

Announcements, continued...

Rev. Jonathan Sherrod, the pastor of Kirk of Holly Springs, wrote to express his congregation's gratitude for Milner's support of their church. He notes, "Last spring you graciously donated a sound system for our use in our new worshipping facility. We were very remiss for not having thanked you much sooner. We do thank you very much for this needed piece of equipment in our growing ministry." Along with his note, the pastor enclosed a check for \$100 from the Kirk of Holly Springs as an honorarium, in appreciation of the gift of the sound system.

Today marks the last public worship service at Milner Memorial Presbyterian Church. The church building will remain open for a few groups that will continue to meet in January. If there is another gathering of the congregation scheduled, our Clerk of Session (Bill Raudenbush) will send a notice by mail.

A Brief Look at Milner's history - Milner Memorial Church was organized in 1923 as First Vanguard congregation located at the corner of Martin and Swain Streets in Raleigh. The church moved to their present location at 1950 New Bern Avenue in 1955. This was done under the leadership of Reverend A.R. Buffaloe and was made possible by the generous donation of land and money by Mr. Henry H. Milner. The congregation first built and met in the fellowship hall and later added an educational building, and our modernist sanctuary. From *www.MilnerMemorial.org*

The positive influence of Mr. Henry. H. Milner (From *The History of First Presbyterian*)
"A high priority of the Vanguard Class was the establishment of new Presbyterian churches and missions in the Raleigh area. These included Milner Memorial, Westminster, and Buffaloe Chapel. At the same time, there was renewed commitment to community outreach and service, thanks in part to the remarkable generosity of one man. In January, 1936, it was announced that Mr. Henry H. Milner, a Ruling Elder of the First Vanguard Church and a former member of First Presbyterian Church created a trust. The trust's proceeds were to be used exclusively for three benevolent causes: home mission work in the Raleigh area, assistance to young men seeking an education for the ministry, and general charitable purposes."



Milner Memorial Presbyterian Church

GOD CALLS! WE WELCOME ALL IN FAITH... IN LOVE... IN SERVICE

December 30, 2018, First Sunday of Christmas

Welcome to all visitors worshipping with us! We are so glad you're here.

Today we'll install our church officers in worship. We welcome Sheila Goodman and Nakotey Hervie to our new class of elders. In addition, we recognize Julia Jacobs and Dorothy Demby-Paige for their dedicated service. Their care, thoughtfulness, and insight have added much to the discussions and decisions of Milner's Session. Rev. David Huffman, Milner's Moderator, has asked Dorothy and Julia to continue attending Session meetings as resting elders, due to the value of their input. Dorothy and Julia will join Gene Earp and Elbis Hernandez (Class of 2019) and Betsy and Bobby Nelson (Class of 2020), as Session continues to meet in the new year. We thank all the Session members and Bill Raudenbush, our Clerk of Session, for the numerous hours they've devoted and the care they've taken in their decisions during their terms.

A gentle reminder – For your giving to be attributed to the 2018 tax year, it must be received by the church office or postmarked by December 31, 2018.

If you plan to stop by the church office to see Virginia, please email or call her to make sure she'll be there. Office hours in January will be more irregular than usual.

Raleigh Youth Mission donated \$50 to Milner recently. Rev. Linda Harding, RYM's director, wrote, "Over the past year we have served at your church, working on items inside and outside the church. You even hosted one of our groups for a weekend last May! We want to say 'Thank you!' for all the ways you supported and encouraged this community. Please accept this gift as a symbol of our appreciation and support."