

# MarketPlace

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## Opportunities for Lent

### Where Is God in the Interruptions? Find Out at WCN

How many of us are living the life we planned? We keep losing things: health, spouses, friends, jobs, dreams and security. Nothing stays the same or turns out exactly as we expected. Where is God in the midst of change? On Wednesday Church Nights during Lent, February 13-March 12, join Rev. Pam Strader as we look at what it means to lose your life in order to find it. We'll be studying *When God Interrupts: Finding New Life Through Unwanted Change*, by M. Craig Barnes. Copies of the book will be available at the class. The sessions are from 6:30-7:30.

### Tuesday Music Series to Offer Worship with Communion

Our Tuesday Music Series will feature worship with communion beginning February 12. The 12:30 p.m. Lenten Series will take place in the Sanctuary. The Lenten series will be held each week through March 18.

A light lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall each Tuesday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:00 to 1:20 p.m. at a cost of \$5.00.

Come be renewed and refreshed with worship and music on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.

### Lenten Series on Faith Sharing Facilitated by Bob Ball Sundays, February 17 - March 9 12:15-1:45 p.m.

This series is based on Rev. Bill Hybels book, *Just Walk Across the Room*, about sharing our faith with others every day and during times of mission. Testimonies from missionaries with faith-sharing experiences will bring comfort and confidence to those who wish to learn how to openly share their faith. Participants will also have the opportunity to explore and learn how to communicate their own faith stories. Lunch optional (\$5). Register online or call 275-4587, vm 16.



### We Need YOU for the Upcoming Directory! You Can Still Sign-up!!!

Although appointments are no longer being taken at the church, you can still call the CP Photo & Video message center at: 1-866-554-9032. They will return your call in 24 hours or less to help you select an appointment time, When you call -- leave your name, church name, phone number where you can be easily reached, and you can even leave a brief message.

Your photograph will be included with your church family and you get a free color church directory and an 8 x 11 photograph free!

**Don't miss out!**

### New Members

Welcome to Roger and Kimberly Kramer, 1008 Rollingwood Dr. 27410 (cell phone 908-3712), who joined WMSUMC Sunday, January 27, 2008, by transfer from Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, NC. Kimberly and Roger have two children, Hartley, age four, and one-year-old Andrew

### Sweet Elements

A Youth Fundraiser  
February 10  
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
\$10.00 per ticket

Sweet Elements: A Youth Variety Show and Dessert Celebration will be presented on Sunday, February 10, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. You don't want to miss this one! Everyone is encouraged to attend "Sweet Elements" to benefit Youth Missions. Tickets are available for \$10.00 each from any teenager, in the church office, or at the door. Please invite your friends and neighbors and help our youth earn money for Missions. Our high school students will be serving God this spring in Costa Rica. Sweet Elements promises a wide variety of youth talent, from music, to dance, to juggling, to drama, and a few surprises. And were the delicious desserts mentioned? Thanks in advance to each of you for your support of Youth Missions.



**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 . . .

### MARKINGS

This past summer our family purchased a new puppy. One of the things that attracted us to the dog we chose (Gracie Bear Susanna Wesley Melton) was her markings. Gracie Bear is solid black everywhere but her chest, where there is a solid white marking.

Physical markings are important to people as well. Some markings are natural: height, hair color, bone structure, etc. Some markings are artificial: tattoos, hair color (again), piercings, etc.

Christ followers too are marked. Baptism has always been seen as a special "marking" by the Church. As a matter of fact, in our baptismal service, the language "you are marked as Christ's own forever" is used.

As the season of Lent began this past week, a number of us were "marked" with ashes. At a climactic moment in the Ash Wednesday service, the symbol of the Cross was placed on our foreheads. That marking signified that we are followers of Jesus Christ, even though at the time of our marking, we knew where He was headed — to Jerusalem to die on the same Cross symbolized by our marking.

But Ash Wednesday's "marking" is not really for decoration. It is a marking for action. And what might that action be? Jesus marked us for two purposes: to live faithfully and to make disciples. The last words He left with us were: "Go make disciples of all people."

Around our church we often are reminded that the Church of Jesus Christ is the only institution in the world that exists for the people who are not yet

members of it. Lent's focus is that our call is to deny ourselves in such a way that we might be brought to Him.

Our Lenten journey this year will be the actions called for by our Lord: to live faithfully and making disciples. Over the next weeks we will be talking about the actions of Christ. The theme will be based on the book, *Just Walk Across the Room*.

Through our worship services, small group lessons and special classes we will be challenged to become better equipped to offer Christ to people in our world. As we do that we will not be called to preach on street corners or offer crusades. We will be reminded that offering Christ is/can be a natural product of our walk in faith.

Jesus' marking in my life is powerful. I often share with you that Jesus' marking in my life is the most important thing about me. I shudder to think about what my life would be like without God.

The very idea that there are thousands of persons in my world and yours who are unaware of God's love for them is tragic. I'm incredibly excited about seeing how Christ's marking in our lives can be used to bring the Gospel message to persons who are outside of the Church.

I thank God for the fact that you and I are "marked as Christ's own." May God speak into your heart during this sacred season about the pain He feels that there are so many in our community who are far from Him. God bless you.



### WORSHIP

**Sundays,  
February 10 & 17**  
Sermon: Dave Melton  
*The 11:00 A.M. Sunday*  
Worship Service is broadcast  
over  
WPET 950 AM

### Tuesday Music

**12:30 p.m. Sanctuary**  
**Lenten Worship Service**  
**with Communion**  
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

#### February 13

Lasagna  
(meat and vegetable)  
Salad  
Bread

#### February 20

Rottiserie chicken  
Ranch potatoes  
Green beans  
Copper penny carrots

*Dave Melton*

### Health Happenings

**Update on Heart Health: Cholesterol...How low Do We Go?**  
**and The Role of Medication for a Healthy Heart**

Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Call 832-8000 to register and for location.

#### Considering Knee Replacement?

An orthopaedic surgeon leads a discussion about knee replacements and how to decide when it's the right time.

Thursday, February 28, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Moses Cone Education Center, Rooms 0029-0031.  
Call 832-8000 to register.

#### **I Can Cope: An Educational Program for Newly Diagnosed Cancer Patients and Their Families**

Classes taught by oncologists, nurses and psychosocial support team  
Classes meet from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., February 28, March 6, and 13.  
To register call 832-0364.

### UNCG Chamber Singers in Concert February 24

On Sunday, February 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the WMSUMC's sanctuary, the UNCG Chamber Singers and various ensembles of the UNCG Baroque Ensembles will present a program of early and later Baroque music, including polychoral music for choirs, organ, instruments, and brass. The Chamber Singers will combine with instrumental forces such as viola da gamba, early trombones, winds, harpsichord, and organ to perform choral music for up to three choirs by Michael Praetorius. Praetorius, probably best known for the lovely Christmas carol "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming", was one of the most important and prolific composers of the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, writing massive works for multiple choirs and instruments. The program will also feature smaller Baroque ensembles performing music by Haydn, Schutz, and other early composers. The program is free and everyone is invited.

## Registration Begins February 11 at ECC

This is the time of year to register your child for the half-day program for the 2008-09 school year at the Early Childhood Center. The ECC is a five star center that offers a developmentally appropriate program for children ages four weeks through pre-K. Registration will take place the second week in February the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> for church members. If you have any questions about the program or would like to schedule a tour of the center please call the ECC office at 378-6093. Registration forms will be available in the center, by email or can be downloaded from our website on February 1. The website is [www.eccgreensboro.org](http://www.eccgreensboro.org).

## Susan Bates Latest CD Available

WMSUMC organist, Susan Bates, has recently recorded a CD of "Postludes" on our glorious, world-class Dobson-Rosales organ. Offered as a legacy of the church and in celebration of the spiritually empowered music ministries of the church, the CD features a joyous Bach organ concerto; Susan's husband, Jim's *Variations on "All Things Bright and Beautiful"*; two hymn improvisations along with some fiery French symphonic pieces. Bill Oden made this recording possible, and we thank him from the depths of our hearts. The CD is available through the church office for \$15, which will benefit the Music Fund of the church. It is Susan's prayer and hope that this gift of hers to the church will bless you and bring glory and honor to God alone.

## Knitting Classes Offered February 27, March 5 & 12

If you want to knit but have never learned how, come to a three-week session February 27, March 5, and March 12, on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 when Sarah Hester will lead the group in the basics. Participants will also hear about the Prayer Shawl Ministry that has blessed so many, both knitters and recipients.

Call Nancy Hamilton to register (275-4587, vm 12). There is no fee for this class

## Circles

### Tuesday, February 5

**Circle #4**, 7:30 p.m., 3618 Birchwood Lane, Evelyn Love and Mary Craven, hosts

### Wednesday, February 6

**Circle #7**, 12:00 noon, Church Gathering Space

### Thursday, February 7

**Circle #8**, Time TBA., Church Conference Room

### Monday, February 11

**Circle #1**, 10:15 a.m., Church Library

**Circle #2**, 10:30 a.m., Church Gathering Space, Rachel Dunn and Grace Lowdermilk, hosts

**Circle #5**, 7:00 p.m., Church Gathering Space

### Tuesday, February 12

**Circle #6**, 10:00 a.m., 810 Westminster Drive, Kay Arthur and Lynn Jones, hosts

## Confirmation Mentor Meeting February 17

Please mark your calendars for this very important meeting for all Confirmation students and mentors. As they meet in the Youth Coffee Shop from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m., they will discover what it means to be mentored and why it is important. Practical tools to use in growing healthy mentor relationships will be given. One of last year's adult mentors and a Confirmation student will tell about their journey together. Expectations of mentors and confirmation students will be gone over. Additional Confirmation mentors are needed. If you are willing to mentor one of our 18 students, please contact Jeff Peck at [jpeck@wmsumc.org](mailto:jpeck@wmsumc.org) or 275-4587 vm 14.

Everyone is asked to pray for each of our Confirmation students by name during this important rite of passage in their lives: Kathryn Black, Kaitlyn Godfrey, Allen Jones, Caroline Livesay, Jenna Livingston, Allen Martin, Greg Peoples, Annie Phillips, Austin Sellick, Stephen Stahl, Jessica Stanley, Justin Stanley, Mary Grace Stoneking, Alex Tollison, Tim Townsend, Tyler Wolfe, Megan Wright, and Carsyn Yow.

## Our Church Family

As of February 3, 2008

### In Memoriam

**Ann Trorato Bischel**

January 26, 2008

Sympathy is extended to daughter **Janet Barr**, family and friends.

### In Memoriam

**Robert E. Proctor**

February 4, 2008

Sympathy is extended to his wife, **Nancy**, family and friends.

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **Trudy Atkins** on the death of her sister, Frances Walton Duttera, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, on January 18, 2008, and to Dot Wyrick (staff) on the death of her sister, Beatrice Hepler Campbell, on January 26, 2008.

### Our Presence

Sunday	Jan. 27	Feb. 4
SS	266	221
8:30 a.m.	162	167
9:40 a.m.	81	97
10:55 a.m.	350	285

### Welcome to Our Local Visitors February 3, 2008

Rachel Adkins  
Mike & Rosemary Bumpaz  
John Cameron  
Joe & Sara Clark  
Tiffany Clark  
Tim Compton  
Diane Dalton  
Jean Denton  
Allison Doyle  
David & Amy Daughton  
Alyne Ferreiro  
Sandra Jones Masnick  
Sarah Meyer  
Shaun McNeill  
Eugene & Barbara Sanders  
Kathryn Van Roekel  
Cathy & Dale White  
Bonnie Williams

## February 16

### Ski Trip

Leave at 7:00 a.m. for Hawk's Nest Ski Resort.

Lift tickets are \$39.00 for adults and \$36.00 for children/youth.

Tubing is \$25.00 for 1 hour and 45 minutes

Reservations are due by Sunday, February 10.

### Tennis Social

Piedmont Indoor

Tennis Center

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\$8.00 per person

To register for either of these FARM events, contact Nancy Hamilton in the church office to register (275-4587, vm 12).

## Opportunities for February 10 - 23

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 8:00 am Laity in Prayer, 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  
12:00 noon Bulgarian Mission Team  
Orientation, CR  
12:15 pm Children's Team, FH2  
3:00 pm Pictorial Directory, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
3:00 pm Exploring West Market, FH2  
4:30 pm WMS Instrumentalists  
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, Chapel  
6:30 pm Sweet Elements, FH

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 7:00 pm Poverty Seminar, CR

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, 302D  
11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH  
12:30 pm Tuesday Worship, Sanctuary  
5:30 pm Finance Committee, CR  
5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109  
4:00 pm Board of Trustees, CR  
4:45 pm WCN Kids, Rm 304E  
5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH  
5:30 pm Cherub Choir, 303  
6:30 pm WCN Programs  
6:55 pm Chancel Choir, 317

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 12:00 noon Evangelism Team, CR  
3:00 pm Pictorial Director, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, FH

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 3:00 pm Pictorial Directory

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 6:30 am Ski Trip  
10:00 am Pictorial Directory, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
10:30 am Bulgarian Class, CR  
6:00 pm Tennis Social

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 8:00 am Laity in Prayer, 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  
12:00 noon Faith Sharing Class, FH2  
12:15 pm New Usher Orientation, Chapel  
4:30 pm Youth Handbells, 316  
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, Chapel  
5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 6:30 pm CR Step Study, 302A

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109  
3:00 pm Pictorial Directory, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
4:45 pm WCN Kids, Rm 304E  
5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH  
5:30 pm Cherub Choir, 303  
6:30 pm WCN Programs  
6:55 pm Chancel Choir, 317

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, FH  
6:30 pm 9:40 Rehearsal, FH

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 10:30 am Bulgarian Class, CR

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## Support the 2008 Habitat Build as WMSUMC Joins Mt. Zion Baptist to Build a Habitat for Humanity Home!

*For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid;  
that foundation is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11*

WMSUMC is partnering with Mt. Zion Baptist to build a Habitat for Humanity house. You may sign up to volunteer or to make a donation starting Sunday, Feb. 10. There are volunteer opportunities available for all: Construction - *no experience required*; Food; and Devotionals

Please visit the Outreach Table in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights or in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings, or call the Outreach Ministry at ext. 16.

The build begins on Friday, March 28. Fundraising begins now!

Lend a 'helping hand and help us raise the \$30,000 needed to build the house!

## Conversational Bulgarian Saturdays, February 9 - March 15

10:30 a.m. -12:00 noon

Learn basic conversational phrases, church terms, facts about the culture and the Cyrillic alphabet. This is a great opportunity for missionaries as well as those who may never go to Bulgaria, so that we may better communicate with our brothers and sisters in Christ at our partner churches in Bulgaria. Register online or call 275-4587, vm. 16.

Facilitators are Rachel and Brandon Gilmore who are global missionaries, teachers and former Peace Corps volunteers to Bulgaria. They spent two years in Bulgaria teaching English and are fluent in Bulgarian and well-versed in the culture. They are both seminary students at Duke Divinity School.