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Join us online or in person as we continue our Advent sermon series, "A Weary World Rejoices." We hope you will join us.

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Christmas 2022 has officially been launched with our annual WC Christmas Festival last week! The joy and anticipation of Christ's birth could be seen in the eyes of both children and adults. Rides and reindeer, food and frolic, visits from special guests, and live nativity plays provided the perfect recipe for the preparation of the birthday of Christ.

CWE Dec. 10 & 11

The Song of Christmas Celebrates Worship in Music

*"And as we gather close
With those we love the most
Read the story of Jesus
Christmas is here
The message is so clear
It's the same year after year
The sound of hope
Can you hear it?
The sound of peace on earth
It's the song of Christmas
Celebrate His birth
It's the song of Christmas"*

The Song of Christmas, White's Chapel's Christmas Worship Experience for 2022, will be celebrated this weekend, Dec. 10 and 11. The musical worship service has become a beloved tradition for White's Chapel and the greater community.

Each year, the retelling of the age-old story is composed and the musical pieces selected by our CWE planning team, consisting of Clint Blalock, Shaunna Fuller, Sami Hess, Craig Rowley, Evan and Grace Zeller. The musical experience is unique to White's Chapel. "We are premiering an exciting Dan Forrest arrangement of 'Joy to the World,'" said Fuller, WC Music and Worship Executive Director. "Additionally, we will present several songs by Michael



W. Smith and a fabulous arrangement of 'What Child is This' that will knock your socks off!" A traditional Festival of Carols that invites

congregational participation will be included, along with a mash-up of two angel carols: "Angels From the Realms of Glory" with "Angels We Have Heard on High." Around 150 musicians will participate in addition to actors and dancers. The Chancel Choir, Contemporary Orchestra, Cantaré, Children's choir, handbells,

and the Youth Ensemble will all be featured. WC soloists include Jackson Christenberry, Dee Dee Elliot, Lauren Luke, Ken Nelson, Arnold Rawls, Craig Rowley, Bruce Wermuth, and Grace Zeller. Hometown favorite Patrick Thomas will also be featured, visiting again from Nashville. Thomas will also be performing at the Arlington Music Hall on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (Ticket information is provided on page 3). "One of my favorite features of the Christmas Worship Experience is the variety of new singers that join us to sing for Christmas," said Fuller. "They are affectionately called 'Holly Berries' as they join us just for the Christmas season. They help swell the choir to over **MUSIC cont'd on page 3**

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Bake It Or Buy It Recipe

THE BEST SOFT & CHEWY SUGAR COOKIES

As seen with John and Todd at whiteschapelumc.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted and cooled for 5 minutes
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar + additional 1/2 cup sugar to roll
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Add in the flour, cornstarch, salt, baking soda, and baking powder. Mix until well combined, but be sure not to over-mix. Cover the dough and refrigerate for at least an hour.

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Scoop a 2-3 heaping tablespoons of cookie dough at a time and roll into balls, then roll the balls in sugar to coat.

Place onto the prepared baking sheet, giving plenty of room for spreading. You should be able to fit 6-8 cookies per tray.

Bake for 12-16 minutes, or until the edges are JUST beginning to set and the centers are still puffy and soft and seem underbaked. Remove from the oven and let cool FULLY on the baking sheet to set the cookies.

Recipe provided by: Host the Toast

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large bowl or the bowl of a stand mixer with the cookie whisk attachment, beat together the melted butter, 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar, and the light brown sugar. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat until just combined and smooth.



A Christmas Story

Editor's note: The most classic Christmas story can be found in the books of Matthew and Luke, from the Bible. Between them, the first few chapters of these books cover the birth of Jesus, and the familiar stories of the angels, shepherds, and wise men that we see depicted in Christmas pageants and ornaments and nativity scenes today. Since that first Christmas story from 2,000 years ago, the holiday season has grown up with hundreds of Christmas stories, both religious and secular, that reflect what the season means to us. During this season, I hope you will enjoy reading or rereading them here.

The Three Kings

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Three Kings came riding from far away,
Melchior and Gaspar and Baltasar;
Three Wise Men out of the East were they,
And they travelled by night and they slept by day,
For their guide was a beautiful,
wonderful star.
The star was so beautiful, large and clear,
That all the other stars of the sky
Became a white mist in the atmosphere,
And by this they knew that the coming was near
Of the Prince foretold in the prophecy.

Right over Bethlehem on the hill,
The city of David, where Christ was born.

Three caskets they bore on their saddle-bows,
Three caskets of gold with golden keys;
Their robes were of crimson silk with rows
Of bells and pomegranates and furbelows,
Their turbans like blossoming almond-trees.

And the Three Kings rode through the gate
and the guard,
Through the silent street, till their horses
turned
And neighed as they entered the great inn-
yard;
But the windows were closed, and the doors
were barred,
And only a light in the stable burned.

And so the Three Kings rode into the West,
Through the dusk of the night, over hill and
dell,
And sometimes they nodded with beard on
breast,
And sometimes talked, as they paused to rest,
With the people they met at some wayside well.

And cradled there in the scented hay,
In the air made sweet by the breath of kine,
The little child in the manger lay,
The child, that would be king one day
Of a kingdom not human, but divine.

"Of the child that is born," said Baltasar,
"Good people, I pray you, tell us the news;
For we in the East have seen his star,
And have ridden fast, and have ridden far,
To find and worship the King of the Jews."
And the people answered, "You ask in vain;
We know of no King but Herod the Great!"
They thought the Wise Men were men insane,
As they spurred their horses across the plain,
Like riders in haste, who cannot wait.

His mother Mary of Nazareth
Sat watching beside his place of rest,
Watching the even flow of his breath,
For the joy of life and the terror of death
Were mingled together in her breast.

And when they came to Jerusalem,
Herod the Great, who had heard this thing,
Sent for the Wise Men and questioned them;
And said, "Go down unto Bethlehem,
And bring me tidings of this new king."

They laid their offerings at his feet:
The gold was their tribute to a King,
The frankincense, with its odor sweet,
Was for the Priest, the Paraclete,
The myrrh for the body's burying.
And the mother wondered and bowed her
head,
And sat as still as a statue of stone,
Her heart was troubled yet comforted,
Remembering what the Angel had said
Of an endless reign and of David's throne.

So they rode away; and the star stood still,
The only one in the grey of morn;
Yes, it stopped—it stood still of its own free will,

Then the Kings rode out of the city gate,
With a clatter of hoofs in proud array;
But they went not back to Herod the Great,
For they knew his malice and feared his hate,
And returned to their homes by another way.

FINANCIALS DEC.	December	2022	2021
	Week 1	\$316,889	\$277,830
	MTD Actual	\$316,889	\$277,830
	YTD Actual	\$9,304,130	\$8,736,535
	Year End Goal	\$11,600,000	\$10,700,000
	Remaining Goal	\$ 2,295,870	\$ 1,963,465

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP EXPERIENCE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

DEC. 10 SERVICE 5:30 P.M.	DEC. 11 BRUNCH 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.	DEC. 11 SERVICES 9 & 11 A.M.
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DECEMBER GARDENING TIPS

PLANT

All bulbs, including daffodils and grape hyacinths at any time. Tulips and Dutch hyacinths require "pre-chilling" to give them an artificial winter. Without at least 45 days at 45 degrees, they will not flower normally. They should not be planted until the soil cools after mid-December. Plant cool-season annuals including pansies, violas, snapdragons, pinks, flowering cabbage and kale. In protected places, add in stocks, sweet alyssum, Iceland poppies and others. Established trees and shrubs that need to be relocated can be transplanted after they've been exposed to one hard freeze. (Many parts of the northern two-thirds of Texas are already there.) Hold soil balls intact around their roots to lessen shock of transplanting.

PRUNE

Remove browned stubble from perennial and annual flower gardens now that they have frozen, also from the vegetable garden. Use a long-handled tree pruner to remove mistletoe from trees. There is no effective consumer spray. Its white berries are its means of spreading, so eliminate the plants and their berries before birds carry them to other branches. Prune tree roots that threaten to extend beneath your foundation, driveway, patio or walk. Make the cut near the concrete surface and install a root barrier vinyl fabric to stop further growth. Shade trees can be pruned any time now, but remember never to "top" any tree for any purpose. That most especially includes crape myrtles. There is no satisfactory reason ever to top a crape myrtle, since it lessens their blooming and ruins their natural form. Fruit trees and grape vines can be pruned once they're completely dormant, but January is a better time.

FERTILIZE

Winter color annuals with diluted, water-soluble fertilizer (high-nitrogen analysis) each time they're watered. Houseplants with the same water-soluble fertilizer, but only once monthly while conditions are so dark during the winter. Compost pile with high-nitrogen lawn food to hasten decomposition of recently fallen leaves. Turn in 1 cupful per cubic yard of compost every six months.

WC CARE & SUPPORT



Service of Remembrance Wednesday, Dec. 14 | 6 p.m. The Sanctuary

Family gatherings and social events on and around Christmas often remind us of the absence of those who are no longer with us. White's Chapel offers a beacon of light and hope to all who seek comfort through worship experiences and celebrations throughout the season.

Join us Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m., in the Sanctuary, as we gather to celebrate that light and hope of Christmas at the Service of Remembrance. The Service of Remembrance is a unique, annual worship experience organized in partnership between the Care and Support and Stephen Ministries of White's Chapel. The service will also be streamed live (at whiteschapelumc.com) for those unable to attend in person.

Stephen Ministers journey one-on-one with those facing various difficult life situations, including divorce, grief, job loss, illness, death, uncertainty, family problems, anxiety, or other challenges.
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Understanding Your Grief Thursdays, Jan. 12 - March 30 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Center for Spiritual Care

Whether it has been recently, or some time has passed, the death of a loved one often leaves us feeling paralyzed and wondering how we can move forward. We invite you to attend an 11-week study that uses scriptural wisdom to explore the pain and emptiness that accompanies grief. This study approaches the concept of grief with the understanding that each of us grieves differently, and in our own time and pace. The class will be helpful in offering specific coping strategies to guide people back to finding the fullness of life. If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, we invite you to join us.

Join Rev. Kyle Roberson as participants follow Alan Wolfelt's "Understanding Your Grief" book and journal; both resources are available for purchase in the Circuit Writer's Books and Such bookstore. Each class is limited to 12 participants; all are welcome. Registration is available on the church website.
Rev. Kyle Roberson
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A Spiritual Formation Book Discussion Group Wednesday, Jan. 25 | Noon to 3 p.m.

Center for Spiritual Care
Reading is one of the ways we develop a spiritual practice of sitting openly with the text, allowing it to speak into our lives. The most familiar type of sacred reading is done with scripture (Lectio Divina), but

any reading can become sacred when we read through a lens of kenosis (a self-emptying of one's own will).

"Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again" by Rachel Held Evans is the book for this session; please read the book in advance of this class. Mark your calendar now to join the group on Wednesday, Jan. 25. They will begin their time at noon with a potluck lunch and then move into a time of Centering Prayer and book reflections. If you're unavailable for lunch, please join in at 1 p.m. for a time of sharing. The book is available for purchase in WC's Circuit Writer's Books & Such bookstore. All are welcome; registration on the WC website is limited to 14 participants.

Rev. Betsy Godbold
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Christians Facing Cancer Tuesday, Jan. 10 | 6:30 p.m. Room 2129, First Floor Evans Hall "Craving Sugar? You've Got the Sugar Blues!"

Join us to learn the hidden sources of sugar and how you can beat the sugar blues. Shelly DuMais is a Registered Nurse, BSN, Board Certified Case Manager, with a Masters in Social Work. She is a certified holistic health coach through the Institute of Integrative Nutrition (IIN) in New York since 2016. In 2021, she completed a 200-hour certified yoga training course in Avon, Colorado. She is passionate about living holistically and believes food can be a powerful tool for healing. Slight changes can have a significant impact on one's overall health and lifestyle. Shelly's purpose statement is "to empower others to see their potential so they can live a more joyful, healthy and abundant life."

Shelly spends her time between McKinney, Texas and Glenwood Springs, Colorado with her husband, Dave and their adorable Chihuahua, Alejandro. She has three daughters who live in California and Texas. She loves traveling, cycling, skiing and anything outdoors.

Christians Facing Cancer provides encouragement for cancer patients, caregivers, family members, and friends whose lives have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. C BJ Landers at landerscln@aol.com, (817) 683-6088, or supportgroups@whiteschapelumc.com.



CAF Classic Adult Fellowship

Classic Adult Fellowship, or CAF, had so much fun in 2022! From movies, luncheons, museums, special events, the fair, and other fun outings to our very first Vacation Bible School for seniors, Classic Adult Fellowship had a great time this year – with more to come in 2023!



Museum are in the works! Check the church website in January for more details.

From your Director

It is such a pleasure to serve this group! I consider you all a gift as well as extended family, and I am truly grateful to be your director! In 2022, we added almost 100 new members and it's all due to the warm, inviting atmosphere that our seniors create. Walking with others who love the Lord and are in similar stages of life is such a blessing. May God continue his blessings on this group in 2023.

If you are not a member and would like to be on the mailing list for upcoming opportunities and connections, please email or call Laurie Williams, Director for Classic Adult Fellowship.

Director Laurie Williams
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What is on the calendar?

Check the winter newsletter for more details, but here are some upcoming events:

- Dec. 16 | 11 a.m. (10:30 a.m. check-in) in Evans Hall – CAF Christmas Brunch**

Join us for a wonderful brunch followed by entertainment with one of CAF's favorite singers, Ken Nelson. Bill Womack will accompany Ken on piano and this duo is something special! Reservations are encouraged to plan for enough seats and food. Contact Director Laurie Williams.



- Jan. 6 | 1:30 p.m. in Rawlins Hall - CAF Monthly Movie**

Join us for our free monthly movie with fresh popcorn, drinks, candy, and great fellowship! Movie title tbd.



- Upcoming trips to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo as well as a day trip to the Ross Perot

Music

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100 singers and add such depth to our sound."

"The Holy Spirit calls each singer to make the commitment to rehearse faithfully for 10 weeks and to memorize the music," Fuller added. "Ten weeks also gives us the opportunity to create an ensemble sound and develop friendships with other choir members. Our heart beats synch and our voices blend during the hour and a half rehearsal. Powerful moments of worship happen at each and every rehearsal!"

The choir rehearsed each Sunday evening from Oct. 2 until the week of the program. The orchestra had one long rehearsal in November, and both groups met three times the week of the CWE.

"In God's incredible economy, we can never outgive Him," said Fuller. "Blessings abound for those who share their time and gifts with our church. Their holidays are richer because of their faithfulness."

One of the most anticipated features will be "Emmanuel," a solo rendered by Grace Zeller. Fuller promises it will "tug at everyone's heartstrings and remind us that God is with us!"

"Emmanuel" is the song that is the fulcrum of the service," agreed Clint Blalock, WC Music and Worship Deputy Director. "It conveys the greatest part of the Christmas story – that God saw how broken humanity was and chose to come to us. This is still the greatest part of Christmas for me. God still chooses to

meet us right where we are so we can know his love."

There are no tickets required, no reserved seats, and the cost is absolutely free. Don't forget the brunch served in Evans Hall on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Christmas Worship Experience THE SONG OF CHRISTMAS Saturday, Dec. 10 | 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 | 9 & 11 a.m.

We're encouraging everyone to download an app called DeviceMesh that will allow phones to sync up to the live experience. Once participants install the app and open it during the video announcements, it will allow their phone's flashlight to participate in an interactive light show. There will be instructions provided in the upcoming video announcements. We'll repeat these instructions several times before the CWE services.



DEVICE MESH



Patrick Thomas at Arlington Music Hall
Sunday, Dec. 11 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Tickets are still available at info@arlingtonmusicall.net or patrickthomasmusic.com

Upcoming Event:

DEC. 13 | 6 P.M.

**CAROLS,
COOKIES &
COCOA**

IN THE
SANCTUARY



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

“Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life” Women’s Study
Wednesdays, Jan. 11 - Feb. 15
6 to 7 p.m.

Whether it’s because of distractions, busyness, or a case of the blahs, we can experience a drift toward indifference in our spiritual lives. We have a need for an ongoing spiritual awakening if we want to become more aware of God’s presence and activity in our everyday lives.

In “Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life,” a six-week study of the Book of Acts by Melissa Spoelstra, you will journey with the first followers of Jesus and witness the birth and growth of the early church through spiritual awakening to the power of God’s Spirit, message, freedom, grace, mission, and direction.

Join facilitator Kara Hayter for this six-week journey through the book of Acts. Please register online.

“The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ” Women’s Bible Study
Jan. 9 - Feb. 13 | 9:30 a.m.

The apostle Paul was an extraordinary individual by any measure. From the moment he was introduced to Jesus by name in a blinding flash of light to his final days chained like an animal in a Roman dungeon, he relentlessly pursued Christ and preached the gospel entrusted to him. Paul’s fervor could not be starved, smothered nor drowned. Come along with Beth and Melissa in this four-week, five-session study of Philippians. By the power of the same Holy Spirit who took the gospel to Europe by way of Philippi, discover what Paul magnificently called, The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ.

Susann Smith will be facilitating this fascinating class. Please register online.



THE STAR
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY, DEC. 16 | FOUNDRY | 6 P.M.
COME IN YOUR JAMMIES, BRING YOUR BLANKETS AND PILLOWS, AND ENJOY THIS FUN CHRISTMAS MOVIE
REGISTER ONLINE AT WHITESCHAPELUMC.COM



Merry Christmas!
No Wednesday Night Dinner due to Christmas Break (Returning Jan. 11)



Prayer List

Kathy Abelanet, Libby Assenheimer, Luke Baca, Jack Bair, Doug Bales, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Jerry Barron, David Baxley, Cash Beatty, Alexander Bhatnagar, Tena Bibb, Joyce Billingsley, Bethia Blomquist, Mindy Bogan, Seg Bolton, Robin Boomstra, Kay Brandt, Sam Braun, Mary Ann Browning, Gay Bryan, Ron and Carol Bryant, Carol Burns, Joe Burns, Bobbie Cameron, Anne Marie and August Carver, Jim Chambers, Otis Chaplin, Lee Chenault, Jaya Chetri, Jesse Cobb, Lola Cobb, Sophia and Amelia Coleman, Jimmie Nell Cook, Andy Dillon, Jean Doricko, Wilma Dykman, Shelly Gillette, Jane Grazer, Tim Green, Tess Gregory, Ron Hadley, Mark Hall, The Randall Hall Family, Judith Hallam, Al Hansen, Marty Harris, Maxie Hays, Ron Healey, Kati Hibjan, Art Hill, Lorrie Hill, Paulo Jacuzzi, Terri Janes, Russ Jones, Jerene Kilpatrick, Audrey Kovach, Caleb Graham Larson, Serenity Lee, Sunhi Lee, David Liechty, Arden Mack, Kay Madera, Bill Marquez, Betty Martin, Perry Maynard, Ann Miller, Bruce Moilan, Thomas W. Morris, Tom Morris, Nelda Morrow-Winblood, Jeff Nadeau, John Nadeau, Emily Looft Nelson, Larry Nichols, Valor Nunez, Elida Parish, Jan Phillips, Kathy Pierce, Brandon Potier, Fadia Pyatt, Elizabeth Rowland, Steve Rozenberg, Pat Schmidt, Carter Schultz, Beth Scoggins, Pat Skinner, Steve Swanston, Jeanie Swink, Laura Thomas, Carolyn Thompson, Jenny Thornell, Gladys Vance, Rolando Villaruel, Camille and Gazelle, John Walling, Dianne Williams, Dick Williams, Ken Williams, Vicki Winn, Pete Zimmerman, Mary Grimplin Zoltek, Keith and Tracey. Recent Deaths: The Family of Terry Barker, The Family of Jane Bearden, The Family of Donald Becker, The Family of Marcy Buckley, Jean Burke and Family, The Family of Kent Hamilton, The Family of Nancy Hampton, The Family of Don Hellstern, The Family of Chris Hill, The Family of William Jensen, The Morton Family, The Family of Ann Riddle, The Family of Jim Steele, The Family of Jeff Williams.

You may submit prayer requests at whiteschapelumc.com/prayer-request.html



JOIN US FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE

AT
WHITE'S CHAPEL

Dec. 23 Christmas Contemporary
5:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Dec. 24 Children's Service
11 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

6g Full Choir & Orchestra
2:30, 4 & 5:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Christmas Eve Unplugged
7 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Liturgical Worship
11 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Worship
10 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

*All services streamed live on the church website

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