

WMPC MONTHLY

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | DECEMBER 2020

Signs of Promise

I go back and read my previous newsletter submissions from time to time. When I read my December 2019 submission, I discovered that I was blissfully unaware as to what 2020 would mean for ministry at White Memorial and the changes we would be forced to make.

Our December activities this year will reflect more attempts to share in “new normals” together. Please pay special attention to how our traditional Advent and Christmas Eve events will unfold. We hope that this will be a one-off year and that December 2021 will follow more traditional scheduling for our Advent and Christmas traditions. Please note the following:

MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES - virtual services only; available on Wednesdays (the first one is Wednesday, December 2) at 6:30 p.m. via our church website.

JOY GIFT SERVICE - we are calling it a “new spin on a WMPC Christmas tradition”; it is December 6 from 4-5:30 p.m. and it will be a “drive-through” down McDonald Lane. Please pay special attention to how to participate and how to give a gift to a child in need in our community.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - all Christmas Eve services will be virtual-only. The Family/Children’s Christmas Eve Service will be streamed beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. We hope you will have your family ready with bells in hand to ring in the birth of Jesus. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be virtual-only and we hope you will have your family ready with candles to light in your homes for the Candlelight Services beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. These services will stream on-demand, meaning you may worship with us virtually when it best fits your Christmas plans (after 3:00 p.m. for Children’s Services and after 6:00 p.m. for Candlelight).

CHRISTMAS EVE STROLL - from 4:30-6 p.m. we invite you and your family to walk down McDonald Lane and through the heart of our campus. We will have prayer stations, craft stations, and WMPC musicians will be playing (socially distanced) Christmas carols. This event is completely new, and we hope to see you on Christmas Eve. Please note: the prayer stations will be set up for you to enjoy on-site from 4-8:00 pm. The music will run from 4:30-6:00 p.m. As with all on-campus activities, properly worn masks will be required.

Please listen to Sunday announcements and pay attention to the Thursday email-blasts from the church to get the latest information about these Advent and Christmas activities. The officers and staff of the church have worked extremely hard to make these events and worship services possible.

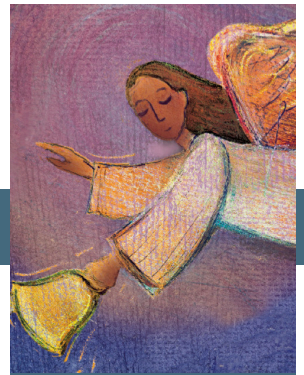
Our Advent theme this year is **Signs of Promise**. I think it safe to say that every person of faith is looking for promise on the horizon. Promise for a more hopeful 2021. Promise for new seasons of peace. Promise for new avenues of joy. Promise for new expressions of love. Advent is always about expectant waiting, and in that light Advent 2020 might be the most “adventy” Advent in our lifetimes.

My prayer for all of us is that we will mark this Advent with great anticipation. That we will use these four weeks and the extra time we have at home to experience deep devotion to God in preparation for the birth of our Savior. My prayer is that you will use the many Advent devotional tools we will make available to you for your Advent journey towards the birth of God’s Son. If we should do this, we will be spiritually focused upon God’s promises and all that they offer. May God bless and protect you all in the days and weeks to come.

May Advent Grace Abound,



Christopher Edmonston, Pastor



SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

8:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

In Person Worship
in Sanctuary
(with reservation)

Live Stream and
Facebook Live

OnPoint@1704

11:00 a.m.

In Person Worship
in the Main Hall
(with reservation)
Live Stream

Virtual Adult
and Children’s
Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Church Office

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919-834-3424

Pastor-On-Call

Telephone Number:
919-605-4593



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WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE
in the manner of Christ

JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Marian Braswell Dodd – November 4, 2020

Seawell Ross Turner III – November 5, 2020

WMPC family members: wife, Pam Turner, mother, Rachel Turner and sister, Mary Ann Turner.

George Hamilton Andrews – November 8, 2020

WMPC family members: wife, Debbie Andrews, and children, Ashley James Andrews and Hamilton Andrews.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Annie, Reed and Cliff Sager, on the death of Annie's father, Clifford "Cliff" Webster Perry, Jr, June 29, Winston-Salem, NC.

Amanda, Henry, Matt and Will Kidd, on the death of Amanda's mother, Marion "Lee" Wester, October 26, Southport NC.

John, Ansley, Johnny, Chapman, and Marion Cella; Beth, Jeff, and Molly Smerko; and Sarah and Chad Blankenkober, on the death of Beth's and John's father, Dr. John Robert Cella, October 30, Raleigh, NC.

Lauren, Blake, Charlotte, Wylie and Quinn Smith, on the death of Lauren's father, Charles George "Bing" Bingenheimer Jr., November 3, Ocean Isle Beach, NC.

Lloyd Mielenz, on the death of his son, Lloyd Ernst Mielenz III, November 4, Raleigh, NC.

Sally and Bill White; William and Rebecca White; and Leila, Sterling, Gilliam and Elliott Thomas, on the death of Sally's mother, Barney Elliott Sackett, November 6, Lynchburg VA.

Anna Brooks-Fontaine, on the death of her father, James Ritchie Fontaine, November 7, Raleigh, NC.

Jane and Paul Whit Howard; Whit and Hadley Howard; and David, Carolyn, David IV, Anna and Will McGowan, on the death of Jane's mother, Helen Owen Parham, November 8, Raleigh, NC.

Levi and Mary Katherine Bannerman, on the death of Levi's grandfather, Glenn Quince Bannerman, October 30, and his grandmother, Evelyn Butterworth Bannerman, November 16, Black Mountain, NC.

Caroline Farmer and Cate and Brendan Belch, on the death of Caroline's father, Robert "Bob" Leon Farmer, November 17, Raleigh, NC.

Ran, Joan, Ran III, Margaret Ivy and Martha Luck Johnston, on the death of Ran's mother, Mattie Lou Uzzle, November 19, Durham, NC.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Grayson Finn Gunnells, born August 24, 2019, child of Carie and Jacob Gunnells, grandchild of Gail and Butch Gunnells.

Beery Elise Dineen, born October 27, child of Anna and Ben Dineen.

Davis Coleman Leonard, born November 4, child of Cameron and Connor Leonard, grandchild of Carol and Richard Battle.

Patrick McCrory Sebastian, born November 6, child of Kristen and Patrick Sebastian.

BAPTIZED

November 8 – Charlotte Chaplin Nowell, child of Austen and Bert Nowell.

November 8 – Anne Magnolia Price, child of Anna Claire and Patrick Price.

November 15 – Elizabeth Collins Creel, child of Rachel and Jason Creel.

November 15 – Elliott Sackett Thomas, child of Leila and Sterling Thomas, grandchild of Sally and Bill White.

November 22 – Cade Allen Chapman, child of Celeste and Chris Chapman, grandchild of Celeste and Robert Allen.

November 22 – Louise Harrison Pinto, child of Dee and Andrew Pinto, grandchild of Cecelia and Mike Condrey.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Elizabeth and Bob Viohl, on the birth of grandchild, Anna Lee Viohl, born October 28, child of Randi and Rob Viohl.

Vicki and Bryant Hare, and Lou and Bill Garrabrant, on the birth of Vicki and Bryant's grandchild, and Lou and Bill's great-grandchild, Lalita Louise Hare, born October 30, child of Alar and Ransom Hare.

MARRIAGES

Christian Towle Love and James McWilliams Musselwhite, October 31, Tuscaloosa, AL. Christian is the daughter of Beth Love.

Harrison Dorton Cozart and Elizabeth Fulton Gay, November 7, Village Chapel in Pinehurst, NC. Harrison is the son of Sarah and Bill Cozart.

Laura Elizabeth Mitterling and Collin Jeffrey Masters, November 14, WMPC. Laura is the daughter Melody Mitterling and Norman Mitterling.

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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NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW OFFICERS

The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in mid-January to consider nominations for church Elders and Deacons, class of 2024. Nominations are now being accepted. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for these critical leadership roles. The nomination form can be found at the back of this newsletter and online: www.whitememorial.org/officer-nominations. All recommendations must be received by January 11, 2021.

This form may be 1) returned electronically to rturner@whitememorial.org; 2) dropped off at the church; or 3) mailed to the church office.

WMPC OFFICE BUILDING IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

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



HOLIDAY MEALS FOR FAMILIES

We will not be having our turkey collection for holiday meals this year. Instead we are asking if you want to help with Thanksgiving/Christmas meals that you send a check

to the church designated for holiday meals by December 6, so we can make sure that we have time to get a check to agencies offering meals. You can also give online at www.whitememorial.org/register and choose 'Holiday Meals'.

VIRTUAL TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join Christopher Edmonston and others for this time of worship and fellowship via Zoom from 7:30-8:00 a.m.

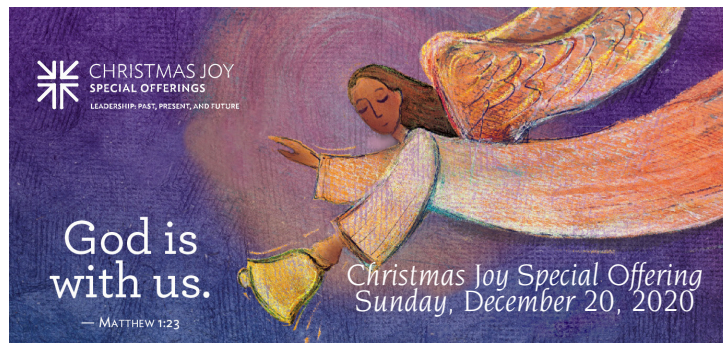
Registration is required: www.whitememorial.org/register.



9@9 A.M. BIBLE STUDY FACEBOOK LIVE

Begin the morning each weekday with a live 9-minute Bible study led by Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families.

You can find all of their studies on Facebook, Instagram and our website.



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, November 1, we invite you and your family to make this recipe beforehand. It makes two small loaves. You can find the recipe on our website: www.whitememorial.org/activities-for-everyone.

UNIDENTIFIED STOCK

Will the generous donors of Yum Brands, Cigna Corp. and Vanguard Index stocks please call Jody Grayson at 834-3425, ext 204 to identify your gift so that we can give you proper credit?

SIGNS of PROMISE MIDWEEK ADVENT EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 P.M. | LIVE STREAM
DECEMBER 2 | 9 | 16 | 23

WOMEN'S MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP VIRTUAL LUNCHEON

All women are cordially invited to join our virtual luncheon presentation

Monday, December 14

Live Stream from the Sanctuary | FB Live | 12-1:00 p.m.

We invite you to share in our annual communion service this month (have bread or crackers and juice available). After our communion service, grab a sandwich and listen as Eric Nanz, Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts shares his musical talent with us. Please see circle date and times below. Most circles are meeting via Zoom on Monday, December 14 (unless otherwise noted).

GIVE BACK. SERVE.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PROJECT FOR DECEMBER

We will continue to collect gently used coats, new hats, gloves and scarves for cold weather for men, women and children. These can be dropped off in the red crates in front of the Witherspoon Building. In addition, please consider donating to the Holiday Meals fund through the church website which will go directly to local organizations for purchasing holiday meals for those in need.

CIRCLE INFO

Circles meet on Monday, December 14 unless otherwise noted. For circle membership information, please contact Julie Leon 919-475-0861 or Kathy Hilands 615-477-7648.

Circle A: 10:00 a.m., Zoom; Reps. - Nancy Long, Carol Lynn

Circle B: 10:30 a.m., Zoom; Reps. - Ann Carney, Ruth Chell

Circle C: 10:45 a.m., Zoom; Rep. - Rebecca Spanbauer

Circle D: December 10, 11:00 a.m.; The Cypress, Wellness Room; Rep. - Ramona Deener

Circle E: 10:00 a.m., Zoom; Reps. - Susan Ricks, June Ann Ward

Circle F: 9:45 a.m., Zoom; Reps. - Maggie Black, Blair Hughes

Circle G: 10:00 a.m., Zoom; Reps. - Mary Clayton, Louise Hartung

Circle I: Circle lessons will be sent by email the second Monday of every month. Printed copies for Springmoor residents will be in the internal mail; Rep. - Susie Jackson

Circle K: December 8, 6:45 p.m., Zoom; Rep. - Cathy Lehman

Circle L: December 9, 7:00 p.m., Zoom; Reps. - Kathy Kidd, Jackie Mullin

**Circle M: 7:00 a.m., December 1 and December 15, Zoom;
Reps. - Susan Allen, Miriam Dorsey**

Circle N: December 8, 12:00 p.m., Glenaire Auditorium;
Reps. - Ann Harris, Lois Jenny

Circle O: December 8, 7:00 p.m., Zoom; Rep. - Sally Nunnally

All women of the church are invited to join a circle. Please contact Julie Leon 919-475-0861 or Kathy Hilands 615-477-7648 for more information.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

Presbyterian Women is now accepting nominations for Honorary Life Membership for 2020. This honor recognizes those who are active and faithful servants of God in our church and community. Prayerfully consider nominations for this honor. Applications can be found at www.whitememorial.org/pw. Send applications of recommendation to Marlene Batchelor at marlene.batchelor3@gmail.com. Nominations will be accepted through February 15, 2021



COATS, GLOVES AND HATS, OH MY!

The Presbyterian Woman are collecting coats, gloves, knit hats and scarves for cold weather in all sizes. These can be dropped off in the red crates in front of the Witherspoon Building.



VOLUNTEER TO HELP WAKE-ED PARTNERS READ PROGRAM

Help our most vulnerable Wake County students succeed by volunteering to help WakeEd Partnership in the Partners Read program. This program

will hopefully start back up in early February on Friday mornings for 30 minutes per week.

Partners Read enlists adult volunteers to read to 1st graders for 30 minutes on 10 Friday mornings in the spring. Volunteers read with two designated students who are not yet reading on grade level. The volunteers read with one child for 15 minutes and then another child for 15 minutes prior to the start of the school day. Each week, the adults read to the same two children and over the course of the year, a wonderful relationship is formed. The 30 minute time frame varies with the school but is generally between 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. WakeEd tries to place volunteers in a school that is convenient for them.

WakeEd Partnership provides the books for the volunteers to read. Each week, after reading to the children, the book goes home for the child to keep. Therefore we are building their home libraries!

Training will be held on January 26 and January 27 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Volunteers are asked to attend one of the sessions. Please contact Debbie Fox debfox@bellsouth.net or 919-801-4736 if you are interested in volunteering.

If the spring semester program is canceled, we will resume in the fall.



If you are 55 years old +, we invite you to join Keenagers via Zoom. No dues or membership information is required at this time. If you would like to participate in Keenager Zoom meetings, please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org and provide her with your name and email to receive your Zoom link.

Keenagers Zoom meetings occur most Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The first and third Thursdays will be a program. The second and fourth will be a social connection time.

DECEMBER 3

10:00 a.m.

Dr. Landy Anderton

Tips on dealing with social distancing during the holidays

DECEMBER 10

10:00 a.m.

*Social Connection Time
Sharing favorite Christmas memories and traditions*

DECEMBER 17

10:00 a.m.

Jim Ferry

The Christmas Story

The 3 Gospels:

Differences and Similarities

**NO MEETING DECEMBER 24
OR DECEMBER 31**

Merry Christmas

SEE YOU ON ZOOM!



**A new spin on a
WMPC Christmas tradition.**

**December 6
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Drive through McDonald Lane**

All are invited to drive down McDonald Lane and see the magic of the Christmas Story unfold as they make their way to the decorated tree where you can place an unwrapped new toy or food for families in need. There will be live music and much more.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS GREENERY MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA



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 for any amount; suggested gift is \$20 or more.

All those honored or memorialized will be listed in the bulletin inserts on December 20 and Christmas Eve services.

Contributions will go into a fund used for all decorations in the sanctuary, main hall and overflow worship space for Advent and Christmas and to fund other Advent activities. Contributions received in excess of the cost for Advent and Christmas flowers, greenery, and related events will be used to supply flowers on other Sundays during the year.

Use the form below to list who is being memorialized or honored and who is

making the gift. All requests must be in the church office by noon on Monday, December 14. Send your contribution to Rebecca Turner, and call her at 919-834-3425, ext. 222, with questions.

Due to COVID-19, our Pastoral Care Ministry will not be delivering plants to anyone this year.

Advent/Christmas Greenery Memorials and Honoraria

Please Print.

DEADLINE: Noon on Monday, December 14

Name of Donor: _____ Phone: _____

Given: _____ in honor of _____ or _____ in memory of (first and last names only — no titles, please)

(Name) _____

(Name) _____

Amount of donation: _____

Mail to the attention of Rebecca Turner, WMPC, 1704 Oberlin Road, Raleigh NC 27608

Christmas Share

Alternative Giving That Meets the Need

Christmas Share, an alternative giving program, has put over one million dollars in our community and toward our international partnerships. Started almost 30 years ago by Presbyterian Women, it continues to be an important Christmas outreach opportunity. One check is sent to each agency for the total amounts contributed.

NAME _____

CHRISTMAS SHARE 2020

Because of current restrictions, the giving options will be different, and are designed to be flexible.

1. If you would like to donate online go to www.whitememorial.org/register. If you would like cards or would like to designate your donation contact Gloria Johnson.
2. You can mail in the designation form (found online and in newsletter) with a check to WMPC, Attn: Gloria Johnson and cards can be left in front of Witherspoon for pick-up.
3. A table is set up in the Witherspoon Lobby from 8:00-5:00 p.m. It has cards and forms and a place to put donations.
4. During Advent, a table will be set up on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:00 a.m. in Pickard Hall to make donations and get cards.

If you have any questions contact Chair, Penny Carlo at pennycarlo1@gmail.com or Gloria Johnson at gjohnson@whitememorial.org

International Mission (IM)

- _____ Distribute where needed for IM
- _____ Haiti: Ministries with children
- _____ Russia: Partner church in Smolensk
- _____ Poland: Scholarships for seminary students
- _____ Middle East Partnerships
- _____ Santuario Hispanic Fellowship

Community Ministry (CM)

- _____ Distribute where needed for CM
- _____ A Place At The Table
- _____ Alliance Medical Ministry
- _____ Autism Society of North Carolina
- _____ Boys and Girls Clubs
- _____ Communities in Schools of Wake County -Mayview Learning Center
- _____ Community Music School
- _____ Dress for Success
- _____ Emmaus House
- _____ F.I.G.S.
- _____ Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC
- _____ GiGi's Playhouse of Raleigh
- _____ Glenaire Scholarship Fund
- _____ Green Chair Project
- _____ Habitat of Humanity of Wake County

- _____ Haven House
- _____ Healing Place
- _____ Helene Foundation
- _____ Interact
- _____ InterFaith Food Shuttle
- _____ Justice Matters
- _____ Life Experiences
- _____ Loaves and Fishes
- _____ Meals on Wheels
- _____ National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI Wake County)
- _____ NC Reading Service
- _____ Note in the Pocket
- _____ Oak City Cares
- _____ Passage Home
- _____ Project Enlightenment
- _____ SAFEchild
- _____ Saint Saviour's Center
- _____ Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen
- _____ StepUp Ministry
- _____ Tammy Lynn Center
- _____ Transitions Life Care (Hospice)
- _____ Triangle Aphasia
- _____ Triangle Family Services
- _____ Triangle Pastoral Counseling, Inc.
- _____ Urban Ministries of Wake County
- _____ WakeEd Partnership
- _____ Wake Relief
- _____ Wake Smiles
- _____ Wheels4Hope

Christmas? Joy?

As many of us look forward to Christmas and experience the expectant waiting of Advent, many others experience the emotions of sadness, loneliness, stress from family conflicts or financial strains, anxiety and depression. Stephen Ministers are prepared to walk with others who want or need a confidant for their journey, whether the journey is short or long.

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.



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MINISTRY

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

DISTANCE HEALING

Monday – Friday | by appointment | contact Mary Ann Turner

Mary Ann Turner is offering distance Healing Prayer sessions. If you are interested or know someone who is, email your name and phone number, as well as your preferred day and time to maturner2.mat@gmail.com. Mary Ann will be in touch to schedule; she will describe distance healing prayer, and discuss your concerns and goals for the session.

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.

NAMI FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

**8-WEEK COURSE | SATURDAY MORNINGS | VIRTUAL
JANUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 27, 2021**

NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is a free 8-week course for family caregivers of individuals with mental illnesses. The course is taught by trained family members. The next course is being taught virtually from January 9 to February 27, 2021, each Saturday morning. Go to [NAMI-Wake.org](https://nami-wake.org) for more information and to pre-register.



STEPUP NEEDS HOLIDAY HELP FOR FAMILIES

Many families have been effected by the pandemic. Families that were already struggling have been especially vulnerable. StepUp families are working to change their lives and improve their financial stability. If you would be willing to help one of these families during the holiday season please contact Colisha Stanford at 919-418-9933 or cstanford@stepupministry.org. She will be able to give you details and deadlines. This is a great way to make a difference during challenging times.

HOLIDAY MEALS FOR FAMILIES

We will not be having our turkey collection for holiday meals this year. Instead we are asking if you want to help with Thanksgiving/Christmas meals that you send a check to the church designated for holiday meals by December 6, so we can make sure that we have time to get a check to agencies offering meals. You can also give online at www.whitememorial.org/register and choose 'Holiday Meals'.

COAT AND GLOVES/HATS/SCARVES COLLECTION

Now is the time to get ready for cold weather by donating all sizes coats, gloves, hats and scarves. These will go to our agencies that work with those who are homeless, families in crisis, and other vulnerable populations. They can be dropped off only in the red bins outside in front the Witherspoon Building.

AGENCY WISH LISTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We work with many agencies that have wish lists that are general needs and many have holiday specific needs. Please check out their websites, and many times the items can be sent directly to them which is great for no contact and your convenience. Please do this early as many are making plans now for their clients and will need to know how to plan. You may also find ways that you can volunteer on a limited basis and later on a more permanent basis. Their new guidelines and needs can update often, so please keep checking the agencies that align with your community interest. Many have continued to be open during COVID and have truly made a difference to many.

QUESTIONS? gjohnson@whitememorial.org



DECEMBER 2020

Meeting the Need During COVID

ABOVE AND BEYOND OUR YEARLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY WE ALSO MADE EXTRA FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$40,000.00 (SOME OF WHICH WAS MATCHED) DURING COVID. THIS EXTRA FUNDING WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND, HUNGER OFFERING, AND OTHER DESIGNATED FUNDS. GIFTS MADE TO:

A Note in the Pocket (double matched)
 A Place at the Table
 Activate Good
 Alliance Medical Ministry (matched)
 Diaper Train
 Emmaus House for Food (matched)
 Food Bank (matched)
 Food Bank by Presbyterian Women
 Green Chair
 Habitat for Humanity Homeowner Emergency Fund (matched)
 Healing Transitions for food
 Inter-Faith Food Shuttle by Presbyterian Women
 Inter-Faith Food Shuttle for summer food program (matched)
 Inter-Faith Food Shuttle by Weekday School
 Meals on Wheels
 NAMI in honor of National Mental Health Week
 Oak City Cares (matched)
 PRC-WR Ministry for weekend meals
 Rise Against Hunger
 Salvation Army for off-site housing
 Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen (plus thousands of plates and snacks for take-out meals)
 Southern Food for food items to local agencies



If you would like to be part of outreach,
 please contact Gloria Johnson, Associate Pastor for Outreach
 at gjohnson@whitememorial.org

Go into all the world....

- Mark 16:15



Ministry during COVID has been a challenge, but with collaboration and limited volunteers we are able to work in the community where it is needed most. Here are some of the ways we have made a difference since spring:

- Served 8,290 week-end meals provided by Western Region Food Security Group. We served these along with Oberlin community churches (Oberlin Baptist, Wilson Temple UMC, Fairmont UMC, and Friends Meeting of Raleigh).
- Provided grocery bags for a food drive that collected several tons of food in the Hayes Barton area
- Filled crates in front of Witherspoon with much needed items suggested by agencies
- Thirty-one boxes of hygiene items and school supplies went to Haiti
- 225 Emergency Hygiene Kits went to Church World Service
- Continued providing food to Raleigh Rescue Mission for weekend meals
- Received 2,000 pair of socks from Hanes that were distributed to our local partners
- Thanks to funding by Presbyterian Women, the Outreach Room was upfitted for future programming
- Distributed masks, gloves and hand sanitizer provided by National Power
- Cleaning supplies were provided to Green Chair for families moving into apartments
- Provided many needed supplies for clothing distribution by A Note in the Pocket (ex. Grocery bags, plastic bags, collection crates, lint rollers)
- Provided educational games to Mayview Learning Center



DECEMBER BOXED MEALS TO GO



DEC. 9 (Reserve your soups(s) by noon Friday, Dec 4)

VEGETABLE SOUP AND/OR CHICKEN & WILD RICE SOUP

Two soups will be offered for \$12.00/quart

Note: You can order vegetable soup regular or gluten free AND while supplies last, you can still order spaghetti sauce (1 gallon frozen bags)

Host: Service Committee

The Service Committee will be collecting cold weather clothing for all ages, especially warm socks.

DEC. 16 (Reserve your meal(s) by noon Friday, Dec 11)

CHICKEN GUMBO

(Chicken Gumbo over basmati rice, green peas, french rolls and dessert)

Host: StepUp Ministry

StepUp will be collecting toiletry items and socks for children and adults.

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Soups: \$12.00/each quart

Spaghetti sauce \$12.00/gallon bag

Boxed Meals to Go: \$7.00/each.

PICK-UP MEALS ON MCDONALD LANE:

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

All dinners come as is. No refunds.

Officer Nomination Form

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Person recommended: _____

For Elder _____ For Deacon _____

The Presbyterian *Book of Order* states the “Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation...”

“The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ.” They shall “minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless...”

How long has this person been a member of WMPC? _____

Has this person been an elder/deacon of WMPC or governing officer of another church? _____

If so, where? _____

Why do you recommend this person for the office of elder or deacon?

In what ways has this person demonstrated involvement in the ministries of WMPC?

To the best of your knowledge, does this person practice sound theology and accept the theology of the Presbyterian Church (USA)?

How has this person demonstrated Christian commitment outside the church?

Recommended by: _____ Date _____

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Officer Nomination Form - Instructions

In March of 2021, you will be asked to vote for a slate of officers to serve a three-year term in leadership, planning, and care for the church. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for the office of Elder or Deacon. Nominations for rising high school seniors and rising high school juniors will also be considered. Typically, those elected to be officers have been members of WMPC for at least three years.

OFFICERS AT WHITE MEMORIAL ARE EXPECTED TO SERVE IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Participate in Officer Training Classes (Wednesday nights in September)
- Begin service next October
- Serve on a Sessional or Diaconate committee
- Attend monthly meetings and called meetings to the best of one's ability
- Act as commissioner to a Presbytery meeting as available (*elders only*)
- Serve communion as available and as needed (*elders only*)
- Provide pastoral and spiritual care for congregation
- Share in leadership of the annual Generosity Campaign by making a pledge
- Communicate pastoral concerns and helpful suggestions to the pastors in a timely manner
- Participate in visitation, ushering and serve as Treasurer's Assistant (*deacons only*)

TO HELP YOU JUDGE THIS PERSON'S QUALIFICATIONS AS A CANDIDATE FOR ELDER OR DEACON, PLEASE CONSIDER SUCH AREAS AS THE FOLLOWING:

PARTICIPATION IN CHURCH LIFE

- Christian commitment
- Attendance at public worship
- Participation in church activities (church school, fellowship groups, etc.)
- Offices held
- Services rendered

CHRISTIAN LIVING IN DAILY LIFE

- Within the family
- At work
- In the community

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND SKILLS

- Cooperativeness
- Willingness to learn
- Ability to follow through on assignments/commitments
- Openness to new ideas
- Maturity of judgment

All recommendations must be received by January 11, 2021. This form may be 1) returned electronically to rturner@whitememorial.org; 2) placed in the offering plate on Sunday; 3) dropped off at the church office; or 4) mailed to the church office marked:

White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Attn: Officer Nomination Committee
1704 Oberlin Road
Raleigh, NC 27608

ADVENT RESOURCES

Members of our WMPC staff, along with leaders in Faith Formation, have compiled a list of Advent resources which we would recommend to you this season. Please note that in our ongoing efforts to listen more intentionally to non-white voices and to widen our circles from which we draw, we have listed several books and resources by writers and scholars of color.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PREPARATION FOR ADULTS:

Silence and Other Surprising Invitations of Advent by Enuma Okoro

Mary Had a Baby: An Advent Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals

by Cheryl Kirk-Duggan and Marilyn E. Thornton

Rise Up, Shepherd!: Advent Reflections on the Spirituals by Luke A. Powery

A Child in Winter: Advent, Christmas and Epiphany by Thomas Hoffman

Preparing for Christmas: Daily Devotions for Advent by Richard Rohr

INTERGENERATIONAL PREPARATION:

Follow [@antiracismcalendar](#) on Instagram: Content is created by 16-year-old Tilly Krishna

[D365.org](#): A daily Bible study website

A **Sanctified Art**: Various resources which can be downloaded and printed from visit www.sanctifiedart.org

CHRISTMAS BOOKS FOR CHILDREN:

I Got the Christmas Spirit by Connie Schofield-Morrison and Frank Morrison

Silent Night by Lara Hawthorne

Christmas in Lagos by Sharon Abimbola Salu

A Piñata in a Pine Tree by Pat Mora and Magaly Morales

Christmas Eve Worship Services

All Christmas Eve services will be live stream only

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

3:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE STROLL

4:30-6:00 p.m.

We invite you and your family to walk down McDonald Lane
and through the heart of our campus
where you'll find prayer stations, craft stations and live music.
The walking path and prayer stations will remain open until 8:00 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

Both services will be available OnDemand after 3 and 6, respectively.

