

This We Know

How do we know what we know? Someone told us? We learned it in a book? Was it passed on by older people in the spirit of wisdom? Was it tested by the scientific method and proven by years of testing? How do we know what we know?

The reliability of knowledge is a key concept in classical philosophy, known as epistemology. For a long while, epistemology was easy. If it could be proven, then it was true. If it was passed on from ancient times and proved itself relevant and accurate, then it was true. Knowledge proven by fact or figure and/or wisdom passed on was considered reliable and trustworthy. Then the printing press came. Then the internet came. Then artificial intelligence came. A couple of thousand years, and suddenly we are back to debating how it is that “we know” what it is we think we know. We are back near the beginning, where the constancy of belief informs us of what is truly real and instructs us on how to organize all our knowledge.

One of the blessings of the Christian year is its reliability. No matter the chaos spinning around us, the Christian year continues to remind us of the great testimonies in support of God that we find in scripture, tradition, and history. Advent, proven reliable knowledge and practice by testimony, experience, and time arrives into our lives and focuses our gaze upon a hopeful future. A hopeful future which begins with a Christmas birth. And not just any birth.

This birth is celebrated by angels, wise men, and shepherds. In the light of Jesus’ birth, kings and history alike bow low and worship in the footsteps of grace. This we know. And we know it in two parts. Advent prepares us for the future of hope, peace, joy, and love, which God desires for the world that God loves. And Christmas is both the confirmation and the arrival of that future. It is light in the darkness. It is the star shining brightly on the darkest nights of the year. It is laughter and song just when our collective conscience needs and desires it most.

The poet Christina Rossetti describes it like this:

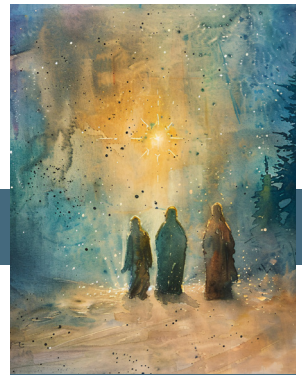
*“Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.”*

Beautiful words; true words. This we know: we need Christmas and all the promise it can infuse into our lives. Time and trust prove its efficacy. We need the longing gaze of Advent to focus our hopes upon the future which only God can provide. Ours is not to prove the practice of Advent. Ours is to take our place alongside believers of every time and station and lend our voices to the hymns of praise inspired by the angels.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Silent night, holy night! In the light of Christmas, Bethlehem is no simple little town, but the Advent of grace into our lives once again at precisely the time we need grace most to arrive. May your December days be filled with the depth, breadth, and wonder of God; with the knowledge and belief that you are loved as part of the world which God has both created and redeemed. Believe it. Know it.

May Advent and Christmas grace abound,

Christopher H. Edmonston, *Pastor*



SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Sanctuary
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

OnPoint@1704
Edinburgh Building:
Main Hall
10:45 a.m.

Live Stream,
Facebook Live
and YouTube
streaming options
available.

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Nursery
9:30 a.m.
Birth to 24 months

10:45 & 11:00 a.m.
Birth to 4-year olds

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919-834-3424

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919-605-4593



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Jays & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Martha Lynn Williams Broughton – October 27, 2025
WMPC family member: husband, Charles Broughton

Janice Battey Williams – November 10, 2025
WMPC family member: husband, Gary Williams

Beaman Harris Scarboro – November 12, 2025

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS

David Swintosky and family on the death of his mother, Dorothy Ann Zevnik Swintosky, October 28, Nicholasville, KY

Michael Tollison and family on the death of his mother, Hilda Peachy Tollison, October 29

Julian Bossong and family on the death of his mother, Margaret Huntley Bossong, October 29, Asheboro, NC

Martha Connor and family on the death of her father, Leonard Alfred Willson, November 7

Carol Lynn, Tom Lynn, Ashley Mense and their families on the death of their sister, aunt and great-aunt, Mary Haley, November 11, Ware, MA

Ann Wooten, Rachel Matthews and their families on the death of their mother and grandmother, Margaret Siviter Emery, November 16, Charlotte, NC

Kim Walker and family on the death of her mother, Linda Cunningham Taylor, November 16, Chester, VA

Barbara Bond and family on the death of her father, Phillip Blackmon Harris, November 17, Fayetteville, NC

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Hanora Lucille Coleman, September 10, child of Jessica and Win Coleman, grandchild of Kay and Eddie Coleman, great-grandchild of Ann Thompson

BAPTIZED

Mackie James Dineen and August Morgan Dineen, November 2, children of Anna and Ben Dineen

Libby Munroe Lineberger, November 2, child of Virginia and Steve Lineberger

Davies Laidlaw Roulston and Thomas Harper Roulston, November 2, children of Alex and Scott Roulston

Miller Brooks Davis, November 23, child of Carson and Zack Davis, grandchild of Jeanie and Thomas Ford

MARRIAGES

Sarah Elizabeth Snyder and Kenneth "Trey" Felton Howard, III, September 6, Bay Harbor MI, son of Martha and Ken Howard

CONGRATULATIONS

Betsy and Richard Craft on the birth of their grandchild, Conway James Craft, October 24, child of Margaux and Jordan Craft, Marietta, GA

Libby and Jeff Barber on the birth of their grandchild, Elizabeth Campion Barber, October 31, child of Krissy and Andrew Barber, Richmond, VA

Sydnor and Lacy Presnell on the birth of their grandchild, Lloyd Martin Presnell, November 3, child of Rebecca and Tyson Presnell, Durham, NC

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 Caroline Parker at cparker@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.

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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 2028. 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 18 of this newsletter. All recommendations must be received by February 2, 2026.

LUTHER ELEVATOR TEMPORARILY OUT OF SERVICE

The Luther elevator is currently undergoing repairs and will be unavailable for the next couple of weeks. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and will provide an update as soon as it is back in operation. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY EMAIL ON THURSDAYS?

If not, would you like to? Contact Elizabeth Viohl at eviohl@whitememorial.org or Karen Haneline at khaneline@whitememorial.org to begin receiving.

CHURCH LOBBY HOURS - Ross Building

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Other times are by appointment.

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

(AS OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025)

2026 Pledging

2026 Pledging Households:	390
2026 Pledge Amount:	\$2.5 million

Our goal is \$5.4 million/1,000 pledging households.

2025 Unrestricted Giving

2025 Pledged:	\$4.0 million
2025 Received Pledges to date:	\$3.9 million
2025 Pledging Households:	725
2025 Participating Households:	929

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

CHURCHWIDE COLLECTION NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR

BACKPACK BUDDIES

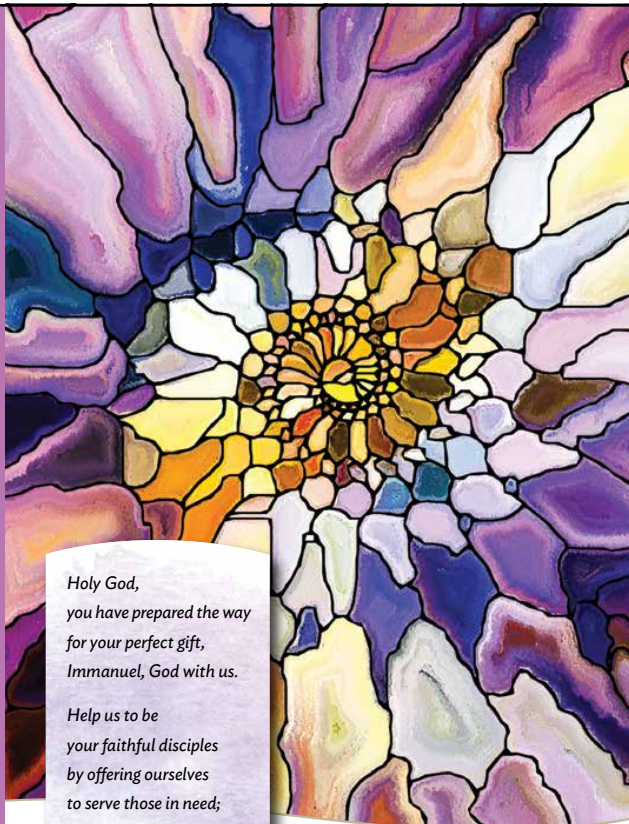
Each week when school is in session, our church provides food-insecure children at Oberlin Middle and Lynn Road Elementary Schools with healthy meals and snacks.

If you would like to help, you can click on the Amazon link below to order backpack buddies non-perishable food items. You can also pick up a shopping list in the Outreach Room (K100) if you prefer to shop.

Thank you for your generosity and consideration by only donating items requested.

- Purchase items for Backpack Buddies through our [Amazon link](#).
- Please bring items for Backpack Buddies to the red bins outside of the Outreach (K100) Room.

THANK YOU



Holy God,
you have prepared the way
for your perfect gift,
Immanuel, God with us.

Help us to be
your faithful disciples
by offering ourselves
to serve those in need;
through Jesus Christ,
your Word made flesh.

Amen.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Please send a check with this designation to the church or use the on-line giving options.
whitememorial.org/give

JOY
EMMANUEL

RESTORATION
JUSTICE

LIGHT

EQUITY FOR
THE OPPRESSED

THIS WE KNOW...



SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

peace

HOPE

Wisdom & Understanding

SIGNS

HOLY
WAY

LOVE

WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAY MORNINGS

November 30, December 7, 14

9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. | Sunday School

10:45 a.m. | OnPoint in Main Hall

December 21

Lessons & Carols

9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

(no 10:45 service)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN ADVENT

December 3, 10, 17

Wednesday Together Dinner

5:00-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall

Advent Evening Prayer

6:30-7:00 p.m. | Davidson Chapel

[\(childcare available with registration\)](#)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24

Children's Bell Services

3:00 & 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Candlelight Services

5:30 p.m. | OnPoint in Main Hall

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

ALSO JOIN US FOR

Joy Gift Worship Service

Sunday, December 7

3:00 p.m. | Main Hall

(childcare available for three and under)

Sunday, December 28

Combined Worship Service

9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

...FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FULL
OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD...
-ISAIAH 11:9

HOSPITALITY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve presents multiple opportunities to welcome people in the manner of Christ as we celebrate his birth. We need people to serve on the Hospitality Team (also known as ushering) to foster an atmosphere of welcome and to ensure worship services flow smoothly on a day with hundreds of people in attendance. These folks arrive early to hand out candles and bulletins and provide invaluable support to our staff. If you are available to serve at a worship service (3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00 p.m.) [please sign up here](#) or contact Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org.

ADVENT PODCAST SIX-WEEK SERIES: THIS WE KNOW

In a world full of noise and uncertainty, Advent invites us to slow down — to wait, listen, and remember what we know. The stories and songs of our faith remind us that light still shines in the darkness, that peace is possible, and that love is stronger than fear — not because the world says so, but because God has told us.

Wherever you are in this season — weary or wondering, restless or rejoicing — journey with us as we reclaim our language, renew our hope, and root ourselves again in God's story.

Listen on our website, Spotify, or Apple Podcasts.



20s + 30s(ish) CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday | December 13

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us at a members' home for a cozy campfire, s'mores, an outdoor Christmas movie, and general holiday merriment! Adults and kiddos are welcome. Pizza will be provided. Feel free to bring a drink, salad, snack, or dessert to share. Contact Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org to receive the evite with additional information and to RSVP.

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. Contact for the group is Don Thompson, dthomps1ing@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

Women of all ages are invited for breakfast and fellowship Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in The Hub. For more information contact Kathy Kidd, kakidd@bellsouth.net.

Advent Contemplative Retreat

Unearthing the Light

Celtic Wisdom for Advent

Thursday | December 4
9:00 - 4:00 | WMPC Campus

Join Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman and Pastoral Resident Lee Hunter as we prepare for the season of Advent with an all-day contemplative retreat. We'll spend time on our church campus engaging in scripture, prayer, spiritual practices, and fellowship. Scholarships are available. Register: whitememorial.org/register by 5:00 p.m. December 1.

Advent/Christmas Memorials and Honoraria

We have a long-standing tradition of collecting contributions in memory of a loved one or in honor of family, friends, or members of the church family during Advent. Your gifts may be for any amount of \$25 or more, and the money raised enables us to provide the florals and greenery used in our Worship Spaces during Advent and Christmas, as well as throughout the year. Those honored or memorialized will be listed in the bulletin inserts on December 14 (deadline for print is December 10) and on Christmas Eve (deadline for print is December 18). If interested please complete the form below and send to Lisa Crumpler via email lcumpler@whitememorial.org or mail to WMPC, attention Lisa Crumpler, 1704 Oberlin Rd., Raleigh, NC 27608. If you have questions, please call Lisa at 919-834-3424 ext. 222. Contributions are gladly accepted in November and up until the print deadline indicated. Thank you for your thoughtful and meaningful generosity.

Advent/Christmas Greenery Memorials and Honoraria Please Print.

Name of Contributor: _____ Phone: _____
Given: _____ in honor of or _____ in memory of
Name: _____ (first and last names only)
Name: _____ (first and last names only)
Value of Gift: _____

PASTOR'S SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND & COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

As we move through this season of gratitude and giving, please consider a gift to the Pastor's Special Assistance Fund. This fund provides help for members of our church family in times of need—whether that's for bills, healthcare, food, or other essentials. We also invite you to contribute to the Community Service Fund benefiting others in our community who have particular needs. Thank you for helping care for one another in such a tangible way. To make a contribution to these funds visit whitememorial.org/give.

GIFTING APPRECIATED

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

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note that all year-end contributions must be received in the Finance Office by Sunday, December 28, 2025 or postmarked by December 31, 2025 to be claimed as a 2025 donation.

UNCLAIMED STOCK GIFTS

Will the generous donors of the following stocks please email or call Jody Grayson at 834-3425 ext. 204 to identify your gift so that we can give you proper credit? Allspring, American Express, AvidXchange Holdings, Apple Inc.

30s/40s MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Tuesday | December 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Raleigh Brewing
Looking for connection and community within our church family? A new men's group for those in their 30s/40s has recently formed, and you're invited to be part of it. We'll gather at Raleigh Brewing for a relaxed evening of fellowship and getting to know one another. Feel free to invite a friend. For more information contact Anne Galliher at agalliher@whitememorial.org.



ALL ARE WELCOME

**Monday | December 22 | 7:00 p.m.
Davidson Chapel**

All Are Welcome is a faith-based small group that offers worship, fellowship and emotional and spiritual support for LGBTQ+ adults. You're invited to participate in the group as we create a safe space of welcome and engagement.

We meet on the 4th Monday of every month. For more information, contact Kathy Hart at hartmusic1@gmail.com or Lee Hunter at lhunter@whitememorial.org.

Christmas Share

Alternative Giving That Meets the Need

Christmas Share, an alternative giving program, has made significant contributions to our community and international partners totaling more than one million dollars since its inception. Established over three decades ago by Presbyterian Women, it remains an important Christmas outreach initiative.

At the completion of Christmas Share, a check will be sent to each agency for the amount of money collected on their behalf therefore, please be sure to designate on the form the dollar amount you would like given to each agency.

NAME _____

CHRISTMAS SHARE 2025

Supply location on Sundays:

During Advent a table will be set up on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the connector for you to make donations and to select your cards.

Supply location Monday-Friday:

During office hours the supplies will be located in the lobby of the Ross Building where you can leave your donation and select your cards.

If you need to mail the form and check, please mail the check to WMPC, 1704 Oberlin Rd, Raleigh, NC 27608, Attn: Laura Rolston -Christmas Share

If you have any questions, email Laura Rolston at lrolston@whitememorial.org

Community Ministry (CM)

\$_____ Distribute where needed for CM
\$_____ A Place At The Table
\$_____ Alliance Medical Ministry
\$_____ BELONG NC
\$_____ Boys and Girls Clubs
\$_____ Capital Towers
\$_____ Diaper Train
\$_____ Emmaus House
\$_____ F.I.G.S.
\$_____ Green Chair Project
\$_____ Habitat for Humanity
\$_____ Haven House
\$_____ Healing Transitions
\$_____ Interact
\$_____ InterFaith Food Shuttle
\$_____ King's Ridge
\$_____ Loaves and Fishes
\$_____ Mayview
(Communities in Schools)
\$_____ Meals on Wheels
\$_____ Milner Commons
\$_____ Neighbor 2 Neighbor
\$_____ Note in the Pocket
\$_____ Oak City Cares
\$_____ Pardoned by Christ
\$_____ Project Enlightenment
\$_____ Raleigh Rescue Mission

\$_____ SAFEchild
\$_____ Salvation Army
\$_____ Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen
\$_____ SouthLight
\$_____ StepUp Ministry
\$_____ TLC (Tammy Lynn Center)
\$_____ Transitions Life Care (Hospice)
\$_____ Triangle Family Services
\$_____ Triangle Pastoral Counseling, Inc.
\$_____ Urban Ministries of Wake County
\$_____ Wake Monarch Academy
\$_____ Wake Relief
\$_____ YMCA

International Mission (IM)

\$_____ Distribute where needed for IM
\$_____ Haiti: Ministries
Student Sponsorships
\$_____ Poland: Scholarships for
seminary students
\$_____ Middle East Partnerships

Other

\$_____ Iglesia Santuario
\$_____ Presbyterian Campus Ministry

Total: \$ _____



OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

Want to stay in the loop on all the happenings? Contact Laura Rolston to be added to the list at lrolston@whitememorial.org.

COOKIE SERVICE PROJECT FOR SHEPHERD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN

Attention Bakers! Help spread Christmas joy by sharing home-made festive cookies with the 250 guests served daily at Shepherd's Table. Package cookies in single-serving bags (available in the Ross Building lobby). Drop off December 14–15 in the Ross Building. Details and sign-up available online: <https://tinyurl.com/shepherdstablecookies>. For more info, email [Jan Stewart](mailto:Jan.Stewart). Let's share the sweetness of the season!

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER THIS MONTH:

- [Shepherd's Table](#)
Wednesday | December 3 | 10:00 a.m.
- **Note in the Pocket**
Every Wednesday & Thursday | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Join fellow WMPC friends for a fun time sorting clothes to share with neighbors in need across Western North Carolina. Questions? Contact Sheri Miller at millerauktwo@gmail.com.

SUNDAY OUTREACH SERVICE POP-UP

Sunday, December 7 | 10:15–11:00 a.m. | Outside Main Hall

Join us as we assemble 250 Christmas Blessing Bags for our neighbors served at Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen. All ages welcome!

STEPUP MINISTRY COAT DRIVE

StepUp Ministry is seeking coats for 75 children/teens in various sizes, starting at 18 months through adult XL. **Items Due December 10, 2025.** For more information contact Dayna Jameson, djameson@stepupministry.org

MAYVIEW ANGEL TREE

A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who so swiftly chose all of the angels from our tree! Please return three wrapped gifts per angel to the Ross Lobby on or before December 14. Please include the angel tag from the Angel Tree with packages or gift cards. Return "Gift Card" Angels to Kristi Wilson's mailbox in the Ross Building. Email Kristi at kristikwilson@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Help sort and distribute Angel Tree gifts at the Salvation Army Christmas Warehouse (1300 Buck Jones Road, Raleigh).

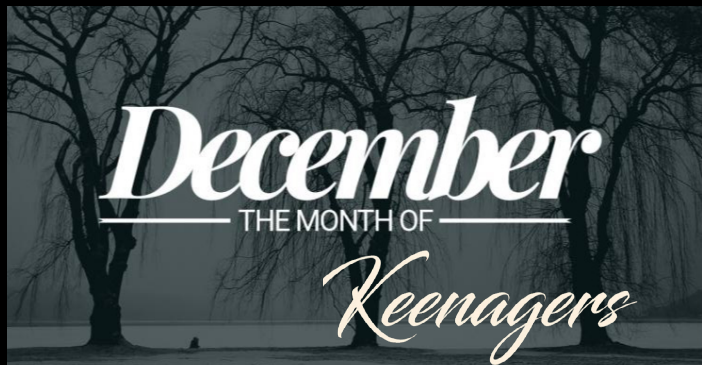
- WMPC volunteer shifts:
December 1 & December 9 | 1–4 p.m.
10 WMPC members are already signed up—join us!

To volunteer on these dates, email Angela Farthing at angelajim8578@att.net.



A PLACE AT THE TABLE

A Place at the Table is seeking compassionate volunteers to support their café team. Whether you enjoy welcoming guests, preparing meals, or lending a hand with dishes, there's a role for everyone. Volunteers help nourish more than just bodies—they help create a sense of love, dignity, and community. You can serve weekly, biweekly, or on a schedule that works best for you—flexibility is welcome and appreciated. Additional volunteers are urgently needed to help the café continue thriving. Come be part of something meaningful and make a difference with every shift.



December

THE MONTH OF

Keenagers

If you are 55 years old +, we invite you to join Keenagers in person in Geneva Hall or on Zoom at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday mornings.

If you would like to participate in Keenagers, please contact Cesia Cisneros at ccisneros@whitememorial.org and provide her with your name and email.

DECEMBER 4
CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CONVERSATION
Join us as we write cards for our military and enjoy socializing with one another.

DECEMBER 11
WRAL SENIORS EVENT

DECEMBER 18
STAFF APPRECIATION
No Gathering on December 25

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

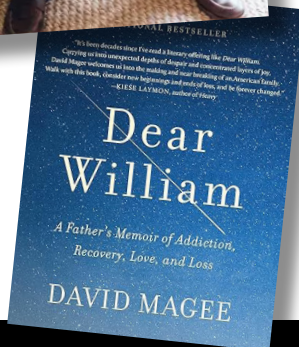
Christmas? Joy?

As many of us look forward to Christmas and experience the expectant waiting of Advent, many others experience the emotions of sadness, loneliness, stress from family conflicts or financial strains, anxiety and depression. Stephen Ministers are prepared to walk with others who want or need a confidant for their journey, whether the journey is short or long.

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

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MINISTRY

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



"Dear William" Churchwide Book Study + Zoom Conversation with the Author

The WMPC Mental Health & Wellness Ministry and Youth Ministry are partnering to host internationally acclaimed author David Magee via Zoom on **Wednesday, January 28**, to discuss his powerful memoir *Dear William*.

With honesty and heart, Magee shares his family's intergenerational struggle with substance abuse and mental health challenges. His poignant and uplifting message transforms tragedy into a call to hope and healing, inspiring a commitment to help others.

Book Availability

Dear William
is available at:
Quail Ridge Books and
online in Kindle and
Audible formats

Book Discussion Sessions

Wednesday
January 7 + January 21
6:30 p.m.
Room K200

Author Webinar (via Zoom)

Wednesday, January 28
6:30 p.m.
[Registration required](#)

Questions? Please contact Health Ministry Coordinator,
Martha Grove Hipskind at mghipskind@whitememorial.org.

Read. Reflect. Connect.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

All women of the church are Presbyterian Women. Please join us.

Monday, December 8 |

11:15 a.m. | Main Hall | Special Advent Communion Service

12-1:00 p.m. | Main Hall | Luncheon

This month's luncheon will feature a Christmas Pageant performed by the Weekday School. You will not want to miss this event. Thank you to Circle E for hosting. **Register for lunch by noon, Tuesday, December 2 at www.whitememorial.org/register.** Livestream of the presentation will be available. Prior to the luncheon, meet at 11:15 in the Main Hall for a special Advent Communion Service.

GIVE BACK. SERVE.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S YEAR-LONG PROJECT

Throughout the 2025-26 school year, PW will support the churchwide Backpack Buddies collection to provide meals and snacks for food-insecure students in our community. Please visit Outreach's Amazon link for specific items to contribute.

All women of the church are invited to join a circle. To learn when and where each circle meets, contact Judy Glover, jggdesigner@suddenlink.net, 252-908-1088 for more information.

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR CIRCLE INFO.

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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 found on the website](#) and in select places around campus. Return form to June Ann Ward at jaly257@nc.rr.com. Deadline for receipt of this nomination is February 11, 2026.



AGAPE CARE TEAMS

AGAPE CARE TEAMS: RECRUITING NEW VISITORS

Started in 2019, this ministry of presence creates opportunities for meaningful long-term connections between volunteers and individuals who, because of life circumstances, are seldom or never able to come to church. Trained visitors will share compassion and love through

regular visits and communication with those who need the church to be brought to them. If you would like to make meaningful connections by visiting those who need the church to be brought to them, contact [Ann Rosar](mailto:earosar@gmail.com) at earosar@gmail.com or [Caroline Parker](mailto:cparker@whitememorial.org) at cparker@whitememorial.org for more information.

2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT
JANUARY 23-25
WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

Beloved on the Earth:

Being, Belonging, Becoming

with Rev. Gracie Payne
Associate Pastor for Engagement
Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Registration open!

whitememorial.org/register



Lunch & Learn

with Dr. DeLon Canterbury

Tuesday | January 27
11:30 a.m. | Geneva Hall



Deprescribing to Optimize Medication Use

Deprescribing is the careful and intentional process of tapering or stopping medications that may no longer be necessary, effective, or safe. It is *not* about reducing care—it's about improving care by thoughtfully reassessing medications with medical provider input.

Dr. DeLon Canterbury, PharmD, BCGP, is a leading expert in deprescribing for older adults, particularly those at risk of falls, cognitive issues, or medication overload. He also serves on the *Professional Advisory Council on Modern Aging in Place*.

To learn more about deprescribing, WMPC Health Ministry and Mental Health and Wellness invite you to join them for a Lunch and Learn event with Dr. DeLon Canterbury on Tuesday, January 27 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Geneva Hall. If you would like to order a box lunch, the cost is \$16 (scholarship available). You are also welcome to bring your lunch or to come for only the program.

[Registration is required by January 22.](https://whitememorial.org/register)

Questions, please contact Health Ministry Coordinator, Martha Grove Hipskind at mghipskind@whitememorial.org.



CAREGIVER'S COFFEE

Tuesday | December 16 |
10:30 a.m. - noon | The Hub

Are you a family caregiver or would you like to fellowship with family caregivers? Are you interested in learning more about the many community resources available to you? If so, please come for coffee,

conversation, and connection at our next Caregiver's Coffee on Tuesday, December 16 from 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Hub. All are welcome; please feel free to invite a friend or neighbor to join you. For more information, please contact Martha Grove Hipskind, mghipskind@whitememorial.org.

HEALING PRAYER

Wednesday | December 10 | between 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer is a form of intercessory prayer focusing on an individual's mental, emotional, physical and spiritual needs to provide a sense of balance and facilitate self-healing. Healing Prayer sessions are held in Davidson Chapel and usually last 20 to 30 minutes. If you are interested in experiencing a healing prayer session on Wednesday, December 10 between 1:30–4:00 p.m., please contact Mary Ann Turner at maturner2.mat@gmail.com to schedule a time.

Children's Holiday BOOK DRIVE



We are collecting new or gently used board books or story books. Spanish board books are always a need.

We will have a bin in the Ross lobby for drop off throughout Thanksgiving and Christmas
You can also send a book through our [Amazon wish list](#).



 **DIAPER TRAIN**
COMMUNITY CONNECTION
CHANGE

J O Y ♥ G I F T



December 7 | 3:00 p.m.
MAIN HALL

A WMPC family worship tradition.

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

Music will be led by our Children's Choirs.
Childcare is provided for children three and younger, beginning at 2:45 p.m.

This We Know...

Family Advent Kit 2025



Help children enjoy Advent and Christmas with our *This We Know: Family Advent Kit 2025*. Based on the December Faith Practices calendar included in this email, the Family Advent Kit includes all of the necessary items to complete the daily activities (with extras!) - Advent wreath tealights and liturgy, hot cocoa mix, muffin mix notecards, cardstock and crayons, and a printed calendar! To order your free Family Advent Kit, click [here](#). Once your bag is ready, we will send you an email for pick up in the Ross lobby.

We hope you and your family will enjoy these simple faith practices throughout the month of December!



THE STAR

THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Children's Movie Night December 14 | 5-7 p.m.

Children in Kindergarten-3rd grade
are invited to watch The Star
from 5-7 p.m. | C200
Pizza \$6 per person
Pre-registration required
whitememorial.org/register

Club 4/5 Movie Night December 14 | 5-7 p.m.

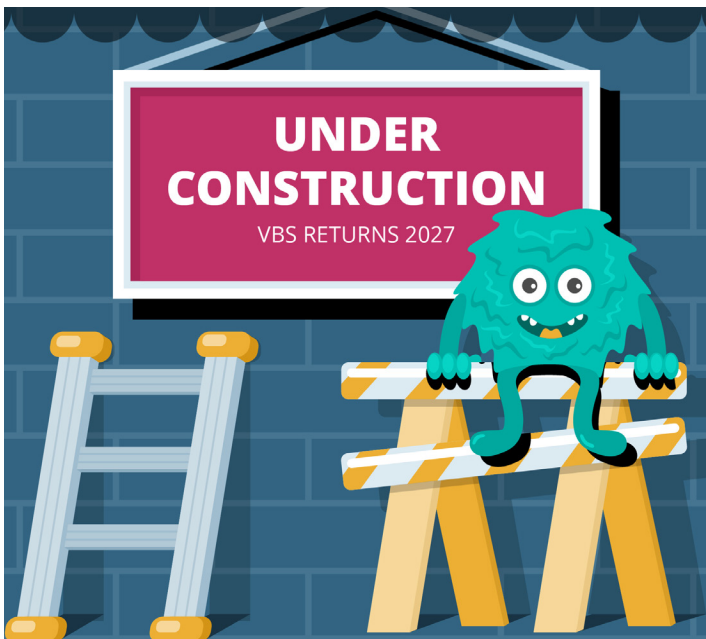
4th & 5th Graders
are invited to watch The Santa Clause



from 5-7 p.m. | C100
Pizza \$6 per person

Registration required by noon
Friday, December 12
whitememorial.org/register

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THE
**SANTA
CLAUSE**



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

VBS RETURNS 2027

Big things are happening at White Memorial!

Because of the exciting Four Pillars of Promise Capital Campaign and all the wonderful improvements to our Sanctuary and the new life safety upgrades in Luther and Knox, Vacation Bible School will be taking a little break in 2026.

But don't worry—we'll be back in 2027 ready to celebrate, sing, and learn together bigger and better than ever!

**We can't wait to welcome everyone back
with even more enthusiasm in 2027!**

faith & education flowing together

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

OPEN HOUSE for prospective families

**Tuesday | December 9
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.



White
Memorial
Weekday
School



WEEKDAY SCHOOL 2026-2027 APPLICATION

White Memorial Presbyterian Church's Weekday School application window for the 2026-2027 school year is currently open! Priority will be given to applications completed by January 23, 2026. To register your child for the upcoming school year, [visit our website and click on 2026-27 Registration](#). We would love to welcome your family to the Weekday School!



BAPTISM AND BELONGING: YOUR BABY'S FAITH JOURNEY AT WMPC

Sunday | January 11
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | R400

Baptism and Belonging is a workshop for parents of children under three who would like to

present their children for Baptism. In this workshop, parents learn about the significance of the Sacrament of Baptism, go over logistical details, connect with fellow parents, and get an overview of a child's faith journey at WMPC. Expectant parents are also invited to attend. Register: whitememorial.org/register.



ABOUT PLAY PALS

Play Pals is an after-preschool play group designed to foster both gross motor skill development and social-emotional growth in children ages 3-5. Led by a licensed pediatric physical therapist and a child development specialist, the group provides structured, play-based activities that encourage gross motor skills, coordination, confidence, and cooperative peer interaction.

Threes:

Classes for children in a 3s class are offered on Thursdays from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

[Session One: January 8-March 5 \(No class February 19\)](#)

[Session Two: March 12-May 7 \(No class April 2\)](#)

Fours & K:

Classes for children in a 4s or K class are offered on Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

[Session One: January 6-March 3 \(No class January 20\)](#)

[Session Two: March 10-May 5 \(No class March 31\)](#)

Registration: Opens December 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Cost: \$240/per session



SKATING PARTY

SATURDAY | JANUARY 10

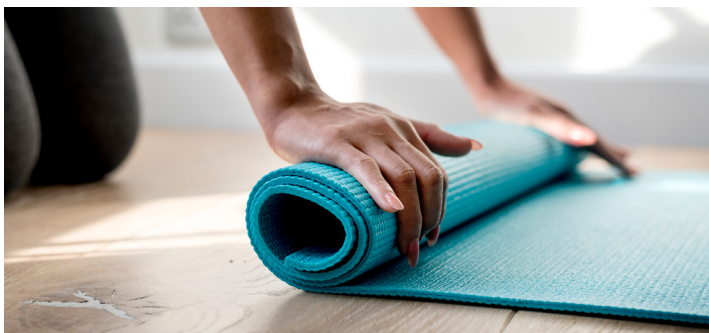
Kindergarten-5th Graders

It's time for a skating party!

Please join us at United Skates of America, 2901 Trawick Rd, Raleigh on January 10 from 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Pay at the rink when you arrive. Cost is \$13 per person (includes admission and skate rental). Adult chaperones who are not skating are free.

Registration required.



CHAIR YOGA

Chair yoga is a practice of gentle stretches, meditation, and movement with breath. Many postures are beneficial to those who spend time sitting at a desk. 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.

Wednesdays
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. It is a meditative, calming practice. Must be able to get on and off the floor. A mat and/or towel recommended. Wear comfortable clothes that allow for freedom of movement.

Wednesdays
11:15 a.m. - noon | C200

Classes through December 10

Costs for Chair Yoga and/or Yin Yoga:

Chair: \$30 per 6-week session; \$8 drop-in per class

Yin: \$25 per 6-week session; \$6 drop-in per class

\$50 for both classes per 6-week session

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



PICKLEBALL

Join the fun! We offer two opportunities to play each week, Monday and Wednesday (and the occasional Friday), 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Pickard Hall. Paddles and balls are available for use.

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 or blanket is required. \$10 per class. Class meets on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. in C200. 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 5:30-6:50 p.m. in Pickard Hall. Classes are \$8.00 per class.

OUTREACH KNITTING GROUP

Tuesday | December 2 | 9:30 a.m. | R400

Gather around and enjoy fellowship and friends while knitting and crocheting the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in R400. 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

Monday | December 15

9:30 a.m. - noon | C200

The Outreach Sewing Group meets the third Monday of the month from 9:30 until noon in C200. After a morning of sewing, we treat each other to a yummy homemade lunch. You don't need to be an expert seamstress to join us, only basic sewing skills are needed. Come join us for sewing and fellowship!

COME PLAY BRIDGE WITH FRIENDS

Mondays | 1:00 p.m. | The Hub

Whether you are experienced, a beginner or want to learn how to play we invite you to join us! We'll practice different bridge hands, talk bidding, and enjoy fun and fellowship. For more information and to find out when we are gathering next contact Judy Bundy at judybundy7@gmail.com or Mary Grace White at marygrace623@yahoo.com.

MAHJONG AT 1:00 AT WMPC

Tuesday | December 2 | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. | The Hub

We now have a group playing Mahjong on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We'd love for you to be part of this newly formed group. Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the game, everyone is welcome! Don't forget your 2025 Mahjong card if you have one. Registration isn't necessary but if you'd like to receive a reminder email, contact Beth Moore at bmoore@whitememorial.org to be included in the Realm group.



YOUTH LOCKOUT

Friday | January 16 | 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.

Registration: whitememorial.org/register

All middle and high school youth are invited to register for this all night extravaganza! We meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night to check in before we load up on the charter buses and church vans for the most epic 12 hours of your year (thus far). This year's activities will be announced through the weekly email youth newsletter. Past trips have included bowling, laser tag, trampoline parks, roller skating and more! You don't want to miss this wild night!

Questions? Contact Kaitlyn Thornton at kthornton@whitememorial.org. It takes 20 - 25 adult chaperones to make this event happen, so if this sounds fun to you, please contact Bailey Morton at bmorton@whitememorial.org or Paige Hokunson at phokunson@whitememorial.org ASAP!

CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Join us in Geneva Hall, Sunday morning, December 21 at 9:30 a.m. for a time to re-connect, relax and revive over coffee.

Welcome to WMPC!

BELIEVING & BELONGING @ WMPC CLASS
NOVEMBER 16, 2025



PAXTON BATCHELOR

Paxton joins by Profession of Faith and Baptism. Paxton's husband, Maclin, is a member of White Memorial and their daughter Staton is 1. Paxton's in-laws, Marlene and Ronnie Batchelor, and brother-in-law, Davis Batchelor, are also White Memorial members.

RYAN BIRD

Ryan joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Ryan's wife, Spencer, is a member of White Memorial. Their children are Wooten, 7 and Corbett, 4.



DAVE HINSON

Dave joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Dave's children are Kip, 16 and Charlotte, 17.



ANNA AND MARK HOWERTON

Anna joins by Certificate of Transfer from Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Raleigh, and Mark joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Their children are Rex, 12 and Emaline, 10.



ARIANNA AND GRADY KIDDER

Arianna joins by Certificate of Transfer from Central Presbyterian Church, New York, NY. Grady joins from Cathedral of Mary, Our Queen, Baltimore, MD. Arianna and Grady's sons are Parsons, 3 and Charlie, 7 months.



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

SANDY AND K.G. KLINCK

Sandy and K.G. Klinck join by Certificate of Transfer from First Methodist Church, Greensboro, GA.



ISABEL AND ALLEN MCMILLEN

Isabel and Allen join by Reaffirmation of Faith. White Memorial members are their daughter-in-law and son, Kerri and Rob McMillen, and their granddaughters, Ava and Ella McMillen.

KEN TAYLOR

Ken joins by Certificate of Transfer from Grace Raleigh Church, Raleigh. Ken's wife, Laura, is a White Memorial member.



LEIGH AND TREVOR WALL

Leigh joins by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Asheboro, NC and Grady by Profession of Faith and Baptism. Their daughters are Rosie, 7 and Penny, 4.

CASEY AND BRAD YOUNG

Casey and Brad Young join by Reaffirmation of Faith. Their children are Truitt, 7 and Clara, 4.



The next Believing & Belonging @WMPC classes for prospective members will be in February. Join us! For more information, contact Elizabeth Viohl at (919) 834-3425, ext. 206, or at eviohl@whitememorial.org.

Officer Nomination Form

White Memorial Presbyterian
Church **Due Date: February 2, 2026**

Person recommended: _____

For Elder _____

For Deacon _____

The Presbyterian *Book of Order* states:

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

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

How long has this person been a member of WMPC? _____

Has this person been an elder/deacon of WMPC or governing officer of another church?

If so, where? _____

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

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

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

How has this person demonstrated Christian commitment outside the church?

Recommended by: _____ Date _____

Revised November 2025

Officer Nomination Form - Instructions

In March of 2026, 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

All recommendations must be received by **February 2, 2026**. 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

12 menu

WEDNESDAY
TOGETHER
DINNERS

REGISTER

Register online by 11:00 p.m. Sunday prior to Wednesday.

whitememorial.org/register

Adults: \$10.00 per meal

Child: \$6.00 per meal

On-campus dining: 5-6:30 p.m.

To-Go Meals: 5-6:30 p.m.

Walk-ins: after 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 3

Spaghetti Supper

Meat Sauce, Marinara Sauce, Cauliflower Blend, Salad Bar, Garlic Knots & Assorted Desserts

DECEMBER 10

Pork Loin

Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Ratatouille, Rolls, Salad Bar & Assorted Desserts

DECEMBER 17

Pasta Carbonaros

Broccoli, Roasted Carrots, Rolls, Salad Bar & Assorted Desserts

DECEMBER 24 & 31 - Kitchen Closed

Merry Christmas!

upcoming events

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Let's Play Mahjong
Men's 30s/40s Fellowship Group

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17

Midweek Advent Worship Services

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Advent Contemplative Retreat

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Joy Gift Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

WMPC Women's Circles and Luncheon

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

20s + 30s Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Children's Movie Night
Club 4/5 Movie Night

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Caregiver's Coffee

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Combined Worship in Sanctuary
Lessons & Carols

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

All Are Welcome

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Children's Christmas Eve Bell Services
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 &

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Church Facilities Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Combined Holiday Worship in Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 & FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Facilities Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

Let's Play Mahjong
Men's 30s/40s Fellowship Group

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

Churchwide Book Study Discussion: Dear William

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

Skating Party

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Baptism & Belonging

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

WMPC Women's Circles and Luncheon
60-Something Community Group

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Caregiver's Coffee

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Youth Lockout

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Servant Saturday

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Church Facilities Closed in observance of MLK Day

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Churchwide Book Study Discussion: Dear William

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Women's Retreat (offsite)

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

All Are Welcome

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

Deprescribing Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Churchwide Book Study Webinar with David Magee