

WMPC MONTHLY



WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | JULY 2026

When the Church Shows Up

We have been enjoying a nice summer at our house. We have been able to celebrate our young adult children as they navigate a complex and rapidly changing world. We enjoyed a college graduation. We follow along with the genetic research our daughter is doing in Texas. And we welcomed a first-ever great-niece in Colleen's family: a beautiful little girl born in Virginia. A week together of mountains, friendship, worship, classes, and song in Montreat was just what we needed as a family and as a couple. Such weeks help our faith grow. We are grateful for all these wonderful moments, and we thank God for them. The joys of life are a reminder of all the goodness which God alone provides.

But our lives have not been all joy these past 3 months. As many of you know, Colleen's mother, Judi, died on Good Friday. And then her father, Dave, died on Easter Sunday back in April. It was a powerful experience for both of us and Colleen's entire family. Their 80 years of love and witness and over 60 years of marriage touched hundreds of lives across our country and, if you count all the Italian cousins, across the globe. We gathered in early June to hold a joint memorial service for them and a joint inurnment at a columbarium at a church in Virginia Beach.

As with all deaths, many tears were cried. And many hopes were shared. There were quiet moments spent alone. There were long hugs with others, too. There was a balance between the busyness of coordinating family from all over the country as they made way to the memorial service (so many phone calls, texts, and emails) and the strong feelings of grief we felt, which caused us to seek the solace of a quiet place away from all the logistics and details. Grief comes in waves, though it is not as predictable and reliable as the tides.

Most importantly, and the real reason we are writing this letter to our church family together, was that you all, our church family, showed up for us. We were never alone. Everywhere we went, there were hugs and gestures of love. We are still getting cards in the mail. There were flowers and plants sent and delivered. We had meals every two or three days for over a month. A few church members even drove the nearly 4 hours to the memorial service to join us, to support us, our children, and our extended family. It was all beautiful. Nearly equal to the grief we felt, it was your prayers, cards, and acts of kindness that have sustained us through the wilderness of grief thus far. And we are convinced that your love and presence will sustain us in the months to come.

You all showed up. The church showed itself to us. And it is/was beautiful. It made a huge difference, and it really matters. As we will soon begin our 15th year of ministry with you all, our encouragement in these long, hot days of summer is that you will continue to show up. And not just for us. For each other in seasons thick and thin. May no joy go uncelebrated. May no grief pass by in solitude. And may the church be the church. We've seen it and felt it. As we thank you all, may each of us support one another in fellowship, prayer, and friendship.

May grace abound,

Christopher Edmonston, *Pastor*

Colleen A. Camaione-Edmonston



SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

SHARED WORSHIP
Edinburgh Building:
Main Hall

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Live Stream,
Facebook Live
and YouTube
streaming options
available.

Sunday School
will resume
September 13

Nursery
9:30 a.m.
Birth to 4-year olds
Calvin Building

Church Office
Telephone Number:
919-834-3424

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



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Jays & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Dorie Monroe – June 2, 2026

Joyce Poole – June 4, 2026

Jonathan “Jon” Rhem – June 17, 2026

WMPC Family Members: sister, Christiel Rhem; mother, Karen Rhem

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS

Sydney Coll and Family, on the death of her longtime boyfriend, Brady McKay, May 23, Charlotte, NC

Frank Koontz and family, on the death of his brother, Larry Koontz, June 2, Lexington, NC

Dr. Sherry Sinclair Holderness and family, on the death of her mother, Sandra Pope, June 6, Clinton, NC

Ellen Cooper, on the death of her husband, Art Cooper, June 15

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Madison Reese Harrell, May 21, child of Jenni and Gray Harrell, grandchild of Freda and Richard Hudson

Virginia Rhodes Hyde and George Cozart Hyde, June 10, children of Gretchen and John Hyde, grandchildren of Sydnor and Lacy Presnell

Christopher “James” Brady, June 12, child of Allie and Doug Brady, great-grandchild of Ruth Barnett

Penelope “Pennie” Louise Batchelor, June 23, child of Paxton and Maclin Batchelor, grandchild of Marlene and Ronnie Batchelor

BAPTISMS

Henderson “Hal” Royal Goodwin, May 31, child of Lexy and Thomas Walker Goodwin, grandchild of Bettie Goodwin

Jack Sterling Scott, IV, May 31, child of Reynolds and Jack Scott

Crosby Thomas Pendleton, May 31, child of Molly and Jordan Pendleton

Emmett Atlee Smith, June 21, child of Brooke and Ward Smith

MARRIAGES

Kathryn Bailey Jeutter and Preston Louis Hoffman, May 30, daughter of Michelle and Jeb Jeutter, Beaufort, NC

Farithe Alinn Escude Caparoso and Branson Cunningham Poole, June 13, son of Caryll Poole

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Bill and Tiffany Clark, on the birth of the granddaughter, Vera Colette Clark, June 18, to Aly and Grimes Clark

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church, email Lindsay Dew at ldew@whitememorial.org or Lisa Crumpler at lcrumpler@whitememorial.org

If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, email Caroline Parker at cparker@whitememorial.org or call 919-834-3424 during regular business hours so our pastoral staff can reach out. If you have an urgent pastoral care need that is outside of normal business hours, call our after-hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.

SHARED WORSHIP

During the Sanctuary renovation we will offer two services in the Main Hall-Edinburgh Building at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. This will be the pattern until renovations are complete.

NOTE: On Sunday, July 5 we will have one worship service at 9:30 a.m. A recording of that service will be available to watch online at 11:00 a.m. or anytime on YouTube.

You can view photos of the sanctuary renovation progress on our website. whitememorial.org/renovations

CONNECTOR BRIDGE UPDATE

The Property Care Committee noticed corrosion on the bridge connecting the Luther and Knox buildings and hired a structural engineer to investigate. As a precaution, a shoring tower has been installed to secure the bridge while we continue evaluating long-term solutions. The bridge and courtyard will remain closed until further notice.

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY EMAIL ON THURSDAYS?

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

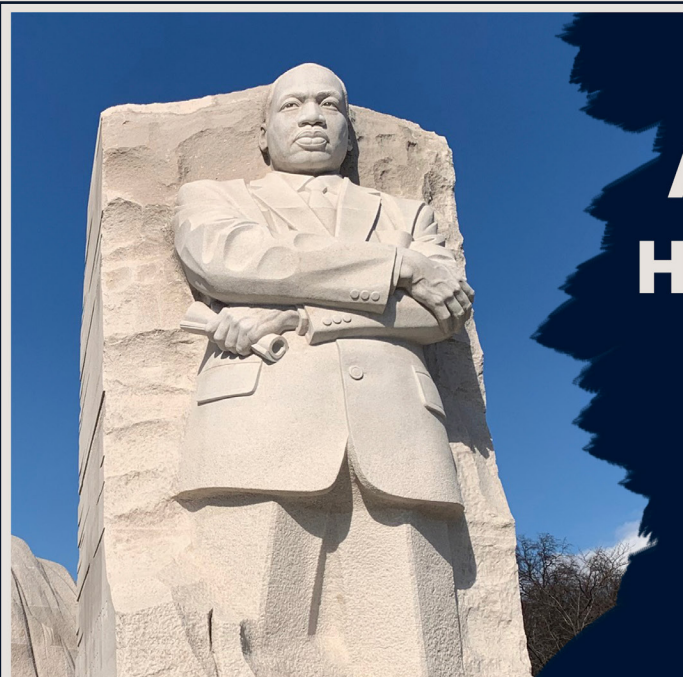
CHURCH LOBBY HOURS - Ross Building

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.


Photo on front page from Youth ASP (Appalachian Service Project) trip 2026.

noteworthy



WASHINGTON, DC AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY PILGRIMAGE

planned and offered
by the MORE Team



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 -
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

whitememorial.org/register by July 31

Join the WMPC M.O.R.E. Team (Ministry on Racial Equity) for our fourth African American History Pilgrimage to Washington, DC, September 18–19. Participants will visit the home of Frederick Douglass, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture while engaging in prayer, reflection, and shared learning.

The cost is \$320 for single occupancy or \$250 for double occupancy and includes transportation, hotel accommodations, and museum admission; participants are responsible for meals and incidental expenses. **Please note** that this is a walking pilgrimage involving several miles of walking each day. **Registration is required by July 31** to secure museum tickets.



Thank you,
Lee

We wish you well.

On July 26, Rev. Lee Hunter Baissana will conclude her ministry as Pastoral Resident at White Memorial. Lee has been a cherished part of our community, sharing her gifts, wisdom, and infectious joy with all of us for the last 3 years. We will miss her deeply, but we celebrate this new chapter in her journey and give thanks for the many ways she has blessed our congregation. We know that wherever God calls her, she will continue to touch lives and serve with the same grace, enthusiasm, and faithfulness that have meant so much to us.

To give a gift of appreciation:
<https://onrealm.org/whitememorial/give/Hunter>
 or leave a note in the basket found in the Ross Building lobby.

PORTRAITS OF RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE QUILTS

We invite you to check out the beautiful quilt display called "Portraits of Resistance and Resilience," which is now on view outside Main Hall and will run through July 31st. These quilts were made by women from Wilson Temple Methodist Church and West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, and they honor African American women with Wake County roots who lived during the Reconstruction and Civil Rights eras. We hope you'll take time to experience this meaningful exhibit.



JOIN THE WMPC HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbells are a cherished part of worship at WMPC, offering a beautiful expression of praise. The Handbell Choir is seeking new ringers for the upcoming school year. Previous handbell experience is not required, but participants should be able to read music. All adults and students in senior high school are welcome. Rehearsals will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00–8:00 p.m., beginning Monday, September 14. To learn more or sign up, contact Katrina Liao at kliao@whitememorial.org.



OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

The Outreach newsletter is taking a hiatus over the summer and will return in September! If you'd like to be added to the mailing list, contact Laura Rolston at rolston@whitememorial.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER THIS MONTH:

- **Shepherd's Table**
Wednesday | July 1 | 10:00 a.m.

COME PLAY BRIDGE WITH FRIENDS

Mondays | 1:00 p.m.

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 where 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 | July 7 & July 21 | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. | C200

We now have a group playing Mahjong on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the game, everyone is welcome! Don't forget your 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.


ALL ARE WELCOME

Monday | July 27 | 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.

CAREGIVER'S COFFEE RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

Caregiver's Coffee hosts family caregivers in an informal gathering that provides fellowship, information about available community resources, conversation, and connection. We will not meet over the summer but resume monthly in September. During the summer months, Health Ministry Coordinator Martha Grove Hipskind is available any time to answer questions, or have a cup of coffee with you. Contact Martha Grove at mghipskind@whitememorial.org



**Many Churches, One Mission:
Feeding Our Neighbors**

OBERLIN ROAD CHURCHES


DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY

SATURDAY, JULY 18 | 10 AM - NOON

WHAT TO DONATE & HOW TO VOLUNTEER

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:
Non-perishable food donations like Peanut Butter · Canned Tuna · Beans
Raisins · Nutri-Grain bars · Fruit Pouches

HOW TO DONATE:
Drop non-perishable food items off in the red bins in the Outreach Room OR scan [Amazon QR code](#) for items to be directly delivered to the church OR write a check to the church and in memo line add 'Oberlin Road Food Pantry'



HOW TO VOLUNTEER:
If you'd like to help, please contact Michelle Jeutter at mjeutter61@gmail.com or Ruth Landers at ruth@landers.me.

Fri, July 17 | 10:30 a.m. - noon:
Meet at WM to load donations for Wilson Temple Baptist Church

Sat, July 18 | 8:45 a.m.:
Meet at Wilson Temple Baptist Church to assemble pantry bags and deliver to St. John's Baptist Church

Sat, July 18 | 10:00 a.m. - noon:
Meet at St. John's Baptist Church to distribute food

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY - FOOD FREEZER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are asking volunteers to help by preparing or purchasing casseroles, labeling and freezing them, and delivering them to the Angel Food freezer on the first floor of the Ross Building. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Grove Hipskind at mghipskind@whitememorial.org. Can't cook? Consider delivering meals for our church members in times of need. Contact Blair Hughes, cbehughes@gmail.com for more information.

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | C300

A recently formed pet loss support group has begun meeting on the WMPC campus. The Triangle Pet Loss Support Group meets each Thursday at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in C300. Anyone who has lost a companion animal is welcome to come to the group. Any questions about the group can be directed to its facilitator, Rev. Jonathan Sherrod at cjonathansherrod@yahoo.com.

HEALING PRAYER

Wednesday | July 8 | between 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. | Chapel

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, July 8 between 1:30-4:00 p.m., please contact Mary Ann Turner at maturner2.mat@gmail.com.



'POP-UP' CHAIR YOGA

Come join us as we offer a few 'pop-up' classes until we resume in September. 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.

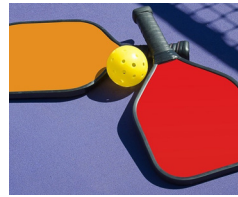
POP-UP CHAIR YOGA

Wednesdays | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | C200

July 15 & 29 and August 12 & 26

\$8 per class or \$20 for a 4-class pass

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.

AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE?



The events of life can make us feel like we cannot go any further. We cannot take another step. What has you feeling isolated? Possibilities include health issues of your own or others, concerns about personal relationships or financial insecurity. There are many others. Would it be helpful to have someone with whom you can confidentially share your worries?

Please consider a Stephen Minister as you search for 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 Laura Raynor at lauranraynor@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



stephen
MINISTRY

VBS 2027

Save the week
for a
SUPER time!

Vacation Bible School

June 14 – 18, 2027

For 3-year-olds (by Aug. 31, 2026)
through 5th Graders

Directors: Nancy Benninger (nmpeterson@gmail.com) and
Anne Enberg (anne.w.enberg@gmail.com)
Staff: Lynn Springfield (lspringfield@whitememorial.org)



WDS IS LOOKING FOR FLOATING ASSISTANT TEACHERS!

The Weekday School is looking for caring, dependable Floating Assistant Teachers to support our infant, toddler, and two-year-old classrooms in a nurturing, child-centered environment. We're looking for someone who loves working with young children, brings patience and positivity, and is ready for an active, hands-on day. Want to know more? Contact Cynthia Baggett at cbaggett@whitememorial.org or Blair Miller at bmiller@whitememorial.org.



WMPC CHILDREN'S CHOIR

WMPC CHILDREN'S CHOIR REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 6

Registration opens July 6 for the WMPC Children's Choir this fall. Children will be grouped according to age group and participate in weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. beginning September 9, where they

will learn music concepts and vocal technique and have an opportunity for faith formation and fellowship. The Children's Choirs will serve as worship leaders in both the Sanctuary and OnPoint services throughout the year. Registration for Children's Choir is open to rising Kindergarten through 5th graders. whitememorial.org/register. Contact Kelly Gold at kgold@whitememorial.org with questions.



WMPC YOUTH CHOIR REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 6

In the fall, the Youth Choir will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. beginning Sunday, September 13. Youth Choir will regularly serve as worship leaders at both the Sanctuary and OnPoint services throughout the year. Youth

will learn music concepts and vocal technique and have an opportunity for faith formation and fellowship. Registration for Youth Choir is open to rising 6th-12th graders. whitememorial.org/register. Contact Kelly Gold at kgold@whitememorial.org with questions.

WMPC YOUTH WORSHIP BAND REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 6

The WMPC Youth Worship Band will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. starting September 9. whitememorial.org/register. Questions? Contact Eric Nanz at enanz@whitememorial.org.

Congratulations, 2026 College Graduates!

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING THIS YEAR'S COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Brodie Alexander Batten

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,
B.S., Business Administration,
son of Amy and David Batten

John Robert Cella III

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,
B.A., Philosophy and Economics,
son of Ansley and John Cella

Ronald Gabriel Edmonston

Davidson College, B.S., Biology,
son of Rev. Dr. Christopher Edmonston
and Colleen Camaione-Edmonston

Frances Margaret Gehrke

North Carolina State University,
Master of Accounting,
daughter of Marynell and Ed Gehrke

Jennings Glenn Jr.

Elon University, Master of Accounting,
son of Allison and Jennings Glenn

Gerald A. Jeutter III

Cumberland School of Law,
Samford University, Juris Doctor,
son of Michelle and Jeb Jeutter

Caroline Wyatt Kennemur

Wofford College, B.A.,
Philosophy and minor
in Sociology and Anthropology,
daughter of Amy and George Hall

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SUMMER MEALS TO-GO!

Every Wednesday & Thursday from July 8–July 30

REGISTER

whitememorial.org/register

Take a break from cooking this summer and order our delicious summer to-go meals.

- No Walk-In Meals
- Reservations must be made by 11:00 p.m. the Sunday prior.
- Payment must be online. No cash accepted.
- Adult Meal: \$10.00; Child Meal: \$6.00
- Pick-up between 4:00–6:00 p.m.

SUMMER MEALS TO GO

Wednesday, July 8

Fried Chicken with Baked Mac & Cheese

Thursday, July 9

Spaghetti & Meatballs

Wednesday, July 15

Mongolian Beef with Asian Vegetables

Thursday, July 16

Pasta Carbonaro with Chicken and Bacon

Wednesday, July 22

Barbecue Pulled Pork on a Roll

Thursday, July 23

Meat & Cheese Lasagna

Wednesday, July 29

Jambalaya with Chicken, Sausage & Shrimp

Thursday, July 30

Barbecue Ribs with Potatoes au Gratin

Children's Meals

Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese

Thursday: Grilled Cheese and French Fries

upcoming events

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Church Facilities Closed for 4th of July

SUNDAY, JULY 5

One worship service in Main Hall at 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Oberlin Road Churches Drive-Thru Food Pantry

SUNDAY, JULY 19 - SATURDAY, JULY 25

Montreat Youth Conference

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Montreat Women's Connection

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Blessing of the Backpacks

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Oberlin Road Churches Drive-Thru Food Pantry

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Confirmation Breakfast
Sunday School Leaders' Orientation

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Church Facilities Closed for Labor Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Kickoff Sunday

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

WMPC Women's Circles & Luncheon

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Cancer Companions
Caregiver's Coffee

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

MORE Ministry African American Walking History Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Servant Saturday
Oberlin Road Churches Drive-Thru Food Pantry

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Children's Movie Night
Club 4/5