

WMPC MONTHLY

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2021

Updates from the Pastor

Two of the most common questions I have gotten in our pandemic time are “how is the staff doing,” and “were we able to maintain our full staff during the past year?” The staff has done remarkably well. They have served faithfully in the most challenging of circumstances: we had to learn how to be “together” while “apart.” They managed to build the proverbial ship while we were already at sea. Throughout 2020 we maintained our full staff. There are many factors to this success, but primary among them was your faithful support of our church over the past year. Unrelated to the pandemic, we celebrate with Walter Wilkerson and Gwen Whiteman as they announced their retirements. Walter is retiring after almost three decades of working at White Memorial, first as a custodian and most recently as our copy equipment operator/mailroom clerk. Gwen is retiring in March after more than two and half decades of leading our ministry for young children. We will miss them both. Please join us in sending them off with thanksgiving and prayer.

The financial health of our church is as good as we could hope. Thanks to your faithful support and strong leadership from our Finance and Stewardship Committee, we ended 2020 with a balanced budget and a very small surplus in our favor. One highlight of the 2020 financial year was the very strong benevolence giving through our church to our community and international partners. In February, we will adopt a balanced budget for 2021 that shows a modest increase over 2020. Our ministry is poised to continue its witness in community service, worship, pastoral care, and education. We are in a strong position to return to campus activities as soon as it is possible. We pray that vaccines have impacts that allow us to gather safely in larger numbers in the coming months.

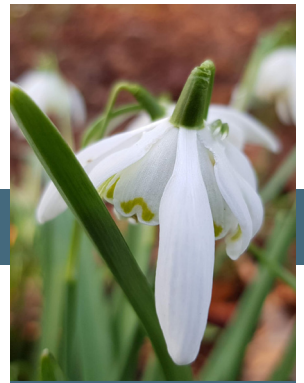
Finally, two initiatives will soon begin. 2021 marks the 75th anniversary of our church. Plans are being made for appropriate celebrations later in the summer and fall once COVID numbers allow for safe celebrations. We hope you will join us in giving thanks to those who established our legacy of ministry in Raleigh. We hope you will help us give thanks to God without whom our first 75 years would not have been possible.

Additionally, in response to the deepening racial unrest over the last year, many groups in our church (small groups, adult Sunday School classes, etc.) began asking the Session to explore how our church could be better informed to be peacemakers in our community. The Session received a “vision document” from the Faith Formation Committee last December. It said in part, “As Christ’s disciples, we are called to consider the teachings and ministry of Jesus and to implement what we learn from him through Scripture in every area of our common life together. We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Matt. 22:37-39). The time has come for us at WMPC to respond with deepened faith, commitment, and action to what we have seen, what we have heard, and what we have experienced over the past few months.” In the coming weeks a group of leaders and members will begin meeting to explore this effort. The group’s working name is Ministry on Racial Equity – “MORE” – and it can help us seek ways to be more informed, more inclusive, more loving, and more like Jesus in our neighborhoods and community. If you are interested in being part of the MORE ministry team contact Grier Booker Richards or myself.

Stay safe, friends. May God bless you all. May grace abound.



Christopher H. 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
Telephone Number:
919-834-3424

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



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Jays & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Cheryl Jean Wood McLean – January 9, 2021

WMPC family member: husband Torrey McLean; daughter and son-in-law, Meredith and Andrew Roberts, and grandchildren Kelsey, Carson and Wes.

Dorothy “Dottie” Bailey Ridenour – January 14, 2021

Frances Temple Hubbard – January 15, 2021

WMPC family members: nieces Jane Temple, and Lynne Sanders, with children Thomas and Sara Sanders.

Margaret McLeod Bunn Moss – January 21, 2021

WMPC family members: son, David Moss and granddaughter, Caroline Moss.

Charles “Charlie” Emmett Bell, Jr. – January 27, 2021

WMPC family member: wife, Mary Lou Bell; son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Kathryn Bell and grandchildren Elizabeth and Charles Bell; daughter and son-in-law, Alison and James Hawse and grandchildren Macon and James Hawse.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Manny Garcia, Kathleen Mayfield-Garcia, and Caroline and David Garcia, on the death of Manny’s father, Manuel C. Garcia, Sr., December 29, San Antonio, TX.

Carol Vassey and Nancy Vassey, on the death of their niece, Marsha Loftis, December 31, Mills River, NC.

Laura Ashford, and Jacqueline and Tess Ashford-Lavy; Heather, Ed and Will Garrabrant; and Caitlin and Luke Gile, on the death of Laura’s and Heather’s father, Sam Ashford, January 3, Cincinnati, OH.

Meg Deal, on the death of her mother, Margaret Denson “Betsy” Deal, January 4, Laurel Springs, NC.

Jennifer and Jack Brinson, Jackson and Charlie Queen, and Sarah and Kate Brinson, on the death of Jennifer’s father, William C. Jackson, January 6, Athens, GA.

Nan Hannah, on the death of her mother, Nancy Edmunds Hannah, January 12, Greensboro, NC.

Peggy Rhyne, on the death of her brother, Tom Myatt, January 23, Fuquay Varina, NC.

Kelli, Joe, Alyssa, Ryan and Sarah Sullivan, and Daniel LaRoche, on the death of Kelli’s sister, Deborah Marie Desmond, January 26, Rocky Mount, NC.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Webb Collier Willingham, born December 16, child of Ali and Ryan Willingham, Stamford, CT, grandchild of Carol and Ed Willingham, and great-grandchild of Pat Toole.

Henry Presnell Hyde, born January 12, child of Gretchen and John Hyde, grandchild of Sydnor and Lacy Presnell.

Scout Ryals McDougal, born January 13, child of Elizabeth and Davis McDougal, Charleston, SC, grandchild of Gregg McDougal and Lisa Ostrander.

Wesley Thomas Roberts, born January 20, child of Meredith and Andrew Roberts.

BAPTIZED

January 24 – John Hudson Roberts, child of Jenny and Hart Roberts, grandchild of Helen and Bo Roberts.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Josie Hall, on the birth of grandchild Robert Edwin Hall, Jr. born January 8 to Gabrielle and Ed Hall, San Francisco, CA.

MARRIAGES

Woodburn McNeill Williams and Virginia Lilley McMillan, December 31, Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, NC. Woodie is the son of Jean and Peter Williams.

Emily James Collawn and Alexander J. Kruse, January 23, Raleigh, NC. Emily is the daughter of Beth and Jim Collawn.

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 Clapgood at aclapgood@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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WMPC OFFICE BUILDING IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY PRE-RECORDED SERVICE

Please join us and our friends along Oberlin Road for a very special pre-recorded Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 17 as we enter into the 40 days of Lent. Service will be available for viewing at 8:00 a.m. and anytime throughout the day. We will celebrate the Lord’s supper and have symbolic disposition of ashes. To view, visit www.whitememorial.org/live-stream special events and services.

YOUTH SUNDAY

A reminder that Youth Sunday is February 21 and will be pre-recorded. In-person worship with registration will be at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Main Hall of the Edinburgh Building. There will be no in-person worship in the Sanctuary. Service will be available via Live Stream and Facebook live.

THE LIBRARY IS NOW OPEN! (By appointment only)

We are happy to announce that the church library is now open to church members by appointment. We ask that when you plan to visit the library, you make an appointment by contacting Colleen Aguirre at caguirre@whitememorial.org. Appointments are available Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please visit our website for current protocols: www.whitememorial.org/updates. As a reminder, books may be checked out for three weeks and renewed once. We hope you will visit the library soon!

THE LIBRARY WANTS YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS!

The library committee would like all the books that have been checked out returned to the library. Please help us by returning your checked out books to the box in the lobby of the Witherspoon Building. (As a reminder, the library no longer charges fines for overdue books.) Thanks so much for your help!



WAKE UP AND READ'S ANNUAL BOOK COLLECTION

It's time for WAKE Up and Read's 8th Annual Book Drive from January 23 - February 28. With your help, last year more than 15,000 children received books to help build their home libraries.

Not only did we continue our

partnerships with 13 WCPSS schools, but launched a new initiative in July, Grab, Go, and Read! enabling us to reach more children in Wake County. We hope to serve even more children and families in 2021 and need your help to reach our goal: 200,000 books for this Book Drive. These books will be shared with children in Wake County to ensure that every child in our community has the opportunity to develop a love for reading.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

Presbyterian Women is now accepting nominations for Honorary Life Membership for 2021. 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.



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.

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.



RECLAIMING SABBATH: CULTIVATING RHYTHMS AND ROUTINES OF REST

On Tuesday, March 2, we will begin a 4-week churchwide Bible study

entitled Reclaiming Sabbath: Cultivating Rhythms and Routines of Rest as a part of our **VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM**. You won't want to miss this incredible opportunity to learn from Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio from Candler School of Theology. This class will meet on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

[Registration is required in order to receive your Zoom link.](#)

CHURCHWIDE BIBLE STUDY

SIGNS AND WONDERS:

A STUDY IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Mondays | 7-8:00 p.m. | Zoom

Whether you joined our first two classes or are new to the series, all are welcome to join us as we continue our six week pastor led study of the seven signs of Jesus in the gospel of John. In January we studied John 2:1-11 Jesus Turns Water into Wine and John 4:46-54 and John 5:1-15, Jesus Heals. Upcoming in February are:

February 1: Jesus Feeds the 5,000 (John 6:1-15)

February 8: Jesus Walks on Water (John 6:16-35)

February 15: Jesus Heals a Blind Man (John 9:1-17)

February 22: Jesus Raises Lazarus (John 11:1-45)

Registration required: www.whitememorial.org/register

You can watch past videos at: <https://vimeo.com/whitememorialinc/signs-and-wonders>

THE GIFT OF WARMTH & CARING



Church World Service works all over the world where there is disaster, conflict, and poverty. One of the many ways they offer relief is through blankets. There is a gray woolen heavy weight blanket for frigid temperatures that holds heat well and is water resistant and fire retardant. There is a yellow lighter weight fleece blanket for warmer climates that is durable and also water repellent. It is easy to carry when having to move around. For the month of February, we are collecting funds to purchase these new packaged blankets for those in need wherever they may be.

YOU CAN GIVE ON LINE BY GOING TO

www.whitememorial.org/register

(CWS Blankets) or send a check to WMPC, Attn: Tonya Higgins, designated blankets. The blankets are \$10.00. That is for the blanket and the cost of shipping anywhere in the world where they are needed most.



the month of **FEBRUARY** VIRTUAL *Keenagers*

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 will 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.

FEBRUARY 4

10:00 a.m.

Father Paul

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

FEBRUARY 11

10:00 a.m.

Social Connection Time

FEBRUARY 18

10:00 a.m.

Macy Aguirre

WMPC Food Service Director

*Join us as Macy shares her story
and possibly a recipe!*

FEBRUARY 25

10:00 a.m.

Social Connection Time

SEE YOU ON ZOOM!

WOMEN'S MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP VIRTUAL LUNCHEON

All women are cordially invited to join our virtual luncheon presentation

Monday, February 8

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

Join us as we hear Susan Bowers, Executive Director and WMPC church member, speak about the mission and work of Helene Foundation. This organization provides direct immediate help to young mothers going through cancer treatments for up to six months.

Please see circle date and times below. Most circles are meeting via Zoom on Monday, February 8 (unless otherwise noted).

GIVE BACK. SERVE.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PROJECT FOR FEBRUARY

We will provide school supplies for Haiti and donations for blankets for Church World Service. Please visit the website for details: www.whitememorial.org/pw

CIRCLE INFO

Circles meet on Monday, February 8 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; Reps. - Rebecca Spanbauer

Circle D: February 11, 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; Rep. - 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: February 9, 6:45 p.m., Zoom; Rep. - Cathy Lehman

Circle L: February 10, 7:00 p.m., Zoom; Reps. - Kathy Kidd, Jackie Mullin

**Circle M: 7:00 a.m., February 2 and February 16, Zoom;
Reps. - Susan Allen, Miriam Dorsey**

Circle N: February 9, 12:00 p.m., Glenaire Auditorium;
Reps. - Ann Harris, Lois Jenny

Circle O: February 9, 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.

Stewardship of Self: Taking Care of Yourself in 2021



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | 7:00-8:00 P.M.
WEBINAR | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The start of a new year often ushers in the desire to set goals and resolutions, but this year many of us feel we are operating with depleted energy and heightened stress. Come learn how to manage your expectations and care for yourself holistically in 2021.

All are welcome to this Zoom Webinar led by Dr. Emily King and Dr. Robert Cooke.



Register: www.whitememorial.org/register

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

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.

WHAT'S YOUR MEDIUM?

MANY folks at WMPC create wonderful visual art that the Liturgical Arts Guild would like to share through an online video. Whatever your medium--fiber/paper/fabric/drawing/painting/sculpture/photography/metal/ wood/wearable art--we'd love to see it. Please send photos of your work(s) to Eric Nanz at enanz@whitememorial.org by March 1 so we can create a video highlighting the talents of our members. You may submit up to five photos total. Don't hide your light under a bushel. Let it shine!



HEALING THROUGH GRIEF

Sundays | February 21 - March 21, 2021
3:00-4:30 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

Led by Christopher Edmonston & Cate Church Norman

Grief touches us all at some point in our lives. No one ever has to feel alone during this difficult time. Whether you have suffered the recent death of a loved one or are struggling with a loss in the past, you are invited to come together in February/March for a series of five sessions to help you along your journey of grief.

Each session explores different aspects of grief: from acceptance of your loss and working through its pain, to adjusting to a new way of being while honoring a very significant relationship in your life. Each session builds upon the other, so attendance is encouraged at each session. This class is led by Pastor Christopher Edmonston and Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman and will meet on Sunday, February 21, 28 and March 7, 14, 21 from 3-4:30 p.m. This class will be held virtually via Zoom, and space is limited. Once you register a link will be sent to you.

www.whitememorial.org/register

All new episodes!

Join Macy as she shares
some of her favorite recipes.

**Wednesdays throughout
February at 4:00 p.m.
on Facebook Live.**

**Boxed Dinners are
coming in March!
Stay tuned for
menus and dates.**



Kids in Haiti



School Supplies

For the month of February, show your love and join the WMPC Haiti Committee by donating school items and gift cards to our friends in Haiti. These are the items we are collecting:

Crayola Crayons *
Blue and Red Pens
Magic Markers
Dry Erase Markers

Rulers- 12 inch only
Construction paper
Crayola Glue Sticks *
Crayola Glue Bottles *

Gift cards of any amount to Target, Walmart, or Amazon, and we will purchase other needed school supplies.

* please stick to these name brands

Collection bins will be located outside the Witherspoon building, and gift cards may be dropped off inside the lobby of the Witherspoon building.

YOUTH SUNDAY

2.21.21



Please join us on Sunday, February 21
at 8:00 a.m. and 11 a.m.
as our youth lead us in worship and music.

In-person worship with registration in
Edinburgh Building Main Hall only (no Sanctuary service)
Live stream and Facebook Live



WMPC YOUTH



Join us for the following
2021 virtual concerts!

Wednesdays
@ 1:00 p.m.

February 24

We Are One

WMPC OnPoint House Band

Join Eric Nanz and the OnPoint House Band for a time of
"virtual" community singing. Popular songs will be
selected from a variety of styles.

Lyrics will be provided so you can sing along!

March 10

Classical and Celtic for St. Patrick's Day

Anita Burroughs-Price, harp

May 5

Lyricosa Quartet

Carol Chung, Julia Reeves, violins,
Simon Ertz, viola, Rosalind Leavell, cello

June 2

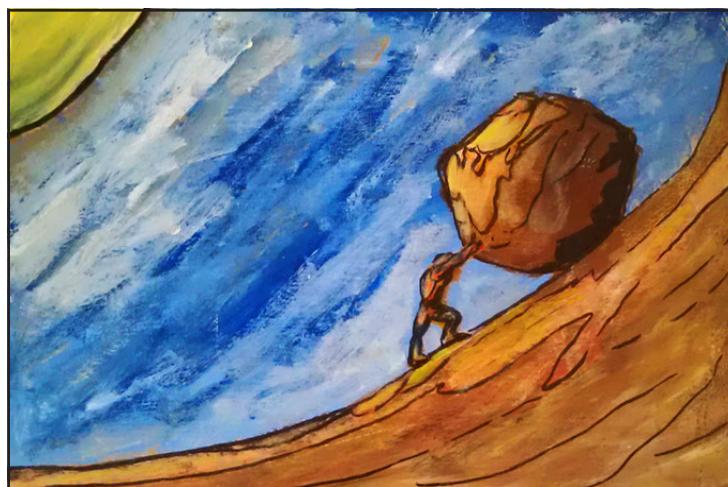
Narrative of a Slave Woman:

Songs of Suffering, Hope, and Freedom

LaToya Lain, soprano

Concerts will be live streamed and available on
Facebook Live. Concerts will be archived for one week
after streaming date.

For details on these virtual offerings, please visit
<https://whitememorial.org/musical-messages/>



WHEN WILL IT END?

This is a question many of us are asking ourselves these days. Are you asking about the pandemic, the pain caused by the loss of a loved one, the loss of a relationship, the loss of financial security or some other life event that feels like more than you can handle alone? Would it be helpful to have someone with whom you can share your burden? Let a Stephen Minister join you on your path for a while. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately – by phone, video chat or, if safely, possibly in person- to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential.

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*



stephen
MINISTRY



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021 REGISTRATION OPEN!

FOR CHILDREN OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE TURNED 3
BY AUGUST 31, 2020
THROUGH CURRENT FIFTH GRADERS

Join our quest this summer as we discover protective armor found in Bible stories and have fun along the way.

August 2-6, 2021 | 9:30 a.m. - noon

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Early Registration: through March 31, \$20

Regular Registration: April - May 31, \$35

Contacts:

Lynn Springfield, lspringfield@whitememorial.org or
Jennifer Eastman, jeastman@whitememorial.org

REGISTER: WWW.WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/SUMMER-PROGRAMS

CARING FOR A LOVED ONE WITH DEMENTIA



TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 16 | 7 - 8:30 P.M. | ZOOM

Health Ministries presents Melanie Bunn, RN, MS. Melanie is a Dementia Training Specialist for Dementia Alliance of North Carolina, Consulting Associate at the Duke University School of Nursing, and Trainer of the Positive Approach to Care. This class will be interactive, so there will be ample time to have your questions answered.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER

This support group uses Cancer Companions devotionals, videos and Bible lessons to explore how we can draw closer to God as we go through difficult times.

Sundays, February 21 - April 25, 2021
4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom

Seeing GOD in Your Cancer Journey

Here's a look at our weekly topics:

February 21: Introduction

February 28: Faith

March 7: Questions

March 14: Healing

March 21: Prayer

March 28: Stress Reduction

April 4: Easter Sunday; no class

April 11: Relationships

April 18: Communication

April 25: Healthy Living

Questions: contact

Jean Williams, Parish Nurse at 919-834-3425, ext. 234, jwilliams@whitememorial.org
or Jim Ferry, Parish Associate at 919-834-3425, ext. 208, jferry@whitememorial.org

Register: www.whitememorial.org/register

