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If the name Brené Brown doesn't ring a bell for you, I'm going to suggest that you look her up and then watch one of her gripping Ted Talks, listen to one of her brilliant podcasts or run (don't walk!) to your nearest library and check out one of her fantastic and transformative books.

There's a reason why Brown's *Daring Greatly* has been chosen as a church-wide summer read, and why I simply can't get enough of her practical, no-holds-bar wit and wisdom.

In preparation for this week's sermon, I went back and re-read *Rising Strong*, the follow-up book to *Daring Greatly*. For this book, Brown listened to a wide range of people — from leaders in Fortune 500 companies and the military, to artists, couples in long-term relationships, teachers and parents — all of whom shared their stories of being brave, falling and getting back up again. And after thousands of hours of data intake, Brené Brown then asks the question: *What do these people with strong and loving relationships, leaders who nurture creativity, artists who push innovation and clergy who walk with people through faith and mystery all have in common?*

Well, I won't spoil the whole book for you — you'll have to read it or listen to it for yourself; but I will tell you that her findings align beautifully with this week's gospel text from Mark: The Parable of the Growing Seed and the Parable of the Mustard Seed (Mark 4:26-34). In both of these stories, seed goes into the ground and then, in time, by the mysterious and creative power of God, emerges as a lush bush with fruit to bear. But it's this time in the ground, this time we really don't hear or even think much about — the "Act II" of the seed's life — that is where the growth and transformation of God's grace happens.

In *Rising Strong*, Brené Brown writes: "Day two, or whatever that middle space is for your own process, is when you're in the dark — the door has closed behind you. You're too far in to turn around and not close enough to the end to see the light...it's the point of no return." And so, as we think about these parables which describe the nature and ways of God, and as we think about our own growth as God's beloved children, the frustrating news is that it seems the dark, murky, solitude of being "underground" is something we all may need to get used to — it may just be that this is part of our human condition and journey; but the *good news* and the promise we have to cling to is that the harvest will come without us really having to work for it because God adores us, and it is this love that is the power of growth!



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## Worship on June 17, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 & 10:00 a.m.: Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m.: OnPoint@1704 - Pickard

### Sermon:

*Act II: Grace Underground*

### Scripture:

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Mark 4:26-34

### Hymns:

*Draw the Welcome Circle Wider  
Open My Eyes, That I May See  
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

### Baptism:

(10:00) AnnMarie Shannon Harrington,  
child of Dorothy and Brian Harrington

Bulletins are available online.

Church Office Telephone Number:  
919-834-3424

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



### Ride the Shuttle!

Avoid the traffic around the church and ride the shuttle from Carolina Place, 2626 Glenwood Avenue, on Sundays. Shuttle service begins at 8:45 a.m. and continues until the 10:00 a.m. worship service concludes and everyone is back to their cars. Hayes Barton United Methodist operates a shuttle from the same location, so look for the WMPC sign in the shuttle bus window.

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

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## Congratulations to:

**Allen Bond, Will Hardesty and John Sloop** on receiving the Eagle Scout award from Troop 395 on June 3. Allen is the son of Barbara and Allen Bond; Will is the son of Julie and Stan Hardesty; and John is the son of Kristen and David Sloop.

## Baptisms - June 10:

**Elizabeth Caroline Massengill**, child of Carla Massengill, grandchild of Caroline and Steve Massengill.

## Recent Graduates:

**MacLain Hall Campbell**, from East Carolina University, May 4. Mac is the son of Karen and Stuart Campbell.

## Hospitals (\*designates discharged):

**WakeMed:** \*Freddy Cox.

## Is a White Memorial Friend or Relative in the Hospital?

Please call the church office to let us know of relatives and friends who are in the hospital so that our pastoral staff may visit them. Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals do not inform us when a member is hospitalized (even though a request for your church affiliation may appear on the admissions form.) We print members' names in this newsletter and on our hospital board at church so that we may pray for them. Please tell us if you or a relative do not want your name included, otherwise, we will follow our usual practice. Contact Amy Claprod at 919-834-3425, ext. 210.

## 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 Jim Ferry at 919-834-3425, ext. 208, and let us know of your interest.

# YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

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## Centering Prayer

What is prayer for you? Does it have a place in your life? Or is it your life? What does it mean to "pray without ceasing," as Paul encourages the Thessalonian church? Centering Prayer meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in W400. All are welcome to join us. Our June and July dates are June 19, July 3 and July 17.

## Praying Our Church into its Future

Join us the fourth Thursday of each month, 12:30-1:00 p.m. in Davidson Chapel (June – December) to pray for White Memorial and our ministries. Our summer gathering dates are June 28, July 26 and August 23.

## New Concert Series

Do you enjoy the many gifts music brings to your life? If so, stay tuned for more information about *Sounds on Oberlin*, a new concert series beginning Fall 2018 at White Memorial. A variety of musical genres will be included in this exciting new concert series. For more information, contact Tim Sparks at [tws810@nc.rr.com](mailto:tws810@nc.rr.com) or Susan Hibbert at [susanhib22@gmail.com](mailto:susanhib22@gmail.com).

## Older Adults Moving into New Homes

Milestones are not just for children. When our older adults move into new homes, Jean Williams, Parish Nurse, and Elaine Mason, leader of our Milestone Ministry Team, like to visit them. The purpose of the visit is to commemorate this milestone event. We want to remind our older adults that their church family loves them and cares about them. We want to remind one another that God is with us in every transition we experience. During these special visits each home receives a milestone faith stone as a keepsake. Please call the church office and let us know if you have recently moved or plan to move in the near future.



**WHAT:**  
An opportunity to learn

- how to sing with confidence
- how to read music

**WHEN:**  
July 8 & 15  
11:10-11:40 a.m.

No registration required.

These sessions will be recorded and available at <https://vimeo.com/whitememorialnc>

**WHERE:**  
S-300 / Choir Room

A substantial portion of our worship is musical—singing of hymns, songs and responses. Exploration of our voices in Music 101 will enable you to:

- discover your singing potential
- be a more confident participant

**Music is a language— anyone can learn to read it.**

Like any language, one can have a basic understanding or an advanced comprehension of music. Basic concepts introduced in Music 101 will include:

- hymn reading
- how to read music
- how to distinguish melody and harmony

Enhance your ability and gain valuable insight on reading the language of music.

**July 8 bulletin deadline: Tuesday noon, June 19**



## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Community Service Opportunity

StepUp Ministry Summer Meal youth servers are needed for July 24. SignUpGenius registration is open.

### Massanetta Middle School Conference

Registration is still open for the July 10-13 session.

### Asheville Middle School Mission Trip

Registration is still open for August 5-10.

### Looking Ahead

- High School Beach Retreat: September 29-30: online registration open July 1
- Confirmation Kick Off (eighth grade students and parents): September 9, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Commissioning: September 9, 11:00 a.m. OnPoint Service
- Youth Ministry Kick-Off: September 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

### 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, June 17 (Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Mark 4:26-34)

Worship (8:15 & 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary; 10:00 a.m. OnPoint, Pickard)  
8:30 a.m. - OnPoint House Band (Pickard); VBS Classroom Set-up (Luther/Knox)

#### Monday, June 18 (Ps. 29; Num. 9:15-23, 10:29-36; Rom. 1:1-15; Matt. 17:14-21)

9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School (Classrooms)  
5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)  
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

#### Tuesday, June 19 (Ps. 133; Num. 11:1-23; Rom. 1:16-25; Matt. 17:22-27)

7:00 a.m. - Men's/Women's Breakfast Bible Study (Geneva/K100)  
8:30 a.m. - Yoga for Exercise (C100)  
9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School (Classrooms)  
3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel); Haiti VBS Planning (W400)  
6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva)  
6:30 p.m. - Centering Prayer (W400)

#### Wednesday, June 20 (Ps. 33; Num. 11:24-35; Rom. 1:28-2:11; Matt. 18:1-9)

8:00 a.m. - Clothing Closet (W100)  
9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School (Classrooms)  
7:00 p.m. - Daring Greatly Book Discussion (C204); Adult Faith Formation (C302)  
8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

#### Thursday, June 21 (Ps. 62; Num. 12:1-16; Rom. 2:12-24; Matt. 18:10-20)

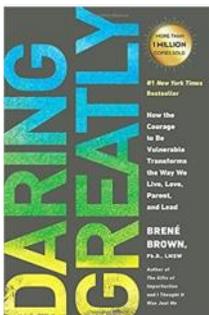
8:00 a.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)  
8:30 a.m. - Cancer Companion Leaders (K302)  
9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School (Classrooms); Massanetta Middle School Trip (Off Site)  
9:30 a.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)  
11:30 a.m. - Keenagers Summer Lunch (Milton's Pizza)  
6:00 p.m. - StepUp Graduation (Pickard/Geneva)

#### Friday, June 22 (Ps. 65; Num. 13:1-3, 21-30; Rom. 2:25-3:8; Matt. 18:21-35)

9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School (Classrooms)  
11:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible School Closing Assembly (Sanctuary)  
8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

#### Saturday, June 23 (Ps. 98; Num. 13:31-14:25; Rom. 3:9-20; Matt. 19:1-12)

No Events Scheduled



### Daring Greatly by Brené Brown - a Book Discussion

Attend one of these four identical classes (Geneva on Sundays; C204 on Wednesdays)  
Wednesday | June 20 & August 15 | 7:00 pm OR Sunday | June 24 & August 19 | 11:00 am

Whichever day you choose to study with us, *Daring Greatly* is sure to spark conversation. Reservations are needed for the event, childcare and Sunday lunch. To reserve a lunch, register by Wednesday, June 20 (for June 24 class) or August 15 (for August 19 class). Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children age 8 and under, or no cost if you bring your own lunch. Reservations can be made at [whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register). A copy of the book discussion is available at [whitememorial.org/adult](http://whitememorial.org/adult). Books can be purchased in W316 for \$14 or you may purchase at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

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## COMMUNITY MINISTRY AND MISSIONS

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### **Clothing Closet Now Accepting Spring & Summer Items**

This has been a great year for the Clothing Closet. We have received many gifts of new and gently used clothing from WMPC members and the community. Did you know we also accept bed and bath linens in good condition? Your gifts go to organizations such as The Healing Place for Men and Women, Dorcas and Dress for Success, to name a few.

**The closet will be closed in July but will reopen in August.** Our collection dates are the first and third Wednesday of each month from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thank you for your continued support.

Our volunteer staff is great! If you are interested in being a part of this group, please come by for a visit by or call Cornelius Swart.

### **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.

### **Housing a Mission Intern**

Raleigh Youth Mission gives young people an opportunity to explore the hidden needs and struggles of those who are living on the margins within and around our city. Each summer, college-aged people are hired to lead youth groups through their week-long immersion experience. One of these wonderful summer interns is still in need of housing. If you are able to provide a room for the summer (or even the month of July) please contact Linda Harding, RYM Director, at [linda@youthmissionco.org](mailto:linda@youthmissionco.org).



### **Oak City Outreach Collection**

Help the WMPC Young Adults collect donations for Oak City Outreach. Items needed are: bars of soap, wash cloths (dark colors), lotion, shaving cream, deodorant (men and women), toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, cough drops, tissue (individual packs), lip balm, disposable razors, over the counter pain relievers. Items need to be travel size and unopened/unused. Drop off items in marked bins located in The Connector.

