

WMPC MONTHLY

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | AUGUST 2020

Overwhelmed in a Good Way

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6

When I began my work as Associate Pastor for White Memorial two years ago, I never could have imagined what life would be like today. Two years ago, I was overwhelmed with gratitude to be at this wonderful church, and I was overwhelmed by the hospitable welcome of our congregation that accepted me instantly and worked diligently to help me find my place. I was overwhelmed by the multitude and magnitude of ministries and people, so many people. I didn't know how I'd ever learn all those names!

But somehow God made a way for me, and you enfolded me into your life and into your ministry. And since then God has multiplied our ministries and the ways we care for one another, even when times seem to be the hardest.

So, here I am again (and maybe you are, too), feeling overwhelmed—not knowing what the future will hold or how we'll be able to handle the multitude of demands placed on us or the magnitude of the challenge placed before us. But I come to you again, now more than ever, with gratitude, thankful that God has given us this beautiful community with which we can journey through uncertain times. As we face the uncertainty of the days ahead, as we begin a new program year at WMPC and a new school year for our children, youth and college students, let's remember how much we've grown and learned and supported one another in these last few months.

God has been here preparing us, guiding us and consoling us. God has been here inspiring us to be creative and try new things. And God will be with us in the days to come. God will make a way for us even as we step out into the unknown.

May God bless you and bless us in the days ahead that we may bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

*O God, make clear to us each road.
O God, make safe to us each step;
when we stumble, hold us;
when we fall, lift us up.
when we are hard pressed with evil, deliver us;
and bring us at last to your glory.
- A Celtic Blessing*

Cate

Cate Church Norman
Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care



SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Until further notice
we will continue Live
Stream and FB Live
worship.

9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Live Stream and
FB Live

Church Office
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919-834-3424

Pastor-On-Call
Telephone Number:
919-605-4593



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to download app

whitememorial.org

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE
in the manner of Christ

Joys & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Mary Elizabeth “Mary Lib” Pope Davenport

– July 1, 2020 WMPC family members: husband, Ed Davenport, daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Bob Scott, and grandson, Adderson Scott.

Daniel Lindsey Durway – July 7, 2020

WMPC family member: wife, Flo Durway.

James Balfour Tubbs – July 8, 2020

Leonora Cousar Tubbs – July 10, 2020

WMPC family member: son, Hank Tubbs.

Robert “Bob” E. Mason – July 14, 2020

WMPC family member: wife, Elaine Mason.

Bettie Gaither Graham – July 22, 2020

WMPC family members: daughters and sons-in-law; Helen and Bo Roberts, and Betsy and Tom Morrison, and granddaughters, Lucy Roberts and Anna Morrison.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Adora, Burke, Marvin and Adora Koonce, on the death of Adora’s mother, Adora Prevost Ragsdale, June 19, Raleigh, NC.

Tracey and Mike Hall, Shepherd Fountain, and Leslye, Brett and Fischer Plummer, on the death of Tracey’s, Shepherd’s, and Leslye’s uncle, Lawrence McDougald Fountain, June 20, Raleigh, NC.

John Garrett, on the death of his brother Alex Garrett, July 6, Greensboro, NC.

Chick and Joyce McClure, on the death of Chick’s brother, Mercer Lewis McClure, July 14, Santa Ana, CA.

George and Jewel Deane Suddath, on the death of George’s brother, Lovick “Sunny” Pierce Suddath III, July 14, Lexington, SC.

Lori Bourne, and Eliza and Sarah Bourne, on the death of Lori’s mother, Pat McCroskey Lloyd, July 23, Charlotte, NC.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Elizabeth Randolph Albritton, born May 7, child of Jennifer and Benton Albritton, grandchild of Catherine and Randy Hoft.

Emersyn Ruby Board, born June 4, child of Holly and Eddie Board, grandchild of Paula and Richard Williams.

Grace Elizabeth Bowen, born June 25, child of Emily and John Bowen.

Louise Harrison Pinto, born July 6, child of Dee and Andrew Pinto, grandchild of Cecelia and Mike Condrey.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jackie Stocks Rufty, on the birth of grandchild, Lillian Stocks Pate, born July 5, to Sara Bailey and Kep Pate, Raleigh, NC.

Lindsay and Sandy Jordan, on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18.

Lucas Jones, on his call as Associate Pastor at Downtown Church, Columbia, SC. Lucas is the son of Brenda and Wesley Jones.

MARRIAGES

Alexandra Rose Burton and Thomas Walker Goodwin, July 11, WMPC. Thomas is the son of Bettie Goodwin.

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 Clapood at 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.

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**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE WMPC WILL CONTINUE
WORSHIP AT HOME - LIVE STREAM OR FACEBOOK LIVE**
Sunday Mornings | 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WMPC CAMPUS CLOSED THROUGH AUGUST 7, 2020.

The Reopening Task Group has prepared a document with recommendations on how to reopen. You can find the document on our website: www.whitememorial.org/updates

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OFTEN: WWW.WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG

For updates, videos, devotionals, studies, activities and innovative ways to practice faith at home and to share faith with one another.



BREAKING BREAD

Here's a quick and easy recipe WMPC member Nan Hannah follows to prepare Eucharistic Bread each month. As we partake in communion on Sunday, August 2, we invite you and your family to make this recipe beforehand. Makes two small loaves. You can find the recipe on our website:

www.whitememorial.org/activities-for-everyone



WHITE MEMORIAL WEEKDAY SCHOOL IS HIRING!

White Memorial Weekday School is hiring! We are looking for a few enthusiastic, creative individuals to complete our 2020-2021 teaching staff.

Please contact Cynthia Baggett at cbaggett@whitememorial.org if you are interested in learning more.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE KITCHEN WITH MACY @4 PM

Facebook Live

Join Macy Aguirre, Director of Food Services on Wednesday's at 4 p.m. on WMPC's Facebook Live. We can't wait to see what Macy will dish up in August!

MEANING AS MILLENNIALS: FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

Meaning as Millennials is a social and study group for people in their late 20s to late 30s interested in exploring their faith and today's culture. Discussions are based upon scripture, articles, current events, podcasts, or books. We are currently gathering weekly through Zoom and welcome all interested to join us. Contact Kevin Thompson at kpthomps@ncsu.edu to be added to the weekly Zoom invite. We'd love to have others join us!

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

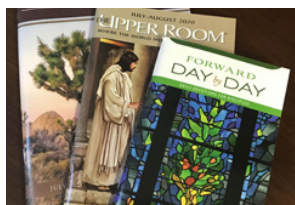
The Community Allocations Committee of White Memorial Presbyterian Church allocates funds given by the congregation to agencies in Wake County that provide for the needs of individuals and groups in the community where our church has strong commitment and involvement. While no precise definition is possible in assessing need, we consider agencies that attempt to provide basic needs, teach life coping skills, and promote self-sufficiency. The Community Allocations Application process begins in September of each year and awards are announced in February. All grant applications are due Tuesday, September 1, 2020. If you have questions contact Gloria Johnson, gjohnson@whitememorial.org.



9@9 A.M. BIBLE STUDY FACEBOOK LIVE

Begin the morning each weekday with a live Bible study with Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families.

Grier and Chip will revisit one of their favorites Noah and the Ark in August. You can find all of their studies on Facebook, Instagram and our website.



DO YOU MISS YOUR DEVOTIONAL?

As our campus remains closed, we will leave copies of our devotional booklets (normally found in the Witherspoon Lobby) in the vestibule of the Witherspoon Building. There will be a basket to leave \$1.25 per booklet.

DRONES ABOVE?

As construction on our campus is all but done, we would like to capture outdoor and indoor footage. If you have a drone with a high-quality camera that you would be willing to use to help us capture footage or allow our Communications Department to borrow, please contact Kathy Howell, Communications Director at khowell@whitememorial.org.



AUGUST 30 FIFTH SUNDAY HUNGER OFFERING

The collection offering on Sunday, August 30 will help provide grants to hunger agencies in our Presbytery and is one way to make a difference in the lives of those who struggle with food insecurity.

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The 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge (continues....)

Many of you have completed the challenge, some are in the midst, while others are just getting started.

Wherever you are in your journey we invite you to do one action daily to further your understanding of power, privilege, supremacy, oppression, and equity. This plan, adapted from Dr. Eddie Moore's 21-Day Racial Equality Habit Building Challenge® includes suggestions for readings, podcasts, videos, observations, and ways to form and deepen community connections.

About the Challenge

We think understanding white privilege and white supremacy is a powerful lens into the complexities of doing social justice work.

On our website you will find a list of resources that encourage you to watch, listen, read, explore, act and notice. You will also find a tracking chart to help you stay on course and accountable to our habit building attention. Each day you will select one action from a suggested list of recommendations. We encourage you to diversify your selections each day.

WE HAVE ALSO ADDED SUGGESTED RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

To further discussion, we will continue to offer a series of small group Zoom calls to reflect and share. You are welcome to join any or all of these calls.

August 5, 12, 19 and 26
noon or 7:00 p.m.

You will find registration for small group
zoom calls on our website

www.whitememorial.org/register

SAVE THE DATES!

Sounds on Oberlin
is pleased to present the following
2020 virtual concerts!

FALL Interlude

**Sunday | September 20 | 2020
3:00 pm | Virtual from Edinburgh**

Building Main Hall

An Oboist's Journey

Joseph Robinson, *oboe*

with Mary Kay Robinson, *violin*

Concert will be available on Facebook Live

**Sunday | October 25 | 2020 | 3:00 pm
Virtual from the Sanctuary**

Organ Sonatas, Op. 65

by Felix Mendelssohn

featuring Karl Zinsmeister &

Kirsten Homdrom

Concert will be live streamed and
available on Facebook Live

For details on these virtual offerings,
please visit

<https://whitememorial.org/musical-messages/>



CALLING ALL KIDS!

(3-year olds through fifth grade)

YOU ARE INVITED TO WMPC'S FALL 2020
VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL:

JOINING GOD AT WORK
IN THE WORLD

WHEN:

Sunday Mornings,
between the two
worship services,
beginning September 13

WHERE:

In the comfort of your own home

HOW:

Click the weekly link
we'll send, to gather with your
host teacher, enjoy Bible stories,
faith-in-action fun, singing
and prayer!

We love, because God first loved us. 1 John 4:19



TAKE SOME BUMMER OUT OF YOUR SUMMER WITH OUR AT-HOME VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Registration will be open
all summer for our at-home
Vacation Bible School
program, Compassion
Camp! We hope your family
can participate in this free
program. To register visit:

<https://wmpc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/232/responses/new>

After you register, we will send you the link to many
resources for each of the five sessions. This fun offering can
be used at any time during the summer to experience Bible
stories about compassion for others, for ourselves and for the
world. Questions? Contact Lynn Springfield at
lspringfield@whitememorial.org or Jennifer Eastman
at jeastman@whitememorial.org

TO OUR RISING 8TH GRADE FAMILIES

Online Registration for Fall Confirmation Class Now Open!

Confirmation classes will begin in the fall. We hope that
you will support your child in being a member of the
2020-21 Confirmation Class. You can register your child for
Confirmation online at

<https://whitememorial.org/confirmation/> or
<https://whitememorial.org/register/>.

We ask for everyone to register by August 15 so that the
appropriate number of Bibles, t-shirts, and supplies are
available. Online registration is open. If you have any
questions please feel free to contact Deb Smith,
dsmith@whitememorial.org.



DO YOU HAVE YOUR 2020-2021 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN STUDY?

Pre-paid orders run through August 24.

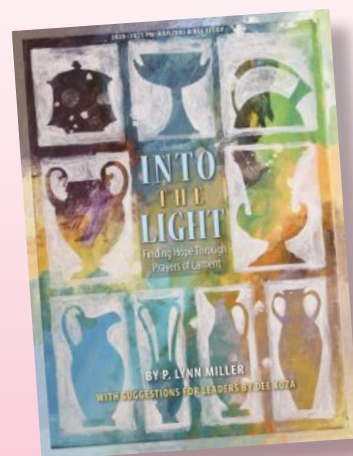
This year's study will be *Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by P. Lynn Miller.

In this truly buzzworthy nine-lesson study, Lynn Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world.

Books are \$10 each or \$15 for larger print and may be ordered by credit card at

<https://wmpc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/203/responses/new>.

Contact Tonya Higgins, thiggins@whitememorial.org with questions.





Over 30 years as a Stephen Ministry congregation

Do you need someone to talk with
who is pledged to confidentiality?

A Stephen Minister is available for you
to offer a listening ear; a caring heart.

"It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things."

- I Corinthians 13:3

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
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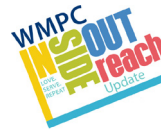
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www.whitememorial.org/stephen-ministry

HAVE YOU WATCHED 'BEHIND THE CONSOLE'?

Recently, Director of Music Karl Zinsmeister and Associate Director of Music Kirsten Homdrom gave us a wonderful glimpse into our organ and interpretation of congregational hymns. There are six episodes and if you have not seen them, we invite you to watch - or even watch again - as Karl takes you on a tour of the pipes high up in the sanctuary and Kirsten shares about registrations, descants and modulations in hymn playing. You can find all of the videos on our Instagram page or our website

<https://whitememorial.org/musical-messages/>



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Please help your neighbors by purchasing school supplies and dropping them off in the red Outreach bins outside of the Witherspoon building. Suggested items are:

Binders (1 inch)
Colored pencils
Composition notebooks
Crayons
Ear buds
Erasers
Folders
Glue sticks

Hand sanitizer
Highlighters
Index cards
Ink pens
Markers
Notebooks
Pencil box
Pencil pouch
Pencil sharpener
Pencils—#2

Pens
Plastic Bags
Plastic folders with prongs
Sanitizing wipes
Scissors
Sticky notes
Wide ruled paper
Wipes

PRESBYTERIAN RUSSIA MISSION NETWORK

Save the Date for a Virtual Conference

Thursday, September 17 - Saturday, September 19, 2020

This year's virtual conference is a great way to interact and learn more about Russia, Belarus, and the Ukraine. The format will provide education and interaction among participants as speakers share information on environmental issues and climate change, marginalized people and peacemaking with teenagers. Registration details coming soon.

LECTIO LIVE

1 PM ON THURSDAYS

A WHITE MEMORIAL FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT

Join Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care for Lectio Live on Thursday, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 as we practice a contemplative way to read the Bible called *Lectio Divina*. It's an ancient yet simple practice that means "holy reading." In *Lectio Divina*, we slow down and listen for God's word. We take time to listen for words or phrases that stand out for us, and we listen for a call that God may be placing on us.



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MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE FOR
AN EVENING WITH
J. DANA TRENT
MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 21 | 7:00 P.M.

SPONSORED BY STEPHEN MINISTRY. REGISTRATION DETAILS COMING SOON!

Our Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Program welcomes outstanding speaker and author, J. Dana Trent in a Webinar presentation on September 21, 2020! If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, please join current Stephen Ministers and Alumni for this special evening! A short Information Session about 2021 Stephen Ministry Training will immediately follow.



J. DANA TRENT

J. Dana Trent is a graduate of Duke Divinity School and professor of World Religions and Critical Thinking at Wake Tech Community College. An ordained Baptist minister and former hospital chaplain, Publishers Weekly calls her fourth book, *Dessert First: Preparing for Death While Savoring Life* “poignant, hilarious, and practical.”

Would you like to become a Stephen Minister?

White Memorial has partnered with Stephen Ministries for over 30 years to those in our church family and beyond.

We hope you'll consider becoming a Stephen Minister and help someone who needs a listening ear and a caring heart during times of transition, anything from the birth of a baby to job loss to grieving the death of a loved one.

To learn more about joining our 2021 Stephen Ministry Training Class contact a pastor or Training Coordinator Carol Bilbro at cwbilbro@gmail.com. You can also find more information on our website: www.whitememorial.org/stephen-ministry.

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
- Galatians 6:2

WMPC Webinar Series on Mental Health

The Mental Health and Wellness Task Force at White Memorial is pleased to bring you a panel of experts to discuss Mental Health and Wellness issues through a series of Zoom webinars.

Tuesday evenings

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Zoom with pre-registration

<https://wmpc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/238/responses/new>

If you are interested in any of our webinars, but you were/are unable to participate, we invite you to register to receive a link to view at your convenience.

Date	Speaker	Topic
July 14	Emily King	Parenting Young Children During Overwhelming Times
July 21	Landy Anderton	Loss, Grief and Anxiety around Pandemic, Protest and Violence toward our Neighbors
July 28	Abby Pressel	Managing Uncertainty: Loss, Loneliness and Anxiety among Teens and College-aged Young Adults
August 4	Robert Cooke	Is God Social Distancing From Us?
August 11	Emily King	Managing Anxiety For You and Your Child as the 2020 School Year Begins
August 18	Landy Anderton	How Anxiety and Depression Affect our Relationships/ How Difficult Times Affect our Relationships
August 25	Robert Cooke	Wiley Coyote & the Roadrunner: Lessons on Managing Chronic Losses from a Cartoon Character

<https://wmpc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/238/responses/new>

ACTIVITY IN THE CHURCH OFFICES

While we have been in Phases 1 and 2 of the governor's closure plans during the pandemic your church staff has been keeping some limited on-site office hours in addition to working remotely. In the beginning of Phase 1 most everyone worked from home the first couple of weeks with a few very essential personnel coming in for a few hours each morning.

As we progressed through Phase 1 several "essential" members of staff were coming in for half days and then working from home the remainder of their day with everyone else working remotely. With our new phone system in place all staff members have the capability of receiving their work phone calls even when not on site.

When we moved into Phase 2 we worked out a system where all staff members (with a couple of exceptions) have been given the opportunity to come in to the office a couple of times a week to take care of essential tasks. We have been mindful of the numbers on campus at any given time and strive to keep numbers of people on each floor of the Witherspoon Building to

under ten people. We are all wearing our masks and observing social distancing while in the offices together.

So where does that leave us now? As we are moving towards August and still in Phase 2 we will keep up with the current system of office staffing. Most days you can expect Colleen Aguirre, Andrew Amodei, Jody Grayson, Tonya Higgins and Rebecca Turner to be in the office the better part of the day. We all are away on Monday afternoons attending our Zoom staff meetings.

We have had to temporarily curtail our volunteer receptionist program due to safety concerns. Generally, if you call the switchboard (919-834-3424) Tonya or Colleen will answer between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. After that you can expect your call to go to the auto attendant. Any time of day, but particularly after 1:00 p.m. you can call 919-834-3425 and reach anyone of us by dialing our extensions. Just press the # key when instructed for the staff directory. Remember our office working hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. so after 5:00 we may have turned off our phones sending calls to voice mail.

WMPC STAFF EXTENSIONS/EMAILS

If you have a pastoral emergency please call the Pastor-on-Call pager at 919-605-4593.

Here are staff extensions and email addresses if you would like to print this for future reference:

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