

# MarketPlace



The Newsletter of West Market Street United Methodist Church, Inc.

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Greensboro, NC



**Sunday, May 4  
Bur-Mil Park  
3:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Activities include inflatables, games and prizes for all ages, face painting, and much more. The Youth will have their own shelter.

Bring your best picnic items to share. Drinks, paper and plastic products will be provided. Make your plans now to join in the rite of spring with WMSUMC.

Feel free to invite friends. This is a great way to introduce new people to WMSUMC.

## **WMSUMC Spirit Wear Sale May 4 and May 11**

The annual sale of WMSUMC Spirit Wear will be held Sunday, May 4 and May 11, in the Gathering Space from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Show your church spirit! Men's and women's spring and summer wear will be available as well as WMS aprons and hats. Great for you and great for gifts too. Place your orders now.

## **New Members**

Welcome to the following who joined WMSUMC on Sunday, April 27, 2007:

*Erin and Adam Deal*,  
1521 Covered Wagon  
Road, McLeansville  
27301 (601-5961 -  
Adam; 601-5962 - Erin).  
Adam joined by Baptism  
and Profession of Faith;  
Erin joined by Profession  
of Faith. They have one  
son, Tristan, age one.

*Colleen, Wesley and  
Emily Wright*, 2540  
North Beech Lane 27401  
(288-3306) joined by  
transfer from Trinity  
UMC, Hackettstown, NJ.  
Their daughter, Megan, is  
a member of the Confir-  
mation Class of 2008.

## **Congratulations Turbo II**

The following completed a nine-week Group Leader Training program preparing them to form and lead new study groups: Congratulations to Genia Fontaine, Mary Jacke, Pamela Panchikal, Jack Upton, Lyn Rollins, Beth Tracey, Gary Cepnick, Kathryn Van Roedel, Chris Shields and Dave Melton.

**LIFE Groups (Living In Faith Everyday)** are a new way we are looking to offer small group opportunities here at West Market. While each group is unique in structure and content, they all share the same elements of being **Christ-centered, community-based, growth-focused and service-oriented.**

'Walking Together through the Stages of Group Life,' 'Facilitating Ministry in Group Meetings,' 'Preparing Your Heart for Leadership' and 'Working through Conflict' are a sample of the areas of study offered in Turbo Training and completed successfully by these leaders. Look for a variety of new groups to begin this summer and fall for children, youth and adults.



## **Registration is Now Open for Leadership Summit August 7 and 8**

Don't miss this year's Summit. Members at WMSUMC 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).

**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 . .

I ate at Chic-Fil-A for lunch the other day. I cannot help but smile every time I see the "Cowz" with their Signs saying "Eat Moor Chikun." They are relentless, unapologetic, consistent, and faithful as they deliver their message with a singleness of purpose. It is hard to go anywhere in the southeast United States without running into these engaging cows. They are creative in their delivery, using billboards, calendars, plush toys, and life size signs. They even show up in person to greet people and share their simple message.

This blanket approach and easy-to-digest message has made this ad campaign incredibly successful. Most everyone I know recognizes the cow and who the cow represents. Adults redeem the coupons from the calendars, while children (and adults) hug the cow outside the restaurant and add the plush toy to their collections. The cow is familiar, it is not threatening, and it only wants us to check out what is inside the store. Once we get in there, we get to eat! How great is that?

I wonder what it would be like for us as Christians to be that recognizable, that available, and that focused! I wonder how we could be a little more like the Cowz as we seek to share the message of Christ in our everyday lives. Imagine if we were as persistent, unapologetic, consistent, and faithful in sharing with those around us just how amazing the living Christ is in our lives. Wouldn't it be great to find as many different ways as we could to get this simple message out?!

Maybe we don't use plush toys, but the billboards, calendars, and personal attention certainly will work! Add email, pictures, stories, and helping hands and suddenly the presence of Christ will be visible and recognizable.

Then, true redemption will be realized! Not the "coupon, save a few bucks kind of redemption" – but rather life-changing, transforming redemption that only Christ can offer. We will begin to see and feel the presence of Christ in our daily lives as we feel the love, hope, joy and peace that He brings. His familiarity will draw more and more to Him, and they will eat more than just a chicken sandwich. They will begin to enjoy the bread of life.

Jesus is calling all of us to be just a bit bolder with our own faith, and sharing the good news that already resides in our hearts as believers and as followers of Christ. Isaiah 61:1 says, "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;"

How will you begin to share the simple message of what Christ has done and is now doing in your life? It begins with you!

*Rob Hutchinson*

## WORSHIP

Sundays, May 4 & 11  
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  
*May Organ Recitals*

*May 6*

Eddie Huss,  
Minister of Music  
at Wesley Memorial UMC  
in High Point

*May 13*

Laurie Ryan,  
Minister of Music  
at Church of the  
Holy Comforter  
in Burlington

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.*

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Thank you to all you participated in the Washington Elementary School Workday, Sunday, April 27. Fun was had by all.



## Outreach Opportunities

### Guatemala Mission Trip Information Meeting Sunday, May 4 at noon in FH2

Join the 2008 Guatemalan Mission Trip October 25 - November 2 in Guatemala.

Plan to attend the lunch information meeting on May 4 to learn more about this exciting mission opportunity. Please RSVP to the Outreach Ministry at 275-4587 vm 16. Don't miss this incredible heart-transforming mission opportunity.

### You are Invited to a Special Symposium About WMSUMC's Mission Involvement in Bulgaria

Sunday, May 11  
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Room 415

"Everything you ever wanted to know about Bulgaria, but were afraid to ask!"

*Presented by*

*Rachel & Brandon Gilmore, former Bulgarian Peace Corps Volunteers and Current Duke Seminarians.*

Learn more about the culture, customs, and religious practices of the country of our "In Mission Together" Bulgarian church partners. All are welcome!

### WMSUMC to Host GIHN Homeless Families May 11-17.

Visit the Outreach Table or call Ginger or Chris Shields (273-5774) to sign up to volunteer or for more information.

## May Circles

### Tuesday, May 6

*Circle #4, 6:30 p.m., 3302 Albemarle Drive, Martha Faye Robbins and Lynn Long, hosts. Covered dish dinner. (Note change in time.)*

### Wednesday, May 7

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

### Thursday, May 8

*Circle #8, 7:00 p.m., 3002 Willow Oak Drive, Julie Lea, host.*

### Monday, May 12

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

*Circle #2, 10:30 a.m., 5211 Hedrick Drive, Becky Brown, host.*

*Circle #5 7:00 p.m., 3802 Brandt Lake Circle, Alice Newell, host.*

### Tuesday, May 13

*Circle #6, 10:00 a.m., 12 Tallwood Court, Delores Gray and Elizabeth Fisher, hosts.*

## WMSUMC Seniors Survey

The Older Adult Ministry Team is conducting a survey of all senior adult members and friends of WMSUMC. The results will be used to enhance and design programs enabling our seniors to grow in their spirituality and ministry to others and to have fellowship.

Please pick up a survey form, one per person, in your Sunday School class, Church Narthex, Gathering Space, or Fellowship Hall. You can also download the form from the church website. Fill it out during the week and return it to the church by May 11.

If you know a member(s) who for any reason cannot attend church, please take forms to those people, help them fill it out if needed, and return it to the church.

If questions arise, please call Rev. Bill Ellison at the church (275-4587), or Karen or Bernie Stahl of the SENIORS Outreach Subcommittee at 288-3949.

## Courtyard Engraved Pavers

Orders are now being taken for the second group of engraved pavers for the courtyard in front of the sanctuary. Order forms are available in the church office, by mail upon request, by e-mail, on the church web-site, or on the display table in the Gathering Space. Be sure to visit the courtyard to see the pavers that are in place and order today.

## Youth Fundraiser for Mission Trip

Pulse, a delicious blend of Latin American, African and Fair Trade coffees, is a custom blend by WMSUMC's Youth Team and Starbucks.

Help support our youth as they travel to Costa Rica this summer to share the love of Jesus Christ!

## Our Church Family

As of April 27, 2008

## In Memoriam

*Roderick Norwood Harris*

April 23, 2008

Sympathy is extended to wife, **Patricia**, family and friends.

## Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **Bert Davis, Sr.** on the death of his mother, Claudia Davis, of Greensboro, on April 27, 2008.

## Baptism

*Tristan Michael Deal,*

son of **Erin and Adam Deal**, was baptized Sunday, April 27, 2008.

## Congratulations

**Bertha Houck** celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 7, 2008. We offer our congratulations to her.

## Our Presence

	Apr 20	Apr 27
Sunday School	233	230
8:30 a.m.	135	167
9:40 a.m.	105	108
10:55 a.m.	313	313

## Welcome to Our Local Visitors April 27, 2008

Kevin & Emily Brenner; Justin Burns; Mandy Byrd; Ross Cameron; Caroline Church; Helen Crown; Diane Dalton; Bryan Druce; Todd, Tammi, Hunter, Caroline Early; Molly Eisenman; Chris & Anita Faulkner; Alyne Ferreira; Sarah Fraley; Robbie & Gigi Gaines; Jan Hancock; Sage M. Hanna; Nancy Harris; Karon Jobe; Stephanie Jones; Annie Link; Sean McClain; Vickie McGuirk; Bobbie Bean & Meghan Robertson; Sarah Sebrey; Hunter G. Strader; Pam Tessier; Kathryn Van Roekel; Mike & Sarah Yow

**Opportunities for  
May 4—17**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 4**

- 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
- 12:00 noon Guatemala Mission Trip Information Meeting, FH2
- 3:30 pm Church Picnic, Bur-Mil Park
- 4:30 pm Spanish Class, CR

**MONDAY, MAY 5**

- 11:00 am UMW Executive Committee, FH2
- 12:00 noon UMW General Meeting, FH

**TUESDAY, MAY 6**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, Rm 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 3:30 pm Sing-Along at Evergreens
- 6:00 pm Mission Trip Scholarship Committee Meeting, CR
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, Rm 317
- 8:00 pm AA, Rm 413

**THURSDAY, MAY 8**

- 12:00 noon Evangelism Committee, CR
- 6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, FH
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**

- 5:45 pm Time Out for Dinner and a Play

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**

- 8:00 am Haabitat Build

**SUNDAY, MAY 11—Mother's Day**

- 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
- 9:45 am Bulgarian SS Symposium, 415
- 10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm Spanish Class, CR

**MONDAY, MAY 12**

- 5:30 pm Support Staff Relations Committee, CR
- 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Study, 302A

**TUESDAY, MAY 13**

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary
- 1:30 pm Older Adult Team, CR
- 5:30 pm Finance Committee, CR
- 5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, Rm 316
- 7:00 pm Spiritual Formation Team, CR

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, Rm 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 6:00 pm Mississippi Misson Trip Orientation, Chapel, GS
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, Rm 317
- 8:00 pm AA, Rm 413

**THURSDAY, MAY 15**

- 6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, FH
- 6:00 pm Outreach Meeting, CR
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

**SATURDAY, MAY 17**

- 8:00 am Haabitat Build

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**General Conference in Session**

General Conference of The United Methodist Church is being held in Fort Worth, Texas, April 23 through May 7. Of the almost 1,000 delegates, WMSUMC's Lynne Gilbert is one of the lay delegates

The following description of General Conference is from *United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers: Exploring Christian Faith* by F. Belton Joyner, Jr.

*Every four years, United Methodists from around the world come as delegates to the General Conference. In addition to revising, clarifying, and editing The Book of Discipline, the delegates (chosen by annual conferences) set missional goals, determine organizational patterns, decide financial apportionments, and make statements on behalf of the entire denomination. Only the General Conference can speak for The United Methodist Church. The membership is limited to one thousand or fewer, with each annual conference getting its number of delegates (equally lay and clergy) based on a formula that roughly reflects membership totals.*

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**Mark Your Calendars**  
for  
**October 26 - 28**  
for a special preaching event  
featuring  
**Reginald Mallett, from England**