

# MarketPlace

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## **Spiritual Renaissance Singers to Perform at WMSUMC, January 20 WMSUMC**

The Spiritual Renaissance Singers of Greensboro (SRSB) will perform a concert on Sunday, January 20, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in WMSUMC's Sanctuary. Comprised of Greensboro area residents of various cultural and professional backgrounds and directed by Patricia Johnson Trice, SRSB seeks to preserve and perpetuate through performance the unaccompanied arrangements of the African-American Spirituals. The pieces include works arranged by Hall Johnson and H. T. Burleigh and will feature songs about faith and heaven. The public is invited to attend without charge.

This concert is sponsored by the Music and Arts Team.



## **Proyecto Abrigo Begins January 17**

On January 17, an intergenerational mission team of 30 will travel to a small impoverished *colonia outside* of Juarez, Mexico, to participate in the *Proyecto Abrigo* mission. They will construct three homes for families currently living in cardboard shacks, and they will worship with their brothers and sisters in Christ at the Nuevo Pacto church.

Please keep these mission team members in your prayers: Ashley Boaeuf, Rusty Boaeuf, Betty Betts, Charles Betts, Clayton Betts, Charlie Betts, Fred Black, Kathryn Black, Genia Fontaine, Patrick Fontaine, Elizabeth Gilliam, Elizabeth Hackney, Kay Harmon, Mary Jacke, Fritz Kreimer, Jenna Livingston, Rob Livingston, Dave Melton, Mary Katherine Melton, Elizabeth Montgomery, William Montgomery, Lee Perry, Will Perry, Lyn Rollins, Joshua Rubio, Pat Spicer, Patrick Stovall, Jerry Troxler, Lola Weikel, Tyler Wolfe

## **New Members**

Welcome to the following who joined the fellowship of WMSUMC on Sunday, December 23, 2007.

*Hillary Buck*, 1407 Bogart Street, 27405  
(638-3830).

*Jeff and Karen Peck* of 1830 Crossroads Drive, 7455  
(298-3060). They have a nine-year old son, Connor, and are transferring from Crossroads UMC, Ashburn, VA.

## **Sign Up Now for Pictorial Directory in the Gathering Space**

You can also sign up on line by going to [wmsumc.org](http://wmsumc.org)  
and follow the link.

Photography dates  
February 4 - 10 and February 13 - 16

**Our Mission:** *The mission of WMSUMC is to glorify God as we make, nurture and send forth disciples of Jesus Christ.*

## A Word from the Pastor . . .

### *A Look Back (A must Read)*

It's hard to believe Christmas has come and gone, and that we've jumped into another year. And how could that year be 2008? Oh my... Before we get caught up in the New Year, I think it important to recall the record of God's direction and blessing of our church and ministry during the past twelve months.

Last January, after spending many months praying about how we could respond to the growing numbers of persons in our community who are struggling with hurts and addictions, we began a new ministry called Celebrate Recovery. Under the direction of the Reverend Bill Ellison and Allen Meeks (and an additional number of incredibly committed lay persons) Celebrate Recovery was launched in our Fellowship Hall. Since then countless persons, in and out of our church, have found friendship, solace and healing in and through the program. On any given Thursday night in Room 405 between 25 and 50 people gather for a meal, worship and spiritual help. Celebrate Recovery is a gift from God to our congregation and to our whole community. Its significance cannot be over-emphasized.

Our Outreach Ministry — already in my opinion the region's strongest and most aggressive— continued to look for ways to serve God both here in Greensboro and all across the world in 2007. It would take more than the total pages of this newsletter to recap the whole of our program. New ministries in 2007 included: our team's first mission trip to Eastern Europe and the adoption of three fledgling Methodist congregations in Bulgaria; expansion of our Medical Mission commitment in Guatemala to include the building of houses in the jungle for families without suitable shelter and a Vacation Bible School for some 400 children; doubling of our Thanksgiving Turkey Day provision to more than 200 families; and the creation of our first Christmas Store that allowed more than 100 impoverished families to shop for Christmas gifts for their families. Those are only a few of our

new Outreach highlights. A week from now, 30 of us will honor the legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by traveling to Juarez, Mexico, to care for the poor. Our adult/youth combo team will build three cinder block houses for families now living in cardboard shacks. As our Youth often say: "God is good, all the time."



In June the Reverend Rob Hutchinson joined us on staff. In September, after years of prayer and planning, he led us to begin a new worship service, the "9:40" in our Fellowship Hall. "9:40" is contemporary in every way. The message is the same as our other services, but everything else is different. Audiovisuals are strikingly creative and modern. Attendance at "9:40" is averaging between 75 and 100 persons. Many of those persons are people who had never been in West Market before. New people are coming to Christ through the service. Please consider visiting "9:40" and helping us "seed" it for a few months. The feeling of that service is much warmer when many of the chairs are filled. "9:40" will grow much faster if we ourselves commit to filling chairs temporarily.

You need to know that we have just finished the best ministry year I have ever heard of, much less experienced. And on New Year's Day, just when I wondered how God could possibly bless us any more, I received the following financial message from our Reverend Scott Nowlan: "2007 has come out in the black. It will be a few days before the dust settles and we know exactly where we are but 2007 has by any account been our best year ever in finances and in ministry!!" What a celebration! Thanks be to God! We are truly being used to transform the community and world. You need to know that kind of blessing encourages me to dedicate even more of my time, energy and resources to our church. I pray you might consider the same. May God continue to bless you!

*Dave Melton*

## WORSHIP

**Sundays,  
January 13**

Sermon: Dave Melton  
**January 20**  
Rob Hutchinson  
*The 11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship  
Service is broadcast over  
WPET 950 AM*

## Tuesday Music

**12:30 p.m. Sanctuary  
January 15**  
Music from the 9:45 Service  
(Rob Hutchinson and friends)  
Fellowship Hall  
**January 22**  
Susan Bates, organ  
Sanctuary  
Music for meditation  
begins at 12:25 p.m.  
A light lunch will be served  
each Tuesday from  
11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
and 1:00 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.  
for \$5.00.

## WCN Menu

**January 16**  
Chicken casserole  
Carrot Raisin Salad  
Broccoli with cheese  
Corn  
**January 23**  
Soup/Salad  
Cornbread/crackers  
Pizza for children.

## Wednesday Church Night Adult Offerings

*January 16*  
**Travel Safety** presented by  
Julie Black and Lisa Morrow,  
from AAA.  
*January 23*  
**Planning Quick Nutritious  
Meals.** Jennie Betton, from  
United Child Development,  
will discuss menus for all  
ages.  
*January 30*  
**Depression As We Age,**  
Sandra Howell, WMSUMC's  
Parish Nurse.

## Small Group Offerings

**Companions in Christ** - Monday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with Kay Harmon, begins February 11  
**Beth Moore Studies** - Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., with Beth Loseke, January 24—March 13; or Sunday evenings 5:30 to 7:30 p.m

## Our Presence

	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 30	Jan. 6
<b>Sunday School</b>	232	198	184	202
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	261	187	136	151
<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	100	81	91	67
<b>10:55 a.m.</b>	520	424	241	251

## Embracing 2008: A New Year's Youth Party at the Gray's

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth and adult youth leaders are invited to a very special New Year's party on Sunday, January 27 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the home of Sara, Ryan, and Sam Gray. The Gray's live at 2162 Herron Road, Whitsett. Now that we are several weeks into God's gift of 2008, we have seen a glimpse of the possibility, promise and potential of this New Year in each of our lives. Bring your friends on this special night as we embrace 2008 together. We will have a chance to glaze the pottery pieces that we created on the High School Retreat. There will be an art project for each person to do, even if you were not at the High School Retreat. Delicious food will be enjoyed and you will warm up around a campfire. A memorable ceremony to commit ourselves to God's Kingdom in 2008 will be held. And we will laugh, play, enjoy friendships, and make some memories that will carry us forward into the New Year.

Meet at church in the Youth Coffee House at 4:00 p.m. We will drive the church van, or two vans if needed. The van(s) will return to the church by 8:00 p.m.

## Health Happenings Celebrate Your Best Years in Your Best Skin

A dermatologist discusses how to keep your skin healthy as you go through menopause. Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Women's Hospital of Greensboro, Classrooms 5 & 6. Call 832-8000 to register.

## Confirmation 2008 : the Experience Launches on Sunday, January 20

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to participate in Confirmation 2008. Confirmation is an important rite of passage in the life of teenagers. It allows our youth to explore their faith, to ask questions in a safe environment, to learn more about our faith heritage, to discover and experience a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through spiritual practices, and to be given the opportunity to "Claim the Name" of Christian for themselves. Confirmation will give students opportunities for deeper spiritual formation which will allow God, the Master Potter, to shape and form the clay of their lives. As we discover how to follow Jesus together, we will morph into the Masterpiece that God has created each of us to be.

Confirmation will meet each Sunday morning from 10:50 a.m. until 12:00 noon upstairs in the Confirmation Room in the Youth Suite (Room 403B). It is important to make this experience a priority in your schedule and do everything you can to attend each week so that you do not miss any of our experiences together. Confirmation 2008 will be led by our Youth Pastor, Jeff Peck. Confirmation will also include a unique retreat in the Springtime. We will celebrate Confirmation in our worship gatherings on Sunday, May 18. Please sign up for Confirmation 2008 on our church website at [www.wmsumc.org](http://www.wmsumc.org) or by contacting Nancy Hamilton at [nhamilton@wmsumc.org](mailto:nhamilton@wmsumc.org) or calling her at 336-275-4587 vm 12.

## Circles

Tuesday, January 8

*Circle #4*, 7:00 p.m., 107 Checkerberry Lane, Tina Delaporte and Mary Belle Gilbert, hosts

*Circle #6*, 10:00 a.m., 1103 Brookside Drive, Stark Zauber and Susan Osborne, hosts

Thursday, January 10

*Circle #8*, 7:00 p.m., 3808 Hazel Lane, Pam Hughes, hosts

Monday, January 14

*Circle #1*, 10:15 a.m., 3 Round Hill Court, Maria Novak, host

*Circle #2*, 10:30 a.m., Gathering Space, Jane Reynolds and Mary Jane O'Connor, hosts

*Circle #5*, 7:00 p.m., Gathering Space, Augusta Johnston, host

## United Methodist Women Honor Becky Brown

Congratulations to Becky Brown, who was honored at the December United Methodist Women General Meeting with the 2007 Gayle Hicks Fripp Award. Each year our United Methodist Women present the award to a member of the West Market UMW who has given outstanding service to her unit, her community, and her profession (including homemaking). Becky was presented with a sapphire Special Mission Recognition pin, representing a gift to mission given in her honor. It was wonderful to have several members of her family there to help surprise her! Becky was described during the presentation as "a true disciple serving in such caring ways. Her lovely smile and friendliness, her caring spirit, and her gracious manner have been special gifts she has shared with family and friends, at church, in UMW and in Greensboro."

**Congratulations Becky!**

## Our Church Family

As of January 6, 2008

### In Memoriam

*Moriene B. Wells*

December 12, 2007

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

*Charles P. Cline*

Sympathy is extended to wife, Mary, family and friends.

*Judith Chafin Weaver*

December 15, 2007

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

*Alan Dransfield*

December 20, 2007

Sympathy is extended to his wife, Eileen, sons Mark and Tim, family and friends.

*Jesse Lee Pegran, Jr.*

January 3, 2008

Sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to *Joe Manson* on the death of his brother, William Yates Manson, of Durham, NC, on December 29, 2007.

### New Babies

Welcome to the following:

*Jordan Nicole Osborne*,

daughter of Iana and **Eric Osborne**, of Lexington, VA, born December 14, 2007.

Paternal grandparents are **Susan and Larry Osborne**.

*Theodore Rellon Hartley*

son of **Karen and Garrett Hartley**, born January 5, 2008.

### Baptism

*John Archer Craven (Jack)*,

son of **Chris and Maggie Craven**, was baptized

December 16, 2007.

## 50th Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following:

**Cindy and Fred Joseph** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 14, 2007. ; **Miriam and Philip Wall** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 21, 2007; **Macy and Julius Locklear** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 21, 2007

## Opportunities for JANUARY 13—26

Leak Chapel is open daily  
from 11a.m.-2 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

- 8:00 am Laity in Prayer, Rm 319  
8:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:40 am Worship Service, FH  
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages  
10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Children's Chapel  
12:00 pm Projecto Mission Team Meeting, FH2  
12:15 pm New Member Lunch, GS  
5:30 pm UMYF, YS  
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, Chapel

### MONDAY, JANUARY 14

- 5:30 pm Support Staff, CR  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15  
9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, 302D  
11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH  
12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary  
5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, Rm 316  
6:00 pm Christmas Store Church  
Coordinator Meeting, CR

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, Rm 109  
10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR  
3:30 pm Visitation Team, 302B  
4:00 pm Pancake Planning Meeting, 302D  
4:30 pm Trustees, CR  
4:45 pm WCN Kids, Rm 304E  
5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH  
5:30 pm Cherub Choir, Rm 303  
6:30 pm WCN Classes  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, Rm 317

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

- Projecto Abrigo leaves for Mission Trip  
9:30 am Sisters in the Spirit, GS  
6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, YS  
6:30 pm 9:40 Service Rehearsal, FH

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

- 8:00 am Laity in Prayer, Rm 319  
8:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:40 am Worship Service, FH  
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages  
10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Children's Chapel  
4:00 pm Spiritual Renaissance Singers  
Concert, Sanctuary  
4:00 pm Exploring West Market, FH2  
5:30 pm UMYF, YS  
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, Chapel

### MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Church Offices Closed

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH  
12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary  
5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, Rm 316  
5:30 pm Administrative Board, FH

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, Rm 109  
10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR  
4:00 pm Pancake Planning Meeting, 302D  
4:45 pm WCN Kids, Rm 304E  
5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH  
5:30 pm Cherub Choir, Rm 303  
6:30 pm WCN Classes  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, Rm 317

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

- 9:30 am Sisters in the Spirit, GS  
6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, YS  
6:30 pm 9:40 Service Rehearsal, FH

## WMSUMC to Join Guilford Interfaith Hospitality Network in 2008

Guilford Interfaith Hospitality Network (GIHN) is a nonprofit organization seeking to alleviate homelessness by uniting religious and community organizations to provide shelter, meals, and compassionate assistance to homeless families.

As a GIHN "host congregation", WMSUMC will provide overnight accommodations and meals for three to five families (up to 14 individuals) for one week once a quarter. Volunteers will prepare the evening meal and share it with the families, some will stay with the families at night and transport them back to the GIHN Day Center the next morning, and others will provide support by grocery shopping for breakfast and bag lunch items or washing linens and helping to set up or take down the rooms. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to demonstrate Christian hospitality and love to those in need.

*How Can You Support This Ministry?*

*\* Volunteer!*

*Provide and eat dinner with the families. (Great idea for Sunday School classes, UMW circles or small groups.)*

*Stay with the families overnight and help transport them to the Day Center.*

*Shop for breakfast and sack lunch items.*

*Help with laundry*

*Provide activities for the children on the weekends.*

*Help with set-up or take-down.*

*Sign Up in the Gathering Space and plan to attend the training session*

*on Monday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m.*

*\* Donate Needed Supplies*—Start your spring cleaning early. The following items are needed: Alarm clocks; baby bottles, liners; baby food, cereal; cleaning supplies, bleach; coloring books, crayons; disposable diapers, wipes; facial tissues, paper towels; lamps; Pillows (new only please); infant soap, shampoo; lunch, sandwich bags; paper, pencils, pens; toys, games, cards and books for all aged children; travel size toiletries; crates for storage; night-lights; furnishings for rooms (i.e. bedside tables, bean bag chairs); bed linens.

## Join A Choir in the New Year!

The music ministry of WMSUMC welcomes new members at any time. Start 2008 singing or *ringing in the new year*. Our choirs include

**Cherubs** (4 years old through 1st grade) Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. in Room 303

**Chancel Choir**, Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8:15 p.m., Choir Room 317.

These choirs resumed rehearsals on

**Joyful Noise** (2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades) Sundays, 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Resumes rehearsals on January 13.

**MarketBell Ringers** Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Room 316. Rehearsals will resume January 15.

**Youth Handbells** (Mid and Senior Highs) Sundays, Room 316. Rehearsal start for this choir is February 2.

Please call Alice Ann Johnson (275-4587,vm 18) for additional information.

## New Year's Resolution: "I Need to Play More"

### Join the WMSUMC Instrumentalists.

Anyone 8<sup>th</sup> grade and over who has ever enjoyed playing a musical instrument is invited. Chuck Spicer will direct this group of musicians. Performance opportunities will be identified as the group organizes. Rehearsals will be held every other Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 beginning on January 27. Sign up in the Gathering Space or at WCN.