

# MarketPlace



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Greensboro, NC

## Holy Week/Easter Opportunities

**Holy Thursday**  
Communion/  
Tenebrae Service  
March 20  
7:00 p.m.  
Leak Chapel  
Child Care Provided

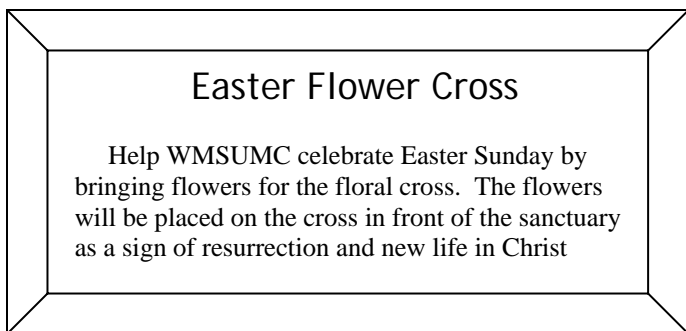
**Good Friday**  
March 21  
Noon  
Sanctuary  
**Requiem**  
by  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

**Easter Worship**  
March 23  
8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.  
Sanctuary  
9:40 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall



**Susan Bates  
Recital April 6**

**Festival of Easter**  
March 23  
9:30 - 10:45 a.m.  
Gathering Space  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



Registration Open  
for  
Leadership Summit  
Thursday and Friday,  
August 7 and 8

## Wednesday Church Night Spring Offering

The series after Easter through April 30 will be the study of Adam Hamilton's series on denominations entitled *Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why*. This study will coincide with the Sunday sermon series.

March 26 - Orthodoxy  
April 2 - Catholicism  
April 9 - Lutheranism  
April 16 - Presbyterianism  
April 23 - Baptists  
April 30 - Anglicanism/Methodism

## Triad Tapestry Children's Choir to Perform at WCN April 2

The *Triad Tapestry Children's Choir* will present a brief concert at the end of the WCN dinner hour on April 2. Classes will proceed after the concert.

Don't miss this year's Summit, Thursday and Friday, August 7 and 8. Members at WMUMC can register for a very special rate of \$75.00 now through July 13. For information and instructions to register by credit card visit the WMSUMC web site ([www.wmsumc.org](http://www.wmsumc.org)) and click on the Leadership Summit link. Enter the password *LWYA2008* and complete the registration process.

Registration can also be arranged by check payable to WMSUMC. To register by check, please contact Cheryl Moore in the church office (275-4587, vm 23).

Susan Bates will present her annual Easter Celebration Organ Recital on Sunday, April 6, at 4:00 p.m. She will offer a feast of Baroque and Passion period music. Come, bask in the beautiful sounds of our world class Dobson Rosales organ. Come be refreshed, renewed, and restored by God's glorious gift of music!

## Mark Your Calendar for Heritage Sunday Luncheon April 27

Heritage Sunday will be celebrated on April 27 during the morning worship services and at a luncheon immediately following the 10:55 service. Watch for details in the next *MarketPlace*.

# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR . .



The call to worship for our Good Friday service was:

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

***We were the silence when no bird sang.***

*Were you in the garden when the disciples fell asleep?*

***We were the betrayal in Judas' kiss.***

*Were you in the courtyard when the cock crowed three times?*

***We were the denial in Peter's mouth.***

*Were you among the scoffers when Jesus was flogged*

***We were the whip in the soldier's hand.***

*Were you in Pilate's chamber when he washed his hands of Jesus' sentence?*

***We were the hatred of the crowd; the indifference of Pilates heart.***

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

***We were the silence when no bird sang.***

The point all during this season of preparation is that we are there. We are players in the salvation drama re-enacted every year at this time as Lent concludes. And there is a reason for that.

The Passion was personal to Jesus. There was no point when He didn't have the choice to break away from God's plan of sacrifice

But because of His love for you and me, and all of humankind, never did He decide to sidestep the opportunity to bridge the gap between His Father - the God of the universe and the people who had broken away from Him. And so when Pilate asked Him to defend Himself, Jesus' response was silence.

Silence is difficult for many of us at any time. It calls us to introspective self-evaluation.

But during Holy Week, silence is especially difficult, even deafening, because those of us who, with Peter, have said that we will follow Christ even to the end know that we don't have the strength to follow through on our pledge.

And so as Christ marches on and we fall away, there is silence, deafening silence. And it's personal.

The whole Passion event is personal. Paul tries to explain it in Romans 5:8 where he writes: "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Actually, I believe that means that while Christ was on the Cross, we were on His mind. And though His pain was immense, I too believe He never regretted the cost He paid.

It doesn't get any more personal than that. The Passion event prepares us for His triumph at Easter. For though Good Friday ends in sorrow and death, the truth is that death has no power over Almighty God.

Now that's worth celebrating! It seems that we've been preparing for Easter for a long time. And now it's just around the corner. It's meant to be personal. Join us on Sunday for worship as we see whether or not the stone is rolled away. And invite someone to come with you. God bless you.

*Dave Melton*

## WORSHIP

Sundays,  
March 23 & 30  
8:30 and 10:55 a.m.

Sanctuary  
9:40 a.m.

### Fellowship Hall

Sermon: Dave Melton  
The 11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship Service is broadcast over  
WPET 950 AM

## Tuesday Music

12:30 p.m. Sanctuary

March 25

NO Tuesday Music

April 8

Faulty member of Music Academy of North Carolina  
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

March 26

Baked potato/salad bar  
Pizza for children

April 2

Chicken tenders  
Mac and cheese  
Waldorf salad  
Green peas

## "Lend a Hand to Habitat"

### Support the "Many Hands, One Foundation" WMSUMC 2008 Habitat Build

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

\*Note: New Start Date is Saturday, March 29. WMSUMC will partner with Westover Church to build a Habitat home for a deserving family.

"Lend your Hand" to the Habitat build by making a donation. The handprints of all donors will be placed on the "Many Hands, One Foundation" bulletin board in the reception area. Help us fill up our house with "many hands", and raise the \$30,000 we need to build the house. Donations may be made in honor or in memory of someone. All donations must be in by March 30.

Or "Lend your Hand" by volunteering. Volunteer opportunities include construction; 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 office at 275-4587, vm 16.

**Red Mitten Project:**  
**Don't forget to pay it forward and register on our website**

WMSUMC's youth have been learning what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our world. They studied Matthew 25:40 and learned that when we serve others, we are serving our King, Jesus Christ. The youth watched some movie clips from *Pay it Forward* and realized that each of us can unleash a revolution by sharing God's love and grace through words, through actions, and through following God's nudges and prompts in our lives.

The youth have been given a tiny red mitten and asked to give it to someone and do something for that person that they cannot do for themselves. As the mitten is passed, they are to remind that person of God's extravagant love and grace. The only thing that is asked in return is for the mitten recipient to pay it forward and pass the mitten along to someone else. As each person passes the mitten, it should be registered online at [www.wmsumc.org](http://www.wmsumc.org). When you register, you can see how this is spreading all over the place. Some mittens have already been taken to Germany, Belize, Michigan, and all over Greensboro.

If you would like a mitten for yourself, stop by the table outside of Jeff Peck's office and pick one up. Pay it forward and unleash a revolution of God's love and grace.

**Save the Date - Sunday, April 27, 2:00**  
 Washington Elementary School Community Work Day  
 Together with parents and other community partners, WMSUMC will participate in a community work day at the school. There will be jobs for all ages and physical ability

**How to Keep Your Brain Active**

The latest nationwide estimate has shown a 10 percent increase in the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease. The greatest risk for developing Alzheimer's disease is increasing age. With the baby boomers beginning to turn 60 it is estimated that someone in America develops Alzheimer's disease every 72 seconds. By the middle of the century someone will develop Alzheimer's disease every 33 seconds. From 2000-2004 death rates related to major diseases like heart disease, breast cancer, prostate cancer and stroke declined while the incidence of Alzheimer's disease deaths continued to increase, increasing 33 percent during that period. Until effective modifying medications are developed what can we do to help ourselves?

1. Read, write, and work crossword or other puzzles
2. Attend lectures and plays
3. Play games
4. Garden
5. Enroll in courses
6. Try memory exercises
7. Learn how to do new things
8. Stay active physically
9. Volunteer
10. Dance
- 11.

Whatever you choose to do, stay curious and involved. Commit to lifelong learning.

**Circle #4**

**Tuesday, April 1**  
**Circle #4**, 7:30 p.m., 44 Kinglet Circle, Laura Dixon and Trudi Atkins, hosts.

**Health Happenings**

*Women and Zzzz's* - Tuesday, April 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Women's Hospital of Greensboro-Classrooms 5 & 6. Call 832-6500 to register.  
*Genetics and Cancer* - Monday, April 7, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Wesley Long Hospital-Education Center-Classroom 1. Call 832-6500 to register.  
*HPV Vaccine and Young Girls* - Tuesday, April 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Women's Hospital of Greensboro-Classrooms 5 & 6. Call 832-6500 to register.  
*Food Labels-Guides to Good Food Choices* - April 24, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Cone Hospital-Rooms 0029-0031. Call 832-6500 to register.

**Friendship Club is March 31**

Friendship Club will meet on Monday, March 31, in Fellowship Hall 3. The speaker will be Scott Yost, who writes for the *Rhinoceros Times*. Lunch will follow the program. Cost of lunch is \$5.00. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, March 25 by calling Jeanne Shepherd at 275-4587. Plan to bring a friend and enjoy an interesting program, good food and great fellowship.

**Our Church Family**

As of March 16, 2008

**In Memoriam**

**Cecelia Todd Courtney**  
 March 12, 2008  
 Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

**Sympathy**

Sympathy is extended to **Carolyn Gribnau** on the death of her mother, Marjorie Bernice Gribnau, on March 11, 2008.

**Our Presence**

Sunday	March 9	March 16
SS	233	264
8:30 a.m.	132	170
9:30 a.m.	80	86
10:55 a.m.	402	411

**Congratulations Mary Belle and WMSUMC**

**Mary Belle Gilbert** was third among the individual money raisers for the 2007 CROP Walk. WMSUMC came in as the number five money raisers among businesses for the second year.

Congratulations to Mary Belle and to all of you who made donations to Mary Belle or another walker from West Market.

**Welcome to Our Local Visitors Sunday, March 16 2008**

Rachel Adkins; David Alexander; Betty Allen; \*Emily Archibald; Ian Bailey; Bland Family; Kevin Brenner; John Cameron; Tim Compton; Jennifer Cooper; Erin Deal; Stephen Dew; Todd, Tammi, Hunter, Caroline Early; Aquira Ellis; Alyne Ferreira; Rita Finkle; Sean & Brenda Gallagher; Sage M. Hanna; Pam & Morris Hayes; Robyn & Chris Hayes; Tia Hunter; Courtney Kidwell; Vickie McGuirk; Sean McClain; Danielle Marafiotte; Cheryl Moore; Melanie Shaffer; Jeff & Heather Williams; Lea E. Williams; Thomas & Shandra Williamson; Cheryl Wood; Kerensa Wooten; Wes & Colleen Wright & Family; Sarah Lewis Yow

## Opportunities for March 23 - April 5

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23—EASTER

8:00 am Laity in Prayer, 319  
8:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:40 am Worship Service, FH  
9:45 am Festival of Easter, GS  
10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

*Church Office Closed*

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 am Sewing Group, 109  
10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR  
4:00 pm Art Committee, Library  
4:45 pm WCN Kids, Rm 304E  
5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH  
5:15 pm Senior Outreach, 302B  
5:30 pm Cherub Choir, 303  
6:30 pm WCN Programs  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 am Habitat Build Begins

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

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  
4:30 pm Youth Handbells, 316  
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, Chapel  
5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

### MONDAY, MARCH 31

11:00 am Friendship Club  
3:30 pm Visitation Team, 302B  
5:30 pm Membership Care, 302D  
6:00 pm Outreach/Global Mission  
Planning Team, GS

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH  
12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary  
5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316  
6:00 pm Turbo Group, GS  
7:00 pm FARM, CR

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 am Sewing Group, 109  
10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR  
3:30 pm Sing-A-Long at 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, Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, APRIL 3

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

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## Do You Know "Macromedia Flash"? Are You a Guru at Database Management?

If you are proficient at either/or, how would you like to share your gifts and talents with your church? If so, please contact Rev. Rob Hutchinson ([rhutchison@wmsumc.org](mailto:rhutchison@wmsumc.org)) ASAP!  
Thanks!

## GUM Spring Food Drive April 4 and 5

Volunteers are needed to help solicit donations to the Greensboro Urban Ministry Spring Food Drive at the Lowes Food Store on Old Oak Ridge Road. Please visit the Outreach table in the Gathering Space to sign up for a time. This is a fun opportunity for the whole family, and provides much needed canned goods at a time of year when donations can be low. \

The summer will be here soon, and the demand for food greatly increases due to the fact that children are out of school and no longer receiving free lunch and breakfast. So let's help GUM stock up to feed the hungry in our community!

## Hurricane Katrina Victims Have Not Been Forgotten! Join the Mission Team to Bay St. Louis, MS May 21-25

WMSUMC will be co-leading a district-wide mission trip to Mississippi to continue our efforts in helping Hurricane Katrina victims rebuild their homes.

*Pick up an application today!* Visit the Outreach Table in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings or in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings. Applications are due no later than Sunday, March 30.

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."*

Psalm 127:1 NRSV