

MarketPlace



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Help Build a House One Pancake At A Time Tuesday, March 3 6:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Join us Tuesday, March 3, in the Fellowship Hall for our Seventh Annual Pancake Day Benefiting Habitat for Humanity! We again welcome Washington Montessori School and our ECC children as our guests.

Tickets are on sale in the Gathering Space, Fellowship Hall, Sunday School Classes and at WCN--\$5.00 adults and \$3.00 children.

Volunteer registration sheets are also located in the Gathering Space, Fellowship Hall, Sunday School Classes and at WCN. Visit a Pancake Table today and choose your favorite place(s) and time(s) to serve whether in volunteer registration, ticket collection, sales and greeting, food service areas, cleaning crews, preparing pancake batter or flipping pancakes. There's a spot for everyone!

Great fun and fellowship are your gifts of the day so bring your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and enjoy "All The Pancakes You Can Eat!"

United Methodist Women to Host Dr. Frances M. Alguire Monday, March 2 Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

The United Methodist Women are pleased to have Dr. Frances M. Alguire, First Laywoman to lead the World Methodist Council, as their guest speaker on March 2.

This is a very special opportunity and all members of the congregation are invited and welcome! Invite your spouse and friends to join.

Reservations for dinner are required, and must be in by Sunday, February 22. Call Grey Wood (299-2729) or Merrimon Gravely (294-2503) to make your reservations. Cost of dinner is \$7.00. Childcare is available by reservation only, due also by Sunday, February 22.



"Love God - Love People" on Sunday, February 15 at 6 p.m.

Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new.

It's bursting out! Don't you see it? (Isaiah 43:19)

God is creating something brand-new in our midst! WMSUMC Youth Ministry is growing even deeper roots and spreading our wings to soar even higher! On Sunday, January 11, Megan and Emily Wright ushered in a new era of collaboration, celebration and unity among Greensboro churches. Megan and Emily organized an incredible benefit concert featuring the band Counterfall, to benefit the Wake Forest Cancer Center. There were approximately 250 youth here in our Fellowship Hall and over \$4,000.00 has now been raised! Bravo, God! Bravo!

It was such a huge success, that WM's youth have invited 67 churches across Greensboro to join us for "Love God- Love People" on Sunday, February 15 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth can expect interactive, multi-sensory worship experiences that will help them discover the real-life meaning of Jesus' words in Mark 12: 28-31: "One of the religion scholars came up. Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, he put in his question: "Which is most important of all the commandments?" Jesus said, "The first in importance is, 'Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.' And here is the second: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment that ranks with these."

Youth, bring all your friends - you do not want to miss out on this unique night together!

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



One of the things that I've noticed that's different now from the time of my youth is that cars don't have to have as many "tune-ups." Mechanics tell me that, because of electronic ignition and combustion, there's less and less that requires cleaning and tweaking. That's different from my youth, when I took my car in fairly often for a tune-up.

Have you ever noticed however, that every now and again, almost everything needs a "tune-up?" The past few weeks we've been in a series, meant to be a tune-up in our lives, on the topic of faith and doubt.

We've explored how doubt is not the opposite, or antithesis, of faith; that, with Thielcke, we are called to "doubt our doubts more than we doubt our faith;" that often doubt refines and strengthens our faith; but that sooner or later we must choose one or the other. It is my prayer that you choose faith.

In today's Church, leaders are required to have and lead with faith. As each day goes by, at least in my life, there is less and less to depend on – but God.

Those things that can decay (including our financial resources) will.

Back in the fall, when we were making a point of focusing on our total stewardship – using all of our resources (including our finances) appropriately for God – I kept saying that the only investment I was making that

continued to have a powerfully positive return on my investment was the resources that I offered to God in and through the church.

Lynne and I never regretted our offering of those financial resources. As a matter of fact, as we look back now, we wish we had offered God even more.

The truth is that now, as we are even further into a worldwide recession, the money I tried to keep for myself isn't there anymore. But the financial resources I offered back to God, (from whom they came in the first place) have been multiplied over and over and over, as is God's plan – to feed the sick, clothe the naked, and heal the afflicted.

Leaders in our congregation are making important decisions about how to move through a challenging financial time. Both our individual lives and our corporate lives need a "tune-up" from time to time.

I pray that as you offer yourself to God, that God might even again make you whole – so that you can say (in the words of Peter): "Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

(1 Peter 3:8-9)

Dave Melton

WORSHIP

**Sundays,
8:30 and 10:55 a.m.
Sanctuary
9:40 a.m.**

**Fellowship Hall
February 8**

Sermon: Dave Melton
February 15

Sermon: Rob Hutchinson
*The 11:00 A.M. Sunday
Worship Service is broadcast
over WPET 950 AM*

Tuesday Music

**12:30 p.m. Sanctuary
February 10**

Susannah Steele. piano

February 17

Wayne Reich, violin

Kevin Dollar &

Carey Harwood, guitar

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.

Youth February Schedule

Sundays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

February 8—Pottery — the youth will glaze and create pottery as they discover how God is our potter and we are God's clay.

February 15—"Love God - Love People"

February 22—"11th Hour" — Bring a friend to watch this powerful video and learn how we can take better care of God's earth.

WCN Menu

February 11

Chicken pie

Cooked cabbage

Corn

Salad

Children:

Chicken tenders

February 18

Ham

Hashbrown casserole

Green beans

Tips for Keeping Kids Active During the Winter

Did you know that researchers believe that kids burn just half as many calories in the winter as they do in the summer? When the weather turns cold and it gets dark early, keeping kids active can take some creativity. Sixty minutes of daily exercise is recommended for children. Here are some ideas for keeping your family moving all winter long.

- Discover Indoor Facilities: Visit an indoor pool, ice skating rink or bowling alley. Find an indoor basketball or tennis court.
- Dance Your Heart Out: Let your child pick the music, crank it up and then dance away! March, box step, bounce, spin, shake it...it is a great way to burn calories
- Walk the Mall: When it's too cold to venture outdoors take the family for a brisk walk around the mall. Walk up the stairs instead of using the elevator.
- Create a home play space: Turn the basement or playroom into a space with tools for being active like jump ropes, beanbags, and balls.
- Visit the Library: Libraries are a great resource for children's fitness videos and books, which you can use to teach your child about indoor exercises.
- Sign 'Em Up: Enroll your child in an instructional group class. Try dancing, gymnastics, martial arts, fencing, indoor swimming or tennis lesson, indoor team sports — anything that will get them excited about staying active.
- Find Middle Ground: If it is impossible to pry kids away from TV or video games, encourage them to do jumping jacks, sit-ups and push-ups during commercial breaks.

Events Sponsored by S.E.N.I.O.R.S

Hola! Tapas Tasting at Solaris Restaurant

on Summit Avenue
across from Historical Museum
Thursday, February 12
at 5:45 p.m.

Check out their website at
<http://www.gettapas.com/>
Cost is \$15.00 per person
including tax and tip *and is due*
by **February 9**.

Please register with Jeanne
Shepherd at 379-4587 by noon
Monday, February 9.

Visit Potteries in Seagrove and Lunch in Westmore **Wednesday, February 18**

Travel will be by church
van and cost will be \$1.00 to
\$2.00 for gas, plus lunch is on
your own. Departure from the
church will be at 9:00 a.m. and
return mid afternoon.

Please register with Jeanne
Shepherd at 379-4587 by noon
Monday, February 16.

Tour Hebrew Academy **4334 Hobbs Road** **March 12, at 2:00 p.m.**

This is a great opportunity to
see this remarkable complex.
Those attending will meet at
the academy. Transportation
will be provided for the tour.
Limit of 15 participants.

Call Grey Wood at
299-2729, by Wednesday,
March 2, for your reservation.

Our Church Family

As of February 1, 2009

In Memoriam

Horace Robinson Kornegay
January 21, 2009

Sympathy is extended to his
family and friends.

In Memoriam

Ruby Ray Rainey

January 23, 2009

Sympathy is extended to her
husband, **John**, family and
friends.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to
Frances Shelton on the death of
her brother, Grady M. Causey,
on January 11, 2009; **Liza Bur-**
ton on the death of her mother,
Harriet A. Burton, of Warren-
ton, NC, on January 12, 2009;
Helen Medlin on the death of
her brother, John Calvin Peden,
of Gastonia, NC, on January 14,
2009; **Pam Tessier** on the death
of her mother Cleva Moore, of
Asheville, on January 14, 2009.

Baptisms

William James Preston, son
of **Lori and Kevin Preston**,
was baptized January 18, 2009.

Julia Elizabeth Shearin,
daughter of **Amy and Jarrett**
Shearin, was baptized January
25, 2009. Maternal grandpar-
ents are **Debbie and Larry**
Roland.

Wedding

Congratulations to **Amy**
DeBruycker and **Clarence**
"Til" Tillery who were married
Sunday, February 1, 2009.

Upcoming Missioner School Opportunities

Don't miss upcoming Missioner School opportuni-
ties for Spring 2009, and equip yourself for local and
global mission.

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

WE! Can Provide a Winter Shelter for Homeless Men

The WE! Emergency Shelter is going very well,
and WE! is starting to really form a family with our 15
residents. Winter shelter needs overnight and food
volunteers. Please visit the Outreach table in the
Fellowship Hall or the Gathering Space or e-mail
Linda Pritchett at WShelter@gmail.com to volunteer
as an overnight or registration volunteer, or e-mail
Kathy Clontz at kclontz@bethdavidsynagogue.org to
volunteer to bring a meal. All overnight volunteers
will work with a paid WE! Shelter staff person.
WMSUMC hopes to serve a snack supper on each
weeknight, and a hot dinner and breakfast on the
weekends. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful
ministry opportunity to provide shelter, warmth, and
love to the "least of these" in our community.

Missioners to be Commissioned

The following missioners will be commissioned
for ministry in Kenya on Sunday, February 8 at all
three services: Rusty Boaeuf, Dave Melton,
Elizabeth Montgomery.

Health Happenings

Living with Arthritis: Solutions to
Joint Pain and Stiffness, Thursday,
February 26, 6:30-8:00 pm, Wesley
Long Hospital Education Center,
Classroom 1. Class is free. Call 832-
8000 to register.

Keeping Our Brains Healthy

Friday, February 27
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

WMSUMC Gathering Space

Did you know that mental decline
typically begins before the age of
forty?

Join Ellen Cosby, M. Ed. on behalf
of the Creative Center for Aging –
North Carolina and learn how to
implement and maintain a brain-
healthy lifestyle. This opportunity is
for people of all ages.

Please call 275-4587, vm 10 to
register for this free program.

WCN Offerings for February

February 11—Immigration Issues. Gema Hall and Gerry
Chapman will do a presentation on "Shaping US Immigration Law Eco-
nomics, Politics, and Social Policy." The discussion will cover the cur-
rent state of our immigration system, family-based and employment-
based visas, the possibilities of comprehensive immigration reform, etc.

February 18—Quilt Making Join the Mission Possible Kids to
make quilts for wounded soldiers.

Also on the 11th and 18th, the *One City, One Book* study of **The**
Pleasure Was Mine will continue.

February 25 Ash Wednesday Service

**Opportunities for
FEBRUARY 8—21**

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 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
- 10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Guatemala Mission Information Meeting, GS
- 4:00 pm WMS Instrumentalists, 317
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary
- 1:30 pm Older Adult Team, CR
- 5:30 pm Finance Committee, CR
- 5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316
- 7:00 pm Spiritual Formation, CR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 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
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 6:30 pm Proyecto Abrigo Reunion, GS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 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 Love God, Love People, FH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 11:00 am Friendship Club, FH3
- 5:30 pm Visitation Team, 302B
- 7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316
- 7:30 pm UNCG Chamber Singers, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 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
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

**Spring Consignment Sale
March 27 and 28**

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**West Market Connect
Update**

Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their green card or updated your information online! It is really appreciated. If you have not returned your updated information to the church, please do so as soon as possible. We are in the process of updating the records in our database and want to be sure that we include yours. If you have lost your card, please let us know and we will get you a new one. You can always go online and update that information. Visit <http://wmstthingchallenge.wufoo.com/forms/west-market-street-umc-info-update/>. Or call the church office if you want to make the switch. (275-4587)

**Save the Church
Money**

Do you want an EASY way to save the church THOUSANDS of dollars every year? (And help WMSUMC be a little "Greener" as well!) All you have to do is add your name to the list of people who receive *MarketPlace* 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 the newsletter out. Honestly – it will save us THOUSANDS of dollars every year.

Mark Your Calendars

- 1-2-3 Go Day Camp, June 22 - 25
- Vacation Bible School, July 20 - 24
- Music Camp, July 27 - 31
- Performance August 2
- Mt. LeConte, September 22 - 23