blake, Gray and Parker Johnson, on the death of Meredith's grandfather, Donald Frederick Butler, May 19, Raleigh, NC.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

John Bryan Stilley IV, born April 27, child of Sterling and John Stilley, grandchild of Carol and Richard Battle.

Elizabeth Daniels Watkins, born May 4, child of Caki and Andrew Watkins.

Ann Tennant Olls, born May 17, child of Courtney and Adam Olls.

BAPTIZED

May 9 – John Boyd Davis V, child of Anderson and Boyd Davis, grandchild of Cynthia and Bart White.

May 9 – Lalita Louise Hare, child of Alat and Ransom Hare, grandchild of Vicki and Bryant Hare, great-grandchild of Lou and Bill Garrabrant.

May 9 – Henry Presnell Hyde, child of Gretchen and John Hyde, grandchild of Sydnor and Lacy Presnell.

May 9 - Azra Medic Mineo

May 16 – Thomas Andrew Mueller, child of Ellen and Andrew Mueller.

MARRIAGES

Anna Gaither Morrison and Horton Redhage, May 1, Beaufort, NC. Anna is the daughter of Betsy and Tom Morrison.

Lacy Chowning Towles and William Hodges Tulloss, May 15, WMPC. Lacy is the daughter of Kim and John Towles.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Gwen and Andy Whiteman, on the birth of grandchild Annalise Conner Taylor, born May 22, to Allison and Gavin Taylor, Annapolis, MD.

Dot and Paul Waugaman, who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 3rd.

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church, email Rebecca Turner at rturner@whitememorial.org.

If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, call the church office or email Amy Claprood at aclaprood@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.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 31 FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

YOU CAN FIND THE LATEST WORSHIP, HOSPITALITY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REOPENING UPDATES ON THE HOMEPAGE OF OUR WEBSITE.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS BEGIN SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021. See page 3 for a detailed schedule.

NURSERY IS NOW OPENQ

We have two nurseries open on Sunday mornings from 8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (summer hours) for infants (room L103) through four-year-olds (L102).

WMPC OFFICE BUILDING IS OPEN; MASKS REQUIRED.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OFTEN: WWW.WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG FOR UPDATES.

Throughout this newsletter you will see numerous events that require registration. Most registrations can be found on our website: www.whitememorial.org/register

noteworthy

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

7:30 a.m. | Zoom | Registration required

Men of all ages are invited to Zoom and enjoy fellowship and Bible study. The preaching pastor of the week leads a short Bible study related to the upcoming Sunday sermon. Bible study, breakfast (bring your own) and prayer conclude around 8:00 a.m. each week. Contact for the group is Don Thompson, dthomps1@ncsu.edu.

RECOGNIZING OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES ON JUNE 27

We will be recognizing our college and masters graduates in the bulletin on Sunday, June 27. If you would like your graduate to be included, please email Deb Smith at dsmith@whitememorial.org and include the graduates name, institution, and their relationship to WMPC by Friday, June 18.

STROLLER GROUP PLAYDATE

The WMPC Growing Families Care Team has started a Stroller Group for moms of little ones that meets once a month. In June, instead of our typical neighborhood stroll, we will gather for a playdate on the WMPC playground on Saturday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m. This is a great way to connect and fellowship with other moms! If you'd like to join us, please email Abby Timmerman ambreaux@ncsu.edu. All are welcome!



THE WEEKDAY SCHOOL IS HIRING!

The Weekday School is looking for lead and assistant teachers to work between two and five mornings each week during

the 2021-2022 school year. If you love children and want to work in a fun, exciting community, please contact Cynthia Baggett at cbaggett@whitememorial.org.

A/V VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Have you ever wanted to learn video, sound or lighting? Join our A/V team and help us stream worship services at 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. We're looking for volunteers for sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 worship services. Experienced? Great. No Experience? No problem. We'll train. High schoolers are welcome to explore this opportunity. Check with your school to see if this qualifies for service hours. Contact Parker Gagnier at pgagnier@whitememorial.org for more information.



Memorial Oay Weekend - Labor Oay Weekend

SUNDAY, MAY 30 COMBINED HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Main Hall

SUNDAYS JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. | Main Hall | OnPoint@1704

SUNDAY, JULY 4 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

SUNDAYS JULY 11, 18, 25 & AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. | Main Hall | OnPoint@1704

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 COMBINED HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Main Hall



IT'S APP TIME!

Two years ago, we migrated our church management system from ACS to Church Community Builder (CCB). At the time when we made that transition, we anticipated a quick release of an App that would give you access to your giving, groups, directory, schedules and more.

Just before the close of 2019, our merchant, PushPay, purchased CCB. The acquisition plus the onset of COVID-19 delayed further development on the new platform. We are happy to announce that CCB and PushPay have enabled ChurchStaq for White Memorial.

You can now find your transaction history, group access, the WMPC directory and Check-In in the WMPC app. All you need to do is login.

FIRST, if you haven't already downloaded the WM app to your smart phone or tablet, we encourage you to do so now. Simply, go to the app store and type in 'White Memorial Presbyterian Church' and install. Now you're ready to login.

STEP 1:

The first step to logging in is to find the circular profile icon in the upper right-hand corner of your screen. When you tap on that blank circle, you will see a greeting and a prompt that says, "Sign in to edit your profile." Click that prompt and you will be led to enter your cell phone number.* You will then be sent a code that will verify you are...you. Once you enter the code, you are logged in; in some cases, you may be prompted to enter additional information as well.

From here you can see your app notifications, push pay transaction history, and other giving. At this time, you cannot edit reoccurring giving directly in the app. You can achieve this by signing in again through the giving link, but it is not native in the app, yet.

* **NOTE:** If you have a CCB login, please make sure you use the same phone number and email on record.

STEP 2:

We encourage you to do one thing before you leave your log in screen and giving page. Update your picture! By updating your picture, your CCB profile will now have an accurate picture of you and your family. Your church community will see who you are when they are in the app or on their desktop.

STEP 3:

Once logged in, you may now go to the "Connect" button at the bottom of the home screen and click on "My Groups and Directory." Any group you are in will be listed here. If you would like the directory, find the "@WMPC Directory" for a full listing of members. By clicking on "view all" you will be able to text, call, or email individuals directly from the app. This application does not share address information. However, you may login to CCB from the website to view the full profile of a member. Note, you may choose to share or not share information you are not comfortable sharing. If you choose to hide information, members will not have access in CCB or our church app.

CHECK-IN APP NOTE:

By the fall, we will begin using Check-in at least for Sunday School, youth, and other groups. We are exploring how we might use the feature for worship. Stay tuned and see <u>this link</u> for how we may use Check-In soon.

There is no way we could have known the massive transitions we would experience in 2020. When we moved to CCB, we did so with the vision of building an ecosystem that was highly adaptable and easy to integrate with changing needs. Today, CCB integrates with our other mailing systems, e-news, Brushfire, PushPay, Church App, Streaming, SharePoint services and much, much more. We look forward to new features becoming available and being able to share them with you to enhance our life together as a worshiping community. Thank you for your patience while we created this new system. We are ready to assist you so that you can start using it today.

P.S.: THE LEAD APP is active and will continue to be a vital tool for leaders in the church. The LEAD APP gives a full complement to CCB for managing groups. If you are a small group, class, or committee leader, the LEAD APP is for you.



For the month of June we will be collecting food items for the **Boys and Girls Club of Raleigh**. Items are listed below and can be left in the red bins in front of the Witherspoon building.

- Ric
 - Dry or canned beans
 - Canned tomatoes
 - Juice boxes
 - Maceca Corn Mix (Tamal brand)
 - Soft tortillas

THANK YOU!



to the glory...



he Flower Guild of White Memorial invites members to dedicate flowers for Sunday worship in celebration of a baptism, birthday or anniversary; in thanksgiving for or in memory of someone special; or just because you enjoy the flowers.

To make a floral contribution, contact Rebecca Turner at rturner@whitememorial.org or 919-834-3425, ext. 222 to coordinate available dates. Rebecca can also provide a list of recommended florists familiar with our Sanctuary.

The deadline for requesting flowers and publication of the dedication in the bulletin is noon two weeks proceeding the Sunday being requested.

Thank you to all who support our Flower Guild ministry.



T'AI CHI FOR EXERCISE

T'ai Chi is a gentle art that is physically rewarding and mentally stimulating, and brings a feeling of well-being, as well as relaxation,

improved balance, and coordination. Classes will run every Monday (except May 31, July 5, August 2, and August 16) through the summer from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Pickard Hall. Social distancing will be observed. For more information, contact Honey Music at honeymusic@gmail.com.

NAMI: NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

NAMI Basics | NAMI Peer-to-Peer NAMI Family-to-Family

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI works to educate, advocate, listen and lead to improve the lives of people with mental illness and their loved ones.

If you or someone you know is struggling, you are not alone. Visit https://nami-wake.org/ or call 919-848-4490 for more information on support groups and educational resources.



If you are 55 years old +, we invite you to join Keenagers this summer. No dues or membership information is required at this time. If you would like to know more (or receive Zoom information), please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org.

Over the summer Keenagers will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom the 1st Thursday of each month and for lunch on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

(Restaurants to be determined.)

JUNE

June 3 - 10:00 a.m.

Social Connection over Zoom

June 17 - 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a self-guided walking tour of JC Raulston Arboretum with lunch to follow at Neomonde's

JULY

July 1 - 10:00 a.m. *Social Connection over Zoom*

July 15

Lunch at the N.C. Seafood Restaurant at the Farmers' Market

AUGUST

August 5 - 10:00 a.m.

Social Connection over Zoom

August 19

Lunch (location TBD)

SEE YOU ON ZOOM & LUNCH!

THE LITURGICAL ARTS GUILD PRESENTS:

The art of WMPC member Linda Scott

Recently, the Liturgical Arts Guild offered an open invitation for members to showcase their artistic talents. Over the summer we will be sharing some of their submitted features. We hope you enjoy as much as we do.



A look into Linda's Inspiration & Art

"After spending many years immersed in numbers, spreadsheets, emails and meetings, I retired from work in 2016. It was then time to explore some fun activities that I had not previously had time for and develop some new interests. Sertoma Arts Center offers many different art classes, so I began taking classes in watercolor painting, pastels, colored pencils, drawing and pottery among others. I enjoy taking an idea and creating a drawing or piece of sculpture, choosing colors and textures for a small art piece. I am inspired by watching and learning from the gifted art teachers I have encountered in these classes. I am so looking

forward to starting classes again as the world opens up. " - Linda Scott

Do you have an artistic talent you'd like to share with the congregation?

Whatever your medium we'd love to see.

Please send photo(s) of your work to
Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts Eric Nanz at enanz@whitememorial.org.



Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. Please join us for the following virtual concert, streaming live on the WM website and available on Facebook Live!

June 2

Narrative of a Slave Woman: Songs of Suffering, Hope, and Freedom

LaToya Lain, soprano Casey Robards, piano





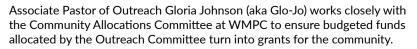
Concerts will be archived for one week after streaming date.

Want to know more? Click here.

WHITE MEMORIAL COMMUNITY ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE







The Allocations Committee awards grants each year to non-profit agencies in Wake County that are working to meet basic human needs, teach lifecoping skills and promote self-sufficiency. Through the agencies funded, we endeavor to establish strong, collaborative relationships and mobilize our members as volunteers in addition to providing financial support.

Through a wide range of services we support in our community, we can meet some of the most pressing and urgent needs as well as the needs that continue over time. Traditionally, we seek to support agencies with funding who have strong congregational support through personal giving and volunteer hours or have a particular focus that meets a need that we have identified as vital in our community.

OUR AREAS OF FOCUS ARE:

- Hunger
- Transitional and Affordable Housing
- Adults/Children with Special Needs
- Homelessness
- Children/Youth at Risk
- Crisis Intervention/Life Skills
- Affordable/Accessible Health Care
- Mental Illness
- Older Adults

There are agencies that we have partnered with over many years and some that are just beginning to address community needs. We believe that by working with established agencies that are already meeting community needs we are supporting their efforts and making our community a better place for its residents.

THE GOALS OF WMPC COMMUNITY ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE ARE:

- Provide grants to community agencies, and be good stewards of the funds given by our congregation.
- Raise awareness in our congregation of community needs and to direct our outreach focus.
- Establish relationships in the community which are in line with the church's mission.
- Make a positive community impact in a variety of areas.

In recent years, White Memorial has budgeted about \$210,000 for allocation to Wake County non-profits that align with our mission to the community. This is in addition to our other outreach efforts. Historically, the committee has limited the number of non-profits it will give to in any year to about 40, so the average gift is \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Visit our website (whitememorial.org/outreach) to find a list of the current non-profits we partner with to provide grants and volunteer support.

If you would like to know more about Community Allocations please contact Gloria Johnson at gjohnson@whitememorial.org.

LIFE, AND ACCIDENTS, HAPPEN!



Do you feel like part of your life is a wreck?
Have you hit a wall and find it hard to balance
family and work life? Does life feel like it's not
all it's cracked up to be? Would someone to walk
with you on your journey to provide companionship
and support be helpful?

Stephen Ministers are trained to be and want to be that Christian companion. Please consider a Stephen Minister as you search for the pieces and peace you need. The relationship and information exchanged is free and confidential, a safe place to say aloud your thoughts and concerns.

To learn how you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential care, contact

Nancy Benninger at nmpeterson@gmail.com or Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care at cchurchnorman@whitememorial.org.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

- Galatians 6:2





THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR VBS!

There's still time to register for VBS. Children of members who have turned 3 by August 31, 2020 through current fifth graders are invited to join our quest this summer! Register through May 31 (\$35) Extended Registration through June 18 (\$45). www.whitememorial.org/register

VBS YOUTH HELPERS

Middle and high school youth, join us August 2 - 6 for a fun week of growing in faith with our younger church while earning community service hours! Most youth helpers are needed from 9:15 a.m. to noon, with some needed at 8:30 a.m. for early arrival and for the nursery. Please contact Ashley Silverman at silverman.ashley@gmail.com.

SNACKS FOR VBS CHILDREN AND HELPERS

Our Vacation Bible School children, youth and adults appreciate having their bodies and spirits fed with snacks during our fun week of growing in faith! This summer instead of providing homemade goodies or fresh fruit, we will be providing purchased, individually packaged treats in adherence to safety protocols. We invite our church family to join in by purchasing items from our snack menu and delivering them the week before VBS. If you would like to help in this way, please sign up here. Information about dropping off the snacks is given on the sign-up. Please contact Betsy Green at bggreenjd@gmail.com if you have questions.



WMPC MAJOR MISSION 2021

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE AT LEAST \$100,000.00 FOR TLC, AND EVERY DOLLAR RAISED WILL BE MATCHED UP TO \$50,000.

Major Mission at White Memorial is a church wide fund-raising effort to help organizations in the community and the world that are in the process of building new facilities, renovating or undergoing expansion.

For 2021, TLC (Tammy Lynn Center) is our Major Mission. Since the early 70's, TLC has provided hospital-level care with 24/7 support within a home-like setting for children and adults with intellectual and development disabilities. In five years, their number of clients has doubled. By 2040, Wake County's rising population will have an estimated 38% increase in the number of people living with an intellectual or developmental disability. TLC's current campaign - Igniting Hope Together - their 50th anniversary campaign is for building and revitalization needs. Their top priority is the construction of a new Intermediate Care Facility for the most medically fragile of their residents as well as repairing masonry and structural issues, outdated plumbing and sprinkler systems, inefficient living and working spaces, accessibility issues, and emergency access needs.

> Our goal is to raise \$100,000.00 for TLC. Please join this effort in making TLC a caring and compassionate place to live.





Please make a gift to support WMPC's 2021 Major Mission Partner. You can also give online.

Welcome to WMPC!

BELIEVING & BELONGING @WMPC CLASS MAY 9, 2021



PEGGY AND EVAN ANDERSON

Peggy and Evan join by transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Their daughter and her family are White Memorial members, Elizabeth and Corey Thompson, Evan and Grant Thompson.



MARTHA AND AJ HICE

Martha joins by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, Virginia. AJ joins by transfer from First United Methodist Church, Martinsville, Virginia.



AMY AND PARKER JONES

Amy and Parker join by transfer from Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. They have 3 children: Parks and Ella are 5 and Jake is 3. Parker's mother, Dana Jones, is a member of White Memorial.



KRISTINE AND JOHN LANE

Kristine and John join by reaffirmation of faith. They have two daughters: Analise is 3 and Caroline is 6 weeks old.



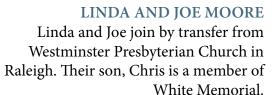
JESSICA LEDFORD
Jessica joins by transfer from First
Presbyterian Church of High Point,
North Carolina.



SARA AND TAYLOR MARTIN
Sara joins by transfer from St. Michael
the Archangel Roman Catholic Church
in Cary, North Carolina and Taylor joins
by transfer from Church of Christ, San
Augustine, Texas. The Martins have two
daughters: Aubrey, 4 and Reagan, 1.



AZRA MINEO Azra joins by profession of faith and baptism. She and Rob have a daughter, Ava who is 1.







ANDREW PINTO

Andrew joins by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina. His wife Dee is a White Memorial member and they have a 11 month old daughter, Louise. Other White Memorial family members are Dee's parents, Cecelia and Mike Condrey and Dee's sisters, Sarah Walton and Camille.



BLAIR AND JON STANLEY

Blair joins by transfer from West Market United Methodist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina and Jon by reaffirmation of faith. Their son, Jackson is 1.



ANNA AND BEN SUTTLE

Anna joins by transfer from St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, and Ben joins by transfer from Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh.

OUR NEXT CLASS IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AND JOINING SUNDAY, OCOBER 3, 2021. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ELIZABETH VIOHL AT 919-834-3425, EXT. 206 OR EVIOHL@WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG.