

WMPC MONTHLY

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | DECEMBER 2019

Journey to Bethlehem

Advent is very much like a metaphorical journey to Bethlehem for each and every believer. In our Advent *Word Magazine* I wrote that “the journey to Bethlehem is the most important journey ever undertaken.” It was for Joseph and Mary. It can be for us, too.

As we encounter Advent 2019, that is, before we get to Christmas Day (please see inside this newsletter for Christmas worship times on December 24), our church is offering some compelling aids for our journey to Bethlehem this year.

First, we have daily devotional cards. Pick up a pack of devotional cards at worship on December Sundays or stop by the church office. These cards will guide you through daily prayer during your important Advent journey.

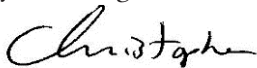
In addition to Sunday worship, we have weekly Advent prayer services on Wednesday nights in Davidson Chapel. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. these services are beautiful and poignant touchstones for devotion and prayer as we make our way to the manger.

Lastly, two additional special services of worship are available to our church family. December 5 we offer, *Peace Along the Journey - Bearing Witness to Light in the Darkness*, a worship service for those whom the Christmas season is difficult this year or every year. This service will be at 6:00 p.m. in Davidson Chapel. And on December 15 our choirs offer Bach’s Magnificat in D which is Mary’s song from the gospel of Luke. The performance will be at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.

Whether you join us in the Advent journey or not, time is unrelenting and Christmas will come. Like an unstoppable force, it arrives by the plan and hand of God. The best lessons of Christmas cannot be delivered by Amazon or UPS. They are not learned under a Christmas tree. They are only learned by taking the journey through Advent. We only learn how badly we need a savior if we can measure our journeys towards the manger one step at a time.

Advent will never be as popular as Christmas. That is just fine by me. I find I need our Advent journey in order not to be blinded by the allure of the destination. The journey melts the cold spaces in my heart. When my heart is warmed to God and my neighbors, I am grateful.

May Advent grace abound,



Christopher Edmonston
Pastor

Thank you to all who have made their financial commitments for our 2020 annual budget. To date we have 711 households pledging \$3.38 million. Again, thank you to all who make our ministries possible. We are close to our goal of \$4 million in pledges. If you have not pledged yet, you may do so at www.whitememorial.org/give, mail in your pledge card, or you may call Jody Grayson in the church office.



WORSHIP TIMES

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

11:00 a.m.
OnPoint@1704
Pickard Hall

See page 13 for a full
listing of Advent/
Christmas services

Ride the Shuttle!

Avoid the traffic around the church and ride the shuttle from Carolina Place, 2626 Glenwood Avenue, on Sundays. Shuttle service begins at 8:45 a.m. and continues until the 11:00 a.m. worship service concludes and everyone is back to their cars. Hayes Barton United Methodist operates a shuttle from the same location, so look for the WMPC sign in the shuttle bus window.

Church Office

Telephone Number:
919-834-3424

Pastor-On-Call

Telephone Number:
919-605-4593



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WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

Jays & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Sara (Sally) Newpher Willard – October 29, 2019
WMPC family members: son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Gail Willard and their children, Keenan, Emma and Davis.

Elinor McCorkle - November 23, 2019.

Nancy Izlar McDougal – November 26, 2019
WMPC family members: husband Gregg McDougal and sons, Davis and Garrett McDougal.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

John and Anne Tate, and Meg, Ed, Ellie and Kate Ergenzinger, on the death of John's father, John Clyde Tate Jr., October 29, Raleigh, NC.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Wyndon Locke Pendleton, born September 6, child of Molly and Jordan Pendleton, grandchild of Susan Skinner.

Grace Potter Smith, born October 7, child of Caroline and Gil Smith.

Luke Sherrod Iverson, born October 28, child of Emily and Eric Iverson, grandchild of Mollie and Jim Day.

Ashton Kyle Heathcote and Jordan Lee Heathcote, born November 2, children of Amanda and David Heathcote, grandchildren of Nancy Heathcote, and great-grandchildren of Nancy Thompson.

Fulton Thomas Fogartie, born November 2, child of Douglass and Preston Fogartie, N. Myrtle Beach, SC, grandchild of Carol and Jim Fogartie.

Sutton Ann Marshall, born November 21, child of Susan and Chad Marshall, Midlothian, VA, grandchild of Anne and George Ramsay.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mary and Jack Clayton, on the birth of grandchild, Charles Stewart Clayton, born October 16 to Katie and Zach Clayton.

BAPTIZED

November 3 – **Caroline Dorsett Paschal**, child of Elizabeth and Robert Paschal, Jr., grandchild of Anna and Robert Paschal, and great-grandchild of Anna Lee Dorsett.

November 10 – **Caroline Van Dyke Archie**, child of Meredith and Charles Archie.

November 10 – **Charles Cranford Clarke**, child of Amy and Penn Clarke.

November 10 – **Baxter Stinson Hoyle**, child of Mandy and Brian Hoyle, grandchild of Barbara Hoyle.

November 10 – **Lucy Renner Kincheloe**, child of Anna Vaughn and Hatcher Kincheloe.

November 17 – **Baker Teague Bowman**, child of Marianne and Andrew Bowman, grandchild of Daryl and Susan Bowman.

November 24 – **Alden Davis Embree**, child of Kennedy and Mark Embree, grandchild of Fran Carruthers.

November 24 – **Reeves Cameron Hunt**, child of Dalton and Brandon Hunt, grandchild of Fran Carruthers.

MARRIAGES

Kathryn Ann Fogartie and Thomas Barclay Staff, November 2, DeBordieu, SC. Kathryn is the daughter of Carol and Jim Fogartie.

Mary Katherine Clemens and Levi Vance Bannerman, November 9, Fearington Village, NC.

Holden Miller Stanley and John Matthew Clark, November 9, WMPC. Holden is the daughter of Miller and Bobby Stanley, and granddaughter of Doris and Bob Stanley, and Cornelia Vick.

Jeffrey Robert Blackburn and Ella Jane Dickerson, November 15, Banff, Alberta, Canada. Jeff is the son of Marsha Blackburn and James Blackburn.

Melissa Smith White and Joseph Brian Pecheles, November 16, WMPC. Melissa is the daughter of Cynthia and Bart White.

Jessica Amanda Carroll and James Benjamin Littleton, November 23, Melrose Knitting Mill, Raleigh, NC.

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 Claprod at aclaprod@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.

noteworthy

CHURCH FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

CHURCHWIDE NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Nominations are being accepted for new ruling elders and deacons. The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in late January to consider nominations for new church officers, class of 2023. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for the office of Elder of Deacon. The Officer Nomination Form can be found in this newsletter (pgs 14-15) and on our website: www.whitememorial.org/church-officers.

BE SURE TO CHECK WWW.WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG TO CONFIRM ROOM NUMBER, DATE AND TIME OF ANY EVENT YOU ARE ATTENDING.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
GENEVA HALL
10:00-11:00 A.M.

WMPC provides 70 sack lunches once a month for Raleigh Rescue Mission's Sunday Sack Lunches program. All we need are willing hands to make and pack the lunches. Everything will be provided.



On Saturday, December 7 we hope you will join us as we will make emergency meal kits for Meals on Wheels and prepare a mailing for Transitions LifeCare.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
FIESTA BUILD DEDICATION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
2:00 P.M.

WMPC is the lead sponsor for the *Fiesta Build* which brings us together with many Hispanic organizations and groups. Our Fiesta Build home will be dedicated on Saturday, December 7, 2:00 p.m. at 3113 Frinks Drive in the Crosstowne Subdivision. Please join us for the dedication of Lisette Nieves' home and two more built by Habitat in this neighborhood. You don't have to have been involved in Habitat to celebrate the construction of these homes.



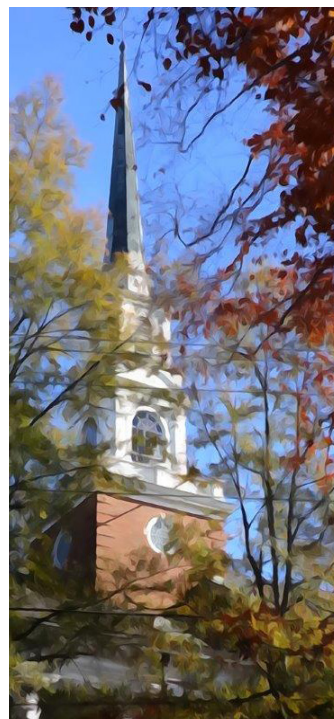
DECEMBER 29
FIFTH SUNDAY
HUNGER OFFERING

The collection offering on Sunday, December 29 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.



There are a few changes that should be exciting for the congregation during the month of December. First, the sanctuary bathroom renovations are complete. These two unisex restrooms provide bathroom access to attendees without any obstacles. We also have a new exit from the sanctuary to Oberlin Road. Second, if you look on the roofs of Knox and Luther you will see our solar panel installation is complete. Watch our digital signage for an indicator of our solar production. This was made possible by a family in our church and expresses our shared value of environmental stewardship. Lastly, the construction camera moved from outside the new building to the interior of the new worship hall. You now have the ability to watch as we will install the flooring and wood paneling in the space. Our projected date for occupying the new space is February 17, 2020. Renovation on Pickard Hall, Geneva Hall, and the old kitchen will begin shortly thereafter.

Andrew Amodei
 Executive Director



INTERESTED IN
MEMBERSHIP
AT WHITE
MEMORIAL?

JOIN US!

The next *Believing & Belonging* @WMPC Class for new and prospective members will meet on Sunday, January 12 and join on Sunday, January 26.

REGISTER BY DECEMBER 30
WWW.WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER

HEALING THROUGH GRIEF

We are all touched by grief at some point in our lives. No one ever needs to feel alone in this difficult time. Whether it has been a recent loss or a loss in the past that has not yet healed, you are invited to come together in January for a series of four sessions to help along your journey of grief.

Each session offers a look at different aspects of grief: from acceptance of your loss and working through its pain, to adjusting to a new environment while honoring a relationship very significant in your life.

One session builds upon the other, but attendance at all of them is not necessary.

This class, led by Susan Sexton, an ordained Presbyterian minister and long time friend of WMPC, will meet on Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in K200. Childcare is available with registration at www.whitememorial.org/register.

Help StepUp Children Shop for Parents

Children love to pick out items for parents or special adults in their lives. This is the eighth year of the Shop for Parents Store, to be held on Tuesday, December 3.

Each StepUp child has the opportunity to pick out several gifts and have them wrapped. We need your help with items for men and women: holiday-themed items, pot holders, dish towels, gift sets, gloves/scarves, wallets, ties, tool kits, flashlights/batteries, candles, or any item that would make a great gift for a child to choose **(new items only)**.

Bring items to Gloria Johnson's office in the Witherspoon building, W301 by Monday, December 2.



Churchwide Advent Bible Study with Christopher Edmonston Sanctuary | 6-7 p.m. Monday | December 2, 9 & 16

Reviewing the history and theology of Advent, we will look at prophets and gospels to set the stage for Christmas.

Join Christopher Edmonston in the Sanctuary for this Church Wide Bible Study. Everyone is welcome to come.

Bring your Bibles and notebooks while we dive into the scriptures together.

Childcare is provided.



Bus Stop Nativity by Andrew Gadd

PEACE ALONG THE JOURNEY: BEARING WITNESS TO LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS Thursday, December 5 | 6 p.m. | Davidson Chapel

We hope you will join us for this service on Thursday, December 5 at 6 p.m. in Davidson Chapel as we offer hope and bear witness to the light amidst the darkness of anxiety, seasonal stress, life transitions and grief that some experience during the Advent and Christmas season.

GIFTING APPRECIATED

Gifting appreciated stock is a great way to make your contributions to the church. If you are gifting stock as part of your contributions to the church, please write, fax or phone Jody Grayson when you make the transfer so we can comply with your instructions and give you credit for your gift. We need to know the brokerage firm you are using, the number of shares, the name of the stock, and how you would like your gift allocated.

UNIDENTIFIED STOCK

Will the generous donors of Fresh Del Monte, Cisco Systems, Exxon Mobil or BB&T stocks please call Jody Grayson at 834-3425 ext. 204 to identify your gift so that we can give you proper credit.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note that all year-end contributions must be received in the Finance Office by 5:00 PM on December 31, 2019 or postmarked by December 31, 2019 to be claimed as a 2019 donation.

MAGNIFICAT



Mary's Song

MUSIC FOR ADVENT WITH FEATURED WORKS BY JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
presented by
Sounds on Oberlin Concert Series
SUNDAY | DECEMBER 15
3 P.M. | SANCTUARY
FREE ADMISSION

The song of Mary as found in Luke 1:46-55 has inspired countless works of art and music. This concert presents four settings based on the text, all by Johann Sebastian Bach.

The combined choirs of WMPC accompanied by orchestra under the leadership of Karl Zinsmeister and Kirsten Homdrom present this Advent Concert.

Childcare available by registration through December 11
www.whitememorial.org/register

A love offering in support of the Sounds on Oberlin concert series will be collected.



J O Y  G I F T

December 8 | 5:30 p.m.
SANCTUARY

A WMPC family worship tradition.

During the Joy Gift Service, the Christmas Story will unfold through lessons and carols. Children, ages four through 5th grade will come forward to the WMPC Christmas tree with ornaments that were made in Sunday School and can place under the tree their gift of an unwrapped new toy or food for families during the offertory.

Music will be led by the White Memorial Youth Choir and Youth Band.

Childcare is provided for children three and younger, beginning at 5:15 p.m.
A reception with light refreshments to follow this special service.



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 22 and Christmas Eve services.

Flowers, greenery and poinsettias will adorn our worship spaces throughout Advent and Christmas. Our Pastoral Care Ministry will deliver small poinsettias or plants to designated recipients.

Contributions will go into a fund used for all decorations in the sanctuary, chapel and OnPoint 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 16. Send your contribution to Rebecca Turner, and call her at 919-834-3425, ext. 222, with questions.**

Advent/Christmas Greenery Memorials and Honoraria
Please Print.

DEADLINE: Noon on Monday, December 16

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



ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED!



COME BE A PART OF OUR POP-UP PAGEANT.




Children who would like to be a part of the pageant are encouraged to come dressed as an angel, a shepherd or a stable animal.

Remember to bring a bell to accompany the singing of carols.



Children's Christmas Eve Services
December 24
3:00 and 4:00 pm

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHARE

Help children enjoy Advent and Christmas with a \$5 purchase of our 2019 Children's Christmas Share gift –

A Manger Miracle. This beautiful gift contains an activity book that tells the story of Jesus' birth and contains a dot-to-dot page and an Advent wreath page with stickers. Included are crayons and a *Children's Christmas Share* card to color and send to a loved one.

Your purchase provides this package for your child and one for a StepUp family's child. StepUp is an organization that meets at our church and helps families who need homes, jobs, food, transportation, and more.

Available while supplies last, beginning mid-November at Wednesdays Together dinners and then on Sunday mornings.

Christmas Share

Alternative Giving That Meets the Need

Christmas Share is an alternative giving program, started by Presbyterian Women over 25 years ago, where you can make donations to church-supported agencies and international mission partners. Over the years we have contributed more than \$900,000 to our community and world. One check is sent to each agency after Christmas.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Decide which agencies you would like to make contributions.
2. Put the amount beside the agency.
3. Make one check for the total amount to White Memorial Christmas Share
4. Bring form by the Christmas Share table located in The Connector on Sundays during Advent between 9-9:30 a.m. and during the 10:30 coffee hour, the December Presbyterian Women's Luncheon or Gloria Johnson's office anytime after November 1.
You can receive a Christmas card to send to family and friends with each \$5 donation
5. The contribution to Christmas Share will appear on your church financial statement.
6. After Christmas, we will issue one check to each agency for the total amount contributed

International Mission (IM)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute where needed for IM | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat of Humanity of Wake County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Haiti: Ministries with children | <input type="checkbox"/> Haven House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Russia: Partner church in Smolensk | <input type="checkbox"/> Healing Transitions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poland: Scholarships for seminary students | <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East - Scholarships (Mar Elias School at Ibilim) | <input type="checkbox"/> Interact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Santuario Hispanic Fellowship | <input type="checkbox"/> Justice Matters |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Experiences |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Loaves and Fishes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Meals on Wheels |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI Wake County) |

Community Ministry (CM)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute where needed for ICM | <input type="checkbox"/> NC Reading Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Place At The Table | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak City Cares |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alliance Medical Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Enlightenment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autism Society of North Carolina | <input type="checkbox"/> SAFEchild |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys and Girls Clubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Saint Saviour's Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communities in Schools of Wake County -Mayview Learning Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Music School | <input type="checkbox"/> StepUp Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dress for Success | <input type="checkbox"/> Tammy Lynn Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emmaus House | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitions Life Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F.I.G.S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Triangle Family Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC | <input type="checkbox"/> Triangle Pastoral Counseling, Inc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GiGi's Playhouse of Raleigh | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Ministries of Wake County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glenaire Scholarship Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> WakeEd Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Chair Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Wake Relief |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Wake Smiles |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheels4Hope |

2020 WMPC WOMEN'S RETREAT



ROOTED IN LOVE

RECEIVING AND PARTICIPATING
IN THE ABUNDANT LOVE OF GOD

JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 2, 2020
PINEHURST, NC

Please join us Friday, January 31- Sunday, February 2, 2020
in Pinehurst for the 16th annual Women's Retreat.

This year we welcome Amy Julia Becker as she explores
*Rooted in Love: Receiving and Participating
in the Abundant Love of God.*

Registration is open through December 15.

REGISTER AT WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/PW



ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY

Looking for a way to get involved at White Memorial? If you want to volunteer your time to deliver meals or simply like to cook, please consider giving your time to the Angel Food Ministry. We are part of Martha Ministry and we provide meals to

church members in times of need. Contact Laura Bryant at lkbryant@gmail.com or 404-408-9085, or Jean Williams at jwilliams@whitememorial.org for more information about getting involved.



WIDOWS OF WHITE MEMORIAL

The Widows of White Memorial meet monthly on Wednesday with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Geneva Hall. Our next meeting is December 18.

All widows are welcome, whether recent widows or long-time or somewhere in between. Please contact Ceil Blackwell at ceilb@aol.com for information.

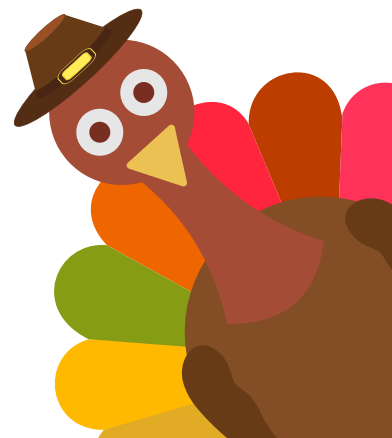
TURKEY DINNER COLLECTION

It's that time! We will have our annual Christmas Turkey Dinner Collection on December 8 from 8-11 a.m. We offer curbside pickup by Carol Copeland Courtyard. Dinners will go to:

- LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES
- STEPUP MINISTRY
- MAYVIEW/OBERLIN COMMUNITY

Items collected are:

- 1 FROZEN TURKEY OR HAM
- 1 BOX INSTANT POTATOES
OR 1 LARGE CAN OF YAMS
- 1 JAR OR CAN
OF GRAVY
- 1 BOX
DRESSING
- 1 CAN CRANBERRY
SAUCE
- 1 LARGE CAN
GREEN BEANS
- 1 LARGE CAN
OF FRUIT



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP & STUDY

Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon

All are cordially invited

**Monday, December 9
noon, Pickard Hall**

December's Luncheon Program will be a performance by Razzamatazz, a team of ladies dancing Broadway style.

Reservations may be made for the luncheon and/or childcare online through the church website or the app. If you are unable to use the online system, please call Tonya Higgins at the church at (919) 834-3425, ext. 216. The deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, December 6.

Give Back. Serve.

In December, Presbyterian Women's service project will be "Turkey and Fixins." In addition we will be highlighting special populations, and rain ponchos, band-aids and yarn is a current need.

Honorary Life Membership Nominations

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 whitememorial.org/pw. Send applications of recommendation to Kathy Kidd at kakidd@bellsouth.net. Nominations will be accepted through February 17, 2020.

CIRCLE INFO

Circles meet on Monday, December 9 unless otherwise noted. For circle membership information, please contact Barbara Bond (919) 624-2871 or Kristi Wilson (919) 789-0536.

Circle A: 10:15 a.m. in C200; Reps. - Nancy Long, Carol Lynn

Circle B: 10:15 a.m. in C301; Reps. - Ann Carney, Ruth Chell

Circle C: 10:00 a.m. in K302; Reps. - Rebecca Spanbauer, Mary Grace White

Circle D: December 12, 11:00 a.m.; The Cypress, Building A Parlor; Rep. - Ramona Deener, Bettye Gunter

Circle E: Circle Hostess for December 9 luncheon - 10:00 a.m. in Pickard Hall; Reps. - Susan Ricks, June Ann Ward

Circle F: 9:45 a.m.; Hostess: Tricia Phoenix; Reps. - Blair Hughes, Debbie Pappas

Circle G: 9:30 a.m. in C100; Reps. - Mary Clayton; Donna Lupo

Circle I: 10:00 a.m. at Springmoor; Reps. - Linda Hancock, Susie Jackson

Circle K: December 10, 7:00 p.m., Hostess: Alison Cayton; Rep. - Cathy Lehman

Circle L: December 11, 7:00 p.m. in W400; Reps. - Kathy Kidd, Jackie Mullin

Circle M: 7:00 a.m. each Tuesday in Pickard Hall; Reps. - Susan Allen, Miriam Dorsey

Circle N: December 10, 11:30 a.m., Glenaire Private Dining Room; Reps. - Ann Harris, Lois Jenny

Circle O: December 10, 7:00 p.m. in C203; Rep. - Sally Nunnally

MENU

DECEMBER

12/4
SPAGHETTI SUPPER
(RESERVATIONS NOT REQUIRED)

12/11
CHICKEN POT PIE
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

12/18
MOROCCAN MEATBALLS
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

12/25
NO DINNER

REGISTER FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT
DINNERS ONLINE:
WWW.WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER

THIS YEAR, IF YOU HAVE REGISTERED ONLINE FOR THE
WEEK'S DINNER YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL
ON MONDAY MORNING AT 10:00 A.M. THIS WILL BE YOUR
NOTICE THAT YOU HAVE REGISTERED. IF YOU DO NOT
RECEIVE AN EMAIL YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER
ONLINE OR CALL THE OFFICE BY NOON TUESDAY.

save THE DATE!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15 - 19
9:00 - noon

3-year-olds (by Aug. 31, 2019)
through 5th graders (rising 6th graders)

Directors: Olivia Edwards - oliviabedwards@yahoo.com
and Emy Hanson - emyhanson@gmail.com

Staff: Lynn Springfield - lspringfield@whitememorial.org
Registration will begin in January!

save THE DATE!
MIDSUMMER CELEBRATIONS

August 3 - 6 (Mon. - Thurs.)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

1st - 5th graders (rising 2nd - 6th graders)

Directors: Ashley Silverman - silverman.ashley@gmail.com
and Harriet Worley - hfworley@nc.rr.com

Staff: Lynn Springfield - lspringfield@whitememorial.org
Registration will begin in January!

Celebrating **30** years as a
Stephen Ministry
congregation



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

Many in our congregation have gone through Stephen Ministry training. 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 become a Stephen Minister requires 50 hours of training and a two-year service commitment.

A new training class will begin in January. For more information, please visit www.whitememorial.org/stephen-ministry/

If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister walk beside you, please contact Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care at cchurchnorman@whitememorial.org or Anne Ramsay at aeramsay4@gmail.com.

stephen
MINISTRY

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

PLAY AND PRAY

Play and Pray is our child-friendly wing of spiritual formation centers, located on the ground floor of the Luther building. Come to Play and Pray to enjoy:

- The Way Station (S104), where you'll be transported to Bible story and prayer experiences
- Meadowlands (S101), for faith-filled games, arts and crafts
- Living Waters Children's Theater (S102), puppets and lively play-acting reign supreme here



BUSY HANDS ARE HAPPY HANDS

Come join *Russia, Etc. Knit and Crochet* on December 3 at 9:30 am in CW400. We have plenty of yarn, patterns, hooks and needles. Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee, snacks and lots of conversation. Any questions call Faye Senter 919-805-0897 or fsenter@bellsouth.net.

AGING WELL: END OF LIFE DISCUSSIONS

We invite you to join us as Rich Gwaltney of Transitions LifeCare dispels misconceptions about end of life care on Sunday, December 15, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Aging Well provides a forum where participants can approach some of the most pressing questions which arise as we age. While for many, aging may reflexively signify fears of loss or the unknown, here in community at White Memorial, there is space to discuss both our joys and our concerns, sorrows and unanticipated growth. Experts like psychologists, physicians, pastors and laypeople will share what they have learned about the aging process. This is a drop-in class. Liisa Ogburn, who has written over 150 articles on aging for WRAL, is the class facilitator.

BECOME AN AUDIO/VIDEO VOLUNTEER

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the balcony during worship? Become a volunteer and find out! From adjusting cameras to ensuring proper sound our team of volunteers make sure the services are streamed, recorded and provide a pleasing audio/visual experience for all worship services. Contact Karen Haneline at khaneline@whitememorial.org or 919-834-3425, ext. 219 for more information about how you can be a vital member of this important ministry.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERING

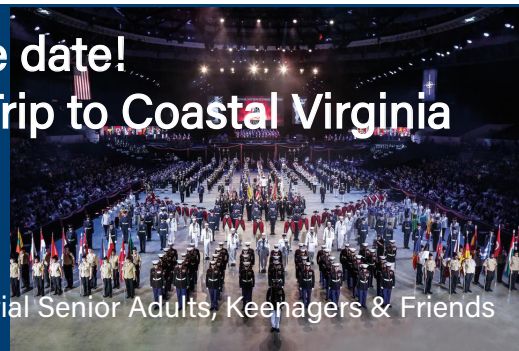
God is with us.

Matthew 1:23

Save the date! Spring Trip to Coastal Virginia

April 28 –
May 1, 2020

White Memorial Senior Adults, Keenagers & Friends



Our exciting 2020 trip is to the beautiful and patriotic city of Norfolk, and the historic and picturesque Eastern Shore of Virginia. A highlight of the trip is the Virginia International Tattoo on Thursday evening. We hope you will join us on this fun trip.

Registration is open. Flyers are in Witherspoon lobby.



December
THE MONTH OF

Keenagers

DECEMBER 5
OAKWOOD WAITS

DECEMBER 12
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

DECEMBER 19
TBD

DECEMBER 26
NO MEETING

DECEMBER 29
NO MEETING



DECEMBER 2019



Raleigh, NC



Children, Youth and Adults with Special Needs

IN 2019, WMPC PROVIDED \$16,500.00 THROUGH COMMUNITY GRANTS TO THESE AGENCIES TO MEET THE NEED:

TLC-Founded as Tammy Lynn Center-After 50 years, Tammy Lynn Center has found a better way to tell their story. One that better reflects who they are, what they do, and why they do it. They have a new look, but it's all the same love and the same TLC. They seek to empower individuals of all abilities to live their fullest life. From early childhood through adulthood, TLC has programs that are specific to ages and abilities. Find out more at www.nctlc.org

Autism Society of North Carolina-One in fifty-seven children may be diagnosed with autism in North Carolina. The Autism society of NC improves the lives of individuals with autism, supports their families, and educates communities. Find out more at www.autismsociety-nc.org

GiGi's Playhouse-The Raleigh location offers direct educational, therapeutic and career building programs to individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community. At GiGi's Playhouse, all ages are welcome from pre-natal to adults. The positive and uplifting environment is empowering and helps all involved in the program reach their highest potential. Find out more at raleigh@gigisplayhouse.org

Life Experiences- This is a non-profit organization in Cary, NC that offers a choice of satisfying work experiences for adults with varying disabilities, and at the same time allows those adults the self-esteem of earning a wage for their work. They have a variety of work experiences such as a bakery, laundry services, paper shredding, and other sub-contract services. Program participants have educational experiences and time for social interaction. Contact them at www.lifeexperiences.org

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE MONTH TO HELP THESE ORGANIZATIONS

Colored pencils, baby wipes, markers, food coloring, cotton balls, sponges, pipe cleaners, wax paper, foil, yarn, large tissues and hand sanitizers, stamps, band aids, coloring books, dental supplies, first aid kits, deodorant, rain ponchos, and oven mitts (to the elbow) Please place in collection bins in The Connector.

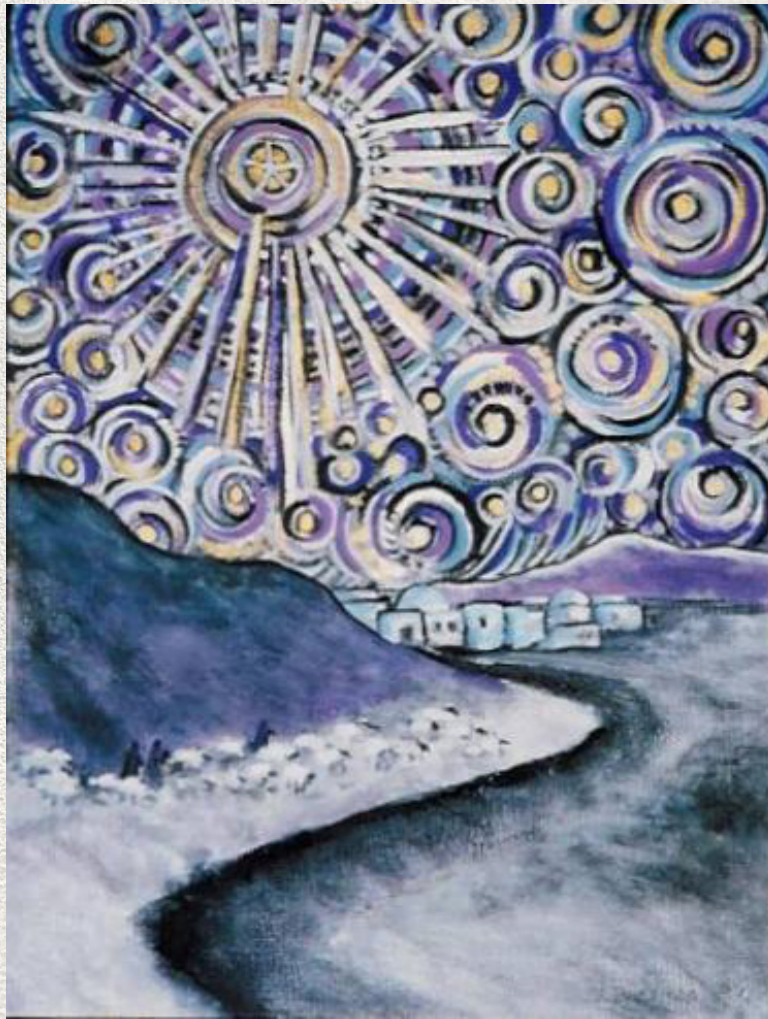
OTHER WAYS WE HAVE MET THE NEED:

- WMPC is the meeting site for STAR (Special Theater Arts Raleigh) which provides theater expression for young adults with a variety of special needs.
- WMPC Weekday School is an inclusive community with an on-site special needs consultant to offer support and some children receive additional support from agencies in the community.
- WMPC faith formation for children with special needs includes one-on-one helpers for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.
 - Education supplies were provided to Tammy Lynn Center (now TLC) to provide specialized experiences for individuals.
 - Several of the agencies mentioned above have provided programs for Presbyterian Women's Luncheons.
 - Provided much needed items for program participants and program facilities.

If you would like to be part of a small group interested in helping children, youth and adults with special needs please contact Gloria Johnson, Associate Pastor for Outreach at gjohnson@whitememorial.org.

COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE! JOIN US FOR OUR SATURDAY SHOW UP & SERVE
Saturday | December 7 | 10 a.m.-noon | Pickard Hall

Journey to Bethlehem



SUNDAY MORNINGS IN ADVENT

December 1, 8, 15 & 22
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. | Sunday School
11:00 a.m. | OnPoint@1704 in Pickard Hall

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN ADVENT

December 4, 11* & 18*
Fellowship Dinner
5:00-6:30 p.m. | Geneva Hall
Advent Evening Prayer
6:30-7:00 p.m. | Davidson Chapel

ALSO JOIN US FOR

Churchwide Advent Bible Study with Christopher Edmonston* - Monday, December 2, 9 & 16 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
Peace Along the Journey Service - Thursday, December 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Davidson Chapel
Joy Gift Service - Sunday, December 8 | 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Advent Communion Service* - Monday, December 9 | 11:30 a.m. | Sanctuary
Sounds on Oberlin presents the Magnificat with works by J.S. Bach* - Sunday, December 15 | 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24
Children's Christmas Eve Service - 3:00 & 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 6:00 & 11:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
pre-service music begins at 5:30 p.m. and 10:35 p.m.
6:00 p.m. | OnPoint @ 1704 in Pickard Hall

* Visit whitememorial.org/register or call 919-834-3424 for dinner/childcare reservations.

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 _____

revised November 2019

Officer Nomination Form - Instructions

In March of 2020, you will be asked to vote for a slate of officers to serve a three-year term in leadership, planning, and 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
- 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*)
- Share in leadership of the annual Generosity Campaign by making a pledge

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 22, 2020. This form may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday and mailed to the church office marked:

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



WEEKLY YOUTH EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Do you want to receive the weekly youth email newsletter that's full of great information? Contact Deb Smith at dsmith@whitememorial.org to be added to the contact list.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- **Youth Sunday Theme Planning Meeting**
for HS Seniors
12:00 -1:30 p.m. | C-200
- **Joy Gift:**
A WMPC Family Worship Tradition
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary
Reception to follow in JBGS
Childcare provided

LOOKING AHEAD

- **December 15**
HS Connections, MS Impact Groups,
and 5th Connection
Christmas Parties
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
See email newsletter for locations.

- **December 22**
Sunday School Christmas Parties
College Students Coffee Hour
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Geneva Hall
No Sunday Night Youth Group
- **December 24** (Christmas Eve)
College Student Drop In
10:00 – 11:00 p.m. | C-200
- **December 29**
No Sunday Morning or
Night Youth Program
- **January 5, 2020**
Mini Kick Off
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
For Students and Parents | Grades: 5 - 12
- **January 17, 2020**
LockOut
7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.
Starts in Pickard Hall
- **January 31-February 2, 2020**
Middle School CROSS Mission Trip
3:30 p.m. Check-In
Pickard Hall
Travel to Myers Park P.C
Serve Charlotte, NC

upcoming events

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Churchwide Advent Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Advent Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Peace Along the Journey
Worship Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Show Up and Serve/Let's Do Lunch
Habitat Fiesta Build Dedication

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Joy Gift Service:
A WMPC Family Tradition

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Advent Communion Service
Churchwide Advent Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Advent Evening Prayer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Sounds on Oberlin Concert Series:
Magnificat

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Churchwide Advent Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Advent Evening Prayer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Children's Services
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 &

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church offices closed for Christmas

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Church facilities closed for New Year's Day

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

First Friday Movie Night

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Show Up and Serve

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Believing & Belonging @WMPC class

MONDAY JANUARY 20

Church facilities closed in observance
of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Believing & Belonging @WMPC class joins

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 2

WMPC Women's Retreat