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Intersection: Why the Church Matters Enough for our Best



This photo comes from Poland. It is a traffic sign. At first glance to my American eyes, it looks ridiculous: like a great way to guarantee that there will be collisions. But on second glance, I found it enlightening. It was visible to drivers approaching an intersection where, because of stone walls and commuter train lines, left turns are not allowed. What do you do when there is no left turn? You take three right turns to go left. The sign offers a kind of visual parable: there is more than one way a “left” turn to make. There are multiple ways to meet and traverse the intersections which occur in our lives, our communities and our institutions.

Over the next two months, we at White Memorial will experience important intersections. As you know, Lisa Hebacker will leave us and Karl Zinsmeister will return from sabbatical, so we are at multiple staffing intersections. By September 10, our fall ministries will be up and running. We are entering the home stretch of our *Imagine* Capital Campaign, and soon after that we will begin building our budget and asking our membership to commit to supporting our ministry for 2018. Through each of these intersections, the calling for a church is to faithfully discern the leading hand of God and then to faithfully follow where that hand leads. Left turn, right turn, three right turns or straight ahead, we, the church, with our mission to worship, embrace and serve in the light of the gospel itself, will faithfully follow.

As I wrote last year, “A church is called to be stewards of many things. At White Memorial, we believe we are called to be stewards of multiple levels of abundance. We enjoy an abundance of resources, talents, insights, know-how and abilities in our church. All of these gifts contribute to our stewardship of the future.”

To give our best as those before us have given, we need everyone to engage in the intersection of faith and life, of ministry and service. The abundance that a church has to offer the world is in response to the call of God. If any single one of us is not thinking, praying and working towards these ends, then we are less than we can be.

The church matters enough for each of us to give our very best because we are the keepers of the truth of grace. We don’t navigate the complex intersections of faith and life or witness and history because such calculations are easy. Nor do we serve one another and our neighbors because it is convenient or profitable. We serve because it is a sacred duty and the right thing for each of us to do as disciples of the One who came not to be served, but to serve (Mark 10: 45).

May grace abound,

Christopher Edmonston

Recognition of Lisa Hebacker

As you may have read in last week’s church newsletter, Lisa Hebacker, our Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, has accepted a new call to be the Pastor of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church. We will show our appreciation and recognize Lisa on August 6 in worship at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. and at a reception at 10:30 a.m. in the courtyard. You can help celebrate her time with us by sending a note to the church and/or contributing to a gift fund (this gift is not tax deductible). Please make your check payable to White Memorial Presbyterian Church and designate it for **The Lisa Hebacker Gift Fund**. These will be presented to her on August 6.

Worship on August 6, the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.: Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.: OnPoint@1704 - Pickard

Communion - All Services
8:15 & 11:00 (Sanctuary) - in pews
11:00 (OnPoint) - by intinction

Summer Forum:
9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Welcoming Refugees
Carolyn McMullen, WMPC member,
former ESL teacher

Sermon:
*Everything Changes When We Go
Ashore*

Scripture:
Genesis 32:22-31; Matthew 14:13-21

Hymns:
*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Baptism:
(11:00) Lucy Elizabeth Howe,
child of Bethany and Matthew Howe

Bulletins are available online.

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919-834-3424

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919-605-4593

SUNDAY
SNIPPET

WITH
CHRISTOPHER
EDMONSTON



Visit whitememorial.org to view
this week’s Sunday Snippet.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers and Christian Concerns to:

Becky and Justus Everett, Jane, Matt, Gunter and Rebecca Goering and Bob and Ashlyn Everett on the death of Becky's father, Aldos Cortez Barefoot Jr, July 25; **Kelly Washburn** on the death of her aunt, Emily Davis Washburn, July 29.

Congratulations to:

Gail and Gray Hutchison and Betsy Hutchison on the marriage of Gail and Gray's daughter and Betsy's granddaughter, Laura Wyatt Hutchison, to Todd James Sines, July 15, Brooklyn, NY; **Dorothea and Geff Bitler and Glenn Bitler** on the marriage of Dorothea and Geff's daughter and Glenn's granddaughter, Amanda Dorothea Bitler, to Arnold Kensley "Ken" Smith, July 29, Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh, NC.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

Next Cover-to-Cover is August 13

This month Cover-to-Cover will meet on Sunday, August 13, at 9:30 a.m. in C302 (a change from our usual first Sunday of the month). We are following the guide "The Year of the Bible" by James E. Davison. Cost is \$5. This is a drop-in class, so come when you can.

Bible Study Dinner Group

Join us for dinner out at different local restaurants and Bible study. Adults who are age 35 to 59 are invited to contact Kristen Beightol at kbeightol@gmail.com for details about joining this group.

Interested in Children's Choir?

Don't miss the Children's Choir Forum on Wednesday, August 23 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in S300. Pizza will be served so register before August 21 at whitememorial.org/register.

Confirmation 2017-18

Confirmation is a journey that provides youth (typically eighth graders) with intentional opportunities to walk alongside peers and adults, to explore and discover together what it means to belong to God and to live a life of discipleship within our church community and the world. Our year begins with the Confirmation Kick-off on Sunday, September 10. You can register at whitememorial.org/register. For details, contact Chip Pope at cpope@whitememorial.org or at 919-834-3425, ext. 213.

Flu Shots

Flu shots will be given by Hayes Barton Pharmacy on Thursday, September 14, from 9:00 a.m.-noon in C200. The 9:00-10:30 a.m. time slots are reserved for Keenagers, and 10:30 a.m.-noon is open to all church members and staff. You must be at least 14 years old to receive a flu shot at WMPC. Please bring your insurance card. Reservations are encouraged but not required. Visit whitememorial.org/register to RSVP.

Baptism - July 30:

Gibson Alan Hunt, child of Dalton and Brandon Hunt, grandchild of Fran Carruthers.

Hospitals (* = discharged):

Duke Raleigh: *George Smith; **Rex:** *Becky Bradley.

Home Communion Visits

Church elders and pastoral staff are available to provide home communion if you or someone you know cannot attend worship. If you would like to schedule a visit to share the sacrament of communion in your home, please contact Judy Pidcock at 919-834-3425, ext. 238, and let us know of your interest.

HELP WANTED, SERVICE & MISSION

Friends of Habitat

We have two more Home Preservation projects this summer: Friday and Saturday, August 18/19 and September 22/23. At 8:30 a.m. each day, we will start exterior repairs on homes of our neighbors in need. No experience is necessary! Join a committed group of White Memorial volunteers as we improve our community. For more information, contact Harry Montgomery at hrrymntgmrv@aol.com.

Youth Missions Trip Report

Come join the WMPC church family as we hear the stories from the youth summer trips at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 27. Students and adult leaders from Appalachia Service Project, Summer in the City, Massanetta Middle School Conference, Montreat Music and Worship Conference, the Haiti International Missions Trip and the Montreat High School Conference will share memories and lessons they learned through their experiences. We hope you will join us as we hear about the ways the youth from our church put their faith into action.

School Supplies Needed

The bell is about to ring, and having new supplies to begin the school year is important to youth and children. Please take advantage of back to school sales. Items always needed include:

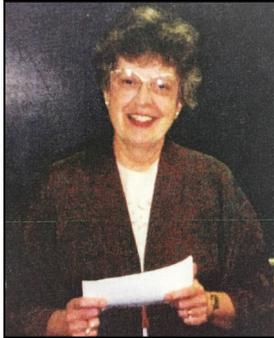
- larger size three-ring binders
- composition notebooks
- pocket folders
- colored pencils, pens and pencils

Drop off items in The Connector or bring them to Gloria Johnson's office in W301.

**August 23 newsletter deadline:
Tuesday noon, August 8**

+NSPIRATION ▲PPLICATION

faithful responses to pressing social issues

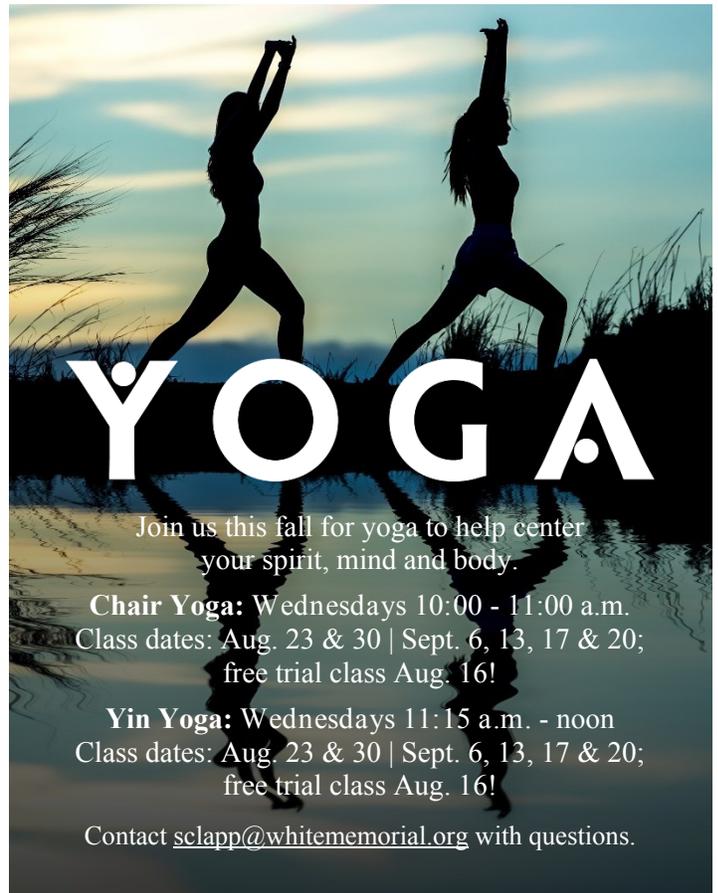


Welcoming Refugees

Carolyn McMullen,
WMPC member,
former ESL teacher

Sunday, August 6
9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary

summer
forum 2017



YOGA

Join us this fall for yoga to help center your spirit, mind and body.

Chair Yoga: Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Class dates: Aug. 23 & 30 | Sept. 6, 13, 17 & 20;
free trial class Aug. 16!

Yin Yoga: Wednesdays 11:15 a.m. - noon
Class dates: Aug. 23 & 30 | Sept. 6, 13, 17 & 20;
free trial class Aug. 16!

Contact sclyapp@whitememorial.org with questions.



A time to be
GENEROUS
as a response to God's promises

Proverbs 3

Stewardship KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 24, 2017



imagine
GIVING OUR BEST TO GOD.

The Britt Family

For the past 42 years, I have had a home at White Memorial. I am so thankful for the facilities that have contributed towards my faith education and nurture, and I want to do my part to ensure our campus can do the same for others. We feel called to help WMPC be able to serve families and our community for years to come!

-Diane Britt

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES | FALL 2017

**You are invited! All groups are currently welcoming new participants.
Drop by any Sunday and visit. Fall classes begin September 10.
These classes are for adults of all ages and begin at 9:30 a.m.**

Christian Fellowship (Calvin 200): If you are looking for in-depth Bible study and you prefer learning from a lecture format, this class is for you. Bill Jackson will teach this class and will begin a study on the book of Exodus this fall. Come learn about the miracles that are part of this amazing story. Carol Vassey, carol.vassey@gmail.com, is the class contact.

Cover to Cover (Calvin 302): Would you like to read the Bible from cover to cover? Join us the first Sunday of each month. A reading schedule is provided, and the class will discuss the scripture read the previous month. Jim Ferry, jferry075@gmail.com, is the discussion leader.

Searchers (Calvin 204): Did you enjoy Mickey Efrid, our Summer Forum teacher in 2016? The Searchers will study the Gospel of Luke using a DVD teaching series by Dr. Efrid. Group discussion is a part of class each week. Susan Alexander, carrollg2@aol.com, is the class contact.

Spiritual Practices (Calvin 303): Are you interested in learning more about spiritual gifts and spiritual practices? Stop by Calvin 303. The Spiritual Practices Class enjoys fellowship, discussion and studying a variety of topics. In September they will study 1 Corinthians using the Kerygma Bible Study Series. Emily McNair, macwallace@msn.com, is the class contact.

Faith Foundations (Knox 301): Do you want to study scripture, theology and current events through a progressive lens? If the answer is yes, then come to the Faith Foundations Class, where thought-provoking discussion and shared leadership are hallmarks. The class uses a wide variety of sources, including DVDs, articles, books and Bible studies. This fall the class will explore concepts of heaven and hell. John White, ncjohnwhite@gmail.com, is the class contact.

Theological Forum (Knox 302): As the name implies, this class loves to delve into theology! Class members read selected articles and book chapters each week as preparation for in-class analysis and discussion of current events, topics of interest and issues in society. Flo and Dan Durway, floanddan74@gmail.com, are the class contacts.

Knox Class (Knox 300): The Knox Class boasts adults of all ages and puts out a welcome mat that says "You are never too late to come on in!" The group studies current events and books of interest. The topic for study this fall is "Rediscovering the Values of Jesus." The class will read the dynamic book *If the Church Were Christian* by Philip Gulley. Gulley, a Quaker minister, explores the question, "What if Christians actually began to take Jesus seriously?" Harriet Worley, hfworley@nc.rr.com, is the contact for this class.

T.N.T. (Knox K201): The Thirties and Thereafter Class studies a variety of topics related to Christian living. The group often uses a DVD study series to spark class discussion. Class members share weekly prayer requests with one another. Although some of the members have been together since they were in their twenties and now are in the "thereafter" category, this is a warm class with open seats waiting for new participants. Sally Nunnally, sally.nunnally3@gmail.com, is the class contact.

Adult Classes for Particular Ages and Stages

P.A.R.K. (Knox 200): Presbyterians Actively Raising Kids, The P.A.R.K. Class meets each week to learn, discuss and support one another as Christian parents trying to raise children in our wonderful and complicated world. If you have a child ages birth to fourth grade, this class is for you! Anna Townsend, anna_worley@hotmail.com, is the class contact.

Parents of Young Teens (Calvin C301): Parenting a teenager is not for the faint of heart! This class offers support and studies for families with young teens who are in fifth grade through high school. Come and remember you are not alone as you pray together, listen to one another and study together. Diane Britt, dianejbritt@gmail.com, and Cliff Britt, cwbritt@me.com, are the contacts for this class.

The Greatest Generation (Witherspoon 400): This class begins each week with a short service of worship that sets the tone for the morning. The class enjoys singing, study and fellowship, including wonderful refreshments. The class studies the uniform lesson *The Present Word*. The class contact is Bettye Gunter. Email Cheryl Briley, cbriley@whitememorial.org, with questions.

Young Adult Class (Calvin 300): Join the Young Adult Fellowship Group for Sunday morning Christian education. Topics will range from biblical study, current issues and spiritual development. Robert Galloway, rgalloway@whitememorial.org, is the class contact.



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

High School Summer Coffee Hour

We will meet Sundays through August 13 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in C200 for casual talk about faith and life.

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.

Summer Yoga and Recreation

Students and youth leaders are invited on August 9 and 16 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Youth Summer Forum

Hear our summer stories about life, faith and God on August 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Adventure Days

Middle school students, rising grades 6-8, are invited to attend Adventure Days! Register at whitememorial.org/register.

August 10: Charlotte Rafting Day

Volunteer at Samaritans Feet; then go to the National Whitewater Center. \$100 per person.

August 17: Greensboro Water Park Day

Volunteer at Peacehaven Community Farm; then go to Emerald Point Water Park. \$90 per person.

Looking Ahead

- High School Beach Retreat, September 30-October 1; register online now
- 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

Sunday, August 6 (*Matthew 14:13-21; Genesis 32:22-31*)

Worship/Communion (8:15 & 11:00 - Sanctuary; 11:00 - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
Collection of School Supplies through August 31

9:30 a.m. - Summer Forum (Sanctuary); OnPoint House Band (Pickard);
Cover-to-Cover (C302); Summer Middle/High School Coffee Hour (C100/C200)

Monday, August 7 (*Ps. 62; 2 Sam. 7:1-17; Acts 18:1-11; Mark 8:11-21*)

5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard); WMPC Foundation (W400)

6:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry Leaders (K202)

6:30 p.m. - Elementary Coordinators (K303)

7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Stephen Min. Continuing Ed./Supervision (K200)

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

Tuesday, August 8 (*Ps. 12; 2 Sam. 7:18-29; Acts 18:12-28; Mark 8:22-33*)

7:00 a.m. - Men's/Women's Breakfast Bible Study (Geneva/K100)

8:30 a.m. - Yoga for Exercise (C100)

9:30 a.m. - Fit after Fifty (Pickard)

3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. - Youth Ministries Committee (K200); StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva)

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir (S300)

Wednesday, August 9 (*Ps. 96; 2 Sam. 9:1-13; Acts 19:1-10; Mark 8:34-9:1*)

8:00 a.m. - StepUp Ministry Jobs Team (C100)

5:30 p.m. - Capital Campaign Committee (C204)

6:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (W400)

6:45 p.m. - OnPoint House Band (K100)

7:00 p.m. - Summer Yoga: rising grades 6-12 (Chapel)

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

Thursday, August 10 (*Ps. 116; 2 Sam. 11:1-27; Acts 19:11-20; Mark 9:2-13*)

7:30 a.m. - Middle School Adventure Days: Charlotte Day (Off Site)

8:00 a.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel); StepUp Jobs Workshop (C100)

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

7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S300)

Friday, August 11 (*Ps. 84; 2 Sam. 12:1-14; Acts 19:21-41; Mark 9:14-29*)

8:00 p.m. - StepUp Ministry Jobs Team (C100)

9:30 a.m. - Fit after Fifty (Pickard)

6:30 p.m. - Healing Prayer Practice Support (Chapel)

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

Saturday, August 12 (*Ps. 63; 2 Sam. 12:15-31; Acts 20:1-16; Mark 9:30-41*)

8:30 a.m. - Church School Setup (Luther Classrooms)

9:00 a.m. - Servant Saturday: NC Food Bank (Off Site)

C=Calvin Building

K=Knox Building

L=Luther Building

W=Witherspoon Building

S=Sanctuary Annex (Jane Bell Gathering

Space, choir rooms, sanctuary, nurseries)

Nursery Renovation

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

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August

School Supply Collection: donations can be left in marked bins in The Connector

August 5 at 10:00 a.m.: Let's Do Lunch

*August 12 - Servant Saturday: NC Food Bank

**August 18 & 19 from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: Habitat Home Preservation

September

September 2 at 10:00 a.m.: Let's Do Lunch

*September 16 from 10:00 a.m.-noon - Servant Saturday: Tie Gleaning Bags for Society of St. Andrew

**September 22 & 23 from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: Habitat Home Preservation

For more details or to *register to volunteer visit whitememorial.org/service.

** For Habitat Home Preservation information and to volunteer, contact Harry Montgomery at hrrymontgmry@aol.com.

Must be 14 years or older to volunteer for Habitat Home Preservation.

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