

MarketPlace



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New Members 2008 Confirmation Class

Welcome to the Confirmation Class of 2008 who joined by Profession of Faith on May 18, 2008:

- Kathryn Fuller Black**,
daughter of Kathy and Fred Black
- Kaitlyn Nicole Godfrey**,
daughter of Christine & Mike Godfrey
- Cranford Allen Jones**,
son of Mary & Chuck Jones
- Caroline Curtis Livesay**,
daughter of Lennis & Greg Livesay
- Jennifer Jane Livingston**,
daughter of Julia & Rob Livingston
- Allen Todd Martin, Jr.**,
son of Diane & Russell Jones
- David Gregory Peoples, Jr.**,
son of Lynne & Wes Watson
- Annie Kathryn Phillips**,
daughter of Kaylee & Bryan Phillips
- Stephen Allen Stahl**,
son of Susan & John Stahl
- Jessica Nicole Stanley**,
daughter of Natalie & Robert Stanley
- Justin Robert Stanley**,
son of Natalie & Robert Stanley
- Mary Grace Stoneking**,
daughter of Carole & Hal Stoneking
- Alexander Lee Tollison**,
son of Teresa & Mark Tollison
- Timothy Curtis Townsend**,
son of Becky & Vince Townsend
- Tyler Troxler Wolfe**,
son of Cedelle Troxler and John Wolfe
- Megan Elizabeth Wright**,
daughter of Colleen & Wes Wright
- Carsyn Marie Yow**,
daughter of Christine Tozier and Mike Yow



Adult Sunday School Forum

The summer Sunday School Forum begins on June 1 with Howard Covington discussing his new book *Once Upon a City*. The book is a narrative history of Greensboro's second century and some of the people who made a difference during this time. Two of the West Market people included are Orton Boren, Clarence Jones' father who was a strong community leader in the late 1950's and Jim Melvin, who has been a leader in the community for more than 50 years. The book is published by the Greensboro Historical Museum and will be available for purchase Sunday morning. All proceeds support the museum. Forum sessions begin at 9:45 in Room 413. All youth and adults are welcome.

Five sessions this summer will focus on Serious Answers to Hard questions. In these thought-provoking sessions, five leading theologians will address issues that present obstacles to faith for many, both in and outside the church.

Four sessions will be offered on *Finding God in the Movies*. These will show you how to combine your love for movies with your desire for God. Different themes will be explored with film clips from several recent movies.

A three-session series is coming in July that will look at topics in United Methodism. One will focus on Susanna Wesley and her influence on the theology of her son John and thus the entire Methodist movement. The next two sessions will answer the question "What do the United Methodists believe about...?" One session will focus on the sacraments - Baptism and Holy Communion- and the other will look at current topics including social issues and General Conference.

Schedule:

- June 1 *Once Upon a City* with Howard Covington
- June 8 *Finding God in the Movies*
Theme: Beauty, imagination and Creativity
- June 15 What About Religion and Science?
- June 22 *Finding God in the Movies*
Theme: Renewing the Church
- June 29 What about The Sins of the Church?
- July 6 *Finding God in the Movies*
Theme: Living our Faith
- July 13 - Susanna Wesley: First Theologian of the Methodists
- July 20 What do UM Believe about the Sacraments?
- July 27 What do UM Believe about Current Issues?
- August 3 What about Forgiveness?
- August 10 *Finding God in the Movies*
Theme: Embracing Our Vocation
- August 17 What About the God of the Old Testament?
- August 24 What About Evangelism and Tolerance?

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 month ago, just after completing the New Hope Leadership Practicum for Senior Pastors in Hawaii, my colleagues and I made our way to the national park at Pearl Harbor. Though my father was stationed in Pearl Harbor after the Japanese attack that precipitated World War II, I had never been to the site, and hadn't had strong interest in going.

However, after we toured the museum, watched the moving video of the prelude to the attack and the attack itself, and were ferried by the park service across the harbor to the site of the U. S. S. Arizona, we were speechless. And as I stood in the Arizona Memorial, directly over what's left of the Arizona herself, I was filled with gratitude.

At one moment 1,176 young men gave their lives for freedom, ours and many others. The experience at Pearl Harbor was one of the most powerful moments of my life. Memorial Day will never be the same to me.

Every day at a church like West Market should be Memorial Day. That's been our focus over the past two months. We've watched the Christian Church be born, grow and develop, take steps both forward and backward, and change.

We couldn't be where we are had it not been for leaders in the early Church, and our forbears in Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptist, and Methodism (and actually many more) who risked their lives to seek the truth.

The beautiful thing is that there is too much of God's truth for one single church, one single denomination. Each and every Christian denomination brings beautiful shapes and colors to the tapestry of God's truth. And for just a moment we had the opportunity to experience it. May the experience endure.

Our 'denominations series' wouldn't have been possible had it not been for the work of our whole team. Our musicians Alice Ann Johnson, Susan Bates and choirs did a beautiful job of capturing musical themes and styles appropriate for the series; our associate pastors Rob Hutchinson and Pam Strader preached beautifully when I was away during the series; Rob did a masterful job of working with interview videos and graphics for the series (along with the help of our Brian French); and our Greg Livesay saw that slides and interviews aired at the correct moments.

All during the series I felt the powerful hand of God at work. It's the same hand that guided the Church through the centuries, the same hand that brought the lives of those young men at Pearl Harbor home to Him.

What an awe-inspiring God we have — a God who brings us home to Himself and who leads us in and through the lives of others who have preceded us. That's what both Memorial Day and the history of the Church are all about. Thanks be to God!



Dave Melton

Washington Street Elementary Camp Needs Help

In hopes of helping to boost reading skills and provide enrichment opportunities in a Christian environment, WMSUMC is hosting a summer camp July 7-11 for 50 Washington Street Elementary children who have completed grades K-2.

Volunteer help is needed to make this mission outreach to our community a success and a wonderful growing experience for these children. The Mid High Youth at WMSUMC are making this a mission project and will be helping. The children coming to camp would also benefit from having older adult volunteers share some of their time and love, including men, as many of these children are from single parent families and have no father or other male role model present in their lives.

Forms with volunteer opportunities, times and dates are in Sunday School class folders and on the Outreach table in the Gathering Space. An orientation for volunteers will be Tuesday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Another way to help is to sponsor a child to attend the camp. \$15.00 will sponsor one child. A check can be written to the church with a designation to "WES Camp Sponsor".

WORSHIP

**Sundays, June 1 & 8
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
Jazz in June
June 3, 10, 17, 24**

A worship service with a meditation, and featuring music by

The Mark Freundt Trio and members of the Chancel Choir

*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.*



In Concert...

The Junaluska Singers

**Sunday, June 22,
7:00 p.m.**

Sanctuary

The concert is free and open to all.

Join us, and invite a friend!
An offering will be received.

S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Survey

Please submit your completed Survey by placing it in the labeled basket in the Gathering Space by the end of May. You may also mail it, or take it to the Church Office.

Don't Miss this New Missioner School Opportunity: *Mission Work with Children: "A How To" Guide from the Field*

- Thinking of serving on a mission team that includes a VBS?
- Thinking of volunteering at the Summer Enrichment Camp WMSUMC is hosting for Washington Elementary School (WES) students?
- Thinking of volunteering for the WMSUMC VBS?
- Thinking of volunteering to help out at WES during the school year?...

Then this course is for you! Many people think working with children is either completely intuitive or daunting and only for "trained teachers". Dr. Pat Spicer, an experienced educator and missioner, will dispel both of those perceptions and provide useful and proven techniques along with firsthand mission experiences with children.

The course is Sunday, June 8, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Lunch will be served for \$5.00. Reservations are required. Please contact the Outreach Office at 275-4587 or register on line through the Missioners School on the WMSUMC website.

Guatemala Mission Trip

Don't Miss this Awesome
Adult Mission Opportunity for Ministry in Guatemala
October 25 - November 2, 2008
Applications Due this Sunday, June 1

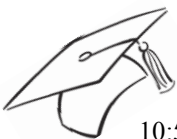
But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. Malachi 4:2 NRSV

Opportunities are available for all adults: medical, construction, and Vacation Bible School

WMSUMC plans to send 18 adults October 25 – November 2 on a mission trip to Guatemala, where the team will work with medical missionaries in clinics in some of the impoverished villages in Guatemala, help with construction to improve the living conditions of the local people, and work with our brothers and sisters in Christ at local Methodist churches to provide Vacation Bible Schools for the local children. This promises to be a transformative experience for all, as we serve as compassionate and loving servants of Jesus Christ and join in service and fellowship with our fellow disciples in Guatemala.

Applications are available at the Outreach table in the Gathering Space or call 275-4587, ext. 16 for more information.

Graduate Recognition



Graduates will be recognized during the worship services on Sunday, June 1, at the 10:55 a.m. service and listed in the June 11 issue of *MarketPlace*. If you have not already done so, please contact Nancy Hamilton with the name of graduate, school graduating from, and future plans (275-4587, vm 12 or nhamilton@wmsumc.org).

Youth Party at Livingston Home on Sunday, June 1

All 6th - 12th grade youth are invited to a Springtime Celebration at the home of Jenna Livingston on Sunday, June 1. Jenna's address is 7206 Strawberry Road, Summerfield. If you would like a ride from the church, the van will leave from West Market at 5:00 p.m., immediately after our Costa Rica Team meeting. The party will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. We will enjoy some fresh air, friendship, good food and God's gift of Springtime. A huge thank-you goes out to the Livingston family for hosting this party. They have a small pond on their property, so if you would like to fish, please bring your fishing pole and tackle box.

Welcome to Our Local Visitors May 25 2008

Rachel Adkins
Ken, Janis & Will Barnard-Deborah Bisbee
Kevin & Emily Brenner
Roseanne & Mike Bumpass
Annette Crouch
Bryan Druce
Kim DuRutt
Rodney & Sharee Jones & Family
Alyne Ferreira
Sage Hanna
Grace Harrelson
Karon Jobe
Beth Joslyn
Sean McClain
Ed & Carole Monroe
Chris Peters
Artie Valentine
Katheryn VanRoekel

Our Church Family

As of May 25, 2008

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **Earl Byrd**, on the death of his sister, Mary Elizabeth Carroll, of Selma, NC, on April 29, 2008; **JoAnn Reames** on the death of her brother, John Robert Harris, on May 3, 2008; and **Teri Smith** on the death of her father, James Gundy, of Valley Center, CA, on May 12, 2008.

Our Presence

	May 18	May 25
Sunday School	217	181
8:30 a.m.	156	128
9:40 a.m.	146	60
10:55 a.m.	406	230

Hike Mt. LeConte

The Mt. LeConte Hike will be on Tuesday, September 23, and Wednesday, September 24, 2008. Cost is \$110.00 per person including lodging and two meals at LeConte Lodge, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, with the WMSUMC group.

Registration priority will be given to WMSUMC members and non-members who participated last year until August 1. Cost is \$110.00 payable to WMSUMC designated "Mt LeConte Hike." Send to Nancy S. Hamilton, WMSUMC, PO Box 870, Greensboro, NC 27402. Information sources: Nancy

Intergenerational Night at the Ballpark

Friday, June 27

Hot dogs and hamburgers at the church before the game.

Details in June 11 *MarketPlace* and Sunday School folders.

**Opportunities for
June 1—14**

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

- 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
- 9:45 am Summer Sunday School Forum, 413
- 10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Children's Ministry Team, CR
- 4:00 pm Youth Costa Rica Team Meeting, FH
- 4:00 pm WM Instrumentalists, 317
- 4:30 pm Spanish Class, CR
- 5:30 pm Youth Party , 7206 Strawberry Road, Summerfield
- 5:30 pm Chancel Choir Party, 5121 Cobbler Ridge Ct

MONDAY, JUNE 2

- 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Program 302A
- 7:00 pm Partners In Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm Jazz in June, Sanctuary
- 1:00 pm Tuesday Lunch, FH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Annual Conference begins, Lake Junaluska

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 3:00 pm Sing-Along, Evergreens
- 4:30 pm Consolation Ministry Team, 302B
- 8:00 pm AA, 413

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, 405

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

- 8:00 am Habitat Build

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

- 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
- 9:45 am Summer Sunday School Forum, 413
- 10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 12:00 noon Missioner School: How to Work With Children, CR

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm Jazz in June, Sanctuary
- 1:00 pm Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 1:30 pm Older Adult Team Meeting, CR
- 4:00 pm Finance Committee, CR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 8:00 pm AA, 413

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

- 12:00 noon Evangelism Team, CR
- 6:00 pm Christmas Store Planning Meeting, CR
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, 405

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- 8:00 am Habitat Build

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Super Summer Sunday School for Children

Children ages four through rising fifth grade will experience a new curriculum this summer called *Live B.I.G. (Live your belief in God)*. The children will meet together in Room 303 and then the fours through rising first grade will go to Room 305 for their activities. The rising second- through fifth-graders will remain in Room 303. The children will hear Old and New Testament stories that focus on three big truths:

- God is always with us and we can trust God
- God loves us unconditionally and God changes us through God's love
- God is the Creator of an awesome world and we can care for God's creation.

Vacation Bible School

Beach Party

July 14-18

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

\$10.00

Summer Music Camp

Rescue in the Night:

Story of Daniel and the Lions' Den

July 28 - August 1

Performance August 3

\$50.00 by July 1, \$60.00 after July 1

For a brochure on either of these events, contact Nancy Hamilton (275-4587, vm 12 or nhamilton@wmsumc.org).

**Costa Rica
Mission Trip
Meeting on
Sunday, June 1**

All Costa Rica Missioners are needed at our team meeting on Sunday, June 1, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. upstairs in the Youth Coffee Shop.

Please be sure to bring your Costa Rica Mission Trip folder, all of your completed forms and your payment for the trip.