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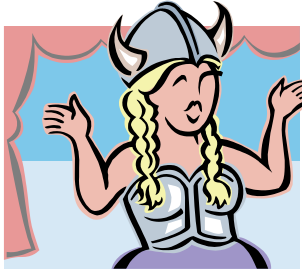


The Newsletter of West Market Street United Methodist Church, Inc.

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A Night at the Opera Chancel Choir Follies 2008

On Wednesday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m., the Chancel Choir of WMSUMC will present ---- its annual fund-raiser. This benefit for the Music Fund will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will feature opera arias and chorus numbers as well as those famous tunes that we all remember from the "Bugs Bunny" cartoons. This lighthearted presentation is one that you will not want to miss.

An added bonus will be a dessert buffet that begins at 6:40 p.m. Come and enjoy "Can-Can" Cannoli, "Magic Flute" Muffins and Puccini Pound Cake as music from the Met fills the air. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased from any member of the Chancel Choir or at the receptionist's desk.

For more information, contact Alice Ann Johnson (275-4587, vm 18 or ajohnson@wmsumc.org). Child care will be provided.

Music Camp, *Rescue in the Night*, Presented August 3

On Sunday, August 3, the 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. worship services featured the Summer Music Camp production, *Rescue in the Night, the Story of Daniel and the Lions' Den*.

Forty-three children participated in this annual event sponsored by the Music and Arts and Children's Ministry Teams.

Thank you to the teachers and shepherds who enabled us to have a wonderful week: Beverly Alt, Trudy Atkins, Susan Bates, Jane Brannock, Beth Dunbar, Natalie Hylton, Alice Ann Johnson, Lynn Jones, Cara Kiser, Molly Lancaster, Micki Marley, Mary Katherine Nowlan, Eileen Porter, Lane Sibley, Vaughn Sibley, Jessica Stanley, Justin Stanley, Joe Tracey, III, Matthew Tracey, Ed White, and Lee Willard.

Sunday Evening in the Park Concert, August 10

Those who were at the July 27 concert at Guilford College had a great time. Come join us for the next one. The S.E.N.I.O.R.S Social Committee is again issuing an invitation to you for the "Sunday Evening in the Park Concert" get together at Greensboro College on August 10. The music will start at 6:00 PM with Bruce Piephoff – original folk, blues and at 7:15 PM with Songs of Water – new age. 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.

Mid-Summer Organ Recital

West Market organist Susan Bates will present the third of the Greensboro American Guild of Organist (AGO) summer recital series at WMSUMC on Sunday, August 17, at 4:00 p.m. featuring the glorious Dobson-Rosales pipe organ. She will play a program of early organ works, pieces of Johann Sebastian Bach, and Moravian chorale preludes. Her husband, James Bates, (Director of Music at St. Andrews) will assist with singing Gregorian chants and German Lutheran chorales. An offering will be taken to benefit the fund for the Southern Regional AGO convention to be held in Greensboro during the summer of 2011. Susan recorded a CD last year as a legacy of the church, the sale of which benefits the music ministries of WMSUMC. A selection from this CD will be heard on the NPR program "Pipedreams" on August 11. Come be refreshed, restored, and revived by God's glorious gift of music!



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

What a summer it's been at West Market! This past Sunday we all thoroughly enjoyed being led by our children into a new understanding of the story of the faith of Daniel.

This week, we're off on a new experience. When you get this newsletter, there will be between 250 and 300 leaders gathered in our Sanctuary because they believe the church is the hope of the world; faithful leadership of the church is incredibly important; and, the gift of leadership among God's disciples must be enhanced.

The event we will be hosting, the Leadership Summit 2008, is the finest event of its kind in the world. And, for the fifth year in a row, West Market gets to be a part of it. Some of you have never been around our church during the Summit. Swing by for a few minutes sometime this week just to get a flavor of what's going on. You will be inspired.

The lasting impression I will have of the summer of 2008 comes from our mission experience to Bulgaria. I have shared (on a number of occasions) the path our church has followed to come into relationship with churches there. God actually planted the seed in my heart for ministry in Bulgaria during the spring of 2006 while at the World Methodist Conference meeting in Seoul, South Korea. The vision for that ministry quickly resonated in the hearts of our leaders here, who began to put names and locations on our outreach map.

A four-person exploratory group went to Bulgaria last summer to see whether or not we were truly called to serve there. The answer was a resounding "yes."

Two weeks ago, 18 persons from our church left Greensboro for Bulgaria. Actually for most of us (including me), it was a venture into the unknown. But I believe everyone on the trip felt that God had prepared an incredible experience for us.

What an understatement! Ministry abounded there, in both directions. There was a Vacation Bible School ministry that our people shared with children in the community of Misjia and at an orphanage in Lavetch. There was sharing of our Prayer Shawl Ministry model with ladies in churches in Misjia, Voyvovodo and Pleven. There was teaching ministry with lay members of two of the churches, and with Methodist pastors from all over Bulgaria who gathered for a seminar in Pleven. (One pastor and his wife drove 300 kilometers in order to attend that seminar that the district superintendent of all of Bulgaria said was "priceless".) There was incredible Music Ministry provided in and through our five-person mini-orchestra ensemble.

There was inspiring worship and preaching, including the opportunity to worship in a Methodist church building in Pleven that had not been open for worship since Communists took the building over just after World War II. There was the opportunity to see the beautiful Bulgarian countryside, experience the cosmopolitan city of Pleven, and unlock Bulgarian history through a visit to Bulgaria's most significant Orthodox monastery. More than anything else, even though most of us had never even known where Bulgaria was before we left, while we were there, we were filled with an unmistakable feeling of "family reunion."

It shouldn't have surprised us. The truth is, we are brothers and sisters in the same family with the people of Bulgaria. God loves us all and smiles when we reach out to one another.

There was an incredible amount of reaching out from both sides of our Bulgarian mission experience. It's what we're made for really: relationship in Christ. May God lead you to a new understanding of the dream He has for you.

Dave Melton



WORSHIP
Sunday, August 10 & 17
8:30 and 10:55 a.m.

Sanctuary
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

August 10

Finding God in the Movies
Theme:

Embracing Our Vocation
August 17

What About the God of the Old Testament?

"Happy Husbands" Class
August 18 - September 29

Rev. R. A. Pegram, a retired minister in our congregation will offer a course for husbands to help them help their wives be as happy as God can make them. R.A. has taught his "Happy Husbands" class for many years and has watched many marriages change for the better afterwards. The class will run from August 18-September 29 on Mondays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This is for husbands who have been married one year or fifty-plus. Call Jane Brannock for more information or to register for the class (275-4587, vm 13 or jbrannock@wmsumc.org/)

Join the Chancel Choir

Summer vacation is coming to an end and Chancel Choir rehearsals have already begun on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in Room 317. In addition to singing for the 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. worship services each Sunday, the Choir presents a fund-raiser in September, enjoys a Choir Retreat in October and "swings" with a jazz nativity in December.

New members are always welcome. Come and make music with the Chancel Choir and enjoy fun and fellowship with this dedicated group of singers.

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Wednesday Church Night Resumes Tenth of September

Opportunities for August 10 — 23

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

- 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 Proyecto Abrigo Ministry Information Meeting, FH2

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

- 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Program, 302A
- 6:30 pm Companions in Christ LIFE Group, Offsite

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 5:30 pm Finance Committee, CR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 317
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- 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
- 12:15 noon Children's Team, CR
- 4:00 pm Summer Organ Recital, Sanctuary

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

- 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Program, 302A
- 6:30 pm Companions in Christ LIFE Group, 302D
- 7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

- 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, 302D

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 4:30 pm Board of Trustees, CR
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

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

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July 30, 2008. Maternal grandmother is **Alice Finch**.

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Calling All Agents of Grace!

To volunteer, visit the Agents of Grace information table in the Gathering Space any Sunday *on or before* August 17 or call the Outreach Ministry Office at 275-4587, vm 16.

"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 take place at Grimsley High School and lunch will be provided by Chick Fil-A. 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.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to serve!!!

School Supplies for Washington

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, on our website, or in the July 23 issue of *MarketPlace*.

You can drop off your donation in the Gathering Space or in the church office throughout August. School starts earlier at Washington — August 18.

Memorial Bell Pull

On Sunday, July 20, the Herbert family — William, Jeannie, William, Jr., and Charles — presented to WMSUMC a beautiful needlepoint bell pull. This piece, made by Jeannie Herbert, is in memory of Charles Emil Herbert and Mary Lyon Herbert, parents of William Herbert. It was gratefully accepted on behalf of the church by members of the Art Committee as a gift to WMSUMC for the Gathering Space. It will hang to the right of the fireplace.

Please go by the Gathering Space to see this lovely addition to the room. Many thanks go to Jeannie and the Herbert family.

Health Happenings

All rising 6th grade students and any child who will be 12 years old on or after August 1, 2008, who have not had a TDP (tenanus-diphtheria-pertussis) vaccination since July 3, 2003 MUST have a booster shot before school starts.

Heart Healthy Lifestyles for Women

Tuesday, August 12
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Women's Hospital of Greensboro
Classrooms 5 & 6.

Strategies to Cope with Low Vision

Wednesday, August 27
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Moses Cone Hospital
Educational Center
Rooms 0029-0031.

Caring for the Caregiver

Thursday, September 4
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Wesley Long Community Hospital
Education Center
Classroom 1.

Call 832-8000 to register for either of these sessions.

"Time-Out for a Play" See "5 by O. Henry" at Greensboro Historical Museum Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m.

Ready for an entertaining Sunday afternoon? The S.E.N.I.O.R.S Social Committee has planned a very special Sunday afternoon, September 14, at the Greensboro Historical Museum. The cost for the event is \$10.00 per person. We have purchased a limited number of tickets so if you don't want to miss out on the fun make your plans early.

Only THREE Spots Remain for Mt. LeConte Hike September 23 and 24

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



Annual Golf Tournament

Bryan Park
Sunday, September 14
Shotgun Start
at 1:00 p.m.

Two flights -
championship and
first flight - net winners
Captain's Choice
Format

*Limit 60 players - must have
handicap and
average score*

Church members can invite
non-members to play.
Hamburger/Hot Dog Cook-
out after play is completed.

Cost \$55.00 per player
Meal \$10.00 per
person

Contact R. B. Arthur for
more details
(292-1838 or rb.arthur@rescoproducts.com)

Our Church Family

As of July 20, 2008

In Memoriam

Raymond B. Pegram, Sr.
July 17, 2008
Sympathy is extended to his daughter,
Brenda Welch, family and friends.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Jean Anthony** (former kitchen employee) on her death, July 19, 2008; and to **Betty Lee** on the death of her mother, Julia Perkins, of Charleston, WV, on July 24, 2008.

New Babies

Welcome to . . .
Avery Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Bryan and **Leslie Smith**, of Wilmington, NC, born July 22, 2008. Maternal grandmother is **Alice Finch**.
Ethan Paul Finch, son of Amy and **Andrew Finch**, of Alexandria, LA, born

Honor Gifts

We gratefully acknowledge the following Honor Gifts:

Building Fund

Clay Hall by Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin L. Brothers

Children's Ministries

Ben and Mary Craven by Sallie W. Ward

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Barbara and Jim North by Jo Welch Hull

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Fred and Gene Jones' 50th Wedding Anniversary by William &

Jeannie Herbert

Jim and Gail Lung's 49th Wedding Anniversary by Chancel

Choir

Laura Peck by Beth and Robert Dunbar

Older Adult Ministry

Bill and Faye Ellison's Wedding Anniversary by Mr. & Mrs.

Joseph

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