

WMPC MONTHLY

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | MARCH 2021

Meekness Reconsidered

I have just returned from a trip to Columbia, SC, where Lucas Jones, a child of WMPC was ordained to pastoral ministry at Downtown Church, a Presbyterian congregation. It was a bright sunny worship service: we preached and prayed outside. I was joined by members of his family and by Nick Demuynck, who was once a youth intern at WMPC. He is now a pastor himself. Lessons learned at White Memorial are being passed on to thousands more through their ministries. It was overwhelming and it was joyful.

The whole experience was a reminder that God is ever faithful. Young adults, like Lucas and Nick, are responding to God's call to serve the church and their neighbors. They are responding to God's call to preach and teach and share the gospel. God continues to provide for the future of the church through their gifts and their voices. And these are only two of many who have been residents at our church, been interns at our church, or have grown up in our church who then felt called to make the decision to practice ministry as a vocation. I will be writing about others in the future. For today let me say that among the most praiseworthy parts of our 75-year history is our development of future pastors.

I thought about the future while driving to Columbia, even while considering the recent past. This month marks one year (hard to believe) since we altered our on-campus operations for COVID safety. In these 12 months, we have marked great successes, learned from a few failures, and adapted nearly every part of our ministry for this trying time of pandemic ministry.

During the ordination service I preached from Psalm 37. Psalm 37 is a psalm, a prayer, a petition for patience and trust. In the first 11 verses there are more than 7 exhortations to trust in God. The psalm says: "Do not fret; trust in the Lord; take delight in the Lord; commit your way to the Lord; be still before the Lord; refrain from anger; and, the meek shall inherit the land." It is a powerful and beautiful reminder of how we are supposed to live as disciples of Jesus; about how we are supposed to regard our relationship to God.

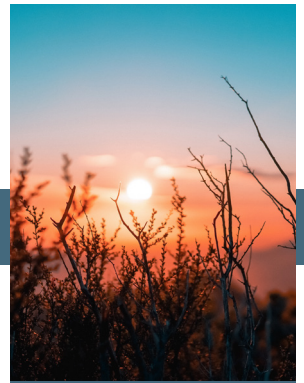
In the sermon I focused on "the meek shall inherit the land." Meekness is often confused with weakness (they even rhyme). But it is not weakness: in the biblical sense, meekness is faithful humility. The meek are those whose faith is in God. The meek are those who do not believe the universe revolves around them. The meek are those who choose the good even when there will be no praise. Meekness, as a theological virtue, is even picked up by Jesus at Matthew 5:5, "blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

We do not know what the future will bring – at least not exactly. But our intention for our ministry is to remain faithfully humble. The Bible, and even our Lord, asks for at least so much and certainly for nothing less. So, we will celebrate with young pastors who grew on our campus, and pray that God continues to use us to cultivate more of them. We will mark our first 75 years (beginning this summer) in thanksgiving while asking what is demanded of us to continue to plant more seeds for the decades to come. We will look to mission opportunities, worship opportunities, and reconciling opportunities with an eye and ear to how God is moving in our midst. And we will find strength in the words of scripture like Psalm 37: which calls us to trust in God, just like a newly ordained pastor, no matter the circumstances we shall face.

May faithfulness and humility 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

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919-834-3424

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919-605-4593



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IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Barbara Liles Campbell – February 9, 2021

William “Bill” Sublett Christian – February 16, 2021
WMPC family members: wife, Jewel Christian, and niece, Carol Hamel and husband Al Hamel.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Mark Steward and Freddie Heath, on the death of Mark’s father, Bennie O’Neal Steward, January 24, Waverly, TN.

Alden, Alden Elizabeth, Anna Berkeley and Bowen Parsons, on the death of Alden’s nephew, Tyler M. Studstill, February 3, Lakeland, GA.

Amy, Ben, Jay and Will Worley, on the death of Amy’s mother, Carole Moorefield Reeder, February 4, Mt. Sterling, KY.

Carol Vassey and Nancy Vassey, on the death of their niece, Pat Patton Gemmel, February 11, Portland, OR.

Tatum Gephart and Tobin Gephart, on the death of their mother, Carrie Elizabeth Nickerson Gephart, February 17, Raleigh, NC.

The family of James Michael “Mickey” Efird, professor emeritus at Duke Divinity School, who died February 17. Mickey led many adult Bible studies at White Memorial in years past.

Bill and Susan Fairfax, on the death of Bill’s uncle, Robert C. Benton, February 18, Raleigh, NC.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Bellamy Grey Gerber, born December 23, child of Brooklyn and Bryan Gerber, Greenville, NC, grandchild of Janet and Brian Kelleher.

Piper Kelleher Meisenbach, born January 26, child of Caitlin and Dale Meisenbach, Alexandria, VA, grandchild of Janet and Brian Kelleher.

BAPTIZED

January 31 – Davis Mark Brooks, child of Genevieve and Alex Brooks

January 31 – Anderson Webb Bynum, child of Meredith and Zack Bynum, grandchild of Lydia and Larry Wilson.

February 7 - Davis Coleman Leonard, child of Cameron and Connor Leonard, grandchild of Carol and Richard Battle.

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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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021 | 12:15 P.M.

All church members are invited to join us Sunday, March 21, at 12:15 p.m. for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We will use the Zoom Webinar format. This format allows for video presentations from the panelists, Q&A, audio participation, and voting. The purposes of the meeting are: the election of new church officers, the election of the next Nominating Committee, the approval of pastor terms of call, and the presentation of the 2020 Annual Report.

We invite you to pre-register online here.

CELEBRATE PALM SUNDAY

We will have containers with palm strips available for pick-up outside of the Witherspoon Building Thursday and Friday, March 25 & 26. WMPC members and friends are invited to take a palm to celebrate Palm Sunday.

WMPC OFFICE BUILDING IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

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



THANK YOU, WALTER!

After almost three decades, Walter Wilkerson retired at the end of January. Walter, started as a custodian in 1989 and in 2002 he became WMPC's Copy Equipment Operator. Walter is beloved by staff, members, and WDS teachers and children, alike. He always has a smile and funny story to share, and it is hard to imagine a kinder,

gentler soul than Walter. We have placed a basket in the Witherspoon lobby if you would like to leave Walter a card/note. [Additionally, you may make a gift to his retirement fund online.](#) Retirement gifts are not tax-deductible.



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.



INTERVIEWS FROM THE EVANGELICAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (EWST)

During the pandemic, Dr. Wojciech Szerba and Marek Kucharski of EWST seminary in Wrocław, Poland conducted a series of interviews with theologians in the US and Europe. [Wojciech's series, "Christianity in the Age of Anxiety" can be viewed here.](#) [Marek's "Church New Challenges" are also on YouTube.](#)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Save the date: The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for April 19, 2:00-6:30 p.m. in Pickard Hall. You can register at <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> or contact Jean Williams at jwilliams@whitememorial.org for details.

Reclaiming Sabbath

Cultivating Rhythms and Routines of Rest

Church Wide Bible Study - Visiting Scholar Program
with Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, Emory University's Candler School of Theology

Tuesdays | March 2, 9, 16 & 23 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Zoom | Registration required

On Tuesday, March 2, we will begin a 4-week church-wide Bible study entitled *Reclaiming Sabbath: Cultivating Rhythms and Routines of Rest* as a part of our Visiting Scholar Program. This four-week series offers an in-depth exploration of the biblical concept of Sabbath. Through interactive lectures and guided conversations we will consider the purpose, place, and practice of Sabbath in faith formation and the Christian life. In doing so, we will come to understand the ancient practice of Sabbath keeping as more than just a good idea for managing busyness. Rather, we will discover Sabbath as both a disruptive and daring invitation to think differently about holiness, our schedules, the pace of our lives, and when (not just where) we encounter God.

You won't want to miss this incredible opportunity to learn from Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio from Emory University's 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. www.whitememorial.org/register



Join us for the following
2021 virtual concerts!

Wednesdays
@ 1:00 p.m.

March 10

Classical and Celtic for St. Patrick's Day
Mara Shea, violin

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
Casey Robards, piano

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/>

The month of
MARCH
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.

MARCH 4

10:00 a.m.

Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident
Join us as Anne gives a Lent presentation

MARCH 11

10:00 a.m.

Social Connection Time

MARCH 18

10:00 a.m.

To Be Determined

MARCH 25

10:00 a.m.

Social Connection Time

SEE YOU ON ZOOM!

CHURCH WIDE DONATIONS FOR MARCH

INTERACT & THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The church will be collecting cleaning supplies to be donated to Interact and The Boys and Girls Club. Items needed are cleaning bleach, cleaning rags, window cleaner, disinfectant wipes/cleaners and laundry detergent. Please deposit these in the red bins in front of the Witherspoon Building during the month of March.

EASTER BASKETS FOR STEPUP AND MAYVIEW

We will also be donating Easter baskets for the children of StepUp and Mayview. Please come to the Witherspoon building to pick up an empty basket. Each basket will have a tag as to the gender and age of the child it will go to. Please fill the basket with goodies and **return by March 22**. Suggested items: toiletry items, cute socks, candy, nail polish, snack foods such as chips, crackers, and juice boxes, stuffed animals and gift cards to fill a basket.

THE LIBRARY IS 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!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Attention seniors! If you would like to apply for one of the college scholarships offered by White Memorial, please visit the website at whitememorial.org/youth/forms/. Applications are due by Friday, April 30 and must be turned in to Tonya Higgins at the church office or by email thiggins@whitememorial.org. If you have questions, please contact Gloria Johnson, gjohnson@whitememorial.org.

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.

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



WOMEN'S MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP VIRTUAL LUNCHEON

All women are cordially invited to join our virtual luncheon presentation

Monday, March 8

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

We hope you'll grab a sandwich and join us as Cristin DeRonja, Executive Director of SAFEchild, shares their mission to prevent child abuse and educate and strengthen families in Wake County.

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

GIVE BACK. SERVE.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PROJECTS FOR MARCH

We will be collecting cleaning supplies to be donated to Interact and Boys and Girls Clubs. Items needed are cleaning bleach, cleaning rags, window cleaner, disinfectant wipes/cleaners and laundry detergent. Please deposit these in the red bins in front of the Witherspoon Building.

In addition, women may donate to the churchwide project of supplying Easter baskets for StepUp and Mayview children. The church will provide the baskets to be picked up and filled with toiletry items, cute socks, candy, nail polish, snack food like chips, crackers and juice boxes, stuffed animals, and gift cards to anywhere. Filled baskets should be returned to the Witherspoon building lobby by March 22.

CIRCLE INFO

Circles meet on Monday, March 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, Paula Williams

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

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

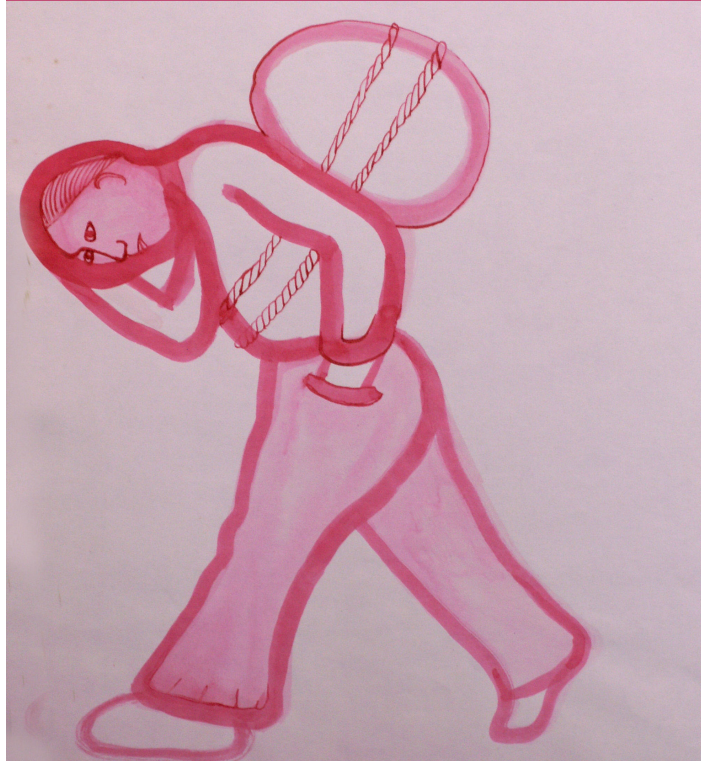
**Circle M: 7:00 a.m., March 2 and March 16, Zoom;
Reps. - Susan Allen, Miriam Dorsey**

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

Circle O: March 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.

CAN WE SHARE YOUR BURDEN?



We are all struggling with something these days. Do you feel your struggles are becoming too much for you to handle? If you are under such a load, please consider a Stephen Minister as a source of emotional and spiritual support. Stephen Ministers are trained to share your journey and be a confidential companion. Loneliness, financial stress, personal or family health issues, loss of a loved one or a relationship are just a few of the reasons that can lead to a sense of no longer being able to effectively cope with the events of life.

Stephen Ministers are Christian men and women trained to provide confidential one-to-one care. A Stephen Minister can meet with you privately – by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person, to offer care and support.

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

MARCH BOXED MEALS TO GO



MAR. 3 (Reserve your meal(s) by noon Friday, Feb. 26) ...

WILD RICE CHICKEN CASSEROLE

(Wild Rice Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Baked Apples, Hot Roll, Dessert) **Host:** Sunday School Committee

MAR. 10 (Reserve your meal(s) by noon Friday, Mar. 5)

BEEF STROGANOFF OVER EGG NOODLES

(Beef Stroganoff over Egg Noodles, Steamed Broccoli, Hot Roll, Dessert) **Host:** God Talk

MAR. 17 (Reserve your meal(s) by noon Friday, Mar. 12)

VEGETABLE PLATE

(Vegetable Plate: Spinach Casserole, Macaroni & Cheese, Field Peas, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Hot Biscuit, Dessert) **Host:** Session

MAR. 24 (Reserve your meal(s) by noon Friday, Mar. 19)

MOM'S MEAT LOAF

(Meat Loaf, Hash Brown Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Dessert) **Host:** Service Committee - will be collecting canned fruit.

MAR. 31 (Reserve your meal(s) by noon Friday, Mar. 26)

MOROCCAN MEATBALLS

(Moroccan Meatballs, Basmati Rice, Green Peas, Focaccia Bread, Dessert) **Host:** Outreach Committee - will be collecting boxed mac and cheese.

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Boxed Meals to Go: \$7.00/each. All dinners come as is. No refunds.
PICK-UP MEALS ON MCDONALD LANE: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.



On April 14 the Middle East Committee for Peace and Justice will present the film "For Sama" in which a young filmmaker chronicles the first year of her daughter's life against the backdrop of the cataclysmic conflict raging around them in the Syrian uprising. More information will follow.



Bassem-Kitchen Culinary Arts Program. Photo credit: Liz Wuerffel

BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM

"Our aim is that our people, who admire stars, will dare to look up and dream, to believe in goals to strive for and develop a new sense of hope, community, beauty and faith."

- Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb

Bright Stars of Bethlehem, a nonprofit organization that promotes peace and justice in Palestine, was born out of the dream and vision of Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb who visited with us at WMPC in 2017. In 1995 he began an Outreach Ministry in Bethlehem dedicated to educating the next generation of creative leaders in Palestine. His vision was to support the health, education, cultural and spiritual development of the people in the Middle East in order to promote peace and harmony in the region. He established the International Center of Bethlehem which houses Dar al-Kalima University of Arts & Culture and other initiatives for youth, families, and older adults as well as public advocacy for basic human rights.

Members of our congregation visited the Center in 2009 and 2014 during our trips to Palestine and Israel and were excited to see all that they were doing there. We were treated to an excellent meal created by student chefs in their renowned culinary arts school, one of their many degree programs, which include film production, visual arts, tourism, and graphic design. Over the years WMPC through the Middle East Committee for Peace and Justice has provided scholarship assistance as well as support for a Girls' Soccer Program.

The University accepts Muslims, Christians, Palestinians, people from cities, from villages, and from refugee camps, preparing them for careers. Bright Stars' vision and great hope is for the people of Palestine to have life in abundance.

Hope is what they do!

For more information about future trips to the Middle East, contact Dan McConnell @ demconnell@bellsouth.net.

The Middle East Peace and Justice Committee was formed 11 years ago after the first of two trips (2009 and 2014) members of WMPC have made to Holy Lands. The committee has become the group within our congregation which has focused on interfaith relations in our community and support of mission efforts in Palestine/Israel. Each trip visited Mar Elias schools and the International Center in Bethlehem, where Dar al-Kalima is located.

PILGRIMS OF IBILLIN



VISION: To foster peace and justice in Israel and Palestine through education

Since about 2009, after a trip to Israel by WMPC members, White Memorial has supported an organization called the Pilgrims of Ibillin. Pilgrims of Ibillin was formed about 30 years ago by Rev. Bruce Rigdon from the Presbyterian Church USA and the Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church, Michigan, in partnership with Archbishop Elias Chacour from Palestine. Reverend Rigdon and Abuna (Father) Chacour first met each other at a conference in the Middle East. Elias Chacour is an Arab Christian, an orthodox Catholic priest, and a proud Palestinian citizen of Israel. The Gross Pointe community saw this as an opportunity to invest in peace-building in Israel/Palestine.

Pilgrims of Ibillin works to support the Mar Elias Educational Institutions (MEEI) which was founded by Elias Chacour in the tiny town called Ibillin in the northern part of Israel. At MEEI, children from kindergarten through High School study side by side regardless of their religion, family, or background. Children who would normally not spend any time together are invited to become peacemakers as they learn both their school subjects and what it means to be a part of a diverse community.

This partnership of the Pilgrims of Ibillin and Mar Elias Schools Educational Institution has made a difference in the lives of countless children and continues to be a source of hope around the world. Over the years, White Memorial has supported scholarships for students at the MEEI schools, helped finance building projects and renovations at the schools, provided money for computers, and even supported the High School Girls' soccer team! The MEEI students are ranked high in the national exams and MEEI prides itself on giving the children a stellar education.

In addition to the schools, MEEI began to reach out and give annual grants to Peace Building partners organizations.

Pilgrims of Ibillin is a 501 C3 charity.



"We are not condemned to live together, we are rather privileged to live together – to accept each other and to become a sign of hope for our local people, for the Middle East and for all those thousands who visit the Holy Places."
- Archbishop Elias Chacour

We are planning a congregation-wide Zoom meeting with the Executive Director of Pilgrims of Ibillin. More information regarding the meeting will follow. We hope you will consider attending.

Welcome to WMPC!

BELIEVING & BELONGING @ WMPC CLASS
JANUARY 31, 2021



**ANNA LAWRENCE BARRINGER
AND CHAUNCEY DEPEW**

Anna joins by certificate of transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. Chauncey joins by reaffirmation of faith.



LAUREN AND NEIL BUCKLEY

Lauren joins by certificate of transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina and Neil joins by reaffirmation of faith. Their daughter, Blair is one.



SUSAN AND ROB HAMILTON

Susan and Rob join by certificate of transfer from University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Their daughter, Elizabeth James, is 8 months old.



LAUREN AND TAYLOR MACBAIN

Lauren joins by certificate of transfer from Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Apex, North Carolina and Taylor joins by transfer from Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Their daughter, Amelia, is 7 months old.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



EMILY AND GREG MADER

Emily and Greg Mader join by reaffirmation of faith. Their son, Carter is 3 months old.



ABBEY POPE

Abbey joins by certificate of transfer from St Paul United Methodist Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina.



GRADY SMITH AND MELISSA TULIS

Grady joins by reaffirmation of faith.
Melissa joins by reaffirmation of faith.



ALANA AND ERIC NANZ

Alana and Eric join by certificate of transfer from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Ft Myers, Florida. Their daughter, Amelia is one.



MEREDITH AND WILL SMITH

Meredith and Will join by certificate of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. Their children are William, 7 and Edie, 2.

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

EASTER MEMORIALS

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 insert on April 4.

Contributions received in excess of the cost of Easter flowers, greenery, will go into a fund used for all decorations in the sanctuary, main hall and overflow worship space 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, March 29. 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.

Easter Flower Form Please Print

Name of Donor: _____ Telephone _____

Donation Amount: Given: _____ in honor of, **or** _____ in memory of

[Please refrain from using titles. List names with first (or goes by name) and last name. Example: Joe Green, or Peggy & John Jones. Due to space constraints, we are unable to note family relationship.]

(Name) _____

(Name) _____

Put form in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it off in the church office to the attention of Rebecca Turner.

The deadline is noon on Monday, March 29.

HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE

wilderness

A LENTEN PILGRIMAGE 2021

Midweek Lenten Services:

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

Live Stream every Wednesday beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Services:

February 28, March 7, 14, 21

Live Stream and In-person worship with registration

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary | 11:00 a.m. OnPoint@1704

LENT RESOURCES 2021

Members of our WMPC staff, along with leaders in Faith Formation, have compiled a list of Lent resources which we hope you find meaningful during your pilgrimage.

BOOKS

Listening at Golgotha: Jesus' Words from the Cross

By: Peter Storey

Featuring original charcoal illustrations by Jan Richardson, each of the seven chapters has a meditation, reflective guidance, and a prayer.

Were You There?

By: Luke A. Powery

Lenten reflections on the African American spirituals.

Pauses for Lent: 40 Words for 40 Days

By: Trevor Hudson

Quick devotions to refresh your spirit even in the midst of busy days.

Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through 10 Objects

By: Jill Duffield

Each week of Lent, readers will encounter a new object to consider through scripture, prayer, and reflection.

Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent

By: Richard Rohr

Meditations and daily readings for Lent.

DIGITAL

The Way to Shalom: A Lenten Journey to Peace and Wholeness

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/lent2021/>

An online publication of the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. Each week will have its own theme, covering one of the many definitions of shalom, the Hebrew word for peace.

The African American Lectionary

www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org

A collaborative project of The African American Pulpit and American Baptist College of Nashville.

@blackliturgies on Instagram

Daily practices, meditations and prayers.

D365 Daily Devotionals

www.d365.org

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Lift Every Voice: A Lenten Journey Toward Racial Justice

www.ignatiansolidarity.net/lent-2016

A blog of the Ignatian Solidarity Network addressing America's original sin of racism through the lens of Ignatian spirituality and the daily readings.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

March 3, 10, 17, 24
Pre-recorded service | every Wednesday
Available all day beginning at 8:00 a.m.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Sunday | March 28
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. | OnPoint @1704 | Main Hall
Live Stream & In-person with registration

Holy Monday

Monday | March 29
Pre-recorded service | Available all day beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Wholeness and Healing Service

Tuesday | March 30
Pre-recorded service | Available all day beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Wednesday

Wednesday | March 31
Pre-recorded service | Available all day beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday | April 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Main Hall
Live Stream | FB Live

Good Friday

Friday | April 2 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Live Stream | FB Live

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday | April 4
Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 combined worship with communion
Pre-recorded service available all day beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday offers in-person worship with registration in addition to Live Stream/FB Live.
All other Lenten, Holy Week and Easter worship services are pre-recorded or Live Stream only;
no in-person worship. Services will be available OnDemand after scheduled programming.

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