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At Milestones Ministry
we believe that
"Home is Church, too!"



Glossary of Milestones Ministry Resources

The resources at Milestones Ministry continue to grow.

Here is a brief description of each:

Taking Faith Home:

This is an annual resource that provides a different bulletin insert each week during the church year. This enables individuals and families to bring the Christian faith into the home and daily life by experiencing the Word of God through the Four Key Faith Practices that are also used in Milestones Ministry modules and Moments. Using Taking Faith Home with Milestones will help strengthen a congregation's lifelong faith formation ministry. [Click here.](#)

Meet Tracey Daniel Associate Pastor for Faith Formation White Memorial Presbyterian Church Raleigh, NC



Milestone

White Memorial has been marking milestones for many years. Some of the milestones that we currently recognize include birth, baptism, the Bible presentation, wedding, children's ministry, and home dedication to the Lord's Supper, confirmation, marriage, divorce, cancer transition and witness to the resurrection. Milestones events happen from the beginning of life to the end of life. There are church-based milestones, family-based milestones and life-stage milestones. Milestones can include a variety of significant events such as marking a child's baptism.

MINISTRIES
Children
Youth
Adults

See the Milestone website page at White Memorial:
<http://whitememorial.org/milestone/>

Milestones Ministry Resources Used:

Gift of Stones, Blessing Bowls, Adult Milestones Manual, Confirmation Milestone Module, and Taking Faith Home.

In her role as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, Tracey is primarily responsible for providing leadership for faith formation opportunities. She enjoys teaching, offering pastoral care, planning educational and fellowship events, and leading worship.

Tracey describes the Milestones Ministry model at White Memorial Presbyterian:

Taking Faith Home Cards:

The Taking Faith Home Cards are designed to allow individuals and families to nurture their faith at any time and place! Each card contains a variety of faith-building activities, allowing one to pick and choose what is most beneficial in your current setting. [Click here for more info.](#)

Milestone Modules: Each module includes a Four Key Faith Practices outline for three different settings: Cross+Generational, Home, and a Follow-Up. Also included are tips for leaders, an appendix with additional suggestions, and a Worship Blessing, and an appendix that includes ideas for outreach.

- **Child and Youth:** There are 18 that can be purchased individually or together in a manual. [Click here to see the titles.](#)
- **Adult :** There are 12 that can be purchased individually or together in a manual. [Click here to see the titles.](#)

Milestone Moments for the Home: There are 17 at this time and we add new ones regularly. These guides are a two-page design that can be used in a small group setting or the home. [Click here to see the titles.](#)

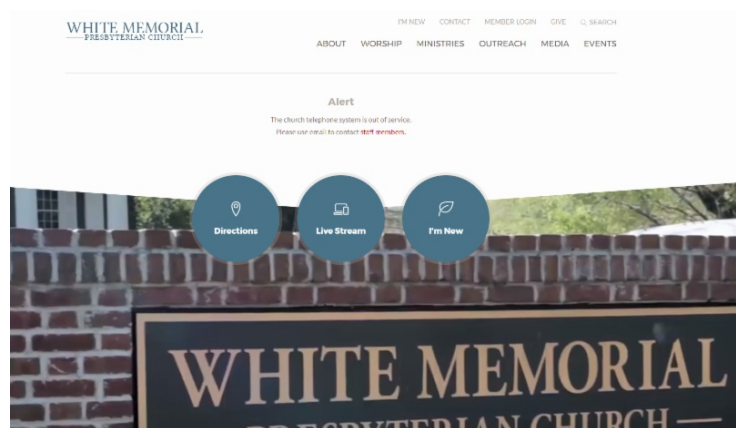
Gifting Stones: If you choose to use a stone as a visual reminder of the Milestone, a stone for gifting has been designed by our potter and artist, Dawn Deines-Christensen for each Milestone module. Other gifting suggestions are also given in each module appendix. [Click here for more information about the Gifting Stones.](#)

Each year White Memorial Presbyterian Church gives away a variety of gifting stones to members of all ages as we celebrate and recognize important times in our lives of faith together. Each milestone event includes naming, equipping and blessing. Our milestone ministry helps us to get to know one another better and it reminds us that God is with us in every season of our lives each step of the way.

When I visit with parents of new born babies I give them their first gifting stone which marks the "beginning" of life. Throughout childhood there are many milestones to mark. Some of these milestones include Baptism, receiving a Bible, taking the Lord's Supper, completing a worship workshop, beginning confirmation, completing confirmation, getting a driver's license, participating in a mission trip and graduating.

We also observe milestones in the lives of our adults. Individual ministry teams or committees recognize milestones related to the work and service they perform. For example, our education committee presented teachers with a gifting stone as part of their commissioning service. Our older adult committee takes gifting stones to people who have moved into retirement communities.

Through our milestone ministry we strive to support one another, encourage one another and remind one another of God's faithfulness from the beginning of life and all the seasons of our lives.



White Memorial Presbyterian Church's website can be found here:
<http://whitememorial.org/>

"Grow the church by growing people in faith."

*Growing People
in Faith
when at Home
and Away*

...and talk about them when you are at home and when
you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.
Deuteronomy 6:7b



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The Milestones Ministry Mission is to provide congregations and households with resources and coaching services to nurture the Christian faith and reach out to others with the love of God in Christ.

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