

MarketPlace



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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.

Dr. Alguire is a woman who possesses unique gifts and leadership qualities. She was nominated and elected to the World Methodist Council Executive Committee in 1981. In 1986, she was nominated and elected president of the North American Section of the World Methodist Council and, in 1996, she became the first woman ever elected to head the world body.

Dr. Alguire's presidency was visionary and opened doors of undreamed accomplishments including the expansion of the World Headquarters complex onto adjacent property. The building is a magnificent replica of the Old Rectory in Epworth, England. This replica was made possible by a gift from, **Jane and Royce Reynolds**.

In her eight decades of life and service, Dr. Alguire has demonstrated the leadership style of Jesus, who sought to bring people into relationship with God and with one another. She is a leader who puts others first, listens to others, and invites others to participate and cultivate relationships. She is organized, persistent, and a lifetime learner who takes risks. Dr. Alguire has participated in shaping the time in which she lives as well as being shaped by it.

Another leadership style of Dr. Alguire is telling stories. Her crowning leadership now is to share the wisdom of her lifetime with new generations of leaders. Come and learn from Dr. Alguire the life she has lived for Christ and for the world that God loves.



Are You Ready for Pancake Day March 3?

Are you volunteering? Are you inviting family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers? Have you bought tickets?

WMSUMC's 7th Annual Pancake Day benefitting Habitat is less than a couple of weeks away and it's not too late to be a part of this great day of fun and fellowship!

Volunteer opportunities are available in Greeting, Volunteer Registration, Food Service Areas, Cleaning Crew and Van Shuttle Drivers. Also, folks are needed to help with set-up on Monday, March 2.

Pick up tickets and register to volunteer at tables in the Gathering Space, Fellowship Hall and at WCN!

Preview of Alpha Course to be Offered February 26



Please join us for the Alpha Dinner on Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. We will have dinner and enjoy a preview of the next Alpha course, a 10-week opportunity for people of all backgrounds to explore the meaning of life in a safe, fun, and non-threatening atmosphere.

To reserve your place at the table, contact Nancy Hamilton, 275-4587, vm 12 by February 22. For information on this course, contact Mary Ann James, 668-3144 or jamesma3527@gmail.com.



Ash Wednesday February 25

On February 25, we will have the Imposition of Ashes during the Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary, at 6:45 p.m.

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



Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by his holiness; the nourishment of mind with his truth; the purifying of the imagination by his beauty; the opening of the heart to his love; the surrender of will to his purpose --- and all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy of that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of actual sin.

Willam Temple, 1881-1944

These words of William Temple are some of the most persuasive to me in regards to why I need to come be a part of a worshipping community each week. I don't know about you, but my tendency is to make choices in my life first and foremost by looking at how it will affect me. I am pretty self-centered at heart. That, says Temple, is how we are wired and what often moves us to actions that separate us from God – sin.

The call to worship each Sunday in our liturgy is just that – a call to worship God. Yes, we are to keep the Sabbath holy, and that includes worship. Yet we so often find excuses that keep us away from Sunday worship. We

tell ourselves we can worship watching the birds at the feeder or taking a walk. We don't need to go to church.

It's true that we can offer our adoration to God when we observe nature, when we do deeds inspired by our faith. But friends, William Temple's words instruct us even more. What corporate worship does, when we bring to it a spirit of adoration of God and receptivity to the Holy Spirit, is a life-giving experience that moves us beyond our nature as self-centered creatures to a connection with the nature of our Creator – holy, true, beautiful, loving, and purposeful. It also shapes us into a community. Corporate worship is the foundation of every community of faith. Scripture teaches us that.

As we enter into the season of Lent, may each of us re-examine our commitment to worshipping God with our church family. Our life of prayer, service, and discipleship is grounded in our worship of God. If health or circumstances prevent you from being in worship, join us by radio each Sunday morning on AM950 at 10:55 a.m. May we be shaped by the Holy Spirit into a community of faithful disciples.

Pam Strader

WORSHIP

Sundays
8:30 and 10:55 a.m.
Sanctuary
9:40 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

February 22
 Sermon: Rob Hutchinson

March 1
 Sermon: Dave Melton
The 11:00 A.M. Sunday
Worship Service is broadcast
over WPET 950 AM

Tuesday Music

12:30 p.m. Sanctuary
February 24
 Susannah Steele. Piano
 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 to 1:15 p.m.
 for \$5.00

March 3
 No Tuesday Music
 Pancake Day

A GERMAN REQUIEM

by Johannes Brahms

Good Friday, April 10 at Noon

Presented by the Chancel Choir and Orchestra

West Market Connect Update



Do you wish you were more connected to others at church?

Are you looking to get more involved but don't know quite where to jump in?

Want an easy way to find activities that fit your busy schedule as well as your interests and talents?

Stay tuned for information on how you can log into West Market Connect.

WCN Menu

February 25
Ash Wednesday
Veggie Night
 Mac and cheese
 Okra
 Pinto beans
 Salad
 Turnip greens
 Broccoli salad
 Children: Pizza

March 4
 Turkey & dressing
 Yams
 Blackeyed peas
 Salad

Spring Home Bible Study

Wednesdays,
February 25 – April 1
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Study Book:

Talking in the Dark
by Steve Harper

The study sessions will be held at the home of Melva Fraley, 910 Avery Place.

Contact Jeanne

Shepherd at WMSUMC, 275-4587 to register and purchase a study book for \$10.00.

Registration is required and the study group is limited to 20 participants.

CONSIGNMENT SALE MARCH 27-28



It's that time again! The Spring Consignment sale will be held in the church Fellowship Hall on March 27-28. We are now registering consignors and volunteers. Here's how to get involved:

- Consign and earn 60% of the selling price. The other 40% benefits ECC and WMSUMC Children's Ministry.
- Volunteer and shop at our exclusive Preview Sale on Thursday evening, March 26.
- Donate, if you like! Donations are greatly appreciated and fund charitable programs that benefit local families in need. Donations are tax-deductible and you will receive a letter for tax purposes.

To donate, consign or volunteer, please call Leslie Morgan at 378-6093 or email homeandcloset@gmail.com.

Our Church Family

As of February 15, 2009

In Memoriam

John Richard Payne

February 12, 2009

Sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

New Baby

Welcome to *Noah Freeman Dupont*, son of **Virginia and Drew Dupont**, born February 4, 2009.

Health Happenings

Super Sitter Workshop 2009

Saturday, March 7
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Women's Hospital
Classrooms 1 & 2.

How to Survive Hot Flashes

Tuesday, March 17
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Women's Hospital
Classroom 5 & 6.

Understanding Bipolar Disorder

Wednesday, March 11
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Wesley Long Hospital
Education Center
Classroom 1

Call 832-8000 to register for these events.

WMSUMC Tennis Social Saturday, March 7

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Piedmont Indoor Tennis Center
Cost: \$10.00 per Person

Join us for the annual WMSUMC tennis social. It's a great way to have fun and get to know others in our church. All levels of players are welcome. It will be a round robin format with men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles. Snacks will be served. Please call Nancy Hamilton to register at 275-4587, vm 12, or nhamilton@wsumc.org or Debbie Taylor with questions, debtaylor2@yahoo.com or 286-3169.



Tour Hebrew Academy

The S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Education Committee will tour the American Hebrew Academy, 4334 Hobbs Road, on 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. Because of this, there is a limit of 15 participants. Call Grey Wood at 299-2729, by Wednesday, March 4, for your reservation.

WMSUMC Music Programs Participate in Outside Events

The MarketBell Ringers and Joyful Noise Choir are participating in musical events outside the church.

MarketBell Ringers is participating in a Handbell Festival at Christ UMC on Saturday, February 21. The festival concludes with a concert of multi-church handbells at 4:00 p.m. Participants from WMSUMC MarketBell Ringers are Sue Broadwell, Gloria Covington, Amberly Foulkrod, Mary Greenawalt, Sarah Hester, Ninette Humber, Patricia Troxler, and Alice Ann Johnson.

On Sunday afternoon, March 1, the **Joyful Noise Choir** has been invited to sing for a very special event at First Baptist Church. This concert, sponsored by the Spiritual Renaissance Singers of Greensboro, will include children's choirs from First Baptist, First Lutheran, Friendly Avenue Baptist, and others. Joyful Noise Choir, under the direction of Hannah Lloyd and Caroline Miller, will sing two spirituals as part of the program.

The congregation of WSMC is invited to both of these concerts.

Circles

Tuesday, March 3
Circle #4, 7:30 p.m.,
2312 North Elm Street
Carol Betts &
Genia Fontaine, hosts

Wednesday, March 4
Circle #7, 12:00 noon,
Gathering Space

**Opportunities for
FEBRUARY 22—March 7**

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 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
- 4:00 pm WMS Instrumentalists, 317
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Steering Team, GS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 11:30 am ECC Board, CR
- 4:00 pm Art Committee, Library
- 4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 304D
- 5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH
- 5:30 pm Cherub Choir, 316
- 5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, 317
- 6:45 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir, 317
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 1:00 pm Brain Fitness, GS

SUNDAY, MARCH 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 Global Mission Planning Team, CR
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee house

MONDAY, MARCH 2

- 8:00 am Pancake Day Set-up
- 5:00 pm UMW Executive Team, CR
- 6:00 pm UMW General Meeting, GS
- 7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

- 6:30 am Pancakes All Day

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 3:30 pm Sing-A-Long, Evergreens
- 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, MARCH 5

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- 9:00 am Meals for Learning Event, FH

Our Presence

February 8 February 15

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| 8:30 a.m. | 154 | 133 |
| 9:40 a.m. | 105 | 122 |
| 10:55 a.m | 358 | 296 |
| Sun. School | 262 | 253 |

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**Guatemala
Mission Trip
May 16-24**

WMSUMC plans to send 18 adults May 16 - 24 on a mission trip to Guatemala, where the team will work with medical missionaries in clinics in some of the impoverished villages in Guatemala, help with construction to replace a leaking roof in a school, and install some Onil stoves to improve the living conditions of the local people. This promises to be a transformative experience for all, as we serve as compassionate and loving servants of Jesus Christ and join in service and fellowship with our fellow disciples in Guatemala.

Applications available at the Outreach table in the Gathering Space or in Fellowship Hall, or call 275-4587, vm 16 for more information. Applications are due *no later than March 1!*

**WE!
Providing Winter Shelter
for Homeless Men
Here at WMSUMC**

Don't miss the opportunity for ministry! The shelter will remain open and needs volunteers through March!

Ways to Help

- ▶ Donate action/thriller DVDs .
- ▶ Coins are still being collected for the men to use at the Laundromat.
- ▶ Help register the guests.
- ▶ Provide snack supper.
- ▶ Stay overnight with the guests.
- ▶ Wash linens.
- ▶ Provide a snack breakfast weekdays or a hot breakfast on the weekends.

To volunteer, visit the Outreach Table in the Gathering Space or the Fellowship Hall, or e-mail the WE! Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Pritchett, at WEShelter@gmail.com or the Food Coordinator, Kathy Clontz, at kclontz@bethdavidsynagogue.org .