

MarketPlace



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Reaching Out With Music Tuesday Recitals in Downtown Greensboro 12:30 p.m. each week in the Sanctuary



- Celebrate a birthday.
- Invite a new neighbor to WMSUMC
- Bring a friend who works in the downtown area for lunch and music.

Each Tuesday from September through June, WMSUMC is alive with 30-minute recitals featuring exceptional talent or worship that lifts the spirit and restores the soul. Recital performances include singers, pianists, classical guitarists, cellists, and string ensembles. Worship is held each Tuesday during Lent and “Jazz in June” featuring the Mark Freundt Trio and members of our Chancel Choir is a spiritual way to rejoice and praise the Lord of our creation.

A light lunch is served in the Fellowship Hall each Tuesday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:00 to 1:20 p.m. for \$5.00.

The upcoming Tuesday music schedule presents Vant-Anthony Hall, tenor, on January 27. Our February recitals, offered by the faculty of the Music Academy of North Carolina, are as follows: February 3, Kevin Dollar and Carey Harwood, guitar duo; February 10, Susannah Steele, piano; February 17, Wayne Reich, violin; and February 24, Ken Brown, guitar.

Each program is preceded by music for meditation at 12:25 p.m.

Spread the word. *Tuesday Music* will enrich the life and restore the soul of those who attend.

Get Your Newsletter Online!

This is the last *Marketplace* that will be mailed to everyone the conventional way.

- If you have indicated to us that you are willing to receive an e-mail when the *Marketplace* is sent out, you will begin to receive those e-mails for the next issue.
- If you have told us you want to continue to receive a copy in the mail, you will continue to receive one via regular mail.
- If you have not indicated either way, you will continue to receive a copy in the regular mail.

There is still time for those of you who might be interested in making this change. If you would like to help WMSUMC be a little “Greener,” add your name to the list of people who receive the newsletter via e-mail. When you do, it will lower the number of newsletters that we print, reduce the amount of paper we buy, cut our postage costs, and lower the amount of time our staff and volunteers spend on turning out the newsletter.

Just call Susan Barnes (275-4587, vm 11 or sbarnes@wmsumc.org) if you want to make the switch.

One City One Book Chosen for February WCN Program

The Pleasure was Mine, the community-wide selection for *One City One Book* in Greensboro, will be the program topic for our Wednesday Church Night program February 4, 11 and 18.

Copies of the book by Asheville author Tommy Hays will be available in the Gathering Space between and after services on Sundays January 25 and February 1, a courtesy of the Greensboro Public Library. The library, which sponsors the *One City One Book* program, is providing our church with copies which may be checked out and returned by March 1.

Steve Sumerford, who directs the library's biannual *One City One Book* program, has been invited to lead our Wednesday night discussions on some of the topics the book covers. These include aging, health care, family relationships, and Alzheimer's disease.

Also being offered on February 4 is a HOPE Team Information Meeting and Training. Join this group for an evening of information and inspiration as we learn how the Christian community can respond effectively to the problem of chronic homelessness in Greensboro. HOPE Teams are integral to the success of Greensboro's Ten-Year Plan to end chronic homelessness. Learn how you can serve on a HOPE Team and make a lasting difference in the life of someone who is transitioning from homelessness.

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 . .



What can you buy for 50 cents? A stamp, a daily newspaper, a cheap cup of coffee, maybe a pack of gum and that's about it. You would need more than that to get a candy bar or a can of soda from a vending machine. Even fast food restaurants have to start at 99 cents on their value menus. Yet with that same 50 cents you can help feed the hungry, clothe the poor, and share Christ with the world. **50 CENTS!** Think about it. I imagine you could find that much in the loose change in your pocket, in the ashtray of your car, under the cushions of your couch, in the change jar on your kitchen counter, even on the sidewalk if you watch where you're walking.

Why am I pointing this out? Because 50 cents is what our church needs from each household in our membership. With 50 cents a day or \$15.00 a month in new and increased giving from our members, we can maintain ministries that impact the lives of tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters in Christ. 50 cents a day will make it possible for West Market to continue to offer over 200 worship opportunities a year, provide Sunday School classes, Confirmation training, youth ministry, children's ministry, marriage counseling, small group studies, hospital visitation, older adult programs and ministry, mission teams to Florida, Mississippi, Bulgaria, Kenya, Guatemala; provide support to local agencies such as Greensboro Urban Ministry, the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, the Shepherd's Center; child-care scholarships for low income families, the shelter ministry for homeless, meals at Potter's House, our partnership with Wash-

ington Montessori School, our radio ministry, and literally hundreds of other opportunities and services.

50 cents a day is a very small amount for any one of us, but when added together across our membership it becomes a large sum (approximately \$180,000) that is needed to make all these things possible in 2009. Due to the downturn in the economy, the loss of investment income and the impact on many of our families, we are facing a serious situation that could lead to the reduction or elimination of many of the ministries of the church unless we respond.

50 cents a day will allow us to keep our ministries intact with a budget that is essentially the same as 2008. 50 cents a day — what would you need to do to find that much money? What would you have to sacrifice or do without? Probably not very much if anything at all, yet without it the impact on our ministry will be huge.

If you're among those who have made a pledge or commitment to the church for 2009, thank you; but I must ask you to consider how you can increase your giving by 50 cents a day. Set up a special container to drop your change in each evening, look for creative and fun ways to make a game or challenge out of it. If you have not made a pledge for 2009, why not commit 50 cents a day? Lives are at stake, people's eternities are in the balance. Is that not worth a cup of coffee?

Scott Nowlan

WORSHIP
Sundays,
January 25 & February 1
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

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WCN Menu

January 28
 Country style steak
 Mashed potatoes
 Copper penny carrots
 Okra
 Salad
 Children:
 Chicken tenders

February 4
 Tacos—beef/chicken
 All the trimmings

Cancer Fundraiser Raised Over \$2,311.00

On Sunday January 11, **Megan and Emily Wright** (ninth and 12th graders) held a benefit concert in honor of their father, **Wes**, who was diagnosed with cancer this past October. The money raised went to the Cancer Patient Support Center at Wake Forest Medical Center. Approximately 250 people attended and Megan and Emily raised over \$2,311.00. Megan says "it proved to me that even the worst situations can turn into something beautiful with the grace of God."



WMSUMC Helping Homeless Find Relief from the Cold

WE! Providing a Winter Shelter for Homeless Men at WMSUMC, and **WE! Need Your Help**

This winter, the demand for shelter is greater now than before, and Greensboro Urban Ministry has requested that WMSUMC be one of four satellite winter shelters from January 15 – March 15. This program is known as the Winter Emergency Shelter program, or WE!, and will include volunteers from churches throughout Greensboro.

WMSUMC will host the same 15 men during the 60-day period, and will have an opportunity to develop relationships and share the love of Christ with our guests. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to provide shelter, warmth, and love to the "least of these" in our community.

To volunteer, visit the Outreach Table in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall or e-mail the WE! Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Pritchett, at Weshelter@gmail.com.

Guatemala Mission Trip Information Meeting Sunday, February 1 at noon in the Gathering Space

Lunch will be served.

Please RSVP to Outreach Ministry
at 275-4587, vm 16

Join the 2009 Guatemalan Mission Trip. WMSUMC plans to send 18 missionaries May 16-24 to Guatemala for a combined medical and construction mission trip

**Don't miss this incredible
heart-transforming mission opportunity!**

Needed: Games for Children

Wednesday Church night suppers are a wonderful way for families to enjoy dinner and fellowship together with other families. The Children's Ministry Team recognizes that parents often want to sit and talk together after supper, leaving children at loose ends. The Team would like to help solve this issue. They are planning on having some activities available for the children after they have finished eating. Donations of games that could be kept on hand for that purpose would be greatly appreciated. When cleaning out a closet and you find board or card games that your children have outgrown or are no longer interested in please bring them to the church office. The children and their parents will be grateful.

Help Host Homeless Families February 1-7 Volunteer Opportunities Abound for All (including chil- dren 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 February 1. Volunteers will prepare the evening meal and share it with the families, some will stay with the families at night and transport them back to the GIHN Day Center the next morning, and others will provide support by grocery shopping for breakfast and bag lunch items or washing linens and helping to set up or take down the rooms. This will be yet another wonderful opportunity for us to demonstrate Christian hospitality and love to those in need.

- 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 to set up or take down.

*Sign-Up in the Gathering Space
or the Fellowship Hall
at the Outreach Table.*

Equip Yourself for Local & Global Mission!

Don't Miss Upcoming Missioner School Opportunities for Spring

- Leadership Training ■ Language Instruction ■ Disaster Response Training ■ Ministry to Children ■ Ministry to the Homeless

Registration forms and catalogues are available at Outreach tables in Fellowship Hall and the Gathering Space, or call the Outreach Ministry office 275-4587, vm 16. Register today!

Our Church Family

As of January 15, 2008

In Memoriam

Connie Hall Linkous
January 6, 2009

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **Hilda Prefontaine** on the death of her brother, Samuel Milton Henley, of Asheboro, NC, on January 8, 2009.

Baptism

Avery Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Bryan and **Leslie Smith**, was baptized December 21, 2008. Maternal grandmother is **Alice Finch**.

Rory Raymond
Goldmann, son of **Julie and Sean Goldmann**, was baptized Sunday, December 28, 2008.

Circles

Tuesday, February 3
Circle #4, 7:30 p.m., 3618 Birchwood Lane, Evelyn Love and Lynn Long, hosts
Wednesday, February 4
Circle #7, 12:00 noon, Gathering Space
Monday, February 9
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., Gathering Space
Tuesday, February 10
Circle #6, 10:00 a.m., 900 Greenwood Drive, Gene Jones and Audrey Wright, hosts
Thursday, February 12
Circle #8, 7:00 p.m., 3808 Hazel Lane, Pam Hughes and Laura Judy, hosts.
Tuesday, February 17
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Room 302D
Thursday, February 19
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00 p.m., 3426 Deep Green Drive

**Opportunities for
JANUARY 25 —
FEBRUARY 7**

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- 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 New Member Luncheon, FH2
- 4:00 pm WMS Instrumentalists, 317
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

- 11:00 am Friendship Club, FH3

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

- 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
- 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
- 8:00 pm AA, 4

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

- 4:00 pm Created by God, 403

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

- 9:00 am Created by God, 403

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 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
- 10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 12:00 noon Guatemala Mission Information Meeting, FH2
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 304D
- 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, FEBRUARY 5

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

Wild Goose Chase, by Mark Batterson, (Reclaim the Adventure of Pursuing God)
Begins February 2, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., in Room 302B.

To register for this LIFE group, contact Nancy Hamilton, 275-4587, vm 12 or nhamilton@wmsumc.org.

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**Confirmation 2009 Begins
Sunday, February 1
Parent Meeting on Sunday,
February 1 at 12:30 p.m.**

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)

All eighth grade students are encouraged to participate in Confirmation 2009. Confirmation is an important rite of passage in the life of teenagers. It allows youth to explore their faith, to ask questions in a safe environment, to learn more about our faith heritage, to discover and experience a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through spiritual practices, and to be given the opportunity to "Claim the Name" of Christian for themselves. Confirmation will give students opportunities for deeper spiritual formation which will allow God, the Master Potter, to shape and form the clay of their lives. As we discover how to follow Jesus together, we will morph into the Masterpiece that God has created each of us to be.

Confirmation will meet each Sunday morning from 10:50 a.m. until 12:00 noon upstairs in the Confirmation Room in the Youth Suite (Room 403-B). It is important to make Confirmation a priority in your schedule and do everything you can to attend each week so that you do not miss any of our experiences together. Confirmation 2009 will be led by our Youth Pastor, Jeff Peck. Confirmation will also include a unique retreat in the Springtime. We will celebrate Confirmation in our worship gatherings on Sunday, May 31. Please sign up for Confirmation 2009 on our church website at www.wmsumc.org or by contacting Nancy Hamilton at nhamilton@wmsumc.org or calling her at 275-4587 vm 12.

There is an important parent meeting on Sunday, February 1 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. upstairs in the Youth Coffee House (Room 405). Please make every effort to attend this meeting. A light lunch will be served.