

# WMPC<sup>WORD</sup>

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | FALL 2020

For where two or more  
are gathered in my name,



I am there among them.

- Matthew 18:20



## Dear members and friends of White Memorial...

I SPENT A LOT OF TIME READING THIS SUMMER. I used it as a tool to beat back the waves of fear and doubt which entered every life this year. Some of this reading has been done alongside church members in book groups and with our 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge. Some of it has

been reading about the history of recipes and the food we eat. I have read cultural commentary and columnists of many different races and political persuasions. This reading has not only given me much to think about and consider, it has settled me somewhat. I am grateful.

Early in August, *The Wall Street Journal* published a piece by the brilliant Peggy Noonan. She is such a good writer and has a unique understanding of our beautiful and complicated country. Her words are measured and treasured by readers like me. The piece is titled, "America is a Coalition of the Worried." In it, she writes:

*It is the salient fact of the summer of '20, that everyone goes so quickly from "Beautiful day" to "How you doing?" to "I'm so worried." People who haven't worried in years are worried, and it's not about regular things, it's about big and essential things. It's a whole other order of anxiety. That's all this is about. How anxious everyone is, and how deep down they know they're going to be anxious for a long time.*

These words have stayed with me. Put her words alongside all the quotes by the great Christians who have lived before us, the kind of quotes that remind us not to pass judgment too quickly before we have considered the burden of others, and a theme begins to emerge. The "you don't know a person until you've walked a mile in their shoes" kind of theme rises up from so much of what I have read. Peggy Noonan's words about being worried, about the long anxious haul we are on, and about the sheer size of our worry have a way of leveling the playing field. We are all burdened with anxiety. And our response should be to resist the knee-jerk blaming and anger that so many express. Our response should be the patient practice of prayer, a commitment to find purpose in loving and serving others, and a dedication to inform ourselves so when opportunities for justice and healing present themselves we are ready to act and to help others.

We write this magazine several times a year to both inform and inspire. Through our website, newsletters, weekly emails, and this magazine, we are sharing information about just how different this fall is going to be. The unprecedented spring and summer will give way to an unprecedented fall. Many things about our ministry have changed.

But not everything has changed. The Holy Spirit is still near. Christ the Lord is still our guide. And God the Creator still provides. In this issue you will read about our efforts to adapt our delivery of ministry while keeping the mission of worshiping, embracing, and serving in the manner of Christ at the center of all we do. Things will look different. But our commitment to God and neighbor remains unchanged.

Peggy Noonan is correct: there is worry at every turn. But against that we remember Jesus who often said, "do not worry," and who frequently said, "do not be afraid." This calling of Jesus remains trustworthy and true. We should be grateful for it. We should dedicate ourselves to its service, too.

May grace abound,

**Christopher H. Edmonston**  
Pastor, WMPC

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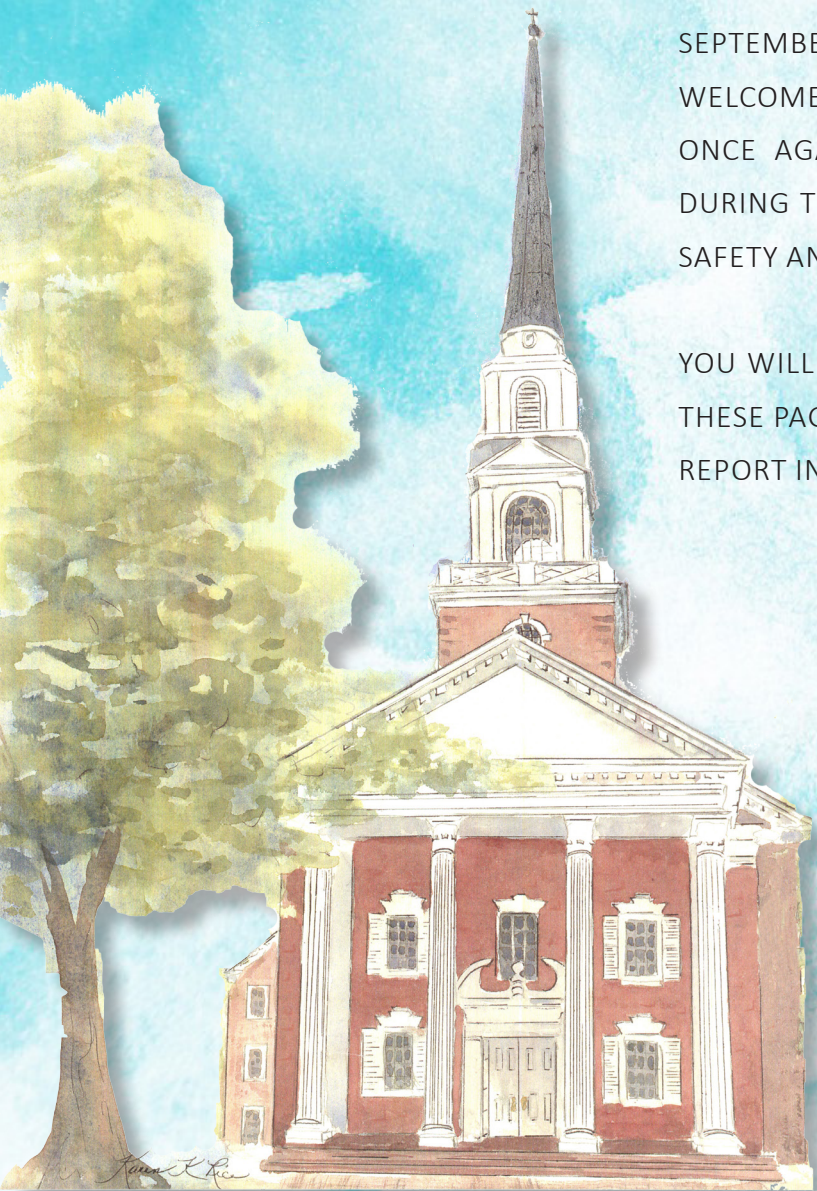
# when? how?

THE REOPENING TASK GROUP ASKED THE  
CRUCIAL QUESTIONS OF WHEN AND HOW  
TO REOPEN FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP.

BY NAN HANNAH, DANITA MORGAN AND KATHY HOWELL

AS OF PUBLICATION, NORTH CAROLINA IS STILL IN SAFER AT HOME PHASE 2 OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND WHITE MEMORIAL'S CAMPUS REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST SEPTEMBER 11. IT IS WITH HOPEFUL ANTICIPATION THAT WE WELCOME THE DAY WHEN WE OPEN OUR SANCTUARY DOORS ONCE AGAIN FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP. ON THAT DAY, AS DURING THIS ENTIRE TIME, OUR FIRST PRIORITY WILL BE THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR CONGREGATION AND STAFF.

YOU WILL FIND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THESE PAGES AND CAN FIND THE REOPENING TASK GROUP'S REPORT IN FULL ON OUR WEBSITE.





## GUIDELINES & PROTOCOLS

- We will adhere to federal, NC and Raleigh guidelines for re-opening.
- We are in close contact with the Governor's team and will continue to consult with city leaders and medical professionals.
- We will stay informed on current trends of the COVID-19 virus.
- We will observe social distancing protocols and congregants will be required to wear a mask upon entering church facilities.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE ATTENDING SUNDAY WORSHIP

- Live streaming of worship services will continue on Sunday mornings (8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.).
- You will need to pre-register through Brushfire prior to worship service. (see how to register page 6)
- Within the registration process, you will be required to answer a series of health questions.
- Social distancing and masks are required on church property in all public areas and in worship (children under 5 are not required to wear masks). If you forget your mask, the church will provide you with one.
- When you register you will receive a campus map showing designated entrances and exits. We ask that you please follow.
- A one directional system for moving around campus will be in place.
- To start, the bathrooms between the Sanctuary and Jane Bell will be open.
- Hand sanitizers will be available throughout the church campus.
- Entrance doors and exit doors will be propped open at the appropriate times.
- A deep clean will be done prior to and between services.

## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE?

- Entrances will be open 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each service.
- Signage will be placed throughout the campus reminding people of social distancing and general hygiene.

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES?

- Every other pew will be blocked off.
- Hymnals, Bibles and other literature have temporarily been removed.
- The pastors will dismiss the congregants by sections.
- You will not be able to exit through the door you used to enter.

# REOPENING FAQ'S

THESE QUESTIONS AND MORE  
ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

- 1. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP. HOW SOON MAY I REGISTER FOR WORSHIP? HOW LATE?**  
We will open the Brushfire app for weekly registration each Monday and close it Saturday at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. WHAT IS BRUSHFIRE AND HOW DOES IT WORK?**  
Brushfire is a seating reservation system designed specifically for our sanctuary, Pickard Hall, and the Main Hall in the Edinburgh Building. It will allow you to select your seat or your family group's seats and then automatically block off surrounding seats to provide for adequate social distancing. [www.brushfire.com](http://www.brushfire.com)
- 3. WHAT IF I REGISTER AND DECIDE NOT TO ATTEND?**  
You can and should cancel your reservation. Contact Tonya Higgins before 1:00 p.m. on the Friday before Sunday worship at [thiggins@whitememorial.org](mailto:thiggins@whitememorial.org).
- 4. I AM NOT QUITE READY FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP. WILL WE CONTINUE TO OFFER STREAMING ONLINE?**  
We will continue streaming worship services as we have done for years with the addition of streaming the 8:00 a.m. service and [OnPoint@1704](mailto:OnPoint@1704) (when it resumes).
- 5. DO I HAVE TO WEAR A MASK? WHAT IF I FORGET MY MASK?**  
Masks will be required for all events on campus including worship. If you forget your mask, the ushers will provide you with one.
- 6. WHAT STEPS IS WMPC TAKING TO ENSURE A CLEAN, DISINFECTED CAMPUS?**  
During the time the campus has been closed, our staff, including custodial staff, have worked to understand the best and safest practices for disinfecting the spaces used on the campus. Service times have been set so as to provide ample time for cleaning and disinfecting between services. >

# REOPENING FAQ'S

- 7. HOW WILL I KNOW WHERE TO GO WHEN I ARRIVE FOR WORSHIP?**

All entry to the sanctuary will be through the Narthex.

Entry to Pickard Hall will be from the courtyard. Brushfire will provide you with a ticket showing your pew and seat(s) in the designated worship space.
- 8. WILL THERE BE AN ONPOINT SERVICE?**

We anticipate resuming OnPoint services in October and when they resume, streaming of this service should be available as well.
- 9. WHERE DO I PARK?**

Parking will be available in all the church lots and along the streets surrounding the church.
- 10. WILL WE OFFER THE SHUTTLE?**

At the outset of in-person worship, we do not anticipate the need for shuttle service. That is one of many things we will grow into as we resume worship services on campus.
- 11. WILL WE HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN PERSON OR ONLINE?**

Sunday School will be online only at least through January 1.
- 12. WILL THE NURSERY BE AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP?**

Nursery will not be available at this time.
- 13. CAN CHILDREN ATTEND WORSHIP? WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THEM?**

Children can and are encouraged to attend worship services with their parents.
- 14. TELL ME MORE ABOUT WHAT WORSHIP DURING COVID WILL INCLUDE?**

If you have been attending worship online during the past several months, you should anticipate essentially the same worship service, in the Reformed Tradition. There will be some alterations within the worship spaces in terms of how congregational singing and speaking are handled.
- 15. WHAT ABOUT BULLETINS?**

Bulletins will be placed in each seat assigned through the Brushfire system prior to the beginning of the service.
- 16. WILL THERE BE HYMNALS?**

While you will not find the *"Glory to God"* hardbound hymnals in the pew racks, the hymn texts will be printed in the expanded service bulletin.
- 17. SHOULD I BRING MY OWN BIBLE?**

You may always bring your own Bible, but scriptural texts will be printed in the expanded service bulletins.
- 18. WILL THERE BE A PASSING OF THE PEACE?**

Initially, we anticipate foregoing the Passing of the Peace, but over time we will work to find ways to reintroduce this meaningful element of worship.
- 19. WILL I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MY OFFERING?**

We encourage you to make your offering online. We will have offering baskets at the entrance.
- 20. WILL COMMUNION BE SERVED?**

Communion will be served at all services on the first Sunday of each month. The elements will be pre-positioned at each seat assigned using the Brushfire system. The elements will be in pre-packaged and sealed "Friendship cups" which have been utilized for several months by the staff in the streamed services.
- 21. WILL I BE ABLE TO GET COFFEE IN THE CONNECTOR BEFORE WORSHIP?**

Coffee stations will not be available at the start of re-opening.
- 22. WILL RESTROOMS BE AVAILABLE**

Yes. As we first re-open restroom facilities will be open between the Sanctuary and the Jane Bell Gathering Space. Restrooms in Edinburgh and Luther Buildings will also be accessible.



# Brushfire.

## *Intuitively easy.*

### 23. WILL THE PLAYGROUNDS BE OPEN?

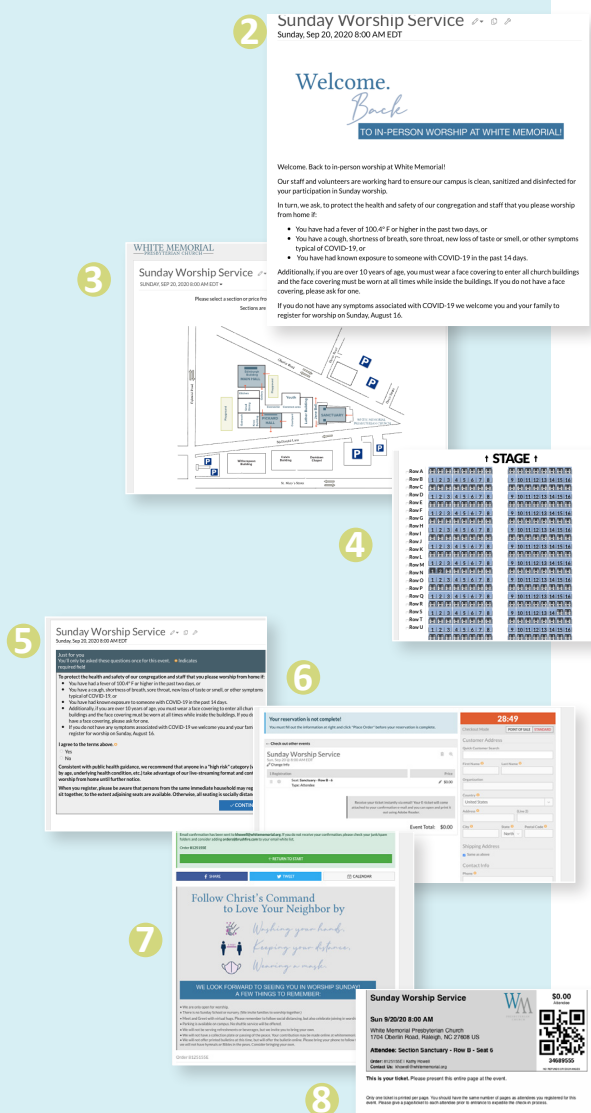
Playgrounds are temporarily closed for non Weekday School use.

### 24. WILL THE CHURCH OFFICES BE OPEN ON SUNDAY?

In an effort to keep our campus as safe as possible for in-person worship during COVID only worship spaces (Sanctuary, Pickard Hall and the Main Hall in Edinburgh) will be open.

DO YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS? PLEASE DIRECT THEM TO A PASTOR OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANDREW AMODEI. CHECK OUR WEBSITE OFTEN AS WE WILL UPDATE FAQ'S REGULARLY. ■

While we wish such measures were not necessary, our utmost priority is the safety of our members and staff. After much consideration White Memorial selected Brushfire to establish a pre-registration ticketing system. While Brushfire is able to offer seat selection with social distancing for our worship spaces, many features are hard-wired and cannot be altered. You will see language more familiar with purchasing a ticket for an event than attending worship. Please note we welcome everyone who wishes to attend in-person worship again with (virtual) open arms.



### 1 SELECT WORSHIP DATE

Sunday Worship Service (474440)  
 @ 1704 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, NC 27608 US  
 2 reserved out of 406 (404 remaining) | 23 days away  
 ASSIGNED | LIVE | WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 REGISTER | MANAGE  
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 @ 8:00 AM  
 BRUSHFIRE

### 2 GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

### 3 SELECT THE SPACE YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORSHIP ON THE CAMPUS MAP (SANCTUARY, PICKARD HALL, MAIN HALL) NOTE: SANCTUARY WILL BE THE ONLY SPACE AVAILABLE TO WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

### 4 SELECT YOUR AND YOUR FAMILY'S SEATS. AFTER YOU SELECT YOUR SEATS SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL AUTOMATICALLY OCCUR

### 5 CONFIRM THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE COVID-19 SYMPTOM FREE

### 6 REGISTER

### 7 CONFIRMATION AND REMINDERS

### 8 RECEIVE EMAIL TICKET. YOU MUST BRING TICKET (EITHER PRINTED OR ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE) TO WORSHIP

WELCOME BACK TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP!

# WHAT DOES FALL LOOK LIKE? —ZOOM. ZOOM.—

THE MINISTRY OF  
WHITE MEMORIAL IS ALIVE  
AND THRIVING!

WHILE NEARLY ALL OF  
OUR ACTIVITIES WILL  
BE ONLINE THIS FALL,  
THE MINISTRY PULSES ON.

HERE'S A GLIMPSE OF  
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN  
ADULT FAITH FORMATION,  
CONGREGATIONAL CARE,  
MUSIC, OUTREACH  
AND MORE!

As we seek to grow as disciples and continue to be community with and for one another, we recognize that these are challenging and unusual times for all of us. Unless otherwise noted, our adult Sunday School classes and Midweek classes and small groups will meet in virtual spaces this fall (Zoom, Google Meet, Facebook Live, etc.) in order to safely accommodate any and all who wish to attend and participate.

Our hope is that during this time of increased isolation and decreased organized activity, members and friends of White Memorial will seize the unique opportunity this season offers us to spiritually “recharge” by committing, or recommitting, to one of the following groups which has been designed to nurture and encourage you as you continue to grow in your life of faith. At White Memorial, we believe that education is essential for discipleship, and we hope that what you learn here will transform your living beyond our doors.

Please take some time to read through the class listings that follow and know that you are welcome to try-out or attend any of these groups at any time. Investing in your life of faith is worth your time and energy, and we believe that there is no better time than right now to invest in your spiritual growth by making a commitment to learning something new and to growing alongside others in this faithful, creative community.

You may notice that there are a few classes and bible studies which are not listed, but will continue to meet this semester. Once we get back to in-person meeting, it will be easier to open back up these particular groups or to spawn new or similar ones.

If you have questions, please reach out to the class contact, and remember: Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here.

Grace and peace,  
Grier Booker Richards



# ADULT FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY CLASSES FALL 2020

## BIBLICAL STUDIES & THEOLOGY

### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Why did God allow the Israelites to be decimated in Canaan and the last remnant carried off to Babylonian captivity? This fascinating and important story is told in the book of Kings and is Christian Fellowship's Bible study this fall. Participants will receive via email weekly lessons with the scripture, commentary, and questions for understanding and application. Twice a month the class will have a fellowship video session with devotional, announcements, Q&A, and prayer time, via Zoom. Drop-ins and new members are always welcome. The course will begin September 13 and conclude by Christmas; the fellowship video gatherings will begin on September 27 from 9:30-10:00 a.m. The Zoom sessions will be recorded so they can be viewed later as needed. Contact Bill Jackson, [wmjackson@bellsouth.net](mailto:wmjackson@bellsouth.net), with questions or to sign up.

### COVER TO COVER

**2:00-3:00 p.m. | Zoom | 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 September 13. For more information about Cover to Cover, contact Jim Ferry, [jferry@whitememorial.org](mailto:jferry@whitememorial.org).

### GREATEST GENERATION

**9:30-10:30 a.m. | Conference Call**

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. New members are always welcome. The class contact is Ramona Deener, 919-280-2492

### SEARCHERS

**9:30-10:30 a.m. | Zoom**

Searchers studies the Bible using a DVD-based curriculum and class discussion. The class is a mix of singles and couples and welcomes all. The class will be using the Mickey Efrid study of Ecclesiastes this semester. Contacts are Betty Landes, [bettylandes1@gmail.com](mailto:bettylandes1@gmail.com) and Louise Eaglesfield, [llsvd@aol.com](mailto:llsvd@aol.com).

### THEOLOGICAL FORUM

**9:30-10:30 a.m. | Zoom**

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. This fall the class will be studying the book *Christ in Crisis* by Jim Wallis. Drop-ins and new members are always welcome. For more information about the class contact Flo Durway, [floanddan74@gmail.com](mailto:floanddan74@gmail.com) or Kristen Beightol, [kbeightol@edwardskirby.com](mailto:kbeightol@edwardskirby.com).

## AGE & STAGE

### PARENTS OF YOUTH

Parents of Youth is taking the semester off to support children and youth in Sunday School each week.

### P.A.R.K.

**(Presbyterians Actively Raising Kids)**

P.A.R.K. is taking the semester off to support children and youth in Sunday School each week.

### FAITH FOUNDATIONS

**9:30-10:30 a.m. | Zoom**

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 *Christ in Crisis* by Jim Wallis. New members are always welcome. Class leaders are Susan Hibbert, [susanhib22@gmail.com](mailto:susanhib22@gmail.com) and John White, [ncjohnwhite@gmail.com](mailto:ncjohnwhite@gmail.com).

### KNOX CLASS

**9:30-10:30 a.m. | Zoom**

The Knox class will provide opportunities for class members to better understand how our faith encourages us to work for racial justice as we seek to become more anti-racist. Topics such as systemic racism and white privilege will be explored through the use of articles and books, and guest speakers will be invited to lead conversations throughout the semester. The Knox Class welcomes all, whether you like to join in discussion or just prefer to listen. The class contact is Harriet Worley, [hfworley@nc.rr.com](mailto:hfworley@nc.rr.com). >

## TOPICAL STUDIES

## SUNDAY | TOPICAL STUDIES

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS

**9:30-10:30 a.m. | Zoom**

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 Luke using the Mickey Efird DVD series. The class contact is Emily McNair, [macwallace@msn.com](mailto:macwallace@msn.com).

### TNT

**9:30-10:30 a.m. | Google Meet**

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 use video clips to study a book of the Bible, outreach opportunities and other faithful topics. All are welcome. The class contact is Linda Robinson, [cachto@bellsouth.net](mailto:cachto@bellsouth.net).

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION MIDWEEK CLASSES FALL 2020

## TUESDAY

### MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

**7:30 a.m. | Zoom (registration required)**

Men of all ages are invited to Zoom and enjoy fellowship and Bible study. The preaching pastor of the week leads a short Bible study related to the upcoming Sunday sermon. Bible study, breakfast (bring your own) and prayer conclude around 8:00 a.m. each week. Contact for the group is Don Thompson, [dthomps1@ncsu.edu](mailto:dthomps1@ncsu.edu). Registration required: [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register).

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST & STUDY

**7:15 a.m. | First and Third Tuesdays\* | Zoom**

Women of all ages are invited to come for fellowship, study and prayer. This group studies the Presbyterian Women's Bible lesson and a variety of other topics. All participants are invited to stay as long as they like or to leave early for work or other commitments. \*For September, the meetings will be on September 15 (due to the Labor Day holiday) and September 22. First and third Tuesdays will begin in October. The group contacts are Susan Allen, [sisterfrripp@bellsouth.net](mailto:sisterfrripp@bellsouth.net) and Miriam Dorsey, [mirdorsey@aol.com](mailto:mirdorsey@aol.com).

### AGING WELL

**1:00 p.m. | Tuesdays in September (5 classes) | Zoom**

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. The first class is September 1. All are welcome. Liisa Ogburn, [liisaogburn@gmail.com](mailto:liisaogburn@gmail.com). who has written over 150 articles on aging for WRAL, is the class facilitator.

### 20S@WMPC

**7:00 p.m. | Selected Tuesdays | Offsite**

20s@wmpc is a social and study group for people in their 20s interested in exploring their faith and today's culture. Discussions are based upon Scripture, articles, current events, podcasts, or books. For more information contact Levi Bannerman, [lbannerman@whitememorial.org](mailto:lbannerman@whitememorial.org). >



## WEDNESDAY

### BIBLE BELLES

Wednesday mornings (except the 1st Wednesday of each month)

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](mailto:mcabigail@aol.com).

### MEANING AS MILLENNIALS: FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

6:30-8:00 p.m. | Weekly | Zoom

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 Kevin Thompson, [kpthomps@ncsu.edu](mailto:kpthomps@ncsu.edu).

## THURSDAY

### LILIES OF THE FIELD

This group of women of all ages studies the Bible and other Christian books. Participants grow in their understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ through supporting, encouraging, challenging and comforting one another. This class is studying *You Will Get Through This, Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times* by Max Lucado. Class discussions will be through e-mail. All are welcome. Class leaders are Lillian Poole, [lillianmpoole7@gmail.com](mailto:lillianmpoole7@gmail.com) and Candy Lewis, [candy.lewis1809@gmail.com](mailto:candy.lewis1809@gmail.com).

### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:30-11:00 a.m. | Zoom

This small group focuses on biblically based topics through a discussion format. Various books and/or DVD courses are selected and used during the year. This fall, the class will be studying *A Lens of Love* by Jonathan Walton. New members welcome. Class coordinator is Nancy McLean, [numclean@gmail.com](mailto:numclean@gmail.com).

### KEENAGERS

10:00 a.m. | Zoom

Time may vary depending upon speaker

If you are 55 years old +, we invite you to join Keenagers via Zoom. No dues or membership information is required at this time. If you would like to participate in Keenager Zoom meetings, please contact Tonya Higgins at [thiggins@whitememorial.org](mailto:thiggins@whitememorial.org) to receive your Zoom link. Keenagers Zoom meetings will occur most Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The first and third Thursdays will be a program. The second and fourth will be a social connection time. >

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### 9@9

9:00 a.m. | Daily | Facebook Live

Begin the morning each weekday with a live Bible study with Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families.

### LECTIO LIVE

1:00 p.m. | Thursdays through November 12

Facebook Live

Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care or Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident practice a contemplative way to read the Bible called Lectio Divina. It's an ancient yet simple practice that means "holy reading." In Lectio Divina, we slow down and listen for God's word. We take time to listen for words or phrases that stand out for us, and we listen for a call that God may be placing on us.

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INVESTING IN YOUR  
LIFE OF FAITH IS  
WORTH YOUR TIME  
AND ENERGY, AND WE  
BELIEVE THAT THERE IS  
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RIGHT NOW TO INVEST  
IN YOUR SPIRITUAL  
GROWTH BY MAKING  
A COMMITMENT TO  
LEARNING SOMETHING  
NEW AND TO GROWING  
ALONGSIDE OTHERS  
IN THIS FAITHFUL,  
CREATIVE COMMUNITY.

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# CHURCHWIDE STUDIES

## CHURCHWIDE BIBLE STUDY: THE PARABLES OF JESUS

**Mondays, September 14-November 16**

**7:00-8:00 p.m. | Zoom | Registration required**

The well-known parables of Jesus are deep wells of Christian instruction and reflection, but ones that are often reduced to a single, simplistic meaning. Join us for a 10-week study of parables led by WMPC pastors as we explore the depth of Jesus' teaching and ask what these stories might have to say to us today. Registration required: [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register).

## CHURCHWIDE BOOK READ

***Turtles All the Way Down***

**Book Discussion**

**Tuesday October 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**OR Wednesday October 14,**

**12:00-1:30 p.m.**

**Zoom | Registration details coming soon**

The WMPC Mental Health and Wellness Ministry invites you to join us for a discussion of the eye-opening book *Turtles All the Way Down*. Author John Green tells the tender story of a teenage girl, her mother, and friends as they navigate the world created by the young girl's mental illness. This revealing portrayal of the experience of mental illness is set within the search to find a missing person.

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ALL ARE INVITED  
TO JOIN THE  
CHURCHWIDE BOOK  
READ AND BIBLE  
STUDY.  
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# HEALTH, WELLNESS

## CANCER COMPANIONS CLASS

**Sundays, September 13 – November 8**

**4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom**

This support group uses Cancer Companions devotionals, videos and Bible lessons to explore how we can draw closer to God as we go through difficult times. Contact Jean Williams, Parish Nurse at 919-834-3425, ext. 234, [jwilliams@whitememorial.org](mailto:jwilliams@whitememorial.org) or Jim Ferry, Parish Associate at 919-834-3425, ext. 208, [jferry@whitememorial.org](mailto:jferry@whitememorial.org). Registration is required; register online at [www.whitememorial.org](http://www.whitememorial.org).

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS FOR PARENTS

After a great response to the WMPC Mental Health and Wellness Webinars about parenting, we're offering two follow-up opportunities. Parenting in the age of COVID presents an entirely new set of challenges, especially as we navigate our kids' schooling. Join other parents for a time of conversation where we'll ask, "How are you doing?" and check in with one another as we settle into the school year. Parents are welcome to attend one or both sessions. Registration details coming soon.

**Parents of Preschool and Elementary School Students**

**September 15 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Zoom**

**Hosts:**

Dr. Emily King, *Child, Adolescent, and Family Psychologist*  
Cate Church Norman, *Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*  
Gwen Whiteman, *Director of Young Children's Ministry*  
Cynthia Baggett, *Director of Weekday School*

**Parents of Middle School, High School, and College Students**

**September 22 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Zoom**

**Hosts:**

Dr. Emily King, *Child, Adolescent, and Family Psychologist*  
Cate Church Norman, *Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*  
Chip Pope, *Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families*  
Cynthia Baggett, *Director of Weekday School*

## SUPPORT FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

**Thursdays, September 17-November 5**

**12:00-12:45 p.m. | Zoom**

All healthcare workers are invited to join Pastoral Resident Anne Galliher for a weekly opportunity to reflect and recharge in an environment of care and support. Connect with others experiencing similar challenges in healthcare settings and engage in self-care. Join us every week or drop in as you are able. All are welcome. Registration is required; register online at [whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register). ➤



# .....AND MORE

## **AN EVENING WITH J. DANA TRENT AND STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATION SESSION**

**Monday September 21 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Zoom**

Our Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Program welcomes outstanding speaker and author, J. Dana Trent in a Webinar presentation on September 21, 2020. If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, please join current Stephen Ministers and Alumni for this special evening. A short Information Session about 2021 Stephen Ministry Training will immediately follow. Please reserve your spot by September 17 at [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register). For more information contact Training Coordinator Carol Bilbro at [cwbilbro@gmail.com](mailto:cwbilbro@gmail.com).

## **FLU SHOTS AND DINNER PICK-UP**

**Wednesdays, September 23 and October 7**

**3:00-6:00 p.m. | Chapel, Colonial Road**

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## **POSSIBILITY AND PERIL: A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOPE with Anne Galliher and Christopher Edmonston**

**Tuesday September 29 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Hope is a Christian virtue with a rich history, but it can be hard to wrap our minds around in a world that experiences great depths of suffering. Join Pastoral Resident Anne Galliher and Pastor Christopher Edmonston for a conversation about the everyday practice of hope. We'll learn from the perspective of Christian ethics and the biblical witness and reimagine our understanding of this hallmark of our faith.

Register: [www.whitememorial.org](http://www.whitememorial.org).

## **SHIIP: SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION PROGRAM**

**Tuesday October 6 | 1:00-2:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Susan McGuire from SHIIP will address basics of Medicare A, B, C and D, updates on Medicare programs for 2021, and how to get assistance from SHIIP. This program is for those who will be turning 65 soon as well as those already on Medicare who want to learn more.

Register: [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register).

## **PEACE AFTER DIVORCE: A WORKSHOP**

**Wednesdays, October 14 – November 18 | 7:30-9:00 p.m. | Zoom**

The painful reality of separation and divorce can be devastating, but it does not have to define us. Join Parish Associate Judy Yates Siker for this six-week workshop as together we discover God's healing power and grace in our journey back to fullness of life. Registration details coming soon.

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Monday October 26 | 2:00-6:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall**

The American Red Cross will be on site to collect donations. Reservations are required and can be made online at [redcrossblood.org/give](http://redcrossblood.org/give) or by calling Ruth Landers.

## **HEALING THROUGH GRIEF**

**Sundays, November 8 – December 6**

**3:00-4:30 p.m. | Zoom**

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 November for a series of sessions to help along your journey of grief. Led by Cate Church Norman and Anne Galliher, one session builds upon the other, but attendance at all of them is not necessary. Registration details coming soon.

## **DISTANCE HEALING**

**Monday – Friday by appointment contact Mary Ann Turner**

Mary Ann Turner is offering distance Healing Prayer sessions. If you are interested or know someone who is, email your name and phone number, as well as your preferred day and time. Mary Ann will be in touch to schedule; she will describe distance healing prayer, and discuss your concerns and goals for the session.

## **NAMI: NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS**

**NAMI Basics | NAMI Peer-to-Peer |**

**NAMI Family-to-Family**

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. What started as a small group of families gathered around a kitchen table in 1979 has blossomed into the nation's leading voice on mental health. NAMI works to educate, advocate, listen and lead to improve the lives of people with mental illness and their loved ones. If you or someone you know is struggling, you are not alone. Visit <https://nami-wake.org/> or call 919-848-4490 for more information on support groups and educational resources. >

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## FALL 2020

### ADULTS

#### ADULT CHOIR – COMBINED

**Karl Zinsmeister and Kirsten Homdrom, staff**

The combined participants of Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs will conduct weekly zoom sessions on Thursday evenings. Initially the meetings will be about 45 minutes and begin at 7:00 p.m. and will likely increase to 60 minutes, and may shift to 7:30 p.m. start time. We have already launched experimenting with creating virtual choir pieces. Our goal is to do a full adult virtual choir for Evensong on November 1. If successful, we will do additional virtual choirs for some time in Advent and for Christmas Eve.

#### HANDBELL CHOIR

**Karl Zinsmeister, staff**

We have created groups of 4-6 ringers who will meet one time each in person with safety protocols in place for a 40-minute rehearsal. These groups will either record their selection to be added to the end of the Sunday morning live stream, or will appear in person for the live stream.

#### BRASS CHOIR

**Bob Phoenix, director**

Contact [bob.h.phoenix@gmail.com](mailto:bob.h.phoenix@gmail.com) for information.

#### ONPOINT HOUSE BAND

**Eric Nanz, staff**

OnPoint House Band will pursue a combination of Zoom, virtual ensemble presentations, and in-person rehearsals. We anticipate resuming OnPoint@1704 in October.

### YOUTH

#### YOUTH CHOIR

**Kelly Gold, staff**

Youth Choir will be an online experience on Sunday afternoons at 3:45 p.m. with potential for optional in-person learning experiences. Youth Choir sessions will last about 40 minutes and focus on simple anthems, hymns from *Glory to God*, and vocal technique. Youth will be offered opportunities to work together and interact in small groups, participate in a virtual choir, and receive individual vocal instruction at request. Potential in-person musical experiences might include small group outdoor singing opportunities and music discussion.

#### YOUTH WORSHIP BAND

**Eric Nanz, staff**

Do you have musical talent? White Memorial needs it! During these times, meaningful worship and a sense of community is needed more than ever. Come help provide these ministries by participating in the Youth Worship Band! Registration for 2020-2021 is now open on the church website. The band will be under the direction of Eric Nanz, the new Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts. This year is going to look different as the band seeks creative ways to rehearse and share music. Participants will be offered opportunities to participate in worship and in virtual band experiences. We will do as much as we can in person, when possible. Rehearsal times have not been decided yet but will most likely take place in the afternoon on Wednesday or Sunday. Please contact Eric Nanz, Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts with any questions at [enanz@whitememorial.org](mailto:enanz@whitememorial.org)

### CHILDREN

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS – COMBINED

**Kelly Gold and Kirsten Homdrom, staff**

Children's Choir will be an online experience with potential for elective in-person learning experiences. All participating children (combined ages K-5th grade) will be divided into groups of approximately 15. Each group will sign on at a designated time and receive instruction led by a host

director, an assisting adult, and pre-recorded videos. Sessions will last about 25 minutes. Households with multiple children participating will be assigned to one group. Musical learning and sharing will center on our *Glory to God* hymnal. In-person electives being considered include one-on-one vocal or keyboard lessons, four non-singing six-week classes (~10 participants each) on drumming, Orff instruments, guitar/ukulele, and drama. >



# FALL OUTREACH

Volunteering in Outreach for the fall will be limited by what we can do at the church or what each agency is allowing. Some agencies are accepting a few people in, but please check each website for guidelines. We will post these opportunities as we are made aware. Collections will continue in the crates in front of Witherspoon, and items needed will be publicized. Food is always needed, but if certain items are requested we will post. We will not have our holiday turkey collection, but we will offer opportunities to help families and agencies during this time.

THE 2020 MEN'S RETREAT,  
DID MORE THAN DARE TO IMAGINE,  
THEY PAVED THE WAY AS THE FIRST  
ZOOM RETREAT WITH BREAKOUT GROUPS  
AT WHITE MEMORIAL.

## DARE TO *imagine*

BY KIPP SPANBAUER AND JIM FERRY

Most of our outreach has been financial over the last five months, so we will continue to focus on how our financial resources can best be used. We will continue to take advantage of matching grants that will make our dollars go even further. Our committees will continue to meet virtually to discuss new ways of reaching out to the community and world. Please continue to donate to the Fifth Sunday Hunger Offering and Pastor's Discretionary Fund that allows us to help beyond budgetary commitments. ■

**D**are to ponder! Dare to remember, to re-envision and to go deep! Dare to step out in renewed vision and faith in such troubling, difficult, and humbling times as these!

Over 30 White Memorial men dared to do just that by gathering together on an online Zoom retreat Saturday morning June 20, 2020. It was so good seeing everyone, catching up and seeing how every one is doing. It was also good to be guided and challenged and inspired by our speaker, the Rev. Franklin Golden.

In Franklin's own words, "we listened to the words of the prophets and Jesus in the hope of increasing empathy and shattering indifference in the face of historic and persistent personal and systemic racism. We explored the racial history of North Carolina as well as the stories of our own lives and their connection to white supremacy."

A highlight of our time together were two small group breakout sessions where in turn in groups of five or six we richly explored and shared two provocative topics;

- What is your first memory of race?
- Write a lament over some aspect of the current racial reckoning or our own personal history in regard to race.

The written shared statements were beautiful and moving.

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

#### A FEW THOUGHTS FROM ATTENDEES

- "[Franklin Golden's] manner and delivery promoted vulnerability with the small groups being emotionally willing to share."
- "Excellent - especially in the way he adapted [Franklin Golden's] presentation to the right up-to-the minute situation of right now."
- "Great leadership. Good prompts to get us thinking and talking."
- "Thanks for the somewhat forced contemplation on a difficult subject. The personal recollections and references were helpful."
- "[Franklin Golden's] delivery and the way he presented really helped me open my eyes and thoughts."
- "Thanks for provoking thought and remembrances."

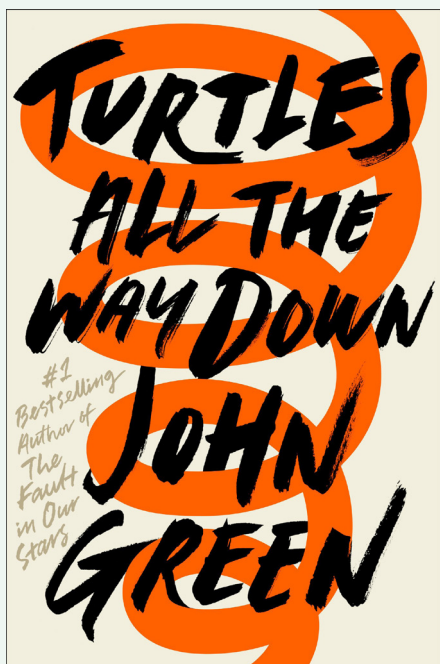
We are already planning for next year's Men's Retreat and will share details in the coming months.

We were blessed by this retreat; blessed to be together, blessed to learn and grow and even laugh together, so blessed to receive a word of comfort, challenge and hope to sustain us as now we must live into the trying days ahead. ■

# Quick bits

News and happenings at WMPC

## CHURCHWIDE BOOK READ



The WMPC Mental Health and Wellness Ministry invites you to join us for a discussion of the eye-opening book *Turtles All the Way Down*. Author John Green tells the tender story of a teenage girl, her mother, and friends as they navigate the world created by the young girl's mental illness. This revealing portrayal of the experience of mental illness is set within the search to find a missing person.

We will offer two Zoom book discussions with breakout groups on **Tuesday, October 13 from 7-8:30 p.m.** or **Wednesday, October 14 from noon-1:30 p.m.** Registration details will follow.



MENTAL HEALTH &  
WELLNESS MINISTRY

## FLU SHOTS & DINNER TO GO

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You don't have to receive a flu shot to order a dinner. And you don't have to order a dinner to receive a flu shot. Dates to receive flu shots are

**Wednesday, September 23 and Wednesday, October 7 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.** in the Chapel.

Registration is required for flu shots and boxed dinner to go: [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register).



## MENTAL HEALTH WEBINARS AVAILABLE

In July and August, the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry presented a series of seven webinars by esteemed doctors in their fields ranging in topics from parenting young children during difficult times to loss and grief and even lessons from Wiley Coyote and the Roadrunner. If you missed (or if you'd like to watch again) you can find the series on our website: [www.whitememorial.org/congregational-care](http://www.whitememorial.org/congregational-care)





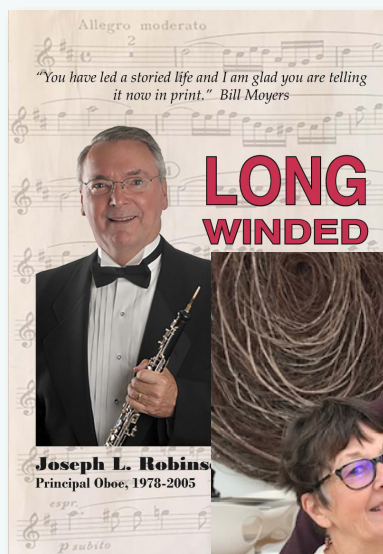
## PRESBYTERIAN RUSSIA MISSION NETWORK

This year's virtual conference, **Thursday, September 17-Saturday, September 19**, is a great way to interact and learn more about Russia, Belarus, and the Ukraine. The format will provide education and interaction among participants as speakers share information on environmental issues and climate change, marginalized people and peacemaking with teenagers. Registration information can be found on our website.



## BUILDING TOGETHER SINCE 1985

Recently, Rick Beech, VP, Faith Relations at Habitat for Humanity of Wake County shared that since 1995, when they began tracking, White Memorial Presbyterian Church has contributed \$999,687 to Habitat Wake. Our partnership goes back to 1985- that's 10 years of giving that were not recorded. A special thank you to all of the wonderful WMPC volunteers who dedicate time and talent to help build Habitat Wake homes!



## FALL INTERLUDE

Sounds on Oberlin is pleased to present two fall virtual concerts. On **Sunday, September 20 at 3:00 p.m.** from the Main Hall in the Edinburgh Building we bring you *An Oboist's Journey* with Joseph Robinson, oboe and Mary Kay Robinson, violin. Concert will be available on Facebook Live.

On **Sunday, October 25, at 3:00 p.m.** we invite you to join Karl Zinsmeister and Kirsten Homdrom as they perform *Organ Sonatas, Op. 65* by Felix Mendelssohn. Concert will be live streamed and available on Facebook Live. For details on these virtual offerings please visit [www.whitememorial.org/musical-messages](http://www.whitememorial.org/musical-messages).



# [ BEHIND THE LENS ]

WITH KAREN HANELINE

THROUGH HER  
PHOTOS AND  
VIDEOS, KAREN  
CAPTURES THE  
LIFE, HEART,  
AND MINISTRY  
OF WHITE  
MEMORIAL.

| BY KATHY HOWELL |  
*Photography Steve Haneline*



Karen Haneline, Web and Production Coordinator, WMPC

Chances are you've seen Karen Haneline, Web and Production Coordinator, around campus either with camera in-hand or on a tripod as she chronicles the life of White Memorial through photos and videos.

From the joy of photographing Weekday School children to recording weekly snippets, outreach partners and generosity vignettes, Karen has a talent for putting those in front of the camera at ease so they can authentically share their stories.

Karen's history with White Memorial goes back farther than her nine years on staff. For almost 35 years Karen and her husband Steve have been members of WMPC. They first started attending as they were graduating from NC State. Karen vividly recalls Dr. Pickard visiting them in their tiny college apartment. "I've often wondered what he must have thought of our tiny little place, but he made us feel so special, it didn't matter," says Karen. >



Above: Like many during COVID-19, Karen works from home when she is not on campus recording or managing the Live Stream in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Over the years Karen and Steve have been involved in various Sunday School classes and today are active members of Theological Forum. Karen was involved with StepUp Ministry at its beginning and is currently on the board of another ministry partner, Emmaus House. She is also active with the Library Committee and was asked to manage the online catalog currently in use today.

Soon after Karen and Steve had their first child, Matthew, he was diagnosed with a mitochondrial disease and they made the choice for Karen to leave her job as a systems analyst and care for Matthew at home. Matthew lived for thirteen years. Karen and Steve also have a daughter Madeline who grew up attending youth programs at WMPC and recently graduated from Western Carolina University with a degree in construction management. She now works in Asheville, NC.

While Matthew was alive he would often attend worship with the family but occasionally became restless and Karen or Steve would take Matthew into the Jane Bell Gathering Space to listen to the service while he stretched his legs. At the time TV monitors were only pulled out for Easter and Christmas services to accommodate the overflow. Karen, knowing this, approached Gary Fulton, Associate Pastor at the time about having the monitors available for all worship services. As it happens, that was the beginning of WMPC's communications infrastructure. As Karen is so intricately involved with the audio-visual resources in the Sanctuary and around campus, there is a bit of irony that the network began with her son.

Karen has seen lots of changes since she and Steve joined the church all those years ago. At the time, Knox and Pickard were being built. And now she's chronicling the Edinburgh Building and other renovated spaces.

Karen and Steve have also seen the transition of senior pastors from Dr. Pickard to Art Ross and now Christopher Edmonston. As it happens, Christopher and Karen joined the WMPC staff at almost the same time. If you ask Christopher, he will tell you, "Karen was my first hire."

With degrees in computer science and engineering, it was a natural fit for her to support WMPC's first website redesign from its first rudimentary beginnings. That too has seen a few upgrades over the years.

Today, Karen is instrumental in working with Executive Director Andrew Amodei and Communications Coordinator Parker Gagnier in developing strategies that enable the live stream out of the sanctuary and more recently the addition of Facebook Live services, not to mention preparing for the resumption of worship in the Main Hall of the Edinburgh Building. Karen has spent countless hours in the sanctuary A/V booth recording, training, and making sure the live stream broadcast for worship every Sunday and special events goes off without a hitch. Karen always brings her best to each task, but even she has raised the bar on herself during the pandemic.

Karen is happiest anywhere near water. She and Steve love the beach and enjoy kayaking. They also keep bees and each year harvest their honey. And, in true renaissance form, Karen recently started weaving scarves and fabric on a loom Steve gifted her last Christmas.

The next time you see someone on campus with a camera, chances are it's Karen. If you do spot her, thank her for all she does to capture the ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. ■



Right: Karen at the beach, one of her favorite places.





Sharon Hayes at Gifts of Grace event

# One journey ends as another begins.

BY GLORIA JOHNSON |

*Photography provided by Sharon Hayes*

Sharon Hayes first visited WMPC in 1988 while in the area earning study credits for her master's degree at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Originally from Texas, she met her husband of over thirty years, Bill (a percussionist), while working at a music store there. After college, Sharon accepted a position with IBM as a Technical Writer, and she and Bill moved to Raleigh. Sharon came back to WMPC, bringing Bill with her. They were drawn by the music program, became members, and immediately joined the Sanctuary Choir.

Sharon saw publicity about Stephen Ministry and signed up for their first training class in the fall of 1989. That ministry allowed her to give back to others. Over the years she has served as a deacon, an elder, and she has been on various church committees and ministry teams, including Sunday School music for the 1-3 grades. She participated in WMPC's Russia partnership where she traveled to Smolensk three times and was the trip leader for two of those. In 2012 Sharon was a recipient of the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Lifetime Membership Award. >





## IN 2001, SHARON CHANGED CAREERS AND BEGAN A FAITH JOURNEY THAT LED HER TO SERVICE IN THE NON-PROFIT WORLD.



In 2001, Sharon changed careers and began a faith journey that led her to service in the nonprofit world. She joined the staff of Presbyterian Prison Ministry which serves women at the Raleigh Correctional Center for Women. She then began studying for a certification in Life Coaching and was hired by StepUp Ministry as Program Coordinator and staff coach, eventually becoming the Interim Director. Her journey continued, and after leaving StepUp she worked briefly as a coach for the staff of Loaves and Fishes Ministry.

For the past twelve years Sharon has served as Executive Director at Saint Saviour's Center. This ministry provides space for those delivering services to underserved populations in Wake County. Under her leadership, Saint Saviour's launched The Diaper Train. This program was initiated by those in our community who saw a huge need to provide baby diapers for working families who struggle to make ends meet. The Diaper Train will celebrate its 10th anniversary this year. To date, over four million diapers have been distributed.

Saint Saviour's also has healthy living programs for seniors in the Raleigh Housing Authority locations at Glenwood Towers and Carriage House, which originated with support from WMPC. Other organizations housed at the Center include Wake Relief food pantry, Meals on Wheels (on-site meal program), and Haitian Evangelical Community Church.

Sharon is now working part-time at Saint Saviour's as she prepares for retirement at the end of 2020. When asked about her plans for retirement Sharon replied, "I want to spend more time with family and work on my family tree." She has already begun her family research and discovered how her family migrated from the east coast to Texas over generations. Traveling is also on her list of things she wants to do. Sharon leaves a strong legacy at Saint Saviour's, and its success is due to her diligence and hard work. ■

THE DIAPER TRAIN, LOCATED AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CENTER, HAS REOPENED CURBSIDE PICK-UP FOR FAMILIES IN NEED OF DIAPERS. DIAPERS CAN BE A LARGE EXPENSE FOR FAMILIES, AND THIS ALLOWS THEM TO HAVE FUNDS FOR OTHER NEEDS SUCH AS FOOD AND RENT. WMPC PROVIDED \$1,000.00 DURING COVID FOR THE PURCHASE OF DIAPERS IN BULK.

# HEADS . HEARTS . HANDS . LIFE .

Romans 12:1-8



## GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2021

| BY CHRISTOPHER EDMONSTON |

PERHAPS THE MOST FAMOUS VERSE IN ALL THE BIBLE IS JOHN 3:16: “FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT GOD GAVE HIS ONLY SON....” IF WE LOOK AT THE VERBS WE SEE TWO OF THE MOST POWERFUL VERBS WE HAVE: LOVE AND GIVE. THE VERY NATURE OF GOD IS TO LOVE AND TO GIVE. MOST OF THE LESSONS OF JESUS ARE ABOUT LOVING AND GIVING. THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUES TO GUIDE THE CHURCH AND ITS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO CONTINUE IN THE PRACTICE OF LOVING AND GIVING.

The core of generosity is found where loving and giving intersect. Generosity to the church, to neighbors, to those near to us and far from us is one of the defining marks of our discipleship. While it is true that generosity to a church is essential for funding the ministries which define our witness, it is equally true that generosity is a personal practice shared through community that mirrors our commitment to God and our concern for one another. The practice of generosity is among the most important things we do because it is reflective of the loving and giving heart of God.

This fall we will be focusing our generosity efforts around the central idea that generosity is a practice for our heads, hearts, and hands. How does being generous shape our thinking? How does it direct our love? How does it define our work and witness in our community and the world? One thinks of the Prayer of St. Patrick who prayed, “God be in my head....God be in my heart.... God be in my hands.” Generosity is not just for one aspect of our identity: it is for our whole selves and lives.



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We hope you will join us as we read through beautiful verses of Isaiah alongside texts from Epistles and the Gospels. We hope you'll find in the words of the prophet the kind of inspiration we all need to learn how to share fairly and freely. It is the generous gifts of the whole of the body of Christ that allow for the witness of the church in the world. When we share our money, our prayer, our time, and our care for one another we are making a tangible witness to the grace of Jesus Christ and its power to support the body of Christ in its work and mission. When we say we cannot do our work without you, we are telling a truth. A truth as vital as the one that reminds us that loving and giving are the measurements by which we take stock of spiritual health itself. ■

# GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2021

October 25, 2020

**Generosity of Mind:  
Renewing our Thinking**

Isaiah 55: 6 - 13

Romans 12: 1 - 8

November 1, 2020

**Generosity of Heart:  
Love and Delight**

Isaiah 58: 9 - 14

Corinthians I 13: 1 - 8

November 8 , 2020

**Generosity of Hands:  
Serving and Sharing**

Isaiah 58: 6 - 8

Mark 10: 35 - 45

November 15, 2020

**Generosity of Life:  
“Follow Me”**

Isaiah 56: 1 - 8

John 21: 15 - 19



# WHITE MEMORIAL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Service Times

8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary  
(beginning September 13)

11:00 a.m. | OnPoint@1704  
Edinburgh Building - Main Hall  
(beginning October 2020)

The 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services  
stream live every Sunday at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org).  
Facebook Live

### Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for all ages  
(virtual fall 2020)

### *Change Service Requested*

reasoned into. Yes, of course, we can find arguments to support our faith, but normally faith comes first, followed by a lifetime of mentally organizing the reasons that strengthen it. Faith is reasonable, so to speak, but it is more than an opinion about God, Christ and holy things. As such, faith is a response to a whole complex of experiences, some involving reasoning, others coming to us in subtle ways for which there may be no unambiguous explanation. To speak about it at all requires a variety of imaginative uses of language that exhibit the same kind of truthful subtlety as a painting does — or a hymn, a poem, or a carefully crafted story.

Worship has never been intended to be either a classroom or a concert hall. The Bible is not a textbook. Liturgical language is not the language of engineering or journalism. Worship is meant to be a meeting place. It is a place of “presence.” I am not talking about emotion, necessarily, nor excluding it either.

Those who know at least a little about church talk know that “presence” is likely to be the sort of language expected when we talk about the sacraments. But preaching is also about presence. Preaching is not just lecturing on a religious or ethical subject, not exhorting, not motivational speaking, not explaining the historical context of 2 Kings or 2 Corinthians. Those things will happen, but they play only a supporting role in a unique kind of speech. The intention of this speech is to lead us to a state of attentiveness to the God who offers us a place of meeting in and through language carefully used.

The starting place for preaching is the language of the Bible. Biblical language has human fingerprints all over it. One can see it as a piece of art, even a kind of “graphic” art constructed out of ordinary words. It draws attention to the God who is able to be present to us in, through and in spite of the limitations of human speech. Sometimes, it uses indirection as the most direct means to create a meeting place. It invites us to be present to God, Christ, Spirit.

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