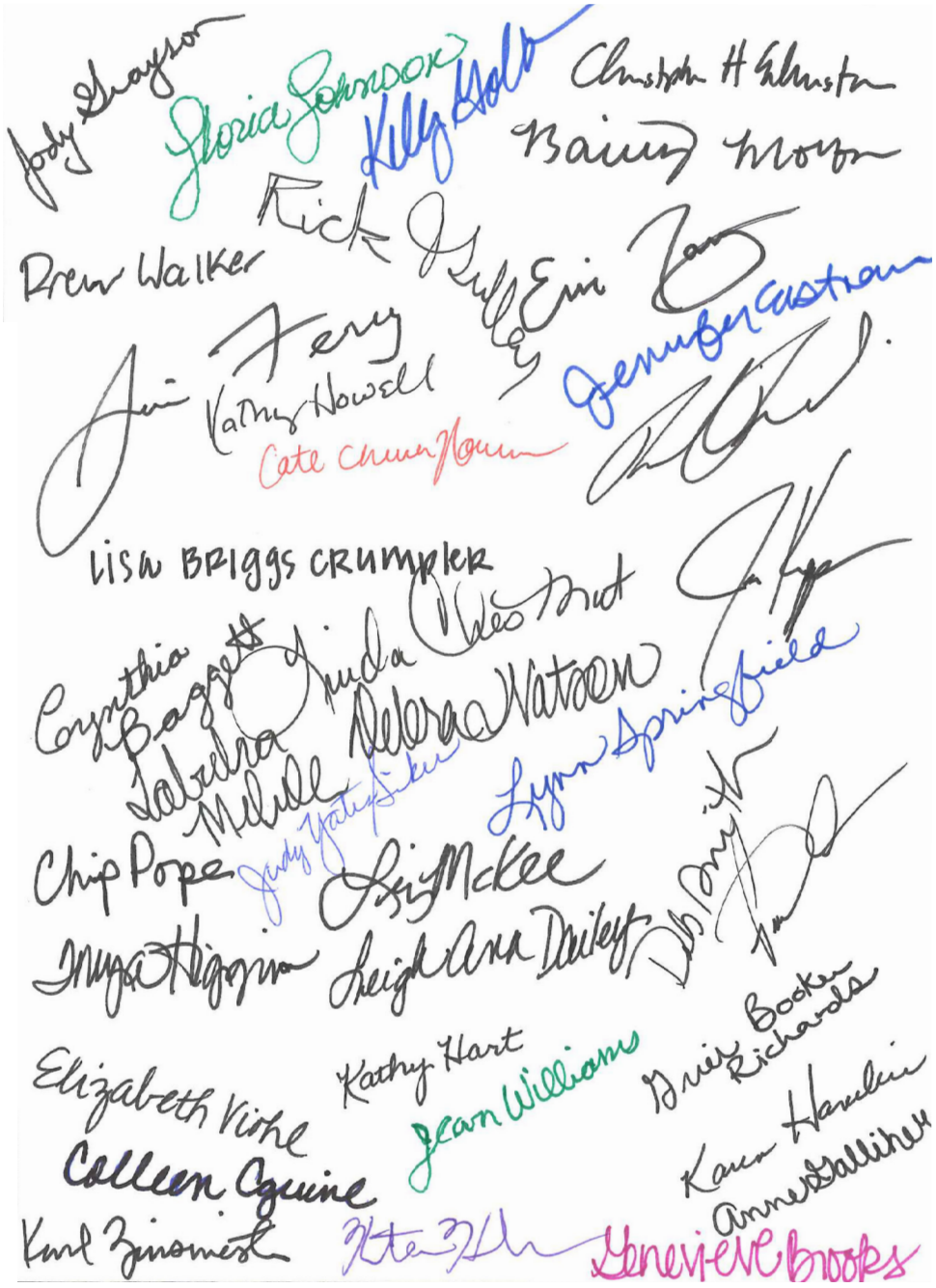
WMPC MONTHLY

White Memorial Presbyterian Church | January 2023

Wishing you the gifts of God's
hope, peace, joy & love in the New Year!
- from the WMPC staff



SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
In Person Worship in Sanctuary

Live Stream, Facebook Live and YouTube

OnPoint@1704
11:00 a.m.
In Person Worship in the Main Hall

Live Stream and YouTube

In Person and Virtual Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Nursery
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. - birth to 4-year-olds

9:30 a.m. - birth to 24 months

Church Office
Telephone Number:
919-834-3424

Pastor-On-Call
Telephone Number:
919-605-4593

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Joys & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Peggy Leonard Littrell - December 3, 2022
WMPC family members: husband, Frank Littrell, son, Mike Littrell, daughter, Laura Ferguson, granddaughters, Stephanie and Jacqueline Ferguson

James "Jim" Thomas Montgomery - December 5, 2022
WMPC family members: children, Thomas, Jackson and Maggie Montgomery

Nina Musselman Page - December 14, 2022
WMPC family member: grandson, Thomas Pyrch

Robert "Bob" Harmon Usry - December 16, 2022
WMPC family members: wife, Shirley and children, Sid Usry and Kaye Usry

William "Bill" Kerr Brawley, II - December 18, 2022
WMPC family member: wife, Nancy

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

John Burkard and family, on the death of his father, John "Jack" Lawrence Burkard, Sr., November 28, Charleston, WV.

Maggie Black and family, on the death of her brother, Charles David Mattingly, December 9, Micco, FL.

Sue Hane and family, on the death of her father, William "Bill" Clarence Smith, Jr., December 16, Horsepasture, VA.

Julia Hoke and family, on the death of her mother, Georgia Tuck Renfrow, December 17.

Dave Stewart and family, on the death of his father, David Wallace Stewart, December 23.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Wilson Wyatt Harrell, December 14, child of Jenni and Gray Harrell, grandchild of Freda and Richard Hudson.

MARRIAGES

Laura Murray Case and Kenneth Taylor, November 26

Kasey Nicole Kleu and William Thomas Bowers, December 3, Nashville, NC, son of Susan and Mark Bowers.

William Ashford Garrabrant and Jane Vista, December 17, St. Michael Archangel Church, Cary, NC, son of Heather and Ed Garrabrant, grandson of Baird Garrabrant.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Fran Carruthers on the birth of her grandchild, Salem Carruthers Embree, November 28, child of Kennedy and Mark Embree.

Dorothea and Geff Bitler on the birth of their grandchildren, Leah Marie Smith and Louise Marion Smith, November 30, children of Amanda and Ken Smith.

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church, email Lisa Crumpler at lcrumpler@whitememorial.org
If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, call the Pastoral Care line 919-834-3425, ext. 210
or email Kathy Hart at khart@whitememorial.org so our pastoral staff can reach out.
If you have a pastoral care need outside of regular business hours, call our after hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.

noteworthy

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW OFFICERS: The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in mid-January to consider nominations for church Elders and Deacons, class of 2026. Nominations are now being accepted. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for these critical leadership roles. The nomination form can be found online or on page 17 of this newsletter. All recommendations must be received by January 9, 2023.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR BLOG? Content is regularly updated to bring you a spiritual thought or meditation, article of interest and other events pertaining to the life of our church.

The next edition of the *Word* magazine will be early 2023.

REGISTRATION FOR MOST EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

(AS OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023)

2023 Pledging

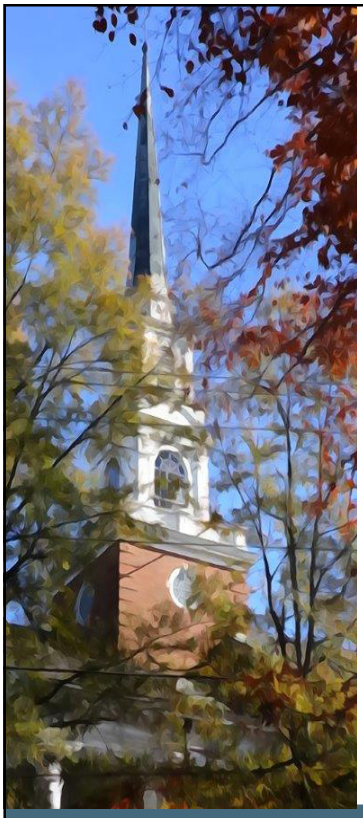
2023 Pledging Households:	656
2023 Pledge Amount:	$3.487 million

Our goal is $4.175 million/1,000 pledging households.

2022 Unrestricted Giving

2022 Pledged:	$3.74 million
2022 Received Pledges to date:	$3.2 million
2022 Pledging Households:	827
2022 Participating Households:	1,025

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
If you would like to make a pledge, please visit:
www.whitememorial.org/give.



INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT WHITE MEMORIAL?

JOIN US!

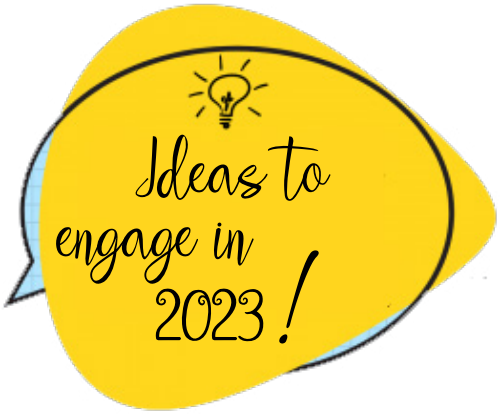
The next *Believing & Belonging @WMPC* Class for new and prospective members will meet in person on Sunday, February 12 and join on Sunday, February 19.

REGISTER BY JANUARY 13
WWW.WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER

JANUARY CHURCHWIDE COLLECTION: CANS OF SOUP

National Soup Month

Nothing makes a meal like hot soup on a winter's day.
Please bring canned soup to the collection bins
in front of Witherspoon for the month of January.
We will distribute to Urban Ministries of Wake County and
the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.
Thank you.



1. **BE A PART OF THE WTR HOSPITALITY TEAM**
   WTR Hospitality (Witness to the Resurrection Hospitality) is the new name for a service we provide families in our congregation when a death occurs. This stopped during Covid, but we have begun again! We provide either a lunch before OR a reception after a WTR. We work in rotating teams to provide the food, which can be homemade or purchased, and we are reimbursed for our expenses. Each team is usually called on once or twice a year.

   It is a blessing to be able to help a family during this time and they are so appreciative! Would you consider joining one of our teams? Please call or email Lindsay Jordan, lindsayj713@gmail.com, 919-608-2460 with your reply or if you have questions.

2. **CONSIDER JOINING THE USHERING GUILD**
   We are a warm and welcoming congregation looking for members (of any age) who are willing to serve as ushers at each of our Sunday services. Ushering is a great parent-child activity. It is a wonderful way to meet and get to know members of the congregation. Please prayerfully consider adding your name to the Ushering Guild. You can sign up here: wmpc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/392/responses/new to add your name to our list.

3. **JOIN OUR A/V TEAM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**
   We're looking for volunteers to help us stream Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 worship services. We'll train. Middle and High schoolers are welcome to explore this opportunity. Contact Drew Walker at awalker@whitememorial.org.

JANUARY 29
FIFTH SUNDAY
HUNGER OFFERING

The collection offering on Sunday, January 29 will help provide grants to hunger agencies in our Presbytery and is one way to make a difference in the lives of those who struggle with food insecurity.

NAVIGATING THE DIET MAZE

WITH CAROLYN DUNN, PHD, RDN, LDN

Dr. Dunn is a William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor Emerita in the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences at NC State University.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
6 P.M. | GENEVA HALL

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

Gluten free, Paleo, low fat, low carb, detox, Mediterranean, what diet is right for you? Which diet will protect you from chronic disease? Join us as we look through the lens of science at some of the most popular eating patterns. We will discuss the pros and cons of these diets and share how you can make small changes in your diet to eat smart for a lifetime of good health.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

Men of all ages are invited to come for a hot breakfast, fellowship and Bible study at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings in Geneva Hall. 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, dthomps1ing@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

Women of all ages are invited to come for a hot breakfast, fellowship, study and prayer on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in The Hub. This group studies the PW Bible lesson once a month and on other weeks they study a variety of topics. Contact Marilyn Jones at merjones411@gmail.com for more information. Hosted by Circle M.

20s + 30s
TUESDAY TABLE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
6:00-7:30 p.m. | Off Campus

We believe that God has created us for community and that one of the best ways to bring people together is by gathering around the table. We meet twice a month to share a meal and talk about life and faith. We also meet one Sunday afternoon a month to serve our community with one of our mission partners. All 20s + 30s are welcome and invited to join us! Contact Pastoral Resident Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org for more information.

OUTREACH KNITTING GROUP

Gather around and enjoy fellowship and friends while knitting and crocheting the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in W400**.** We have plenty of yarn, patterns, hooks and needles. Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee and lots of conversation. Any questions call Faye Senter, 919-805-0897 or fsenter@bellsouth.net.

OUTREACH SEWING GROUP

We will meet on Monday, January 23 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in C200. After a morning of sewing, lunch is provided. You don't need to be a seamstress to join us, we also have non-sewing jobs. The church has two sewing machines we can use if you want to sew but not bring a machine.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

An Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women is conferred upon an individual for recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. Look around you…whom do you see as one who gives honor and glory to God while serving him actively and faithfully in our church and community? Whom should be recognized in a special way? Whether this person works behind the scenes or in front, we want your nominations for this person now. Please submit your nominations, along with your nominee's history of service and your statement of why you are nominating this person on the form attached and send the completed nomination to Faye Senter fsenter@bellsouth.net. Deadline for receipt of this nomination is February 15, 2023.

If you are 55 years old +, we invite you to join Keenagers in person in Geneva Hall or on Zoom at 10:45 on Thursday mornings. If you would like to participate in Keenagers, please contact Leigh Ann Dailey at ldailey@whitememorial.org and provide her with your name and email.

JANUARY 12
HAITI OUTREACH MINISTRIES
Join us as we hear the latest on Haiti Outreach.

JANUARY 19
NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
Enjoy an outing to the Natural History Museum

CAN A STEPHEN MINISTER HELP YOU WITH YOUR LIFE JOURNEY?

White Memorial has a vibrant Stephen Ministry program and trained Stephen Ministers who would welcome the opportunity to walk with you during a difficult part of your life's journey. Life experiences such as grief or loss, a personal illness or that of a loved one and relationship issues are just a few examples of times when you could use some additional support. Stephen Ministers are trained to be - and want to be - that Christian companion. Please consider a Stephen Minister as you navigate life to find the peace you need. The relationship and information exchanged is free and confidential, a safe place to say aloud your thoughts and concerns.

To learn how you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential care, contact Nancy Benninger at nmpeterson@gmail.com or Judy Yates Siker, Parish Associate, at jsiker@whitememorial.org.

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

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

service, fellowship & study

WOMEN'S MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

All women are cordially invited

Monday, January 9 | Main Hall | Luncheon | 12-1:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend the Women's Fellowship Luncheon at noon on Monday, January 9. Executive Director of StepUp Ministries Colisha Stanford will share a little about herself and the new happenings at StepUp. Register for lunch by noon, Friday, January 6 at www.whitememorial.org/register.

GIVE BACK. SERVE.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PROJECTS FOR JANUARY

In January we will collect hearty cans of soup. Items can be placed in the red bins outside of the Witherspoon building. Thank you for participating.

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR CIRCLE INFO

All women of the church are invited to join a circle. Please contact Marsha Blackburn, blackburnmc12@gmail.com 919-270-4152 or Harriet Worley, hfworley@nc.rr.com 919-302-5532 for more information.

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NAMI: NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

NAMI Basics | NAMI Peer-to-Peer NAMI Family-to-Family NAMI Suicide Attempts Support Group

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. 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.

Mental Health & Wellness Ministry

THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

There is a lot of talk about Mental Health these days and our mission is to promote mental wellness by building and sustaining a culture of love, help and hope through advocacy, support and education. As a part of that mission the Mental Health & Wellness Ministry will offer monthly articles on the church blog. In January the article will be 'Shining the Light on Mental Health.' We hope you will find these articles of interest and helpful. If you would like to talk with someone please contact Penny Carol at pennycarlo1@gmail.com.

Martha Ministry

Angel Food

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY

Looking for a way to get involved at White Memorial? Consider delivering meals or helping cook meals for our church members in times of need. Contact Bruce Mullin, bemullin7@gmail.com or Blair Hughes, cbehughes@gmail.com for more information.

LECTIO DIVINA & CENTERING PRAYER

Lectio Divina is a contemplative way to read the Bible. 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. We meet via Zoom on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. - noon. For more information contact Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MILESTONES

IMPORTANT DATES IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY THIS MONTH

6 Epiphany of the Lord
9 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 pm (Eastern) on *Call Me A Woman: On Our Way to Equality and Peace by Laurie Levin* (One More Page, 2021). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice
10-16 PW Together in Action Days to End Human Trafficking, presbyterianwomen.org/justice
11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, traffickingresourcecenter.org or presbyterianmission.org/human-trafficking
15 Matthew 25: Dismantling Structural Racism Sunday; Racial & Intercultural Justice/Presbyterians Affirm Black Lives Matter; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism
16 National Religious Freedom Day, religiousfreedomday.com
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, thekingcenter.org
19-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, oikoumene.org/week-of-prayer
17 International Holocaust Remembrance Day; en.unesco.org/commemorations/holocaustremembranceday

MILESTONE

2022 General Assembly instructed the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy to study the issue of investments with companies that manufacture or sell guns or ammunition and to bring back recommendations to the GA in 2024. The GA directed the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investments to engage with three companies in which PC(USA) holds investments – Walmart, Dick's Sporting Goods and Kroger. A common theme during the discussions has been on human life and not against hunting.

This class uses Cancer Companions devotionals, videos and Bible lessons to explore how we can draw closer to God as we go through difficult times.

Sundays, February 12-April 16, 2023
4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom

Here's a look at our weekly topics:

February 12: Introduction
February 19: Faith
February 26: Questions
March 5: Healing
March 12: Prayer
March 19: Stress Reduction
March 26: Relationships
April 2: Communication
April 9: No class
April 16: Healthy Living

Questions: contact
Jean Williams, Parish Nurse at 919-834-3425, ext. 234, jwilliams@whitememorial.org
or Jim Ferry, Parish Associate at 919-834-3425, ext. 208, jferry@whitememorial.org
Register: www.whitememorial.org/register

CHAIR YOGA

Chair yoga is a practice of gentle stretches, meditation and movement with breath. This practice does incorporate some standing postures and balance but can be modified to be done entirely in a chair. A mat or towel is optional.
10:00-11:00 a.m. | C200

YIN YOGA

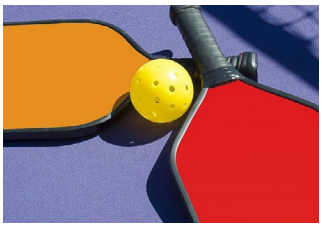
Yin yoga is a mat class of deep stretches held for long periods to allow connective tissues to release and muscles to relax. Must be able to get on and off the floor. A mat and/or towel is recommended. Wear comfortable clothes that allow for freedom of movement.
11:15 a.m.-noon | C200

Classes for 2023 begin Wednesday, January 4 through June 21

Offering 8-week sessions for both Chair Yoga and/or Yin Yoga:

Costs for Chair Yoga and/or Yin Yoga:
$40 per 8- week session (chair)
$35 per 8-week session (yin)
$70 for both classes per 8-week session
Drop-in per class $8 (chair) $6 (yin)

For questions about Yin Yoga or Chair Yoga contact Margie Mould, class instructor at mmould@bellsouth.net.



PICKLEBALL

Ready to play? We offer two opportunities to play each week, Monday and Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Paddles and balls are available for use. Come join the fun!

GENTLE YOGA

Gentle Yoga is designed for aging bodies. Movement is slow and mindful. Students must be able to get up and down on their mat. A yoga mat and blanket are required. $10 per class. Class meets on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. in C200. Please contact Beth Robinson at elizabeth.robinson44@gmail.com for more information.

T'AI CHI FOR EXERCISE

T'ai Chi is a gentle art that is physically rewarding and mentally stimulating, and brings a feeling of well-being, as well as relaxation, improved balance, and coordination. For more information, contact Honey Music at honeyjmusic@gmail.com. Class meets on Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Pickard Hall. $8 drop-in per class.

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Join Us

for these concerts in 2023!

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

RUSH DORSETT, SOPRANO
WITH KIRSTEN HOMDROM, PIANIST
SONGS OF LOVE THROUGH THE AGES

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 5
3 PM | SANCTUARY
IN PERSON + LIVE STREAM

Soprano Rush Dorsett guides listeners on a journey of both great classical arias as well as Broadway and contemporary songs to explore the ageless theme of love through varied lenses of culture, language, genre and time period. Each selection illuminates a piece of the common thread that unites them all. She received her Master's degree in Voice from New England Conservatory in Boston, where she held several leading roles in opera productions and premiered several new works for soprano on the main stage.

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Nicole Keller, concert organist
Sunday | May 21 | 2023
Sanctuary | 3:00 pm
Those Americans featuring works of American composers or works inspired by American music.

Click here to support the Sounds on Oberlin Concert Series

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January

JANUARY 4
SHEPHERD'S TABLE
121 W. MORGAN STREET
10:30-12:30PM
JAN STEWART
THESTEWARTS2614@GMAIL.COM

JANUARY 7
SERVANT SATURDAY
PICKARD HALL
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
BECKY OLMSTED
BECKYOLMSTED@HOTMAIL.COM

JANUARY 7
HABITAT HALF-DAY WALL BUILD
3301 JONES SAUSAGE ROAD GARNER, NC
12:15 PM- 3:00 PM
CONTACT:ERIC_MILLER@NCSU.EDU
SIGN UP
HTTP:/VHUB.AT/WHITEMEMORIAL
AGE 16+ WELCOME

JANUARY 10
DRESS FOR SUCCESS
1812 TILLERY PLACE
SUITE 105
10AM-2PM
RUTH LANDERS
RUTH@LANDERS.ME

JANUARY 19
NOTE IN THE POCKET
1430 HARGROVE RD 1-4PM
RUTH LANDERS
RUTH@LANDERS.ME

JANUARY 22
OAK CITY CARES
1430 S.WILMINGTON ST.
2:30-4:30PM
SARA JOYNER
SEJ404@GMAIL.COM

Volunteer any day

Meals on Wheels
Sign up https://www.wakemow.org/volunteer
Delivery in the AM
Brandy Oliveira (MoW volunteer coordinator)
984-683-9769

A Place at the Table
300 W Hargett Street
contact: volunteer@tableraleigh.org

Happy NEW YEAR

January Collections: Cans of Soup

In Rotation Stations, first through fifth graders had fun exploring the story of Elizabeth and Zechariah during Advent!

Children's Movie Night
January 6 | 6-8 p.m.

Children in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to watch Minions: The Rise of Gru Friday, January 6, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in C200

Pre-registration required: whitememorial.org/register

Bring your sleeping bag!
Pizza | $5.00 person

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK

PARENTS OF LITTLES

Parents of Littles launched this fall in hopes of bringing together people in our church family who are in the thick of raising young children (preschool and under). The group meets once a month on Sundays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Gatherings take place on-campus and childcare is provided in hopes that attending feels accessible and low-stress for parents. From 4:00-5:30 p.m. we enjoy fellowship and conversation, and from 5:30-6:00 p.m. we welcome the kiddos back from childcare and enjoy a meal together. Dinner is provided by a different restaurant each month for $7 per adult and $5 per child (lap babies are free). Our hope is that you can get home in plenty of time to start bedtime routines – and your family will be fed! Register online to join. Registration cutoff is January 21 at noon for our gathering on January 22.

SAVE THE DATE! VBS 2023!

It's not too soon to mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School 2023! Monday, June 19 - Friday, June 23, 2023. If you'd like to help with this lively week of growing in faith please contact 2023 VBS Directors Meg Groves, meggroves22@gmail.com or Carolyn McGowan at cmcgowan78@gmail.com. Questions? Contact Lynn Springfield at lspringfield@whitememorial.org.
Don't wait! Early registration is open!

YOUTH LOCK OUT 2023 -

This event is full - contact Deb Smith to be added to the waiting list.
January 13-14 | Grades 6th-12th
All middle and high school youth are invited to register for this all-night extravaganza!

NEW NURSING MOTHER'S ROOM

We now have a dedicated nursing mother's room! L106 (Luther building, first floor) is now available for nursing mothers to use when on our church campus. It has rockers, a nursing pillow, a crib, changing table, and a TV for Sunday morning services. We hope all new mothers enjoy this new, soothing space!

faith & education flowing together

Come see all that's going on at the WDS!

OPEN HOUSE

for prospective families

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
9:30 A.M. | Davidson Chapel

Join us for the Weekday School Open House.
It's a great opportunity to meet faculty, tour the facilities and get answers to any questions you may have.

REGISTRATION

is open for the 2023-24 school year

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 AT 1:30 P.M.

Applications can be completed online using links found on our website.
whitememorial.org/wds/

PLEASE CONTACT
Cynthia Baggett at
cbaggett@whitememorial.org or
Blair Miller at
bmiller@whitememorial.org
if you have questions about our program or the registration process.

A virtual tour of the entire school is available on our website.

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Update

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING AT WMPC

Our Joy Gift Service toys were donated to Loaves & Fishes for the Pride for Parents Store. Parents come to the store and select toys for their children at a discounted price. We volunteered in the store for two days assisting parents in their selection of toys and wrapping toys!

Interact received several large donations and we assisted them in their Food Pantry labeling and putting food on the shelves.

Our Coat, Hat, Scarf and Glove donations were distributed to our Mission partners. StepUp and A Note in the Pocket received coats, hats and gloves. Loaves & Fishes received children's hats and gloves. Meals on Wheels received scarves. Boys & Girls Club received hats, gloves and scarves. Healing Transitions for Men and Women received coats.

We served lunch at Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen and supplied them with Gingerbread Houses and also LOTS of Gingerbread Cookies. Our Angel Food Ministry bakers pitched in to help with the cookies. We also delivered hats and gloves.

We donated/delivered food to Urban Ministries including Bojangles meals for 40 women at the Helen Wright Center.

We deep cleaned A Place at the Table on December 4 and eight of our Boy Scouts from Troop 395 helped.

Presbyterian Women provided funds for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for StepUp Families. StepUp families were adopted for Christmas.

We hosted the StepUp Santa Event on December 6. Our congregation contributed lots of jewelry, Christmas items, candles, hats, gloves and scarves for the event.

Our Outreach team also volunteered at a Note in the Pocket and Dress for Success.

If you would like to join our energetic group of outreach volunteers contact Ruth Landers at ruth@landers.me or Carolyn Younger at seebeey@gmail.com

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to WMPC!

Believing & Belonging @WMPC Class
December 4, 2022

CAROLYN AND MATT ANDERSON

Carolyn and Matt join by certificate of transfer from Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington VA. Carolyn is a realtor and Matt is with the US Department of State. Carolyn and Matt have three children: Charlotte, 11, Graham, 9 and Oliver, 6.

BRIANNA AND MARC DUCHAINE

Brianna and Marc join by profession of faith. Brianna and Marc's son, Harrison is 2.

MAC McAULAY

Mac joins by certificate of transfer from Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC. Mac is married to White Memorial member Lindsay McAulay and they have three children: Sam, 10, Thomas, 8 and Nell, 4.

COURTNEY AND NICK MELLOTT

Courtney and Nick join by reaffirmation of faith. Courtney and Nick have two children: Margaret, 2 and David, 3 months.

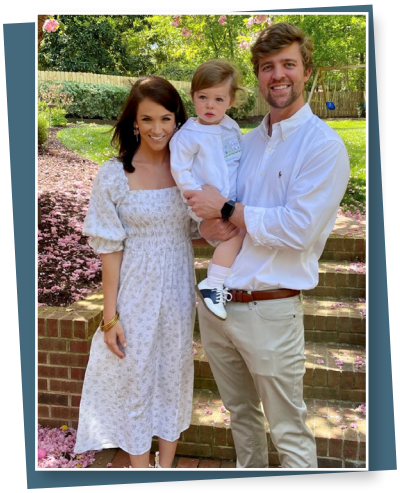
MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

SARAH AND THOMAS MILLER

Sarah and Thomas join by certificate of transfer from Coppell United Methodist Church, Coppell, TX. Their daughters are Lauren and Audrey, 13.

GRACE ROBBINS

Grace joins as an affiliate member from Lakeside Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, NC. Grace's husband is Chuck. Her brother, Bucky Irby and family are members of White Memorial.



ELIZABETH AND SI STATHAM

Elizabeth and Si join by certificate of transfer. Elizabeth from Edenton Street United Methodist Church, Raleigh, NC and Si from First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC. Elizabeth and Si's son, Shepherd is 2.

JEN STEPHENSON

Jen joins joins by certificate of transfer from Saint Luke's United Methodist Church, Orlando FL. Jen's husband, Adam, is a White Memorial member and they have two children: Hampton, 3 and Wyatt, 1.

CHRISTINA AND ROBERT TAYLOR

Christina and Robert join by reaffirmation of faith. Christina and Robert have three children: John Robert, 12, Henry, 9 and Stuart, 7.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ELIZABETH VIOHL AT 919-834-3425, EXT. 206 OR EVIOHL@WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION WINTER 2023 SUNDAY CLASSES

All Sunday classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

BIBLICAL STUDIES & THEOLOGY

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Calvin | 200 | Hybrid

The earliest church documents were letters written by Paul. Where was he and why did he write them? *Acts and the Letters of Paul* will be the winter/spring Bible study for the Christian Fellowship Class. Meeting again in C200 at 9:30, the class features lectures with handouts of Scripture and commentary. Visitors are always welcome. Contact Bill Jackson, wmjackson@bellsouth.net or 919-876-9641 for additional information.

GREATEST GENERATION

Witherspoon | 400 | Hybrid

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. This class is meeting in person, but if you need to participate via zoom, please contact Tonya Higgins, thiggins@whitememorial.org for additional information. The class contact is Ramona Deener, (919) 280-2492.

SEARCHERS

Calvin| 204 | Hybrid

Searchers studies the Bible using a DVD-based curriculum and class discussion. The class is a mix of singles and couples. The class will continue using N.T. Wright's *15 Essential Bible Texts* for five classes then follow with *Moses, in the footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* by Adam Hamilton and the Lenten study; *Seven Words* by Susan Robb. This class is meeting in person, but if you need to participate via zoom, please contact Betty Landes, bettylandes1@gmail.com for additional information.

THEOLOGICAL FORUM

Calvin | 100 | Hybrid

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. New members are always welcome. Please contact John Kidd, j.d.kidd523@gmail.com or Linda Scott, linda1462@att.net for any additional information.

AGE & STAGE STUDIES

PARENTS OF YOUTH

Calvin | 103

This is a group of parents of any age youth (late elementary through high school) who come together to support each other in "raising our children in our faith and helping them develop their faith." Through group discussion with rotating leadership the group searches for answers to parenting questions. Drop-ins are welcome. The class leader is Kurt Gilliland, kogillil@med.unc.edu.

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

Calvin | 102 | Hybrid

We are a Christian community that seeks to strengthen and deepen our understanding of faith. Our focus is on more recent interpretations of Scripture and theology as they relate to current societal challenges. The class enjoys group discussions and broadly shared leadership. New members are always welcome! The class meets as Hybrid (Zoom + in-person). Please contact Susan Hibbert, susanhib22@gmail.com or John White, ncjohnwhite@gmail.com or additional information.

Planned topics for Winter/Spring 2023 are as follows:

- *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter* by Sue Monk Kidd;
- *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

AGE & STAGE STUDIES

KNOX CLASS

Calvin | 301 | Hybrid

The Knox Class will be studying from the *Wired Word* for most Sundays. This is a curriculum that uses current events and related scriptures with relevant discussion questions. The Knox Class welcomes all, whether you like to join in discussion or just prefer to listen. This class is meeting in person, but if you need to participate via Zoom please contact Harriet Worley, hfworley@nc.rr.com for additional information.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Calvin | 303| Hybrid

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. Will start the year with the study of Spiritual Gifts 101: Naming and Claiming your Spiritual Gifts. This class is meeting in person, but if you need to participate via zoom, please contact Emily McNair, macwallace@msn.com for additional information.

TNT

Calvin | 304 | Hybrid

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. In January, we will combine with Spiritual Gifts to examine Naming and Claiming your Spiritual Gifts. Then, we will begin a six-week spring study will be Amy-Hill Levine's (Vanderbilt professor of New Testament and Jewish studies) *"Short Stories by Jesus,"* a focus on the parables and how to study them. We will end in April with a study of the Psalms.All are welcome. The class contact is Linda Robinson, cachto@bellsouth.net.

MIDWEEK CLASSES

TUESDAY

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

7:00 a.m. | Geneva Hall (K100)

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, dthomps1@gmail.com

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY CIRCLE M

7:00 a.m. | The Hub (L111)

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. Contact Marilyn Jones at merjones411@gmail.com for more information. Hosted by Circle M.

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.

20s + 30s TUESDAY TABLE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays |6:00-7:30 p.m. | Off Campus

We believe that God has created us for community and that one of the best ways to bring people together is by gathering around the table. From January-May, we meet twice a month to share a meal and talk about life and faith. We also meet one Sunday afternoon a month to serve our community with one of our mission partners. All 20s + 30s are welcome and invited to join us! Contact Pastoral Resident Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org for more information.

THURSDAY

LILIES OF THE FIELD

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Calvin 301

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 Galatians. All are welcome. Class leaders are Lillian Poole, lillianmpoole7@gmail.com and Candy Lewis, candy.lewis1809@gmail.com. Childcare will be available.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. | Calvin 204

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 welcome. Class coordinator is Nancy McLean, numclean@gmail.com.

Officer Nomination Form

White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Due Date January 9, 2023

Person recommended: _____

_____ For Elder **_____ For Deacon**

The Presbyterian *Book of Order* states the

"Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation..."

"The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ." They shall "minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless..."

How long has this person been a member of WMPC?

Has this person been an elder/deacon of WMPC or governing officer of another church?
If so, where?_____

Why do you recommend this person for the office of elder or deacon?

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In what ways has this person demonstrated involvement in the ministries of WMPC?

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To the best of your knowledge, does this person practice sound theology and accept the theology of the Presbyterian Church (USA)?

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How has this person demonstrated Christian commitment outside the church?

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Recommended by:_____ Date

Officer Nomination Form - Instructions

In March of 2023, you will be asked to vote for a slate of officers to serve a three-year term in leadership, planning, and care 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 be considered for a two-year term of office. 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 by making a pledge**
- **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)***

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 January 9, 2023. This form may be 1) returned electronically to lcrumpler@whitememorial.org; 2) placed in the offering plate on Sunday; 3) dropped off at the church office; or 4) mailed to the church office marked:

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

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WEDNESDAY TOGETHER DINNERS

REGISTER

Register online by 8:00 p.m. Sunday prior to Wednesday.

whitememorial.org/register

Adults: $7.00 per meal
Child: $5.00 per meal

JANUARY 4

Spaghetti Supper
Meat Sauce, Marinara Sauce, Broccoli, Garlic Bread & Assorted Desserts

JANUARY 11

Swedish Meatballs
Egg Noodles, Peas & Carrots, Buttered Bread & Assorted Desserts

JANUARY 18

BBQ Chicken
Potatoes Au Gratin, Green Beans, Cornbread & Assorted Desserts

JANUARY 25

Pork Chops
Yellow Rice, Cream of Spinach, Buttered Bread & Assorted Desserts

upcoming events

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
Combined Holiday Worship (10:30 a.m.)
Facilities closed after worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 2
Church facilities closed for New Year's

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
Baptism & Belonging Class

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
Children's Movie Night

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
Servant Saturday

MONDAY, JANUARY 9
Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
Weekday School Open House

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
Youth LockOut

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15
StepUp Ministries Sunday

MONDAY, JANUARY 16
Church facilities closed in observance of Martin Luther King's Day

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3-5
WMPC Women's Retreat

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Servant Saturday

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Sounds on Oberlin: Rush Dorsett

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10
WDS Valentine's Dance

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Habitat On-Site Home Construction

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Youth Sunday
Believing and Belonging New Members class
Cancer Companions class begins

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Middle School Asheville Mission Trip

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Believing and Belonging New Members join

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Ash Wednesday Worship Service