

# MarketPlace

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United  
Methodist  
Women

## United Methodist Women General Meeting Monday, March 3 Fellowship Hall – Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

**Program:** Focus on Mission...our church ministry partnership in Bulgaria

**Hands-on Project:** Prayer Shawl knitting supplies for Bulgaria (see below)

**Awaken your senses at the March UMW General Meeting as we learn about our church's ministry partnership in Bulgaria.** **Hear** about West Market's partnership with three United Methodist churches in Bulgaria and learn how you are a part of this exciting new ministry. **Touch** this ministry through making prayer bracelets for team members and participating in the hands-on project. **See** pictures of the beautiful Bulgarian countryside, the people and the partnership churches. **Taste** a bit of Bulgarian food. Elizabeth Montgomery will share information about what it means to be in partnership, this summer's mission team activities, and future plans and ideas for this ministry. Hope you can join us!

**Reservations for dinner are required**, and must be in by Sunday, February 24. Call Peggy Joyner (274-0710) or Patricia Troxler (292-2164) to make your reservations. Cost of dinner is \$6.00. Childcare is available, by reservation only. *Reservations for childcare are also due by Sunday, February 24.* If you would like to attend, but need transportation, let Peggy or Patricia know, and we will be happy to arrange that for you.

The executive committee will meet prior to the General Meeting, off of the Fellowship Hall, at 5:00pm.

Hands-on Project: Collecting Prayer Shawl Yarn for Bulgaria — Members of the WMSUMC mission team this summer will teach the women how to knit prayer shawls. You are invited to bring yarn or knitting needles to the March United Methodist Women General Meeting.

- Please bring enough yarn to complete one prayer shawl - purchase 600 yards of the same yarn, check to ensure the dye lot number is the same if you have to purchase more than one skein.
- Machine washable and dryable, acrylic yarn is preferred (*not* 100% wool).
- Michaels, A.C. Moore, Hobby Lobby and other stores have a good selection of yarn at reasonable prices (approximately \$12-15/prayer shawl).
- Size 11 or 13 knitting needles of any material are needed.

Thank you for helping this ministry in Bulgaria get started!



## New Members

The following joined WMSUMC on Sunday, February 17, 2008

*Kim and Rob Ball*, 3905 Black Gum Place 27405 (908-1349). Rob joined by Profession of Faith and Kim joined by Profession of Faith and Baptism. The Balls have three children: Lynne, age five, Isaac, age four, and David eight months.

*Pam and David Baird*, 3301 Dunhagen Drive 27410 (931-1317), joined by transfer from Asbury UMC, Greensboro, NC. The Bairds have three grown children.

*Genia and Tim Fontaine*, 3603 Primrose Avenue 27408 (282-9327), joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. They have a son, **Patrick**, who joined WMSUMC with the 2007 Confirmation Class.

*Jane Hill*, 805 N. Elam Avenue 27408 (286-0693) joined by transfer from Grace Presbyterian Church, Plano, Texas.

*Charles Judy*, 3802 Friendly Acres Drive 27410 (286-9507), joined by Profession of Faith. Charles and his wife **Laura** have an eight-year-old son, Will.

*Vickie McGuirk*, 1902 Pebble Drive 27410 (282-8563) joined by transfer from Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC,

*Linda and David Pritchett*, 4600 Perquimans Road East 27407 (508-3137), joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. The Pritchetts have two children: Brooks, age nine, and Luke, age six.

*Rebecca Williamson*, 3 Sidney Marie Court 27407 (214-2942), joined by transfer from Carmel Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC.

**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 . . .

We're now in the middle of Lent, the 40 days excluding Sundays that precede Easter. And as a congregation, we're using this time to get ready for the event that rocked the world in a way that no other event in human history has – the resurrection of Jesus.

And though part of the theme of worship is remembering what Easter means to us, this year our main focus is on giving it (Easter and the fulfillment it brings – now and forever) away.

John Wesley, father of Methodism, established such a focus from the beginning. As a matter of fact, when historians and artists look back on his life, the words most remembered about Wesley are: "Offer them Christ."

At West Market, we are honing our "offering Christ" skills during this season. We're doing that because we truly believe that there are two times people outside the church are sensitive to the Gospel message: Christmas and Easter.

Frankly, I believe Easter to be the time when most hearts are sensitive to the possibility of redemption and resurrection. I believe that's why so many people turn up somewhere in church on Easter morning. It's not only that they want to be with family. It's not just to wear holiday finery.

I believe people come because they truly have a longing for something more in their lives, and the fact that billions of people have truly experienced the resurrection of Jesus in their individual lives leads them to wonder if it could be real to them as well. And frankly, I believe they think an hour is not too much time to invest on something so wonderful – even if it seems like a long shot!

More than anything else, so many of you tell me that you would like for your life

to make a difference, now and forever.

Frankly, "offering Christ" to someone is the single most significant thing you or I could ever do in this life.

So why not consider doing it? Many times it is as simple as walking across the room to engage someone in conversation that might lead to relationship (with you and Jesus.)

For the next weeks, we at West Market will be working on getting better at being ourselves around people far from God and sharing the Gospel message in our own individual ways, trusting that God will use our efforts to make a difference in people's lives and in the world.

Let me leave you with this: I don't believe anyone comes to Christ by himself or herself. That means that someone in my family's past offered Jesus Christ to someone with the last name of Melton.

It may not have seemed like a big thing at the time. But when I think about my family tree, and the number of lives (and eternities) affected, I am humbled and incredibly grateful. Oh that I could make such a difference!

God believes we all can make that kind of difference! Will you join with me in covenanting to "walk across the room" when give the opportunity? And invite those people you meet to church with you on Easter.

If you'll do your part, I and our others pastors will do ours. I have no doubt God will do His! And the results... Oh my!

*Dave Melton*



## WORSHIP

Sundays,  
February 24 & March 2

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

February 26

Rob Hutchinson, meditation  
Rob Hutchinson & Scott Nowlan, music

March 4

Bill Ellison, meditation  
Fred Jones, bass

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 27  
Tacos

March 5 - Seafood Night

Shrimp  
Trout  
Slaw

Baked potatoes/fries  
Hush puppies

## Susan Bates Latest CD Available "Postludes"

The CD is available  
through the church office for \$15.

Sales of the CD 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.

## UNCG Chamber Singers and Baroque Ensemble

Sunday, February 24  
at 5:30 p.m.

in WMSUMC Sanctuary  
Chamber Singers:

Welborn Young, director/  
James Bates, conductor

Baroque Ensemble: Gesa Kordes,  
director

## Good Friday Service March 21 12:00 noon

Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
present

## REQUIEM

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
Alice Ann Johnson, conductor  
Susan Bates, organist



**Lend a Helping Hand to the WMSUMC 2008 Habitat for Humanity Build!**

*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 to build a Habitat for Humanity house for a family. You may sign up to volunteer or make a donation.

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 275-4587, vm 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!

**Construction 101**

Attention All Habitat Construction Volunteers!  
Register for the Construction 101 Class Sunday, March 9 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Sponsored by the Missioners School  
Register online at [www.wmsumc.org](http://www.wmsumc.org), pick up a Missioners School Catalogue at the Outreach table, or call the Outreach Ministry office at 275-4587, vm 16.

**Circles**

**Tuesday, March 4 - Circle #4**, 7:30 p.m., 2313 North Elm Street, Carol Betts and Tina Delaporte, hosts  
**Wednesday, March 5 - Circle #7**, 12:00 noon, Church Gathering Space

**A Community Forum Ribbons of Connection: Interfaith Dialogue and Spiritual Practice**

with Dr. James R. Newby  
Saturday, February 24 3:00 p.m.  
Greensboro Historical Museum  
430 Summit Avenue  
Sponsored by Piedmont Interfaith Council and Friends Center of Guilford College

**Health Happenings**

**Super Sitter Workshop 2008**  
Open to children between the ages of 10 and 14.  
Fee: \$10  
Saturday, March 1, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Women's Hospital, Classrooms 1 & 2.  
Call 832-8000 to register.

**Grateful Acknowledgment**

A special thank-you to Bobby Church for providing his plumbing talents and skills to improve the gas connections to the two pancake griddles operating in the kitchen during Pancake Day. Bobby's dedication to these details made it easier to connect to the church's main gas line, providing a safe operation for everyone. We appreciate his valuable service and efforts on behalf of WMSUMC.

**Sweet Elements was Great!**

WMSUMC Youth want to thank each of you for joining us for Sweet Elements Youth Variety Show and Dessert Celebration.

A wide variety of talent was enjoyed, including swing dancing, rap, band jam, flute, oboe, magic, piano, vocals, a Blue Mando Duo (bluegrass with mandolin and banjo) and a hilarious and extremely powerful dramatic presentation! Sweet Elements was a fundraiser to benefit our Youth Missions. In June, we are taking a building team of 24 High School Youth and adults to serve God in Costa Rica. If you were unable to attend, but would still like to support this mission, we would deeply appreciate your contributions.

**UMYF Continues to Grow**

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12th grade youth are encouraged to bring a friend and come experience UMYF together on Sunday nights from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the Youth Coffee House. We enjoy a delicious meal, hang out and catch up with each other, embrace God's gift of Christian community, and discover what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ in today's world.

**February UMYF Schedule**

*Sundays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.*  
Youth Coffee House, Rm 405  
**February 24** - Movie Night "Secondhand Lions" Bring a friend and some snacks.  
**March 2** - Compassion International Focus. Please bring \$5.00 to support Johan Raphael Newton, the six-year old boy from India we are sponsoring.  
For more details, the February edition of our Youth Horizon Newsletter is available throughout the church and online at [www.wmsumc.org](http://www.wmsumc.org)

**Our Church Family**  
As of February 17, 2008

**Sympathy**

Sympathy is extended to **Allen Kivett** on the death of his mother, Alice Kivett, of Asheboro, NC, on January 31, 2008; **Rick Boggs** on the death of his brother, William Grayson Boggs, Jr., of Brevard, NC, on February 3, 2008; and **Bill Love** on the death of his sister, Betsy Pearson, of Hudson, NC

**Baptism**

The following were baptized Sunday, February 17, 2008:

*David Alastair Ball*, son of **Kim and Rob Ball**. Grandparents are **Sally and Bob Ball**, and great-grandparents are **Libbie and Bill Ball**.

*Andrew Barnes Kramer*, son of **Kimberly and Roger Kramer**.

**Our Presence**

| Sunday     | Feb 10 | Feb 17 |
|------------|--------|--------|
| SS         | 223    | 254    |
| 8:30 a.m.  | 158    | 162    |
| 9:40 a.m.  | 77     | 81     |
| 10:55 a.m. | 299    | 303    |

**Welcome to Our Local Visitors February 17, 2008**

Ian Bailey; Debroah Bisbee; Arlene Brooks; Matthew Burkett; Danny Crump; Adam & Erin Deal; Jean H. Denton; Bryan Druce; Aquira Ellis; Alyne Ferreira; Robyn & Chris Hayes; Annie Link; Sandy & Loren Rudolf; Kathy Draughn & Cherri Smith; Lee Thomas; Yancey & Pamela Wesson; Lea E. Williams; Thomas & Shandra Williamson; Wes & Colleen Wright Family

## Opportunities for February 24 - March 8

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 am Pictorial Directory, 312  
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  
4:00 pm WMS Instrumentalists. 317  
5:30 pm UNCG Concert, Sanctuary  
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, Chapel  
5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

11:00 am Friendship Club, FH3

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH  
12:30 pm Tuesday Worship, Sanctuary  
4:00 pm Stewardship Ministry, CR  
5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316  
6:00 pm COM, GS

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 am Sewing Group, 109  
11:30 am ECC Board, CR  
4:00 pm Art Committee, Library  
4:30 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  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:00 pm Building Committee, CR  
6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, FH  
6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

10:30 am Bulgarian Class, CR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 am Laity in Prayer, 319  
8:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:40 am Worship Service, FH  
9:45 am Acolyte Training, Sanctuary  
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages  
10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
12:00 noon Faith Sharing Class, FH2  
12:00 pm Disaster Response Training, GS  
2:00 pm Partners In Evangelism, CR  
4:00 pm Mississippi Trip Meeting, GS  
4:30 pm Youth Handbells, 316  
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, Chapel  
5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

### MONDAY, MARCH 3

5:00 pm UMW Executive Committee, FH2  
6:00 pm UMW General Meeting, FH  
6:30 pm CR Step Study, 302A

### TUESDAY, MARCH 4

11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH  
12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary  
5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316  
6:00 pm Turbo Group, GS

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 am Sewing Group, 109  
3:30 pm Sing-A-Long, Evergreens  
4:45 pm WCN Kids, Rm 304E  
5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH  
5:30 pm Cherub Choir, 303  
6:30 pm WCN Programs  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

10:30 am Bulgarian Class, CR

## Good Friday Requiem

March 21

12:00 noon

Sanctuary

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## Exciting Art News

Watch for our newest piece of art that will be on display in the Gathering Space soon! It is called "Washing of the Feet" by John August Swanson, an American artist born in 1938 and living in Los Angeles.

"Washing of the Feet" is a limited edition serigraph, using 33 colors and beautiful detail. A serigraph is a screen print. A separate stencil is cut for each color and each color is printed separately. John August Swanson's art reflects a long heritage of storytelling from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. His unique style is influenced by the imagery of Islamic and medieval miniatures, Russian icons, Latin American folk art and the work of Mexican muralists. His work is found in museums and private collections around the world. The Art Committee is thrilled to add this piece to our collection at WMSUMC.

### Leak Chapel Furniture Project

Representatives from the Art and the Space and Decorating Committees worked together to identify specific needs for completing Leak Chapel. Items identified were: an ambo (small pulpit), communion table, all-purpose table, baptismal stand, a flower stand and paraments. The group met with Erich Thompson, a local woodworker/artist and approved his design.

Miniature models of the ambo and the communion table can be seen in the pottery display case located beside the elevator near Leak Chapel.

The furniture will be created as money becomes available or donors come forward. Prices, as of January 2008, are: ♦Ambo, to be given by Alice Finch. ♦Communion table, \$5,000 to \$6,000. ♦All-purpose table, \$5,000 to \$6,000, will be used inside the entrance as a sign-up table or in the chancel area for communion elements. ♦Baptismal stand, \$600, to hold the pottery font that was given in honor of Rev. Paul Bradley by his family. ♦Flower stand, to be given by Alice Finch.

Thompson has completed the Ambo which is now in the Chapel. Curves are used in the design to tie in with the circular needlepoint and complement the architectural lines in the space. The chosen wood is mahogany, finished in a rich, honey tone, slightly darker than existing wood in Leak Chapel.

Those involved in the project are: Mary Craven, Faye Ellison, Doris Hall and Fray Metcalfe. We are grateful to Alice Finch for her gift to the church in memory of her husband, Paul. The gift of furniture is especially meaningful, as Paul's father made his living in the furniture business.