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## Summer Greetings!

Summer is a great time for a change of pace. Though activity has slowed, we at church are busy planning for the fall, getting committees in place and preparing schedules for classes. These things don't just happen! Planning ahead helps keep surprises to a minimum and gives time for all the pieces to come together. That being said, we take time to listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and if we are faithful to that guidance, ministry will indeed happen in wonderful ways.

As I begin my twenty-fifth year at White Memorial, I want to thank all who continue to help ministry happen in so many different ways. You are so generous with your time, talents and resources. Because of you, people near and far are fed, housed and clothed. Each of us is called to help where we can, and it multiplies when we work together. We have an Outreach Committee that oversees local and international ministry. This committee has oversight of 30% of the church's budget which allows us to work with Habitat for Humanity, Step-Up, provide grants to almost 40 local agencies, do service projects, build schools in Haiti, work with summer camps in Russia and so much more. Know that the Outreach Committee takes stewardship seriously and makes sure each dollar is well spent.

We have long-standing relationships with many ministries and agencies because of mutual mission focus and church member interest and involvement, and we are open to new outreach opportunities when they present themselves. We try to make sure each opportunity fits with WMPC's mission and place within the community. Our website and newsletter provide information on how to be involved in outreach. Please take time to read that information and get involved as you are able.

On another note, I have recently returned from a two-week faith-based tour of Germany focused on the Reformation. It was fascinating to hear the stories of Martin Luther and those who supported him in his bold new ideas of reforming the church. We started our tour in Berlin and ended in Munich, visiting many sites of Reformation importance along the way. Martin Luther was fortunate to have the support of several rulers who protected him from those who wanted to silence this new movement.

The invention of the printing press was key in spreading these new ideas. We visited the Gutenberg Museum, where two of the first Bibles printed by press were on display. There were 80 Bibles originally printed with this new method. It took three years! Each letter of the alphabet had to be made by hand and then each page set up with the letters facing backward so they would face the correct way when printed. It was a tedious process to make the printed page, but in the long run, it was able to speed up the bookmaking process. Before the printing press, one person worked for three years to produce just one copy by hand. So at least they could print 80 times as many Bibles in the three-year process thanks to the printing process.

This is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, so take an opportunity to hear the stories and learn about those who put their lives on the line for what they believed to be right. There were many who lost their lives going against the teachings of the church of their time, so, yes, it is a big deal. This Reformation, with the help of the printing press and the Renaissance that was happening in other parts of the world, was the end of the Middle Ages. A whole new way of thinking was taking shape that would affect the way the world saw things.

Our Presbyterian faith is a product of that time, and while the Reformation gave it birth, our church continues reforming with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Summer blessings,

  
Gloria Johnson

## Worship on July 2, fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. - Fellowship Time -  
No Church School  
10:00 a.m. - Combined Sanctuary and  
OnPoint Worship in the Sanctuary

**Live streaming at 10:00 a.m. only;  
No 11:00 a.m. worship service**

**Sermon:**  
*Welcome*

**Scripture:**  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Matthew 10:40-42

**Hymns:**  
*This Is My Song*  
*Send Me, Jesus*

**Bulletins are available online.**

**Don't forget to wear your nametag!**

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919-834-3424

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919-605-4593

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# JOYS AND CONCERNS

## Prayers and Christian Concerns to:

**Charles and Carolyn Younger, Mary Ward, Chris and Elaine Boerner, Emily Younger and Chad and Logan Wells** on the death of Charles' father, Roy Lee Younger, June 20; **Jessie Carroll** on the death of her grandmother, Helen Huffines Collins, June 23.

## Baptisms - June 25:

**Anne Fielding Benton**, child of Taylor and James Benton, grandchild of Anne Underwood; **Eva Collins Salvatore**, child of Heather and Nick Salvatore.

## New Presbyterian:

**Kynslee Lucille Board**, born June 15, child of Holly and Eddie Board, grandchild of Paula and Richard Williams and great-grandchild of Rose and Leon Hollingsworth.

## Marriage:

**Carson Brooks Ford and Zachary Nicholas Davis**, June 24, WMPC. Carson is the daughter of Jeanie and Thomas Ford.

## Hospitals (\* denotes discharge):

UNC: \*Emilia Anderson.

## June 21 Newsletter:

Our apologies that the Joys and Concerns did not get printed in the mailed version of the June 21 newsletter.

### In the Church Triumphant

**Amanda Parsley Worth** – June 24, 2017  
WMPC family member: son, George Worth

# YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

## Community Allocations

The Community Allocations Committee of WMPC allocates funds given by the congregation to agencies in Wake County that provide for the needs of individuals and groups in the community where our church has strong commitment and involvement. While no precise definition is possible in assessing need, we consider agencies that attempt to provide basic needs, teach life coping skills, and promote self-sufficiency. The Community Allocations application process begins in September of each year, and awards are announced in February. All grant applications are due September 1. If you have questions, contact Gloria Johnson or Tonya Higgins.

## Join us for Cover to Cover!

It is not too late to join the study of the Bible from cover to cover. The class meets the first Sunday of each month in C302. Please note that, in the month of July, the class will meet on July 9 because of our holiday schedule on July 2.

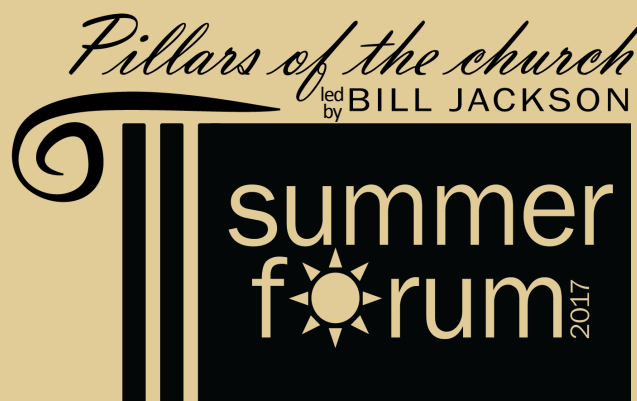
## National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) BASICS Class

WMPC is hosting a free six-week NAMI BASICS class at our church which began June 17 from 10:00 a.m.-noon for parents and family caregivers of children and teens with challenging behavior or emotional issues and/or mental illness (brain disorder). This BASICS course helps parents and primary caregivers of children and teens to understand illnesses that are causing behavioral difficulties and the critical role families play in the treatment of these illnesses. If you have a child or grandchild living with ADHD, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder or other mental disorder, this class is for you! For details or to register, contact Sheron Sumner at [sksumner@twc.com](mailto:sksumner@twc.com) or visit [www.nami-wake.org/classes](http://www.nami-wake.org/classes).

## How the story ends...

Join us on Sunday, July 9, in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. as church member Bill Jackson gives us the final chapters to this story about John Knox and John Witherspoon!

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.



## Holiday Deadline

July 19 newsletter deadline: MONDAY noon, July 3,  
due to Tuesday, July 4, holiday.



## divorce support

*Divorce Support* is a WMPC gathering where participants share with, learn from and care for one another in hope of healing.

This four-week series will begin July 6 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Sessions will be led by Lisa Hebacker and others who have experienced divorce.

Register at  
[whitememorial.org/registration](http://whitememorial.org/registration).

Note: If you are familiar with *Divorce Recovery* as WMPC has offered it in the past, *Divorce Support* will be similar yet different.

## GRIEF SUPPORT



WMPC offers occasional Grief Support Workshops to help you name and address your grief. These workshops provide an opportunity to learn about grief and to give and receive support in the company of others experiencing grief.

The next Grief Support Workshop will meet on four Thursdays - July 6, 13, 20 and 27 - from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in W400.

Please register online at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org) or contact Sarah Clapp at ext. 210 or [sclapp@whitememorial.org](mailto:sclapp@whitememorial.org).



## FILL the TRUCK

— July 16 —  
CAROL COPELAND COURTYARD

### Fill the Truck

will focus on hunger as we fill the truck  
parked near Carol Copeland Courtyard  
from 8:00-11:00 a.m. on July 16.

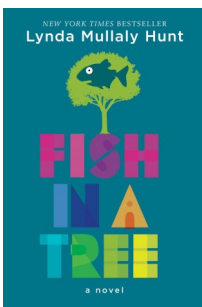
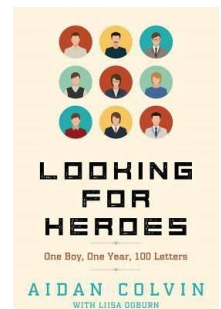
All food collected  
will go to Urban Ministries.

### From the Caldwell Library: two books providing insight on dyslexia.

Dyslexia is “a neurological disorder that impairs reading.” An estimated 13 million students in the United States have dyslexia.

The Caldwell Library has two excellent books, published recently, that help readers gain insight into what this disorder means to those who have it. Both are accessible to readers from elementary school age to adults. One is by a church member. For adults and young people, these are good resources.

White Memorial member Aidan Colvin, son of Liisa Ogburn and Gregg Colvin, has dyslexia. He writes, “If you’re like me, reading or having to handwrite something is like running a race as a double amputee.” After his ninth-grade year, Aidan decided to write letters to 100 individuals who had dyslexia but had become successful. He asked them several questions. A significant number replied. Aidan’s book, ***Looking for Heroes: One Year, One Boy, 100 Letters*** (371.9 Col), written with the help of his mother, was published in 2016. Aidan is an engaging writer and young person. His book will help any reader gain insight into the challenges of dyslexia.



***Fish in a Tree*** (J F Hun) is a novel on many lists of good reads for elementary-age readers. The main character, Ally, enters the sixth grade unable to read and is classified as “dumb.” At the end of the second chapter, Ally says, “No matter how many times I have prayed and worked and hoped, reading for me is still like trying to make sense of a can of alphabet soup that’s been dumped on a plate.”

For those who do not have dyslexia, these two books are eye-opening.



## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### High School Summer Coffee Hour

We will meet Sundays through August 13 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in K100 for casual talk about faith and life. Our July location will be K200.

### Middle School Combined Church School

On Sundays through August 13, rising sixth, seventh and eighth graders will meet together from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in C100.

### Looking Ahead

- High School Beach Retreat, September 30-October 1; online registration opens July 1
- Middle School Fall Retreat, October 6-8; online registration opens August 1
- Youth Ministry Kick Off, September 10, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Confirmation Kick Off, September 10, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Commissioning, September 10, 11:00 a.m. in the OnPoint Service

### Weekly Youth Email Newsletter

Do you want to receive the weekly youth email newsletter that's full of great information? Contact Deb Smith at [dsmith@whitememorial.org](mailto:dsmith@whitememorial.org) to be added to the contact list.

### Sunday, July 2 (*Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Matthew 10:40-42*)

Worship/Communion (Holiday Schedule: 8:30 & 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary)

7:30 a.m. - Communion Preparation (Sacristy)

9:30 a.m. - Fellowship Time (Courtyard); Cover to Cover (C302);

Summer Middle/High School Coffee Hour (C100/K100)

1:00 p.m. - Facilities Closed after Services

### Monday, July 3 (*Ps. 57; 1 Sam. 10:17-27; Acts 7:44-8:1a; Luke 22:52-62*)

5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard)

7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

### Tuesday, July 4 (*Ps. 54; 1 Sam. 11:1-15; Acts 8:1b-13; Luke 22:63-71*)

Holiday - Facilities Closed

### Wednesday, July 5 (*Ps. 65; 1 Sam. 12:1-25; Acts 8:14-25; Luke 23:1-12*)

7:00 p.m. - Summer Recreation: Grades 6-12 (Pickard); Summer Yoga: Grades 6-12 (Chapel)

8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

### Thursday, July 6 (*Ps. 143; 1 Sam. 13:5-18; Acts 8:26-40; Luke 23:13-25*)

9:30 a.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)

4:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)

5:00 p.m. - Grief Support Group (W400)

7:00 p.m. - Divorce Support Group (W400)

### Friday, July 7 (*Ps. 88; 1 Sam. 13:19-14:15; Acts 9:1-9; Luke 23:26-31*)

8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

### Saturday, July 8 (*Ps. 122; 1 Sam. 14:16-30; Acts 9:10-19a; Luke 23:32-43*)

8:30 a.m. - Church School Setup (L307, 309a, 310-312)

9:00 a.m. - NAMI Basics: Child/Teen Mental Health (C303)

C=Calvin Building  
K=Knox Building  
L=Luther Building

W=Witherspoon Building  
S=Sanctuary Annex (Jane Bell Gathering Space, choir rooms, sanctuary, nurseries)

### July 2 Holiday Worship Schedule:

**8:30 a.m.: Worship, Sanctuary**

**9:30 a.m.: Church-wide Fellowship - No Church School**

**10:00 a.m.: Combined Sanctuary/OnPoint worship, Sanctuary**

**Live Stream: 10:00 a.m. worship only**

**Note: There will be no service at 11:00 a.m. on July 2.**

### The Story Continues - Nursery Renovation:

Good news! Our nurseries are getting a facelift! During the month of July, the ground floor of the Luther Building will be under renovation. Nursery children will be cared for in K100, our temporary nursery space.

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## HELP WANTED, SERVICE AND MISSION

### **Clothing Closet**

The Clothing Closet will be closed on Wednesday, July 5. We will be open as usual on July 19 from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. We are now accepting summer clothing. No more winter items are needed until fall. Thanks for your generous donations. Because of you, the Clothing Closet is one of the more significant ministries in our church.

### **StepUp Ministry Needs Volunteers!**

There are several wonderful volunteer opportunities at StepUp.

- **Children Program Volunteers:** Help our 5-12 or 13-16 year-olds with homework, special projects and other activities while their parents attend a life skills program.
- **Life Skills Co-partner:** You will be matched with Life Skills program participant. Together, the participant and volunteer co-partner travel through three phases of Life Skills, focusing on budgeting and goal-setting. The co-partner is a support to the participant and serves as a sounding board for the lessons taught each week. Training is provided. Minimum age for this volunteer opportunity is 25 years old.

These opportunities take place Tuesdays from 5:45-8:15 p.m. A meal is included each evening. To volunteer contact StepUp Ministry at 919-781-0156 or [volunteer@stepupministry.org](mailto:volunteer@stepupministry.org).

### **Food Needed**

Remember that food is needed in our local pantries. When shopping, pick up a couple of extra cans to place in the crate in The Connector. Canned pasta, canned meat and canned fruit are always needed.



**July 1 | 10:00-11:00 a.m. | Off Site**

WMPC provides 70 sack lunches once a month for Raleigh Rescue Mission's "Sunday Sack Lunches" program. All we need are willing hands to make and pack the lunches. Everything will be provided. This is a wonderful project for a group, family or individuals.

To sign up, contact Tyler Craft at [tycraft@gmail.com](mailto:tycraft@gmail.com).