By Cassidy Williams

The sight of twinkling lights on a Christmas tree often brings a sense of excitement and anticipation. And, if you’ve seen this year’s Angel Tree Forest, you’ve probably already felt that warm feeling that Christmas is near. It’s the season to be thankful and embrace community members in need of a little support, joy and love.

To help those in need this Christmas, White’s Chapel will be sponsoring multiple families and individuals during the long-standing and beloved Angel Tree Forest donation event. Through Dec. 4, participants will be able to donate items to help multiple groups in need including: families/individuals in crisis (represented by the Presbyterian Night Shelter—PNS), babies and new parents (represented by JPS Foundation, Marcy House, and Pregnancy Help 4 U), seniors (represented by nearby nursing homes), military families and veterans (represented by PNS Patriot House and the WC Soldier Ministry), children in need of bicycles (represented by Spokes4Hope), residents at local shelters (represented by PNS and ACH Child and Family Services), and families experiencing childhood cancer (represented by Lighthouse).

“The Angel Tree Forest helps White’s Chapel reach out to those in need,” one of the lead volunteers, Martha Reukema, shared. “Not only do we provide seriously-needed items to the recipients, we also want to share our love, hope and joy with them. They may not receive Christmas gifts, joy and love from anyone else.”

**Angel Tree Forest**

**Whispers of Love**

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**Confirmation Service This Weekend**

This Sunday, during the 11 a.m. worship service, Drs. John McKellar and Todd Renner will present vows of membership to the fall Confirmation class. After the service, students will gather near the Jesus Fountain, where they will officially be Confirmed and receive a blessing from White’s Chapel pastors. Baptisms will follow.

“Confirmation is a program that we have for young people, in grades six through high school. It is a way for them to take a few weeks as a group to really invest in their faith,” shared Confirmation leader and pastor Anne-Marie Berg. “So, they walk through critical matters of what it means to be a Christian, the understanding of God, the Bible, and what it means to be the church... and our hope is, by the end of this program, they will have the tools they need to claim their faith for themselves. In the Methodist church, we practice infant baptism. We do that as a way of acknowledging God’s presence with them from birth, as we continue our sermon series, “Lessons from the Kid’s Table.” We hope you will join us.”

**Disaffiliation Voting Results**

Our church voted by an overwhelming majority (93.6%) to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church.

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**Senior Stockings & Baby Blessings**

The Senior Stockings and Baby Blessings are two of the most-recognized trees represented in the Angel Tree Forest. This year, the church will continue to care for those in the most vulnerable age groups. Each group will have gift trees.

**Dr. Aaron Alfred Lee**

**An Afternoon of Musical Blessings Presented Nov. 12 in Grace Chapel**

Dr. Aaron Alfred Lee is honored to welcome internationally known musician, composer and vocalist Dr. Aaron Alfred Lee on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. in Grace Chapel. There is no charge for admission; however donations and offerings are encouraged and cheerfully accepted.

Lee, a native of Malaysia, is currently residing in the United States of America. He received his degree in music composition from the College of Music at the University of North Texas, Denton, TX, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Music degree from the Central Philippine University, Iloilo, Philippines. He began studies of music at the early age of 8, and his musical talent became public three years later, after winning a national keyboard/organ competition in Malaysia.

Lee has traveled extensively around the world. He has performed recitals and conducted seminars in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Australia, the Bahama Islands, Canada, and the United States. He has appeared in many different high profile venues; among them are the Little Carver Theatre, The Mabee

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Using our Liberties

By Dr. Todd Renner

"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause."—Abraham Lincoln

F rom my earliest days, I was taught to honor the patriotic holidays of our nation. Their dates were made all the more memorable since my mother’s birthday is on Memorial Day, and my father’s is on Veteran’s Day. My father, who served in the U.S. Air Force before going to work for the Department of Veterans Affairs, always insisted upon having a flag on our front porch, and he made sure that we respected all the rules concerning its display. He instilled in my brother and me a sense of profound and lasting gratitude for all those who served... and for those who serve even now.

Patriotism, as he would teach us, was not just a matter of bunting and booming fireworks; it wasn’t just a collection of stripes and stars flapping in the breeze. Patriotism was a sobering reminder of the price that had been paid to achieve the freedom that we enjoyed... and it was a call to sacrifice. A call to service. A call to courage. A call to a cause that was bigger than any of us and nobler than ourselves.

It was a call to use our freedom, not simply to do what we pleased, but to do what was right. It took years for me to realize that my father was actually quoting the Apostle Paul. “For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants to one another” (Galatians 5:13). In a self-indulgent age, in this modern time of unparalleled connectivity and, yet, crippling loneliness, we come once again to an ancient question: How will we use the liberties that have been given to us? Or, better yet, how will we use the liberties that have been purchased for us: freedoms purchased on beaches and in jungles, freedoms secured in deserts and in skies and on oceans’ waves? Most of all, how will we use the freedom bought for us on an old rugged cross and in an empty tomb?

In this week when we celebrate our veterans, let us do more than simply thank them for their service (though, let’s be sure to do that, too), let’s show them that their service—time and struggle and scars and sacrifice—is not taken for granted, that the freedom they chose to risk death to ensure is being faithfully and wisely stewarded in the hands we choose to live.

To have the name of a loved one on an active duty added to our Military Prayer List signifies to us that their service—their time and struggle and sacrifice—is not taken for granted, that the freedom they chose to risk death to ensure is being faithfully and wisely stewarded in the hands we choose to live.

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Angel Tree

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Military

Military families and individuals are often in need of support. This year, the Angel Tree Program will continue to support veterans transitioning from homelessness as well as deployed/active military personnel. Veterans moving out of the Patrol House and into their own apartment will receive some household essentials through the Angel Tree Program. Active military families may receive some small, requested items.

Broadway

The Foundry will be hosting a production of Disney’s Broadway Junior Musical, “The Lion King.”

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Many of these individuals represented are provided to the WCGC Solar Ministry, which sends military boxes to troops throughout the year to provide support and offer a bit of joy.

Angels Represented In Person & Online

This unique donation experience has been a tradition at White’s Chapel for about 17 years. Families and individuals are encouraged to participate in this year’s event by adopting an ‘angel,’ either in person or online. A typical angel tag will list one clothing item, one ‘want’ and one ‘need’ to purchase with costs ranging from $25–30 per ‘angel.’ Each individual may have specific items that are unique to their group. The number of items on each angel tag may vary. If someone is unable to purchase a physical gift, they will want to participate, gift cards are also accepted.

Participants can donate to the event, volunteer to sort gifts or deliver donated items to people in need this holiday season. Praying for each person/family represented is an important aspect of this ministry as well.

It has been said that these thoughtful gifts convey ‘whispers of love’ to each recipient. Please consider sponsoring a family or individual this season, and pick up an angel tag while you’re on campus. Trees are available in the concourse and near Wesley Cafe. The virtual Angel Tree Forest is also available online.

Angel Tree Forest: Nov. 1–Dec. 4
Virtual Angel Tree Forest: https://sugeni.us/GMP79

Additional information about the Angel Tree Forest will be highlighted in other upcoming Herald articles.

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Lighthouse

Lighthouse is returning to the Angel Tree Donations event. The organization helps families living through childhood cancer. Families who have a child in the hospital have faced challenges in recent years. Participants will help provide care packages and meal/presentation gift cards for those represented in this group.

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group, Theater, will be different sets and costumes for each number. We did not hold back on production value. It is going to be so exciting.

‘With no script to tie everything together, we have a show host to offer trivia, story and online information and fun facts during the transitions,’ added Blalock. ‘We also have added short scenes before some of the numbers to give the audience a clear picture of what’s about to happen in the musical number.


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Hagen, and Stage Manager, Gavin Zeitoff. A group of teens (former WC Theater students) also helped produce the show, including Lee Blalock, Daniel Flood, Avery Lewis, Odell Schutz, and Zoe Thompson. For additional information about the spring session of WC Theater, please contact Julia Blalock.

 virtualseatbelt.com
“Surviving the Holidays while Grieving”

Mondays, Nov. 28-Dec. 19
4 p.m. / Center for Spiritual Care

The pain of losing someone we love is the continuation of that tradition. These children, who are often baptized as infants, whose parents have offered their faith on behalf of them, now get a chance to claim that for themselves.

Berg and Denise Bennett, Co-Director of WC Kids, put together a 10-week Confirmation curriculum with their Cell Groups.

After the service, the group will process out of the sanctuary with members of the White’s Chapel Choir and Pot Pies, was very informative with members of the White’s Chapel Chapel and Pot Pies. refreshments will be served after the concert.

Center, Charles W. Eismann Center, The Meyerson Center, the historical St. Andrew’s Cathedral in Sydney, Australia during the summer 2000 Olympic Games, and the Dora Stratou Theatre by the Acropolis at Athens, Greece during the 2004 Summer Olympic Games. He also performed for the enthronement of the Anglican Archbishop of the Bahamas, and was interviewed by Premier, the largest Christian radio and television station in London during the 2012 Summer Olympic Games. In 2002, he arranged and composed the marathon number for the Mary Kay Cosmetics Annual Convention, and performed at the Dallas premiere of the movie Star Wars Episode II - “The Attack of the Clones.”

Active as a classical composer, Dr. Lee has works performed or commissioned by major orchestra and music ensembles. Among them are the Greater Fort Worth Community Band, the Cottbus Youth Symphonic Band of Germany, the Macau Chamber Orchestra, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra, the Berlin Symphony Orchestra, the Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of London. The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) has recognized him with special distinction as being the top five in the 23rd Annual Rudolf Nissim Award for the creation of classical composers. In 2005, he was commissioned to compose a work for two pianos for Carnegie Hall, New York.

However, among all the accolades attributed to him, Lee considers his conversion to Christianity the utmost best of them all, and gives glory solely to God alone. He invited Christ into his heart at the age of 17, and since then, by God’s divine guidance, he continues to bring many souls to Salvation, winning them for Christ through his powerful and anointed music. Recipient of the title of Buddhist and Taoist origins converted to Christianity. In late 2014, under the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit, he began setting up an international ministry focusing on evangelism through music. Now extending to the Ministry of the Government of the World. Lee continues to share the good news of salvation through music and testimonies to anyone who is interested. Please come and be amazed by a God-given musical talent and experience, as well as enjoy the amazing grace of God.

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WC Christmas Festival
Wednesday, Nov. 30 begins at 2 p.m.
Fireworks Finale at 7:15 p.m.
Our annual night of fun includes 4 live nativities, bounce houses, rides, petting zoo, reindeer photos and free carnival refreshments open 2 p.m.—all inflatables, games, pony rides, petting zoo, reindeer photos and food trucks and free carnival refreshments open 4 p.m.—food trucks, snow hill, and bigger kid rides will open. Food trucks and other kid-friendly food items are available for purchase.

Pizza, BBQ, Funnel Cakes, Churro, Snow Cones, cotton candy and hot chocolate are FREE.

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Prayer List