# WMPCMONTHLY

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | JANUARY 2020

# **Welcome 2020!**

2020 will be the 74th year of our life as a congregation. It promises to be an eventful one as the building portion of our Imagine project will finally be complete (phase one in February and phase two in June). I thank you all for your patience as we have undergone a radical campus transformation. Mark your calendars for a celebration and dedication of new and renovated spaces in September of 2020.

I am pleased to share that at its meeting last month, the Session of our church **voted to name the** new building the Edinburgh Building. White Memorial once had an Edinburgh Hall and this name looks back to our own history while also looking back into the history of the Presbyterian Church. Our roots are in the Scottish Church, and there is no Church of Scotland without the role and influence of the city of Edinburgh. Our prayer is that you find the name exciting and that it serves as a place and space where faith is fostered and souls are fed.

Last year, I wrote the following words as I reflected upon the tyrannical nature of time: "Chronos (time, calendar time - the root of the word chronology) to the ancient Greeks was a titan. A mythical force as old as the earth before which there was no resistance." Time is a titan. It can feel too slow during long nights, and too fast when we face a deadline. Years are both long and short at the same, ahem, time.

This will be a monumental year for my family. Our first child graduates from High School. I remember when he started 1st grade. We were told that they were the Class of 2020. It seemed so impossibly far in the future. And now I find myself wanting to return to that time as the emotions of launching a young man into the world make my hands tremble as I type these words. But his life is not mine to control. I cannot stop time. And the day will soon come when he takes his next steps into the world. Chronos time is like that - beyond our controlling and beyond our willing. I can neither go back, nor freeze the present. The future shall come.

Thankfully there is another way to understand time. In the church we have the word kairos. Kairos is God-inspired, God-given, God-designed, God-appointed time. Such moments are governed by love and governed by the Holy Spirit. Remembering a child in 1st grade. Hugging your sister. Laughing with a friend. Talking to your grandmother on the phone. Singing with joy. Praying with your church family. Helping your son put on his cap and gown to graduate. Such moments are directed by feelings like, "I know I am right where I am supposed to be, right now."

My mother has an expression that I try to remember when I am overwhelmed and overtaxed. I think it points me to kairos and blessing. "Remember, son," she says, "God is in heaven and God loves us." I look to 2020 and I think that this is exactly what I want to tell my graduating child. I think this is what I want to share with our church family, too. The tyranny of the urgent will always be with us. But when the pulse quickens and the calendar dictates, it is good to remember to slow down. To count the flower petals. To thank God for the laughter. And remember that God is still God, and that God loves us.

May God bless us that we would use the growth and newness around us faithfully. May God bless us with kairos aplenty. May God bless you all in the new year.

May new year grace abound,

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Christopher Edmonston Pastor



## WORSHIP TIMES

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

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

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. Haves 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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## IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

**James Roderick Strickland II** – December 5, 2019 WMPC family members: sons Stuart Strickland and Hunter Strickland

**Susan Eleanor Conley** – December 9, 2019 WMPC family member: husband, John Williams

Lois Newton Wilson - December 18, 2019

## PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

**John and Nancy Brothers**, on the death of their niece, Jessica Ann Bonney Reveley, November 25, Richmond, VA.

**Brooks, Smith, Thomas and Henry Jordan,** on the death of Brooks grandmother, Helen Rackley, November 26, Groton, CT.

**Bill and Susan Fairfax**, on the death of Bill's brother, Donald Lee Fairfax, December 9, Raleigh, NC.

Paula and Richard Williams, Holly, Eddie, Koby, Riley and Kynslee Board, and Melissa and Ryan Amburn on the death of Paula's father, Leon Milo Hollingsworth, December 10, Raleigh, NC.

**Alva Moore**, on the death of her brother, James Young, December 12, Raleigh, NC.

**Cheryl and Torrey McLean**, on the death of Cheryl's father, Thomas A. Wood, Sr., December 15, Greenwood, SC.

**Julie, Aaron, Hunter and Cooper Leon**, on the death of Aaron's mother, Donna Olsen Leon, December 12, Loveland, CO.

**Kim Dove and Spencer Dove**, on the death of Kim's mother, Nancy Thompson McGill, December 24, Matthews, NC.

## **NEW PRESBYTERIANS**

**Charlotte Chaplin Nowell,** born December 29, child of Austen and Bert Nowell.

**Oliver Joseph Fedance**, born December 30, child of Jeanine White and Jude Fedance, grandchild of Aimée and Brian White.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**Lynn and Bob Womble**, on the birth of grandchild, Elizabeth Lea Womble, born December 4 to Katherine and Robert Womble, Atlanta, GA.

## **BAPTIZED**

**December 1 – Wyatt Liam Colby**, child of Gracie and Jeff Colby, grandchild of Becky and Charles King.

December 29 – Weston Glenn Dunn Walcott, child of Helen Dunn and Charles Walcott, grandchild of Ann and Glenn Dunn.

## MARRIAGES

Jennifer Reed Stokes and Edwin Scott Thomas, November 16, Reynolda Church, Winston-Salem, NC. Jenny is the daughter of Jane and Dick Stokes.

Ellen Click Bennett and Arthur Wells Cooper, December 30, Davidson Chapel.

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church, email Rebecca Turner at <u>rturner@whitememorial.org</u>. If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, call the church office or email Amy Claprood at <u>aclaprood@whitememorial.org</u> 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.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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## **CHURCHWIDE NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED**

The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting on February 5 to consider nominations for the next class of Elders and Deacons. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination. The Officer Nomination Form can be found at: <u>www.whitememorial.org/church-officers</u>. Nominations must be received by January 22.

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



## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4** C100 & C102 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, January 4, we hope you will join us as we make flu kits for Alliance Medical, put together a mailing for Transitions LifeCare (Hospice) and make fleece scarves for Oak City Outreach.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

We will make every reasonable effort to be open for worship every Sunday morning. However, in the event of extreme weather business Wednesday, January 15 from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in conditions, we may cancel Sunday School, other activities, and worship services when necessary. The Weekday School closings during the week will typically follow the Wake County Public School System schedule. The church offices will make a determination about closings and delays based on weather and WCPSS closings. On some occasions, the church office will be open when schools are closed. Evening meetings and activities will be canceled on days when the church office has been closed due to weather conditions. Should weather conditions alter our regular schedule, we will publish notification of cancellations or delays on our website, social media, and on WRAL. We also update the Inclement Weather Voicemail unless telephones are not operating. To access the Weather Box, you may call 919-834-3425, ext 315.

Our deacons have organized an Inclement Weather Response Team to help clear pathways and be of assistance to ensure our campus is as safe as possible when services and activities take place during snow or other weather conditions. We cannot guarantee safety during such conditions, therefore we encourage all church members, guests, and staff to observe all safety precautions possible by staying off the roads during icy or especially stormy weather. Should you have any interest in joining the response team or have other questions, please call Andrew Amodei at 919-834-3425, ext. 270.



In the new Edinburgh building, wood paneling is going up in the Main Hall, exterior windows are being installed with finishing touches, and the terrazzo floors are completed. The solar panel project is finished, and we are starting to receive reports on the savings. The landscaping lighting project around the sanctuary is complete with the rest of campus to follow. We're on track for a completion date of our new spaces by mid-February.



## **CLOTHING CLOSET**

The Clothing Closet will be closed on January 1 but back in W100. We look forward to seeing you in 2020!

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

As church facilities are closed on Wednesday, January 1, we invite you to join us Wednesday, January 8 for the first Spaghetti Supper of 2020! Food service begins at 5:00-6:45 p.m. Costs: Ages 9-adult: \$7.00; Toddlers - age 8: \$5.00; lap babies: free. Reservations are not required.

## **SAY CHEESE!**

Now that Church Community Builder is up and running we think this is a good time for members to take a moment to update their photos. We invite you to submit a favorite photo of yourself or family. Directions on how to do so can be found on our website www.whitememorial.org/member-login along with a video tutorial. If you have questions, please contact Amy Claprood at <u>aclaprood@whitememorial.org</u>. The only request is that photos be of yourself or family member(s). We all have beloved pets or favorite things but their photo won't help other members recognize you around campus.



## **2020 WMPC** WOMEN'S RETREAT

Don't forget. Our 16th annual Women's Retreat is January 31-February 2 in Pinehurst. We look forward to sharing a wonderful time of fellowship and friendship. **Retreat read:** White Picket

Fences by Amy Julia Becker is available in the WMPC Caldwell library in the Witherspoon Building.

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

Presbyterian Women is now accepting nominations for Honorary Life Membership for 2020. This honor recognizes those who are active and faithful servants of God in our church and community. Prayerfully consider nominations for this honor. Applications can be found at www.whitememorial.org/pw. Send applications of recommendation to Kathy Kidd at kakidd@bellsouth.net. Nominations will be accepted through February 17, 2020.



## 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 January 15. All widows are welcome, whether recent widows or longtime or somewhere in between. Please contact Ceil Blackwell at ceilb@aol.com for information.

## WALK THE LABYRINTH IN DAVIDSON CHAPEL

What does it mean to "pray without ceasing," as Paul encourages the Thessalonian church? In prayer we present our true selves before God, and we also pay attention for God's voice and presence in our lives. Prayer is not onesided, but rather an openness to two-way communication with God. Walking the Labyrinth is a wonderful way to engage in prayer. Beginning in January the hours to walk the Labyrinth are:

## Mondays 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Thursdays 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Some exceptions may arise, so please call the church office to check availability.



Where: North Hills Club Lounge 4824 Yadkin Dr. | Raleigh, NC 27609 When: Tuesday | January 14 | 7 pm

Please join us for a glass of wine & conversation as we offer a casual environment to continue studying Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.. Copies of the study lessons will be available.

Please RSVP by 1/13 to Olivia Edwards 252-525-8108 or Julie Leon 919-475-0861 You can just show up too... ALL ARE WELCOME!

## **YIN YOGA**

We hope you'll join us for this meditative mat class where stretches or poses are held for several minutes to increase flexibility, release tension, and to create space and time for stillness and reflection. Must be able to get on and off the floor. Wear comfortable, flexible clothing. Bring a yoga mat, towel or small blanket. First class is Wednesday, January 8, 11:15 a.m.noon in C200. Classes go through February 26. Full session cost is \$32 or \$8 per class. If you have questions, contact Margie Mould, class instructor at mmould@bellsouth.net.



## 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 lkcbryant@gmail.com or 404-408-9085, or Jean Williams at jwilliams@whitememorial.org for more information about getting involved.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP & STUDY

# Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon

All are cordially invited

# Monday, January 13 noon, Pickard Hall

January's luncheon program will be a presentation by Cate Church Norman, on "Leaving the old behind and journeying into the New Year", Philippians 3:14: "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Reservations may be made for the luncheon and/ or childcare online through the church website or the Church Life 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, January 10.

# **CIRCLE INFO**

## <mark>Circles meet o</mark>n Monday, January 13 unless otherwise noted. For circle membership information, please contact Barbara Bond (919) 624-2871 or Kristi Wilson (919) 789-0536.

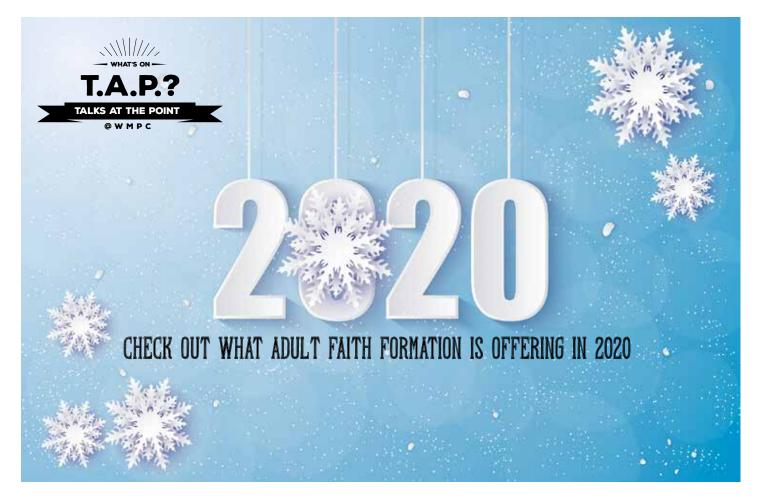
Circle A: 10:15 a.m. in C200; Reps. - Nancy Long, Carol Lynn Circle B: 10:15 a.m. in C301; Reps. - Ann Carney, Ruth Chell Circle C: 10:00 a.m. in K302; Reps. - Rebecca Spanbauer, Mary Grace White Circle D: January 16, 11:00 a.m.; The Cypress, Building A Parlor; Rep. - Ramona Deener Circle E: 10:00 a.m., Hostess: Wynn Dorsett; Reps. - Susan Ricks, June Ann Ward Circle F: 9:45 a.m., Hostess: Carolyn Younger; Reps. - Blair Hughes, Debbie Pappas Circle G: 9:30 a.m., Hostess: Judy Kelly; Reps. - Mary Clayton; Donna Lupo Circle I: 10:00 a.m. at Springmoor; Reps. - Linda Hancock, Susie Jackson Circle K: January 14, 7:00 p.m., Hostess: Beth Barnard; Rep. - Cathy Lehman Circle L: January 15, 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: January 14, 11:30 a.m., Glenaire Private Dining Room; Reps. - Ann Harris, Lois Jenny Circle O: January 14, 7:00 p.m. in C203; Rep. - Sally Nunnally

# Give Back. Serve.

Presbyterian Women's project for January will be Meet the Need: Homelessness. Cold weather supplies is a current need. Examples include warm socks, hand sanitizers, handwarmers, chapstick, gloves, and rain ponchos.

## Presbyterian Women — Service, Fellowship & Study

All women of the church are invited to join a circle. Please contact Barbara Bond, (919) 624-2871 or Kristi Wilson, (919) 789-0536 for more information.



A Word of Invitation

As a new decade begins, now is a great time to make a commitment to one of these groups that will support and encourage you to grow in faith. In the listings that follow you will see a variety of groups that you are invited to try. Read through the list, choose a group, attend several times and see if it is the group for you. Investing in your life of faith is worth your time and energy and may change your life for the better. If you have questions, please reach out to the class contact.

Sunday Classes ." All Sunday Classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

## **BIBLICAL STUDIES AND THEOLOGY**

## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP | Calvin 200

The class will study *Jesus, the Long-Awaited Messiah,* as told in the Gospel of Matthew. Bill Jackson, the teacher, uses lectures, with handouts of scripture and commentary. Visitors are always welcome. The class contact is Carol Vassey, <u>carol.vassey@gmail.com</u> or 919-345-3111.

## COVER TO COVER | Calvin 203 | Monthly

This Bible study is designed to read the entire Bible in one calendar year. New members are welcome every month of the year. The class is oriented around the calendar year and the first class will meet January 5. For more information about Cover to Cover, contact Jim Ferry, jferry@whitememorial.org.

## **GREATEST GENERATION** | Witherspoon 400

Greatest Generation is a loving and faithful community of senior adults. The class uses the quarterly resource, *The Present Word*, which explores biblical text. A rotating group of class members moderate the class each week. The class contact is Ramona Deener, 919-280-2492.

## **SEARCHERS** | Calvin 204

The Searchers Class studies the Bible using a DVD-based curriculum and class discussion. The class is a mix of singles and couples. The class will study *Simon Peter* by Adam Hamilton this semester. On the third Sunday of each month the class will attend the Aging Well series, which will meet in the Chapel. Contacts are Betty Landes, <u>bettylandes1@</u> <u>gmail.com</u> and Louise Eaglesfield, <u>llsvd@aol.com</u>.

## THEOLOGICAL FORUM | Knox 302

Relating scripture to current issues is the heart of this class and is intended to help participants gain a better understanding of their own views on faith. Come and enjoy the fellowship that comes with these thought-provoking discussions and learn a little bit more about yourself. Drop-ins are always welcome. For more information about the class contact Flo Durway, <u>floanddan74@gmail.com</u> or Kristen Beightol, <u>kbeightol@edwardskirby.com</u>.

Sunday Classes: (cont'd)

All Sunday Classes begin at 9:30 a.m

## AGE AND STAGE STUDIES

## AGING WELL | Chapel | 3rd Sundays

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 (liisaogburn@gmail.com), who has written over 150 articles on aging for WRAL, is the class facilitator.

## PARENTS OF YOUTH | Calvin 302

This is a group of parents of any age youth who come together to support each other. Through group discussion with rotating leadership the group searches for answers to parenting questions through the lens of faith. Drop-ins are welcome. Class contacts are Diane Britt, <u>dianejbritt@gmail.com</u> and Cliff Britt, <u>cwbritt@me.com</u>.

## P.A.R.K. | Calvin 300

Presbyterians Actively Raising Kids is a discussion group for parents of children 5th grade and younger. The study topics vary each week. The conversations focus on strengthening the faith of parents and offering practical advice on helping children grow in faith. The class leader is Anna Townsend, <u>atownsend@cbh.com.</u>

## **TOPICAL STUDIES**

### FAITH FOUNDATIONS | Knox 301

Faith Foundations focuses on growing in faith by studying the Bible and discussing current events. The class enjoys examining new concepts, pondering unresolved questions and marveling at the ultimate mystery of God. This semester the class will study *Christianity's Family Tree* by Adam Hamilton and *Painting the Stars* from Living the Questions. Class leaders are Susan Hibbert, <u>susanhib22@gmail.com</u> and John White, <u>ncjohnwhite@gmail.com</u>.

### KNOX CLASS | Knox 300

The Knox Class will study Interrupting Silence – God's Command to Speak Out by Walter Bruggemann and Chosen? Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli- Palestinian Conflict by Walter Brugeemann. The Knox Class welcomes all, whether you like to join in discussion or just prefer to listen. The class contact is Harriet Worley, <u>hfworley@nc.r.com</u>.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS | Calvin 303

The Spiritual Gifts class discusses topics with an emphasis on the New Testament, in addition to reading other books about faith. This is a small class with a relaxed atmosphere and is open to new participants of any age. This semester the class will be studying the Gospel of Luke using the Mickey Efird DVD series. The class contact is Emily McNair, macwallace@msn.com.

## TNT | Calvin 304

Join this group of loving, open and faithful individuals focused on study, as well as service and outreach opportunities. The class style usually involves group discussion through shared leadership. The class will study *Death and Resurrection* by Rachel Held Evans, using the online series *The Work of the People*. In the spring the class will host a special series called *Living and Dying with Grace*. All are welcome. The class contact is Linda Robinson, <u>cachto@bellsouth.net</u>.

Midweek Classes:

## Tuesday

**MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY** | 7 a.m. | Geneva Men of all ages are invited to come for a hot breakfast, fellowship and Bible study. The preaching pastor of the week leads a short Bible study related to the upcoming Sunday sermon. Bible study, breakfast and prayer conclude promptly at 8:00 a.m. each week. Contact for the group is Don Thompson, <u>dthomps1@ncsu.edu</u>.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST & STUDY** | 7 a.m. | The Connector Women of all ages are invited to come for a hot breakfast, fellowship, study and prayer. This group studies the Presbyterian Women's Bible lesson once a month and on other weeks they study a variety of topics. All participants are invited to stay as long as they like or to leave early for work or other commitments. The group contacts are Susan Allen, <u>sisterfripp@bellsouth.net</u> and Miriam Dorsey, <u>mirdorsey@aol.com</u>.

## GOD TALK | 9:30-11 a.m. | Calvin 200

God Talk is a women's study led by Grier Richards. Beginning in January God Talk will be discussing Rachel Held Evan's book *Inspired*. God Talk is accessible to newcomers and regular attendees. The class contact is Angie Faulk, angiepfaulk@gmail.com.

## Wednesday

**BIBLE BELLES** | Wednesday mornings | 9:30 a.m. A member's home

Bible Belles is a reading and discussion group comprised primarily of senior adult women. The group meets each Wednesday during the Sunday School year except the 1st Wednesday of each month. New members are welcome. For more information, contact Gail Smith, mcabigail@aol.com.

### **MEANING AS MILLENNIALS: Faithful conversations about**

**Christianity and Culture** | 7–8:30 p.m. | Monthly | Offsite Meaning as Millennials is a social and study group for people in their late 20s to late 30s interested in exploring their faith and today's culture. Discussions are based upon Scripture, articles, current events, podcasts, or books. For more information contact Grier Richards, <u>grichards@whitememorial.org</u>.

## Thursday

**LILIES OF THE FIELD** | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Calvin 301 Lilies of the Field is a group of women of all ages who meet weekly and study the Bible. Participants grow in their understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ through supporting, encouraging, challenging and comforting one another. The group is studying the book of James this year. All are welcome. Register online for childcare. Class leaders are Lillian Poole, <u>lillianmpoole7@gmail.com</u> and Candy Lewis, <u>candy.lewis1809@gmail.com</u>.

## **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** | 9:30-11 a.m. | Witherspoon 400

This small co-ed group focuses on biblically based topics through a discussion format. Various books and/or DVD courses are selected and used during the year. New members are welcome. Class coordinator is Nancy McLean, numclean@gmail.com.

Additional Opportunities

**BURN & LEARN** | 9 – 10:30 a.m. | Courtyard March 21, April 18, May 16 Enjoy a 45-minute walk or run while listening to a podcast followed by a 30-minute discussion. Bring your smart phone and headphones.

## HEALING THROUGH

January 8, 15, 22 & 29

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. K200

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 6:30-8:00 p.m. in K200. Childcare is available with registration at www.whitememorial.org/register.

# 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 flyers in Witherspoon lobby.





Jaki Shelton Green North Carolina Poet Laureate

Save the Date

Saturday, February 15, 2020 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. WMPC Campus

NC Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green will conduct a workshop on **Building Our Human Museum.** 

www.whitememorial.org/register

Jaki Shelton Green is the first African American and third woman to be appointed as the North Carolina Poet Laureate. When he appointed her in 2018, Governor Cooper stated that "Jaki Shelton Green brings a deep appreciation of our state's diverse communities to her role as an ambassador of North Carolina literature. Jaki's appointment is a wonderful new chapter in North Carolina's rich literary history." Ms. Green currently teaches Documentary Poetry at the Duke University Center for Documentary Studies. She is the author of eight collections of poetry.

# Control Alliance on Mental Illiness

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 12-session education program for family, partners, friends and significant others of adults living with mental illness. The course includes information on illnesses such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, major depression, anxiety, and other mental health conditions. It is designed to help all family members understand and support their loved one living with mental illness, while maintaining their own well-being.

**Quote:** "I wish I had known about this course when my family member first experienced difficulty. Taking this course will make a difference in your life and in your family member's life. Don't miss it!"

## When: Saturdays, February 1-April 18 Time: 9:00 -noon Where: C301 Sponsored by: NAMI Wake County

To register for this NAMI Family class, email <u>education@nami-wake.org</u> or visit <u>www.nami-wake.org/register</u>

All classes are taught by a trained team with lived experience---they know what you are going through because they have been there.

NAMI Wake classes are a free resource to help you manage crises, solve problems, and develop the confidence and stamina to support your family member with compassion.

## **RUSSIA KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP**

Gather around and enjoy fellowship and friends while knitting and crocheting on January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in W400. 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 <u>fsenter@bellsouth.net</u>.

## SEWING, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN

The Russia Sewing Group is looking for others who like to sew to join us as we make colorful tote bags and other fun items for our partner church in Smolensk. We meet once a month for fellowship as we sew together and then enjoy a delicious lunch afterwards. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 27 at 9:30 a.m. in room C200. Please come sew with us! For more details, please call Susie Jackson at 919-876-9641.

## SACRED THREADS

West Raleigh Presbyterian Church's Arts Ministries' invites you to their viewing of *Sacred Threads*, an exhibition of quilts exploring themes of joy, spirituality, inspiration, grief, healing and peace/brotherhood. West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, 27 Horne Street, Raleigh. Exhibition open through January 26, 2020. Guided viewings offered. Call 919-828-5468 for times.

## AGING WELL: PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING

We invite you to join us as Dr. Landy Anderton, JD, PhD shares how to create a holy place in your heart to deal with the worries that come with aging on Sunday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Davidson 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.

## HEALTH MINISTRIES PRESENTS A PROGRAM ON HEARING LOSS

Please join us on Thursday, February 6 as the Health Ministries Committee presents a program on Hearing Loss. Dr. Susan Rawls, Audiologist and WMPC member, will talk about the implications of hearing loss on health and upcoming changes in hearing health care. She will discuss advances in hearing aid technology and include the use of the TCoil, which is in our Sanctuary to assist those with hearing loss. Bring your questions for her. The program will be in room C200 at 10:45 a.m. and is open to everyone.



## years as a Stephen Ministry congregation

Do you need someone to talk with

who is pledged to confidentiality?

A Stephen Minister is available for you

to offer a listening ear; a caring heart.

"It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. " - I Corinthians 13:3

To learn how you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential care contact Anne Ramsay at <u>aeramsay4@gmail.com</u> or Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care at <u>cchurchnorman@whitememorial.org</u>

Stephen

www.whitememorial.org/stephen-ministry



## JAN 2 NO MEETING

JAN 9 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Andrew Amodei, WMPC's Executive Director

JAN 16 TRIP TO POP UP MUSEUM IN RALEIGH

<u>JAN 23</u>

A CONVERSATION WITH CATE Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

> JAN 30 HAITI OUTREACH MINISTRIES Gary Fulton, Executive Director of HOM

## LIGHTS. CAMERA. ACTION. A/V VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT WMPC SANCTUARY

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 <u>khaneline@whitememorial.org</u> or 919-834-3425, ext. 219 for more information about how you can be a vital member of this important ministry.

## BE A PART OF THE A/V TEAM FOR THE EDINBURGH BUILDING

Do you have a knowledge of a/v technology? Have you ever wanted to learn video, sound or lighting? As our new worship space nears completion, this is a great opportunity to get in on the ground floor. We are building a bank of 12-15 volunteers to rotate monthly throughout the year providing an audio/visual experience for our OnPoint@1704 worship service. Interested? Email Parker Gagnier, Media and Communications Specialist at pgagnier@whitememorial.org. Executive Director Andrew Amodei and Parker will give an overview of the equipment, technology and time commitments in the coming weeks.



## LET'S FEED THE ANIMALS

Companion Animal Ministry is collecting dog and cat food for the SPCA of Wake County's AniMeals program. The SPCA will give your donations to Resources for Seniors to distribute to homebound seniors and disabled adults. Your participation will help local citizens in need from having

to choose between feeding their pets or paying bills, buying medicine or buying enough food to feed themselves and their families. Donations of dog and cat food can be put in the CAM/SPCA collection tub in The Connector.

## **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 (\$101), for faith-filled games, arts and crafts
- Living Waters Children's Theater (S102), puppets and lively play-acting reign supreme here



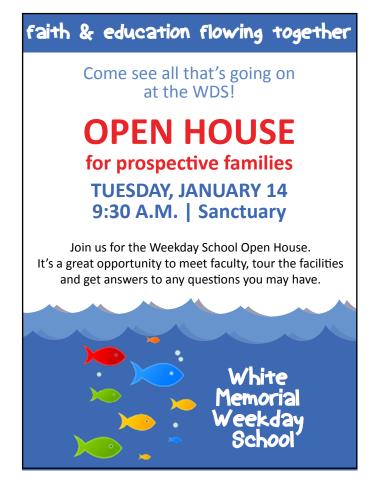


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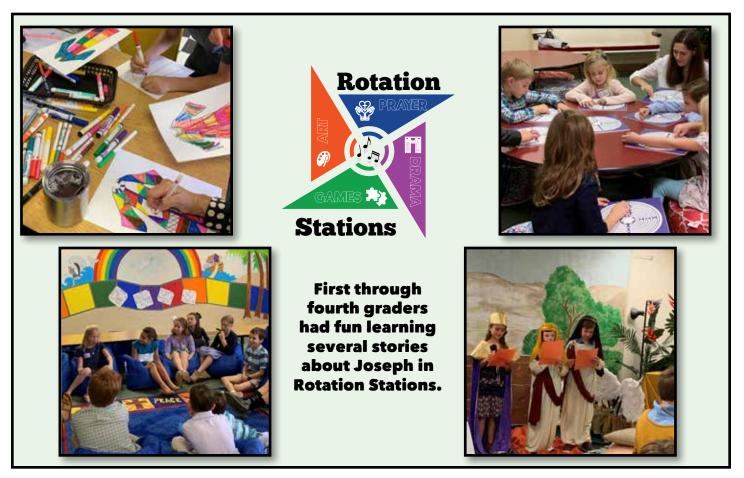
First -Fifth graders | Saturday, January 25 | 10:00 - noon Jellybeans | 1120 Buck Jones Road

\$4 admission; \$1 extra for skates. Bring money for game machines and refreshments, if you wish. Parents are welcome to leave or stay and skate (same price)! **Reservations are not required.** For more information contact Lynn Springfield at 919-834-3425, ext. 232



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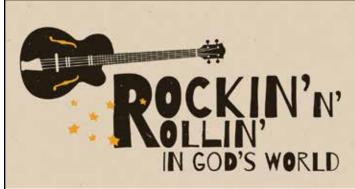
# **First Friday Movie Night**

When: Friday, January 3 Who: K - 5th grade Registration: \$5 per child = pizza and bottled water Time: Drop off and pizza dinner 5:45 p.m. followed by the movie. Pick up at 8:00 p.m. Bring your sleeping bag or blanket!



Register and pay online at whitememorial.org/register. Registration is required no later than Thursday, January 2 at midnight.





## ARE YOU A 1ST - 5TH GRADER INTERESTED IN SINGING, INSTRUMENTS, DRAMA AND MOVEMENT?

IF SO, YOU'LL WANT TO SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US ON THIS MUSICAL ODYSSEY.

## JULY 27-31, 2020 9:00 A.M.- 12:30 P.M. WMPC CAMPUS | \$40 PER CHILD

REGISTRATION OPENS MID-JANUARY. <u>WWW.WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER</u>

CONTACT KELLY GOLD, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC AT KGOLD@WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION Where can you find an eclectic lineup of musicians performing a wide variety of music? At WMPC, of course.

**2020 CONCERTS** Come to one, come to all - they're free!

Sunday | March 15 | 2020 | 3:00 pm Ariel Pocock Trio

Sunday | April 19 | 2020 | 3:00 pm Denitsa VanPelt, piano

Sunday | May 17 | 2020 | 3:00 pm LYRA Vocal Ensemble

All concerts are held in the Sanctuary. Admission is free.

The Sounds on Oberlin concert series is a musical outreach endeavor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church that seeks to spiritually engage, vitally enrich, musically educate, and gloriously entertain the community through a set of high-quality, wide-reaching musical offerings. We believe that exposure to the unlimited joy of music will lift our spirits to soar above worldly concerns, with the ambition that these concerts will be both a benevolent and transformative experience.



## HEALTH MINISTRIES PRESENTS

Making Mama's Recipes Healthy

## Monday, January 13, 2020 7-8:00 p.m. Geneva Hall

The New Year brings new resolutions to improve our health. Join us as Donna Lupo, former Director of Food Services at WMPC and nutritionist, shows us *How to Make Mama's Recipes Healthy.* 

This class offers recipes and a few samples. For more information contact Jean Williams at jwilliams@whitememorial.org.





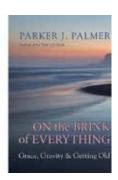
## Caldwell Library Update

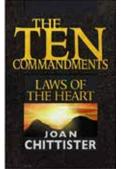
White Memorial's library is available for use by our members and staff. It is located in the Witherspoon building, just opposite the main reception desk and is open when the church is open. You can also view our online catalog through the WMPC website. To check out a book, follow the directions posted on the library desk (Remember to include your phone number). Books are due in three weeks. We hope you'll visit soon!

## ADULT

## On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity & Getting Old by Parker Palmer (155.67 Pal)

This tenth book by Parker Palmer is a collection of essays exploring the questions that age raises and the promises age holds. "Old," he writes, "is just another word for nothing to lose, a time to dive deep into life, not withdraw to the shadows." This latest book provides much helpful counsel, poetry, and even a spirited discussion on our current president.



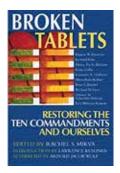


## The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart by Joan Chittister (241.52 Chi)

What do the Ten Commandments mean to us in the world today where Jews, Christians, and Muslims all claim to embrace Moses and the Tablets given on Mt. Sinai? Are they a set of rules or a way of life? Chittister presents each commandment from three points of view. First, she discusses the historical understanding and what the commandment meant to the Jewish community of that time. Second, she looks at situations in which the commandment applies to us today. Third, she tries to broaden our personal perspective and provoke us to consider what it means to follow a commandment. Chittister, a Benedictine Nun, has been a leading voice in contemporary spirituality for over 25 years and has written several books.

## Broken Tablets by Rachel S. Mikva (296.36 Bro)

This beautiful book helps readers gain insight into the Ten Commandments through the eyes of twelve outstanding Jewish leaders. In voices that are personal and diverse, they take a closer look at the Ten utterances that not only touch every aspect of our lives, but also present each of us with profound challenges. "Although Moses shattered the first ten tablets containing the Ten Words when he saw the Israelites worshiping the golden calf, even the broken pieces were deposited in the ark. Once a vessel for God's teaching they remain forever sacred, forever whole" (Menachot). Rabbi Mikva does an outstanding job of compiling thoughts from these leaders and makes readers even more aware that the Ten Commandments are one of the few things that Christians, Jews and Muslims all share. Please do yourself a favor and look at this book.





## Featured at the Presbyterian Women's Retreat, 2020

## *White Picket Fences: Turning Toward Love in a World Divided by Privilege* by Amy Julia Becker (241.4 Bec)

This book is written by Amy Julia Becker, keynote speaker for the 2020 Presbyterian Women's retreat. In this memoir, Becker tells the story of her journey from her privileged southern childhood to her adult life in the Northeast and her struggles as the mother of a child with special needs. Becker comes to realize that privilege involves both burden and responsibility and that privilege can wall us off from others and keep us from loving them, to our own detriment. Her experiences will resonate with many readers, and her journey will challenge many to think deeply about privilege and racism and the need for love.

## **Caldwell Library Offers a New Publication**

*Sojourners* is a monthly magazine, published by the American Christian Social Justice organization, which grew out of the Sojourners Community, founded in Washington, D.C. by Jim Wallis. The magazine covers cutting-edge topics in politics and faith, war and peace, social justice, art, and community, all from a biblical and ethical grounding. Wallis is a theologian, writer, teacher, and political activist. The November issue has a provocative article by Wallis entitled "Who Is My Neighbor?" *Sojourners* will be displayed near the other magazines in the library.



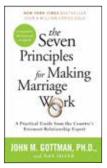
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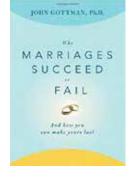
## Marriage

# At the request of the Library Committee, Dr. Landy Anderton recommended several helpful books about marriage. Here are three:

## The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work by John Gottman (306.81 Got)

Gottman has researched what makes a successful relationship for over 30 years. Real-life stories of couples are used to illustrate his concepts. You'll want to buy this book (after you borrow it from the library!), so you have his questionnaires to enrich your relationship.

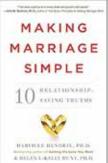




## *Why Marriages Succeed or Fail ... And How You Can Make Yours Last* by John Gottman (306.81 Got)

Based on over 20 years of scientific research on why some marriages fail and others survive, Dr. Gottman's study of hundreds of couples enables him to make predictions about factors that could lead some couples to divorce and others to stay married. Gottman uses numerous examples to illustrate some of the difficulties that can occur in a marriage and effective means of handling them. He stresses the importance of showing love and respect on a regular basis and states that "a lasting marriage results from a couple's ability to resolve the conflicts that are inevitable in any relationship." He concludes that "no matter what style your marriage follows, you must have at least five times as many positive as negative moments together if your marriage is to be stable." This book is a valuable resource with self-tests for diagnosing your marriage and specific remedies for making changes and improvements.

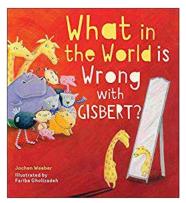
*Making Marriage Simple; 10 Relationship-Saving Truths* by Harville Hendrix and Helen LaKelly Hunt (306.81 Hen) Almost thirty years ago, Hendrix and Hunt wrote one of the classic books on making a marriage healthy. The book, *Getting the Love You Want*, describes principles to make a marriage stronger. In their new book, *Making Marriage Simple*, you will find practical exercises to help you develop skills to improve your relationship with your partner. Nothing about being married is actually simple, but reading this book as a couple could save you lots of money later in couple's counseling.

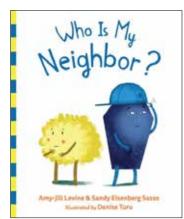


## **CHILDREN**

## What in the World Is Wrong with Gisbert? by Jochen Weeber (E W)

This story illustrates the harmful effects of making negative comments about others. Gisbert is a young giraffe who is happy with his life until he starts to shrink when his friends hurt him with their words. Gisbert's classmates mock him and make fun of him when he misses notes while learning to play a new song on his trumpet, when he wants to hang from a pole in gymnastics class, and when he gets stuck in a water slide. After Gisbert stays out of school for a week, his friends realize they miss him and ask him to come back to school. Gisbert's parents help him realize that people can hurt others with their unkind words even if they don't mean to. After receiving a warm welcome when he returns to school and apologies for making him sad, Gisbert grows tall again!





## Who is my Neighbor? by Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso (E L)

This is the story of the Blues and Yellows, two different groups who do not mix, to retell the Good Samaritan story in an easy to understand way. One day, Midnight Blue falls from his bike and is injured. Although two Blues come by, they are afraid and do not stop to help him. When Lemon comes by, however, although he is also afraid, he stops to help. Lemon takes Midnight Blue on his bike to see Dr. Gold who treats his injuries. Midnight Blue and Lemon learn that although they are different, they can still be friends. They share their experience with other Blues and Yellows and soon both communities decide they might like making new friends and could "all help one another!" This delightful book both entertains and teaches and shows how differences do not have to interfere with making friends.



# JANUARY 2020





# Homelessness and Prevention

WHITE MEMORIAL PROVIDED \$13,000 IN COMMUNITY GRANTS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE AND 2019 BUDGET LINE ITEMS TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND AID THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY UNHOUSED.

On any given night in Wake County there are over 1,000 people without stable housing. Each school year there are several thousand students identified as homeless.

**Oak City Cares**—This agency is a true community collaboration. From the meals they provide on weekends, to the many community partners under one roof, they reflect the love and vision within our community. In just the first five months of opening their doors, they have engaged those in need in so many first steps on their path to safe and stable housing by:

- Providing over 5,200 showers
- Completing over 3,200 loads of laundry
- Completing over 800 coordinated intakes to connect people to the resources
  they need to find stable housing
- Providing over 31,000 meals (provided by community groups)

**First Presbyterian Church Raleigh**—WMPC provides funds to the FPC Friendship Fund. These funds are distributed to individuals who are in danger of becoming homeless by providing money for rent and utilities. First Presbyterian has a well established program of intake with interviews and record keeping that allows them to work with other downtown churches through collaborative efforts to meet the needs of those in a housing crisis.

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE MONTH TO HELP MEET THE NEED

Chapstick, hand warmers, gloves, gently used sweat shirts/pants, emergency ponchos, Kleenex, warm socks, umbrellas, and hot chocolate packets. Please place in collection bins in The Connector.

## **OTHER WAYS WE HAVE MET THE NEED:**

• The Presbyterian Women designated the offering from a Women's Retreat to Oak City Cares as well as water bottles with much needed items inside

- · We provide toiletry items to the Street Outreach Program of Triangle Family Services
- · We provide a grant to the Shepherd's Soup Kitchen to provide meals for homeless or working poor who need to stretch their incomes
- WMPC provides funds to A Place at the Table that invites all people to have community around a meal no matter the ability to pay
  - Provide grant to Green Chair so that those who are moving into stable housing can have needed items to furnish the home. This also includes those who have lost their homes due to fire.

If you would like to be part of a small group interested in helping with homelessness and prevention please contact Gloria Johnson, Associate Pastor for Outreach at <u>gjohnson@whitememorial.org</u>. COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE! JOIN US FOR OUR SATURDAY SHOW UP & SERVE Saturday | January 4 | 10 a.m.-noon | C100 & C102

# **Officer Nomination Form**

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Person recommended:		
	For Elder	For Deacon
judgment. Their manner	of life should be a de It is the duty of elder	ders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good monstration of the Christian gospel, both within the s, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the
	-	is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless"
How long has this persor	been a member of V	VMPC?
-		PC or governing officer of another church?
Why do you recommend	this person for the o	ffice of elder or deacon?
In what ways has this pe	rson demonstrated ir	volvement in the ministries of WMPC?
To the best of your know the Presbyterian Church	• ·	on practice sound theology and accept the theology of
How has this person dem	onstrated Christian co	mmitment 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

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All recommendations must be received by <u>January 22, 2020</u>. This form may be placed in the offering plate on Sunda 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 <u>dsmith@whitememorial.org</u> to be added to the contact list.

## LOOKING AHEAD

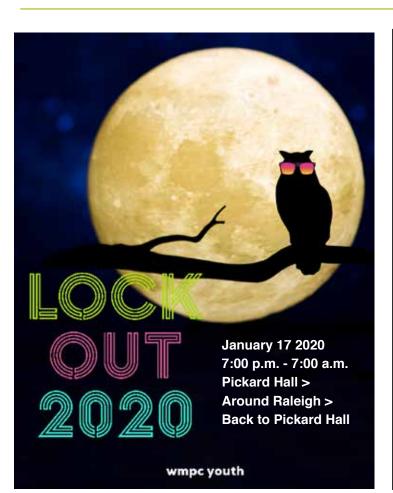
- January 5, 2020 Mini Kick Off 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall For Students and Parents | Grades: 5 - 12
- January 12, 2020 HS Connections and 5th Connection 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Middle School -Faith & Sexuality Workshop Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church for Youth and Advisors 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

- **January 17, 2020** LockOut 7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Starts in Pickard Hall Register online
- **January 19, 2020** No Sunday Night Program
- January 26, 2020 Sabbath Sunday No Sunday Night Youth Program. Look for your family email devotions.
- 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
  Register online
- February 2, 2020
  No Sunday Night Program
- February 9, 2020
  Youth Sunday
  8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Sanctuary services
- **February 21, 2020** Community Table 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## ALL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL YOUTH FUNDRAISER!







upcoming events

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 13 Healthy Eating with Donna Lupo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 Weekday Preschool and Kindergarten Open House

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 Youth Lockout

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 Church facilities closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 Elementary Children Skating Party

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 Believing & Belonging @WMPC class joins

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 2 WMPC Women's Retreat

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 Show Up and Serve

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6** Health Ministries presents: Dr. Susan Rawls

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 Youth Sunday

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 Building Our Human Museum NC Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 Community Table