

# MarketPlace



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Commitment Cards for 2009 are coming in to the church and if you have not yet returned your card you are asked to do so by bringing it with you to church on Sunday or by dropping it in the mail this week. If you need another card they are available at the church office or a new one can be sent to you upon request. We are in the final stages of developing the ministry budget for next year and it is critical that we hear from every member in order to be able to plan responsibly and respond faithfully to what God is calling this congregation to do in Greensboro and around the world.

## Finance Update

Thankfully our giving has remained pretty much on target through the end of October; however, we are now in the critical last two months of the year when we normally receive almost 30% of our gifts. A number of our members typically make a yearly gift from the sale of appreciated assets such as stock, and that raises some real concern about what may happen as we approach year end. The Finance Committee encourages you to do all you can to honor your commitment to the church and to consider making a special gift beyond your pledge to help us meet our commitments to others who are counting on us for support. If you find that you are unable to complete your anticipated gifts for the year, please contact Rev. Scott Nowlan at the church office so that we can plan accordingly.

## Advent Candlelight Dessert Coming December 3

Plan now to attend the Advent Candlelight Dessert on Wednesday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall following Wednesday Church Night dinner. Join us for this special celebration of the beginning of Advent. The 40-minute program includes a light dessert, hearing special music by the Children's Choirs and MarketBell Ringers and the singing of carols. The lighting of Advent candles will prepare us for Christmas as we learn the symbolism of each candle. It is a meaningful event and everyone is invited.

Make this service part of your family tradition as many members have over the past 35 years. Reservations are needed for dinner, but not the Candlelight Dessert which will follow dinner. Call 275-4587 to make your dinner reservation.

This event is sponsored by the Worship Council and Wednesday Church Night Team.

## United Methodist Women General Meeting and Luncheon Monday, December 1 12:00 noon - Fellowship Hall

Join the UMW for a festive luncheon! They will celebrate our Fripp Award honoree, install officers for 2009-2010, recognize outgoing officers, and hear some tips for a healthy holiday season. You will not want to miss this general meeting...makes plans to be there!

Reservations for lunch and childcare are required, and must be in by Sunday, November 23. Call Peggy Joyner (274-0710) or Patricia Troxler (292-2164) to make your reservations. Cost of lunch is \$6.00.

*Hands-on Mission Project:* This year the Christmas project will support two organizations with whom we have special relationships. Our hands-on project will be for Greensboro Urban Ministry, to be used by the Pathways Center and the Clothing Bank. The Pathways Center provides safe, temporary housing for 16 homeless families. They are in need of women's and men's new underwear and socks, new or lightly used twin and full size sheet sets, diapers (sizes 3, 4 & 5), toothbrushes, family size toothpaste, shampoo, women's and men's deodorant, and Ensure. Please bring your items to your December circle meeting, the December UMW luncheon, or deposit them in the large basket marked "UMW Christmas Project" that will be in the Gathering Space.

*Financial gifts* will support the Early Childhood Center Scholarship Fund. You may bring your financial gifts to your December circle meeting, the December general meeting, or send them directly to Martha Faye Robbins, UMW Treasurer. If you have questions about our Christmas project, contact Carol Betts at 274-3950.

**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 . .

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to **follow** Him. Let your **roots grow down** into Him, and let your lives **be built** on Him. Then your faith will grow strong **in the truth you were taught**, and you will **overflow with thankfulness.**" (Colossians 2:6-7)

We remembered those words of Paul in church this past Sunday as we committed ourselves again to Christ and His church during the coming year. As we did that, we asked two of our members, Sean McClain and Pat Spicer, to share parts of their faith stories.

Sean is one of our newer members. He talked about how he had reclaimed his faith, how God brought him to West Market, and how he takes advantage of moments in his life to share his story with others. Pat shared how many of her investments of time and resources hadn't been as fulfilling as she had hoped, but that every investment she'd made for God brought forth much fruit.

One of our pastors said to me that it was the most powerful experience of a Commitment Sunday ever. I must agree. When we share our stories with other people, things hap-

pen that wouldn't happen otherwise. We get part of what's in our hearts wanting to come out; we are able to say "thank you" to God for our experiences, and for walking each step of the way with us, in good times and bad; and we are able to help others in and through our successes and our failures.

I believe God means for us to share our stories with one another. I'd love to know your story. If there's a God story that has happened in your life that you wouldn't mind sharing with me, I'd love to read it. If you choose, e-mail it to me at [dmelton@wmsumc.org](mailto:dmelton@wmsumc.org).

I'll make this promise to you: I'll treasure the story, and won't share it with others without your permission. But maybe, just maybe, God wants to impact another life in and through what has happened in your life.

I'm so thankful for you and for God's promise never to leave you. God bless you.



*Dave Melton*

### Annual Charge Conference November 25 6:00 p.m.

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held Tuesday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Items to be acted upon include:

- acceptance of apportionments for 2009;
- election of officers, and
- ratification of the capital campaign proposal our Administrative Board unanimously approved at our September Board meeting.

### Poinsettias to be Placed in the Sanctuary, December 21

Orders are now being taken for poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary on December 21. The cost is \$9.50 each and **the deadline for receiving orders is Monday, December 8.** To order, phone Cheryl Moore at 275-4587, voice mail 23 or e-mail at [cmoore@wmsumc.org](mailto:cmoore@wmsumc.org). You may take your plant home after the 10:55 a.m. worship service on December 21.

#### *Honor Someone with an ECC Scholarship* —

Another way to honor someone at Christmas is by making a contribution to the Early Childhood Center Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made payable to WMSUMC, marked for "ECC Scholarship Fund", and mailed to the church or placed in the collection plate through the month of December. Orders may also be placed through Cheryl Moore as stated above. You may designate your gift in honor of or in memory of someone special to you.

## WORSHIP

Sundays,  
**November 16 & 23**  
**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  
**November 18**

Brian French, trombone  
Marian Towe, mezzo soprano  
**November 25**

Service of Thanksgiving  
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

**November 19**  
Shrimp/baked fish  
Baked potatoes/french fries  
Slaw  
Salad  
Children:  
Hot Dogs

**November 26**  
**Thanksgiving**  
No WCN



## Reflections

Experiences With God

"Treasures of the Transformed Life" brought home to me the revival I needed. I am correcting my focus to: put God first; rely more on Him; accept His will; reach out to and encourage others; and continually determine if my progress is becoming more Christ-like.

— Gloria Covington

His Spirit is empowering me to review and accept my stewardship commitment and begin serving with new groups. I humbly will accept the challenge by jumping in with both feet!

— Anonymous

*We will be looking for more and more stories and reflections of how God is actively at work in our everyday lives. How is God transforming you?*

## Help WMSUMC Host Homeless Families November 16-22

### Volunteer Opportunities Abound for All (including children and youth)!

As a Guilford Interfaith Housing Network "host congregation", WMSUMC will provide overnight accommodations and meals for three to five families (up to 14 individuals) for one week beginning November 16.

Volunteers are needed to

- Provide and eat dinner with the families;
- Stay with the families overnight and help transport them to the Day Center;
- Shop for breakfast and sack lunch items;
- Provide activities for the children on the weekend. *Great idea for Sunday School classes, UMW circles or small groups;*
- Laundry;
- Help with set-up or take-down.

Sign up in the Gathering Space or the Fellowship Hall at the Outreach Table. This will be yet another wonderful opportunity for us to demonstrate Christian hospitality and love to those in need.

## CROP Goal Exceeded

A BIG THANKS to our walkers and sponsors in the CROP Walk! We can **celebrate** that WMSUMC is over our goal of \$10,000. We have raised \$10,017. Contributions are still being accepted. Make your check out to "CROP" or give a cash gift in an envelope labeled "CROP" and put it in the offering plate, or mail your check to the church office. Think of the lives this will touch to help fight hunger in Greensboro and around the world! Every dollar helps!



Churches to provide 200 families in need with an opportunity to "shop" for Christmas presents for their children. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this special Christmas experience!

- ▶ Sort the items
- ▶ Set up the Store
- ▶ Help in the store
- ▶ Check in families
- ▶ Be a personal shopper
- ▶ Wrap Presents
- ▶ Serve beverages
- ▶ Help in one of the children's activity rooms.

*Where and when will the store be open?* — Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm. at WMSUMC.

*Who will we serve?* — Families who qualify for emergency assistance at Greensboro Urban Ministry as well as the families of Washington Montessori school students and students from the Newcomers School. WMSUMC will be collecting t-shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, books, coats, toys, and stocking stuffers. The Angel trees will be up November 16. Donations are due no later than Sunday, December 7.

## Support the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Turkey & Fixin's" Thanksgiving Food Drive and Day of Sharing!

WMSUMC needs your support to provide a turkey and all the "fixin's" for 300 families receiving food from the "Turkey & Fixin's" Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year, WMSUMC hopes to provide food for 300 local families in need! Your generous support is needed to reach that goal. You may return your bag filled with food, including \$10.00 for a turkey, to the altar in either the Fellowship Hall or the Sanctuary.

### Difficulty carrying the food inside? No problem!

Take advantage of our new "drive-by drop off", Sunday morning from 8:15 – 11:00 on Commerce Place.

*All food donations due Sunday, November 16, when Rev. Dave Melton will bless the food at all three services.*

## Housing Needed for Glenn Draper Singers

The Glenn Draper Singers will present a Christmas Concert at WMSUMC on Sunday evening, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This will be a larger group than we had last summer. We will need at least 20 homes to house the singers over night with two in each home. They will eat dinner at the church before the concert. Hosts will pick up the two singers following the concert, keep them overnight, feed them a light breakfast and return them to the church by 8:00 a.m. Monday morning.

If you can help with housing our guests overnight, please call or e-mail Bill Ellison at 275-4587, vm 17 or bellion@wmsumc.org. We will need to get this matter settled before we get into the rush of Christmas preparations. Thanks for your help.

## "TIME OUT" for a Play

See *Everybody Loves Opal* at the Broach Theater  
Friday, December 5, 8:00 p.m.

The S.E.N.I.O.R.S Social Committee has planned a special evening for Friday, December 5, at the Broach Theater. The cost is \$17.50 per person. There are a very limited number of tickets available so make your reservations early. Depending on availability, additional tickets may be available.

Make your plans to enjoy this comedy with the WMSUMC group. Final day for reservations will be Tuesday, December 2. Call Jeanne Shepherd at 275-4587 for tickets.

## Let His Light Shine, this Christmas Season!

### Support the Greensboro District-wide UMC Christmas Store!

*What is a Christmas Store?* — Our church is joining 17 other United Methodist

Churches to provide 200 families in need with an opportunity to "shop" for Christmas presents for their children. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this special Christmas experience!

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## Our Church Family

As of November 9, 2008

### In Memoriam

*Fred Lee Proctor, Sr.*  
November 7, 2008

Sympathy is extended to Fred, Jr., family and friends.

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to *Mary Jones* on the death of her father, Robert Pinkney Gorrell, of Greensboro, on October 25, 2008.

## Jim Weikel Named Shepherd's Center Trustee Emeritus

At its Annual Celebration on October 6, 2008, Shepherd's Center of Greensboro named Jim as Trustee Emeritus and recognized him as one of its founders, acknowledging that his vision and tireless dedication to older adults brought the Shepherd's Center movement to Greensboro. Jim served as the first President of the Board and has continued to serve in various capacities for the last 21 years.

## Opportunities for November 16—29

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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 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 pm Mission Possible Kids, GS
- 1:00 pm First Aid & CRP Certification, CR
- 4:00 pm WMS Instrumentalists, 317
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 11:00 am Friendship Club, FH3
- 7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, 302D
- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm Tuesday, Music, Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 11:30 am ECC Board, CR
- 4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 304D
- 4:30 pm Trustees, CR
- 5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH
- 5:30 pm Exploring West Market, FH2
- 5:30 pm Cherub Choir, 316
- 5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, 317
- 6:30 pm WCN Program
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 6:00 pm Outreach Meeting/Phone Bank, CR
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, 405

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 8:00 am Thanksgiving Day of Sharing, FH

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 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
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm Service of Thanksgiving, Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm Ad Board/Charge Conference, FH
- 5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Happy Thanksgiving

## Sisters in the Spirit Welcomes New Members

Sister's in the Spirit Book Club began a new study book, *Esther, Reflections from an Unexpected Life* by Jennifer Spivey, on November 6. They meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at WMSUMC on Thursdays, November 13 and 20, break for Thanksgiving, and resume on December 4, 11 and 18.

New members are always welcome.

## Turkey & Fixin's Bags and Bucks due Sunday, November 16

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## *Bending Towards the Light: A Jazz Nativity* Saturday, December 6 5:00 p.m.

On Saturday, December 6, at 5:00 p.m., the Chancel Choir will present *Bending Towards the Light: A Jazz Nativity* by New York composer Anne Phillips. Conducted by Alice Ann Johnson, members of the choir will be joined by Mark Freundt, piano; Matt Kendrick, bass; Danny Frye and Cesar Oviedo, percussion; Lynn Grissett, trumpet; Mark Mazzatenta, guitar; Nancy McCracken, trombone; Dave Reid and Robert Faub, saxophone. Jazz arrangements of familiar carols are included and you will see the three kings as you have never imagined. The jazz work will be preceded at 4:00 p.m. by a holiday concert of sacred and secular music by the MarketBell Ringers.

Childcare will be provided and an offering will be received.

On Sunday, December 14, the Chancel Choir and Orchestra will offer *Christmas Reflections: A Carol Festival* at the 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. services.

## “Light Up Our Corner of Greensboro” Luminaries

The WMSUMC Youth are sponsoring luminary displays to surround our church with light during the *Jazz Nativity* on Saturday, December 6. Luminaries may be dedicated in honor or in memory of loved ones for \$5.00 each. Brochures acknowledging the dedications will be included in the bulletins for the service. To order your luminary, send your dedications (marked in “honor” or “memory” of) with the appropriate money, to Nancy Hamilton, PO Box 870, Greensboro, NC 27402, by November 30.