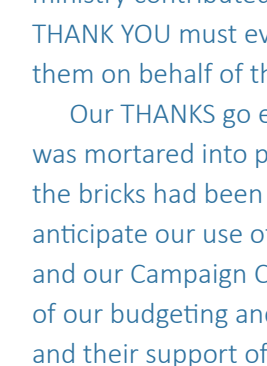


# GENEROSITY IN ACTION

## 2019 Annual Report



IN 2019 I PREACHED A SERMON WHERE I CLAIMED THAT THE WORD GENEROSITY SHOULD WORK IN OUR LANGUAGE AS A VERB. Technically, when we want to use the root-word generous in the form of a verb we have to pair it with a formal verb: we must convert it to something like be generous.

Whether I was right or wrong to make a case for a verb form of generosity (my grammarian wife told me definitively I was wrong, and she was right), any review of 2019 must begin with a huge THANK YOU to everyone associated with White Memorial. Every member, every group, every

ministry contributed to a successful year during which we endured the challenges of a major construction project. Our THANK YOU must even be extended to our neighbors who live in our neighborhood. If you know any of them, please thank them on behalf of the congregation.

Our THANKS go especially to those who contributed to our efforts. You prayed. You gave. You supported as each brick was mortared into place. As 2019 ended the solar panels were installed, the Luther Building was renovated, and most of the bricks had been placed. As 2019 ended we could see the end of Imagine Capital improvement projects and we could anticipate our use of the Edinburgh Building and other renovated spaces. We say THANK YOU to our Building Committee and our Campaign Committee who worked tirelessly to make sure both the details of the construction and the precision of our budgeting and financing were correct. We say THANK YOU for those who volunteered with their time, their energy, and their support of our annual operating budget.

We say it multiple times every year: a church that is focused on its mission in the manner of Jesus Christ cannot function without the gifts (no matter how large) and contributions (even when they are small) of every single staff member, church member, and friend of our congregation. We do not and cannot have a ministry which declares the gospel and loves our neighbors without the participation of everyone: men, women, elders, deacons, children, and youth.

The greatest THANK YOU goes to God. God is our source and purpose. God is both compass and true north. It all begins with the sovereign love and grace of God. Ministry abounds — from Bible study to worship, from music to small groups, from elder care to young adults, to teachers and preachers — because God's love abounds.

2019 was a year when we grew and built a bridge to 2020 and beyond. The foundation stones for 2019 and beyond were set in place by acts of faith. Without the generosity of God, our gifts, our monies, and our time, such a bridge would not have been imagined or built. Generosity in 2019 set so much activity in motion, which is why I argued it was sorta-kind-a-mostly like a verb in the first place.

May grace and gratitude abound,

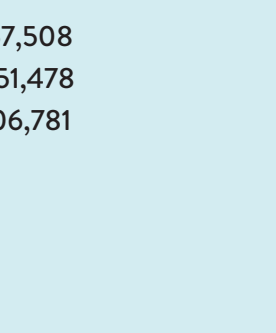
*Christopher H.*

Christopher H. Edmonston  
Pastor

### A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANDREW AMODEI

2019 was a year of excitement at White Memorial. Thank you for your patience as our campus underwent such a significant transformation. As we live into 2020, we do so with the ability to serve more people in more dynamic ways because of your faithfulness. Thank you for your generosity. 2019 marked the largest giving year in our history, with the 2020 pledging year also having the most commitments. Because you believe in the mission God has given to us, we will bring back the Pastoral Resident program, serve our community in expanded ways, enhance our worshiping life together, and can dream into the next century of ministry as a congregation.

I want to encourage you to take special care to thank our deacons, elders, and staff. This group of dedicated individuals works extremely hard to make sure we are faithful as a congregation, lead well, and enjoy the process of ministry. Each day I am in awe of their commitment and the way they seek to live out our shared ministry. What many of you receive on Sunday is all the richer because of those you have elected and called to serve in this amazing place. It is a blessing to serve with them and see what God will do because of the gifts God has given each of you.



## 2019 FINANCIALS



**\$5,463,073 TOTAL PLEDGES GIFTS AND OTHER INCOME**

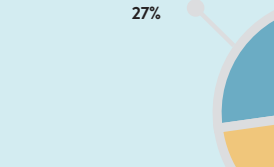
**\$5,525,767 TOTAL EXPENSES**

**PROGRAM AND PROPERTY \$ 967,508**

**PERSONNEL \$ 1,582,478**

**BENEVOLENCES \$ 1,906,781**

**THE 2019 BUDGET ALLOCATED FOR A DEFICIT OF \$125,000 BUT ONLY \$62,000 WAS REALIZED.**



2019 Budgeted Gifts and Pledges \$4,050,000	2019 Actual Gifts and Pledges \$4,105,270	2020 Budgeted Gifts and Pledges \$4,350,000
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## 2020 BUDGET



**TOTAL 2020 OPERATIONAL BUDGET**

**PROGRAM AND PROPERTY \$ 991,400**

**PERSONNEL \$ 2,734,168**

**BENEVOLENCES \$ 1,219,701**

**\$4,945,269**



**TOTAL 2020 NARRATIVE BUDGET**

**WORSHIP \$ 1,335,222**

**EMBRACE \$ 1,582,486**

**SERVE \$ 2,027,561**

**\$4,945,269**

## 2019 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Confirmed members reported December 31, 2018.....	4,312
Added on Profession of Faith and Reaffirmation of Faith.....	81
Added on Certificate from Other Churches.....	45
Total Gains for 2019.....	126
Loss by Death.....	27
Loss by Transfer to Inactive/Deletion from Active Roll.....	25
Loss by Transfer to Other Churches .....	10
Total Losses for 2019.....	62
Net Gain for 2019.....	64
Membership as of December 31, 2019.....	4,376
Confirmed Members as of December 31, 2015.....	4,220
Confirmed Members as of December 31, 2010.....	3,863
Confirmed Members as of December 31, 2005.....	3,964
Confirmed Members as of December 31, 2000.....	3,977
Confirmed Members as of December 31, 1995.....	3,992

### OTHER INFORMATION

Baptisms.....	51
Non-Confirmed, Baptized Children.....	965
Church School Enrollment.....	2,125
Teachers and Officers in Church School.....	310

#### THE SESSION OFFICERS 2019-2020

**Moderator:** Christopher Edmonston  
**Vice-Moderators:** Cate Church Norman  
Gloria Johnson, Chip Pope, Grier Richards

**Clerk:** Katherine Gilliland  
**Moderator Pro Tempore:** Jack Clayton

#### THE DIACONATE OFFICERS 2019-2020

**Moderator:** DeLana Anderson  
**Vice Moderator:** Kelly Miller  
**Secretary:** Diane Payne

**Assistant Secretary:** Marlene Batchelor  
**Treasurer:** Betsy Reade Creech  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Rob Wyatt

#### Class of 2020

Morgan Anderson, Allen Bond, Cliff Britt, Jean Carter, Patrick Edmonston, Jennings Glenn, Nan Hannah, Susan Hibbert, Press Miller, Harry Montgomery, Linda Nunnallee, Lee Roberts, Anne Simons, Carol Vassey, Marshall Wall and Carolyn Younger

#### Class of 2021

Bill Barnett, Jr., Kristen Beightol, Andy Betts, Alison Cayton, Jack Clayton, Buck Copeland, Tom Davis, Ryan Eves, Katherine Gilliland, Wesley Jones, Janet Kelleher, Kathy Kidd, Grant Livengood, Don Munford, Mabel Pace and Jan Ross

#### Class of 2022

Stanford Baird, Grace Barnard, Tyler Craft, Erin Duffy, Angie Faulk, Michelle Jettter, Brooks Jordan, Burke Koonce, Marshall Livengood, Danita Morgan, Stuart Phoenix, Julia Reeder, Ann Rosar, Russ Stephenson, Gregg Thompson and Eddie Willford

#### Class of 2020

DeLana Anderson, Elie Britt, Betsy Reade Creech, Lou Anne Crumpler, Bill Fairfax, Reed Fountain, Jake Green, Tracey Hall, Kimberly Layton, Glenn Matteson, Caroline McCullen, Gary Pendleton, Stephen Riddick, Blair Schrum, Rahn Sutton and Margaret Weaver

#### Class of 2021

Robert Ange, Marlene Batchelor, Jonathan Broyles, Rebekah Chivetta, Alex Flynn, Gray Glover, Stephanie Harris, Scott Lasso, Eric Miller, Kelly Miller, Diane Payne, Lydia Pickard, William Silverman, Walker Wilson and Parker Wright

#### Class of 2022

William Allen, Bill Baker, Beth Barnard, Geoff Bitler, Elizabeth Bond, Sam Corkey, Hill Davis, Amy Hall, Kathy Hart, Lori Jones, Ford Robertson, Carole Sawicki, Kelli Sullivan, Donna Thagard, Peter Williams, Rob Wyatt

## 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE / MUSIC & ARTS MINISTRY

#### A TRADITION OF RICHNESS & VARIETY

1 WMPC continued a tradition of richness and variety in worship in its weekly four services (January through May and September through December) in the sanctuary and Pickard Hall; in the many midweek worship opportunities, including a Good Friday Service of Seven Last Words by Michael Trotta for choir and orchestra led by Associate Director of Music, Kirsten Homdrom; and in summer schedule services. This diversity was represented by our ordained staff in roles of preaching and liturgy; by the numerous vocal and instrumental ensembles that shared their gifts; by new expressions through the visual arts implemented by our Liturgical Arts and Flower Guilds; and by the inclusion of guest speakers, lay worship leaders and guest musicians.

2 Sounds on Oberlin Concert Series continued on its second season with an organ recital by WMPC Director of Music, Karl Zinsmeister; a concert by the UNC Jazz Faculty Quintet; and an Advent presentation of two major settings of Mary's song, *Magnificat*, by J.S. Bach.

3 At the 2018-19 season's children's musical held on Wednesday, May 8, staff and combined choirs gave a surprise tribute to retiring Director of Children's Music Ministry, Agnes Vaglio. Later that fall we welcomed Kelly Gold as the new Director of Children's and Youth Music Ministry to the staff.

4 In addition to the oversight provided by the Worship Committee in the regular observation of the sacraments of The Lord's Supper and Baptism, a newly established Baptism Guild began their work to provide hospitality and guidance for baptismal families and guests.



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### WE ENGAGED OUR CHILDREN IN THE MANNER OF CHRIST

1 The Baby/Toddler Faith Formation Library and the Play and Pray rooms offered spiritually experiences for our youngest children.

2 Children in grades 1-4 enjoyed Rotation Stations each Sunday – an exciting way to grow in faith.

3 Special programs abounded:

- 2's Welcome to Sunday School
- 3's Bible Day
- Lenten Storytelling
- Pysanky Egg Decorating
- Worship Workshops
- Welcoming Children to the Lord's Table Workshop
- Vacation Bible School
- Intergenerational Birds of the Bible event
- Midsummer Celebrations
- Bowling Party
- Skating Parties



### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### WE GREW IN FAITH AND EXPLORED INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1 We offered a variety of excellent adult Sunday school classes, midweek groups, and special short-term studies. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and gifted lay leaders and staff members who share their time, talent, and energy.

2 We provided intergenerational activities like Exploring Faith through Making Art and our Summer Spirituality Center. These events provided people of all ages opportunities to engage in hands-on activities and explore faith in a new way.

3 At the end of 2019, Tracey Daniel said good-bye to White Memorial Presbyterian Church to answer a call to First Scots in Charleston. Grier Richards will now be leading our efforts in Adult Faith Formation, along with Betty Landes, chair of the Adult Faith Formation Committee.



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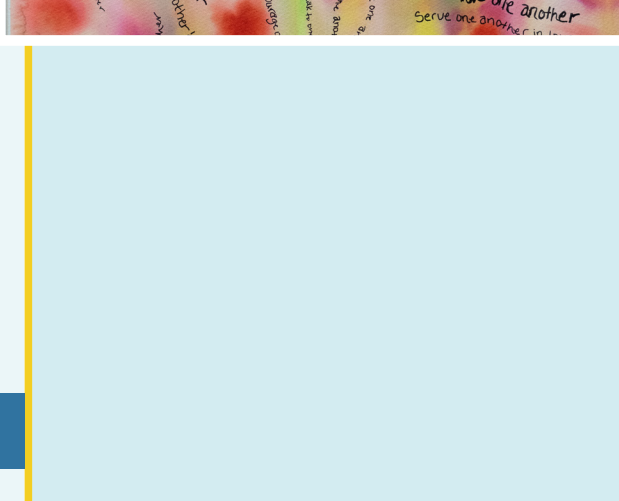
#### PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR OUR MEMBERS

1 Our Congregational Care Team grew this year with the addition of Judy Yates Siker as Parish Associate. Additionally, Aglepe Care Teams is our new ministry of presence in which trained volunteers visit church members who, because of life circumstances, are seldom or never able to come to the church campus. Currently there are over 40 caring visitors bringing the church into homes throughout our community.

2 The Congregational Care Team is also involved in leading and supporting the church's Cancer Companions group - offering those currently suffering from cancer and their caregivers an opportunity for mutual support, caring, and encouragement as they walk their all-too-often overwhelming cancer journeys.

3 We continue to actively support Older Adult Ministries through Keenagers and their many programs including fun activities, dynamic guest speakers, and mind-stretching outings and trips. Of special interest to our seniors have been numerous programs on issues of aging and maintaining a healthy and abundant lifestyle.

4 Older Adult Ministries together with Health Ministries hosted a Senior Resources Fair in the spring. Health Ministries held two blood drives, two Seniors Helping Seniors programs, a flu shot clinic and exercise classes throughout the year. Medical equipment was loaned, Martha Ministries made and delivered Angel Food, and transportation was provided to members in need.



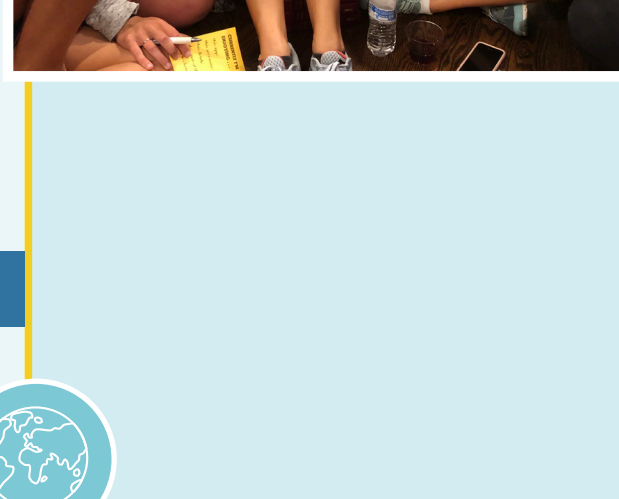
### DISCIPLESHIP

#### BELIEVING & BELONGING @WMPC

1 This year we revamped our Beginnings classes for new members, which we now call Believing and Belonging @WMPC. We welcomed 126 new members into the life of our congregation, half of whom were under the age of 45.

2 We began a new ministry initiative for our 20-30 year-olds which we call 20's @wmpc. This ministry has grown from the ground up and now includes regular social events and happy hours, weekly Bible studies, and opportunities for worship together. Events and weekly Small Group gatherings average anywhere between 15 and 40 young adults.

3 Families with Young Children (FYC) ministry continues to grow and thrive! Our First Friday Movie Nights regularly bring in over 300 children for evenings of fellowship at WMPC, and our largest event of the year, Trunk or Treat, brought over 350 WMPC members and friends of all ages to our campus for an unforgettable evening of fellowship and fun!



### OUTREACH

#### MEETING THE NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

1 The Community Service Committee continues to expand with members and ideas. Offering many different projects, the Show Up and Serve service opportunity, offered on the first Saturday of the month, is a huge success. The variety of offerings is geared toward all age groups, and provided many needed items to our ministry partners.

2 WMPC worked with New Hope Presbytery to nurture what we hope to be the first Hispanic Presbyterian Church in Wake County. Santuario Fellowship started at Milner Presbyterian and moved to Trinity Presbyterian when Milner closed. We are excited that soon they will move into their church and have a permanent place to call home. We are very excited about their future and the many ways they will enrich our presbytery.

3 The Community Allocations Committee awards grants in the community each year. Grant checks have always been hand-delivered, but in 2019 we posted each of the check deliveries on the WMPC Facebook page. Included with each post was a short description of the agency, the feedback was great and many were surprised we helped meet the needs of so many in our community. Areas where we helped meet the need: Hunger, Affordable and Transitional Housing, Domestic and Family Safety, Adults/Children with Special Needs, Homelessness and Prevention, Children/Youth at Risk, Life Skills and Stability, Mental Illness, Affordable/Accessible Health Care, and Older Adult Services.



### YOUTH IMPACT NUMBERS

**65** YOUTH VOLUNTEERED AT VBS IN 2019

**2019 YOUTH LOCK-OUT**

**105** students + **22** adult leaders

**105** STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUTH SUNDAY

**+ 18** ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUTH SUNDAY

**36** HIGH SCHOOLERS

**6** COACHES

**5** WEEKEND YOUTH RETREATS

The High School Beach Retreat, Middle School Fall Retreat, CROSS Middle School Mission Weekend, Confirmation Retreat, Joint Spring Retreat

**5** SUMMER 2019 YOUTH TRIPS

Appalachia Service Project, Montreat Music and Worship Conference, Massena Middle School Conference, Asheville Mission Trip, Montreat High School Conference

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