

# MarketPlace



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## Costa Rica: an Experience "Beaming With God's Love"

The WMSUMC Youth who went to Costa Rica June 23-July 3 participated in two major projects. The first was to create two bathrooms for the church by laying tile and doing the grout between the tiles. They created a beautiful mosaic cross in the floor as you enter the bathroom. It is a beautiful reminder of the love and grace of Jesus.

The other project was planning and preparing for Vacation Bible School for around 200 children. The two VBS themes were *God Knows You* and *God Loves You*. Noah and his story were used to teach these lessons. A small ark was constructed on the stage and stuffed animals boarded the ark with Noah and his family.

Fun activities included worshipping with the Costa Rican brothers and sisters. The worship was filled with excitement. Jeff was asked to deliver the message from God's Word and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. The youth presented the church with an Ichthus cross that they made from leftover pieces of ceramic tile from the bathroom.

On Saturday, there was an outing to Poaz, to see active volcano. After Poaz, they went to La Paz waterfall gardens. After lunch, they went to the butterfly gardens and saw a wide variety of extremely friendly butterflies. Then there was a hike down to the waterfalls, which were absolutely incredible. They took your breath away and reminded us of God's creative power and majesty.

On Sunday evening, they went to the Costa Rica theater to see a dance recital! It was extremely diverse and they enjoyed hip hop, flamenco, jazz, modern and folk dancing. One of their translators, Maria, was performing in the dance recital and she asked everyone to go. The dancers were extremely talented and the youth had a great time!

When they got back to the church where they were staying it had flooded. They gave up their zip line experience in the rain forest to help the church members with the cleanup.

Check the church webpage and/or the Greensboro News and Record article in the Tuesday, July 15, issue and photos by clicking this link [http://www.news-record.com/content/2008/7/14/article/fter\\_costa\\_rica\\_i\\_am\\_beaming\\_with\\_god\\_s\\_love](http://www.news-record.com/content/2008/7/14/article/fter_costa_rica_i_am_beaming_with_god_s_love).



Emily Wright had this to say about the The Ichthus:

*We would like to present this ichthus. We made it out of the tiles from your bathrooms. We made a cross to keep in our church to remind us of your church and the friendships we have made. We hope that this mosaic reminds you of us and your brothers and sisters in Christ.*

### **The Hands and Feet:**

*(this is our theme verse for our Costa Rica trip)*

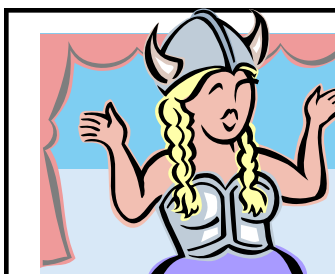
*"And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news?"*

*Romans 10:15*

*We all came to Costa Rica in response to God's call. We came to grow together and with you. We want to leave behind a reminder of God's love and greatness. We hope we have left this in your church and on your hearts. We came to be the hands and feet of Christ. So we made this mosaic of hands and feet, ours and yours, to symbolize God's love and greatness. During this short time together, our hands and feet have worked together for the glory of God. We have accomplished so many things with you as our friends and family. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve Christ in Costa Rica, and to serve our new brothers and sisters. We are grateful to be a part of God's family with you.*

## New Members

Welcome to *Carole and Ed Monroe*, PO Box 38575, 27438 (392-9949), who joined WMSUMC July 13, 2008, by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC



### Save the Date

WMSUMC Chancel Choir presents

## A Night at the Opera

Follies 2008

Wednesday, September 3

7:00 p.m

Fellowship Hall

Dessert Buffet Benefit for the Music Fund

**Our Mission:** *The mission of WMSUMC is to glorify God as we make, nurture and send forth disciples of Jesus Christ.*

## ▲ WORD FROM THE PASTOR . . . . .

### TREASURES OF THE TRANSFORMED LIFE



Are you satisfied with your life? Really satisfied?

It's often said that followers/disciples of Christ have every reason in the world to be optimistic. Actually the Scriptures say that God has a special love for those who follow Him. According to Romans 8:28, God promises that, in the final analysis, things will work for our good because we love Him.

And yet, in our heart of hearts, we know life to be an incredible challenge. The fact is that there still seems (even in the lives of Christ followers) to be more drudgery and boredom than excitement and adventure.

Have you ever been there, thirsting for more? At times I have been... Are you there now?

I'm excited to tell you about the exciting news we've all been waiting for. A little over a month from now, our church family is going to embark on a forty-day study that can change the way we feel about prayer, church attendance, acts of service, and even financial giving.

By the time it's all said and done, you will see your whole relationship with God in a new way – and understand how to “live all the days of your life”, as the Irish blessing puts it.

So, what is your part in all this? First, think about your life. Are you getting all the enjoyment and fulfillment that you think God might have in store for you? Second, commit to giving God forty days to change it. Third, dedicate six

Sundays: from September 7 (the week after Labor Day) until the second Sunday in October, to being in church. And fourth, read a simple book with me called **Treasures of the Transformed Life**. That book can be picked up at any time in the church office.

That forty-day process will help you identify what it is that you are thirsty for, and will point you in the direction of satisfying that thirst. You'll be given the opportunity to discuss what you're learning during weekly Sunday School/small group meetings. And you will hear inspiring messages each week that will tie it all together.

At the end, we will try to answer the “So what?” question, and talk about putting our faith into action. I believe this could be the most important forty days this church has ever experienced. Plan now for the stretching of your spirit and growth of your faith and security.

And know that the transformed life that results will be your very own!

May you remain aware of God's love for you and all.

*Dave Melton*

### WORSHIP

Sunday, July 27  
8:30 and 10:55 a.m.  
Sanctuary  
9:40 a.m.

#### Fellowship Hall

Sermon: Jeff Peck

Sunday, August 3  
8:30 and 10:55 a.m.  
Sanctuary

Music Camp Performance  
9:40 a.m.

#### Fellowship Hall

Sermon: Dave Melton  
*The 10:55 a.m.*

*Sunday Worship Service is  
broadcast over  
WPET 950 AM*

### Adult Sunday School Forum

9:45 a.m.  
Room 415

July 27

What Do United Methodist

Believe About  
Current Issues?

August 3

What About Forgiveness?

### Save the Date Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, September 14  
Bryan Park

Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

Details in next

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## Be an Agent of His Grace!

### Volunteer Sign-Up to Begin August 3

### Save the Date for Agents of Grace: Saturday, August 23

*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” 1 Peter 4:10*

WMSUMC will once again participate in the annual Agents of Grace day of ecumenical community service, where thousands of members from faith communities throughout Greensboro will fan out across the city for faith-based service on **Saturday, August 23**. This year the event will begin at Grimsley High School. You may select to serve in any one of the following areas: **beautification, visitation, home improvement, clerical, group outings, and simple acts of service** that visibly demonstrate to others our concern for them out of our love for Christ. Many of these volunteer opportunities are family-friendly and everyone can specify their preferred area of service. Be sure to **pick up a registration form at the AOG Information table any Sunday August 3-17** and make plans to participate in this fun and worthwhile event.

## School Supplies for Washington

It is school supply collection time! Again this year WMSUMC is collecting school supplies for Washington Montessori School. Yes, the school's name has changed and there is a new principal! Please continue supporting the school by buying whatever you can from the school's supply wish list. Copies of the list can be found in the Gathering Space and on our website. You can drop off your donation in the Gathering Space or in the church office throughout August. School starts earlier at Washington - August 18.

### School Supply Wish List

- Backpacks
- Transparency Film for Copy Machines
- Kleenex
- Composition Notebooks
- Primary Composition Notebooks
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Pocket Folders - Brackets
- Large Glue Sticks
- Sandwich Bags
- Quart Sized Ziploc Bags
- Gallon Sized Ziploc Bags
- Washable White Elmer's Glue
- Small White Boards
- #2 Pencils
- ½" 3-Ring Binders
- 2" 3-Ring Binders
- 2 ½" 3-Ring Binders
- 3" 3-Ring Binders
- Dry Erase Erasers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Notebook Dividers
- Colored Pencils
- Antibacterial Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Antibacterial Liquid Hand Soap
- Index Cards
- Colored Copy Paper
- Baskets of various sizes
- Rice, Beans, Food Coloring, & Dry Pasta
- Sand
- Clipboards
- 60-watt Light Bulbs (CFL)
- 3-way Light Bulbs (CFL)
- Small Lamps
- Gallons of Water
- 3- or 5-ounce Paper Cups
- Dessert Paper Plates
- Napkins, Forks, Spoons
- Printer Cartridges – HP45, HP78, HP97, HP96, HP56

## Only Four Spots Remain for Mt. LeConte Hike September 23 & 24

There are four spots remaining for the Mt. LeConte Hike which will be on Tuesday, September 23, and Wednesday, September 24. Cost is \$110.00 per person including lodging and two meals with the WMSUMC group at LeConte Lodge, Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Send payment to Nancy S. Hamilton, WMSUMC, PO Box 870, Greensboro, NC 27402, marked "Mt. LeConte Hike."

For more information contact Nancy Hamilton, 275-4587, vm 12 or nhamilton@wmsumc.org.



## Sunday Evening in the Park Concert, July 27 Guilford College 6:30 p.m.

The music will be provided by the Eastern Music Festival Student Orchestra. Bring your blanket, chairs and a picnic supper or just come to listen to the music. No reservation necessary; everybody is welcome. Just look for the balloons.

Our next date is August 10 at Greensboro College.

## A Gathering of the Laity, August 15-17

A Gathering of the Laity will be held at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center on August 15-17. The theme this year is "Laity Transforming the World". Keynote speakers include Dr. John Ed Mathison, Dr. Maxie D. Dunnam and Rev. Angela A. Pleasants.

All are invited to attend. For the brochure with registration and housing information, go to [www.wnccumc.org](http://www.wnccumc.org) (under the sub-heading of Ministries).

## Our Church Family

As of July 20, 2008

### In Memoriam

*Mary Louise Jones*  
July 7, 2008

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

### In Memoriam

*Margaret Warner Ridgway*  
July 8, 2008

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **Olive Spivey** on the death of her sister, **Bobbie Herring Dean**, of Rincon, GA, on July 6, 2008; to **Rusty Boaeuf** in the death of his mother, **Eleanor A. Grim**, of Loudon, TN, on July 12, 2008; to **Hannah Cockburn** on the death of her father, **Jerry Isakson**, of Minnesota, on July 14, 2008; and to **Patsy Cross** on the death of her brother, **Johnny Burton**, of Magnolia, KA, on July 12, 2008.

### New Baby

Welcome to **Jack Andrew Lanier**, son of Susanna and Todd Lanier born July 15, 2008. Paternal grandparents are **Patsy and Elton Smith** and great grandmother is **Nancy Neese**.

### Our Presence

	July 13	July 20
8:30	139	197
9:40	113	85
10:55	239	311
SS	179	187

### Welcome to Our Local Visitors, July 20, 2008

John & Jeanne Archer; Deborah Bisbee; Carolyn & Ron Boylston; Jimmy & Jen Britt; Justin Burns; John & Joan Cameron; Jennifer Cooper; Jason & Lindsay Gillespie; Sage M. Hanna; Chris & Heather Hodgins; Rodney & Sharee Jones; Beverly Kerr; Sean McClain; Rebecca Perry; Kim & George Phipps; Melissa Powell; Kevin & Martha Reid; Barbara Stallings; Emily Stephenson; Matt & Kelly Takacs; Amanda Ward

## Opportunities for July 27—August 9

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

### SUNDAY, JULY 27

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  
2:00 pm Music Camp Auditions, Chapel

### MONDAY, JULY 28

9:00 am Music Camp  
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Program  
302A

### TUESDAY, JULY 29

9:00 am Music Camp

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

9:00 am Music Camp  
10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR  
8:00 pm AA, 415

### THURSDAY, JULY 31

Bulgarian Mission Team Returns  
9:00 am Music Camp  
6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH  
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, 405

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00 am Music Camp

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

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 Global Mission Planning Team,  
CR

### MONDAY, AUGUST 4

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Leadership Summit Set-Up  
10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR  
3:00 pm Sing-Along at Evergreens  
4:30 pm Consolation Ministry Team, 302B  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317  
8:00 pm AA, 415

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

10:00 am Leadership Summit, Sanctuary  
6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH  
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, 405

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

10:00 am Leadership Summit, Sanctuary

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30 pm Proyecto Abrigo Reunion Dinner,  
FH2

## Pictorial Directories Are Here

Pick up your copy in the church office.  
Additional books are available for  
\$10.00.  
CDs are available for \$5.00

## Leadership Summit August 7 & 8

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## VBS Beach Party a "Splashing" Success

One hundred twelve older threes through rising fifth-graders had a wonderful time at their beach party.

A BIG thank you to the following adults and youth who made this an exciting week: R. B. Arthur, Bill Ball, Susan Bates, Charlie Betts, Rachel Betts, Jane Brannock, Essie Brown, Brittney Bullock, Mackenzie Bullock, Tricia Burgess, Jennifer Cofer, Olivia Cox, Marcus Dotts, Bill Ellison, Mary Jo Elmore, Tina Evans, Patrick Fontaine, Sean Gallagher, Sarah Gillie, Ethel Glenn, Kaitlyn Godfrey, Nancy Hamilton, Nancy Harris, Kim Hayes, Bobby Hinson, Sabrina Hinson, Jenni Hitchcock, Rob Hutchinson, Alice Ann Johnson, Lynn Jones, Gracie Joseph, Cathy Joseph, Luke Joseph, Julianne Kasper, Suzanne Kasper, Janice Kent, Jenny Kiser, Kimberly Kramer, Amy Kreimer, Barbie Kremer, Bill Kremer, Beth Loseke, Gail Lung, Dave Melton, Wendy Messer, Leslie Morgan, Mary Katherine Nowlan, Nerea Palacios,

Rebecca Parker, Greg Peoples, Eileen Porter, Nelda Porter, Martha Reid, Mike Risotti, Mary Elizaabeth Sandlin, Amy Shearin, Brenna Shepherd, Amelia Shields, Ginger Shields, Maria Shields, Chuck Spicer, Sarah Stahl, Stephen Stahl, Patrick Stovall, Joe Tracey, Matthew Tracey, Sallie Ward, Jane White, Ed White, Lee Willard, Caleb Yow, and Carsyn Yow.

