

# MarketPlace



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## Tuesday Music 12:30 p.m. March 10 - April 7 Lenten Service with Holy Communion

	Ministers	Musicians
March 10	Rob Hutchinson	Amberly Foulkrod, soprano
March 17	Dave Melton	Susan Bates and Alice Ann Johnson, keyboard duet
March 24	Jeff Peck	Marian Towe, mezzo soprano
March 31	Pam Strader	Fred Jones, bass
April 7	Bill Ellison	Alice Ann Johnson, soprano

## Radford University Chamber Players to Perform March 15, 2:30 p.m.

On Sunday, March 15, at 2:30 p.m., the Radford University Chamber Players will perform at WMSUMC, hosted by the church and The Music Academy of North Carolina. The recital will be held in the Sanctuary and the public is invited to attend. Admission is free.



The Chamber Players is comprised of Radford University music faculty members Dr. David Allen, clarinet and saxophone; Jenice Riebe, soprano; and Dr. Robert Trent, guitar. The program will include traditional and contemporary works by Dominick Argento, Johann Kaspar Mertz, Bruce Mahin, and Franz Schubert.

The Radford University Chamber Players tour is sponsored by the Graduate College of Radford University. For more information, please contact The Music Academy of North Carolina at 336-379-8748 or [www.MusicAcademyNC.org](http://www.MusicAcademyNC.org).

## Finance Update

We are making progress toward finalizing a 2009 Budget that will be equal to what was actually spent in 2008. Approximately \$100,000 is being adjusted downward on the expense side and we are developing ways to increase projected revenues by another \$100,000 to bring the budget into balance. Last month you were challenged to increase your giving by an average of 50 cents a day per household, over your normal amount. Doing that, by itself, would completely bridge the gap we face in underwriting our ministry plans for 2009. At the end of February that translates to \$29.50 for the year to date. Please, consider this challenge as a simple but serious matter that shows if each of us will give a little out of our resources, the impact can be enormous. Lives will be impacted for Christ literally around the world through the ministries of West Market Street and the United Methodist Church. 50 cents a day!

## Exploring West Market Wednesday, March 18 and 25 5:30-7:30 pm

If you are interested in discovering more about WMSUMC, then you won't want to miss this informal, two-session experience that shares the vision and mission of WMSUMC and helps you discover how God might be calling you to be a part of it. This is not a prerequisite to join the church, but it is a great way to discern where you are, and where God wants you to be.

This is even a great opportunity for members who are not quite sure how they fit in or where they might be gifted to serve. Dinner is included and child care is provided. Talk to Rev Rob Hutchinson for more details, or call the church office and ask for Susan Barnes (275-4587, vm 11).



**Remember to  
set your clocks  
ahead one hour  
before bed on  
Saturday,  
March 7.**

**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 a difference a week makes! As I write this, our city is covered with one of the most beautiful snowfalls I've ever witnessed. Last week this time, I was in Kenya in 85-degree weather (it's the middle of summer there) representing you as our church seeks to discern God's will for us in responding to the greatest humanitarian crisis of our day: the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa.

Our Outreach Coordinator, Elizabeth Montgomery, and I travelled to Kenya with teams from Christ UMC (Greensboro) and Wesley Memorial UMC (High Point) to see firsthand how followers of Christ are reaching out to help the members of God's family who are presently ravaged by disease and famine.

The situation is complicated. HIV/AIDS is the "worm at the core" of African life, destroying lives of individuals and families like nothing ever experienced in our lifetimes.

The truth is that HIV/AIDS can now be treated, and is often dealt with successfully in the West. But the extreme poverty that exists in Africa, coupled with drought, famine, and lack of clean drinking water, make HIV/AIDS an extremely effective killer in Kenya.

The statistics are daunting:

- Presently, there are 1,700,000 orphans due to deaths of young parents because of AIDS.
- 10,000,000 of Kenya's 30,000,000 population face starvation this year.

- More than half of Kenya's population lacks access to clean drinking water.
- Every day 5,760 new children become orphans because of the HIV/AIDS epidemic

But there is hope. At the Leadership Summit three years ago, Bono (a person of faith who happens to be lead singer for the band U2), challenged the church to follow Christ's example and reach out to heal the sick in Africa. Recently he said that he never knew an institution could make such an incredible difference so quickly.

Our fellow Methodists in Greensboro and High Point have dug wells, built schools and churches, fed and provided medical assistance for the poor, and preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the masses. Now it's our turn to respond.

Pray for God's guidance in this significant matter. The needs are incredible and at times seem insurmountable. But with God, all things are possible. May our Heavenly Father direct us to be His hands, feet, and heart in Africa.

I am so thankful to be a part of you. God bless you.

*Dave Melton*

## 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.

## Home & Closet

### Consignment Sale, March 27-28

The Spring Consignment sale will be held in the church Fellowship Hall on March 27-28. Consignors and volunteers are now registered. 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.
- ▶ 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](mailto:homeandcloset@gmail.com).

## WORSHIP

Sundays,  
**MARCH 8 & 15**  
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  
March 10

Rob Hutchinson, meditation  
Amberly Foulkrod, soprano

### March 17

Dave Melton, meditation  
Susan Bates and Alice Ann  
Johnson, keyboard duet  
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

### March 11

Meat loaf  
Mashed potatoes  
Broccoli  
Salad  
Children: Chicken tenders

### March 18

Barbeque chicken  
Mixed veggies  
Potato salad  
Applesauce

## Our Presence

	Feb. 22	Mar. 1
8:30 a.m.	141	125
9:40 a.m.	96	114
10:55 a.m.	307	214
Sunday School	290	186

## Youth News

### "Love People!" – Sunday, March 15 Fellowship Hall

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. – worship with other Greensboro youth  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – enjoy Mellow Mushroom pizza with friends.

Youth bring all your friends to this huge worship celebration! "Love People!" is a Greensboro-area, teen-led worship gathering featuring InterActive, multi-sensory experiences designed to help each of us live into 1 John 4:19-20: "We, though, are going to love—love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. He loved us first. If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both."

We are excited to welcome Muirs Chapel UMC's youth band to lead worship and usher us into the presence of God. Youth from several local churches, including WMSUMC, will be sharing their stories of how they "Love People" in real life as well as leading our diverse elements of worship.

You don't want to miss out on this exciting night together! Mark your calendars now and bring all your friends!

## March Youth Calendar

**Sunday, March 1** – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Youth Coffee House) – Tonight we will explore the season of Lent and make personal commitments to grow in our relationship with God between now and Easter.

**Sunday, March 8** – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Youth Coffee House) – Tonight we will explore U2's new CD "No Line on the Horizon" and the spiritual truth it conveys.

**Sunday, March 15** – 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) "Love People!" A huge Greensboro-area, youth-led worship gathering. Bring all your friends!

**Friday, March 20 - Sunday, March 22** - Confirmation Retreat, Camp Caraway

**Sunday, March 22** – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Youth Coffee House) – Tonight we will watch the Nooma DVD parable, "She" and discuss the fullness of God's nature.

**Sunday, March 29** – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Youth Coffee House) Karaoke night! Bring your friends and come sing together!!

## Come and Learn about the 2009 Mission Team to Bulgaria!

Plan to attend an information meeting Sunday, March 22, at noon in the Gathering Space.

WMSUMC plans to send up to 12 adults on a 10-day mission trip to be in ministry with our partner churches in Pleven, Voyvodovo, and Mizia, Bulgaria August 10 - 19. Missioners will have an opportunity to minister to children in an orphanage, engage in youth ministry, work with the ongoing prayer shawl ministry, and be in fellowship and worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Missioners will also help continue the refurbishing efforts for the Pleven church sanctuary.

Please RSVP no later than March 18 to the Outreach Office at 275-4587, vm 16.

## Circles

**Monday, March 9**

**Circle #1**, 10:15, Church Library

**Circle #2**, 11:00 a.m., Friends Home West, Tilley Blue, Doris McNeely, Hilda Prefontaine, Jean Sykes, Ethel Williams, hosts.

(Note time change—meeting and lunch)

**Circle #5**, 7:00 p.m., Gathering Space, Connie Smith, host

**Tuesday, March 10**

**Circle #6**, 10:00 a.m., 200 Ward Place, Violet Landreth and Karen Meredith, hosts

**Thursday, March 12**

**Circle #8**, 7:00 p.m., 3808 Hazel Lane, Pam Hughes and Laura Judy, hosts

**Tuesday, March 17**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 10:00 a.m., Room 302D

**Thursday, March 19**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry (PM)**, 7:00 p.m., 3426 Deep Green Drive

## Our Church Family

As of MARCH 1, 2009

### In Memoriam

**Terry Lester Cason**

February 21, 2009

Sympathy is extended to his wife **Sybil**, family and friends.

### In Memoriam

**Gerald Lee Clapp**

February 22, 2009

Sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

### In Memoriam

**Betty French Manson**

February 23, 2009

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

### In Memoriam

**Leroy Q. McDonald**

February 26, 2009

Sympathy is extended to his wife, **Rose**, family and friends.

## Opportunities for Older Adults

### Friendship Club Program and Lunch

**March 16 Fellowship Hall 3 11:00 a.m.**

Dennis Toman will introduce us to ELDERLAW

Lunch is \$5.00.

Contact Jeanne Shepherd (275-4587, or

jshepherd@wmsumc.org) to make your reservation.

Call Charles Gilbert at 288-4664 to request being placed on the list to be called each month.

### Trip to Golden Isles of Georgia

Christ UMC has invited WMSUMC adults to join them on an Adult Fellowship Trip by motorcoach transportation to St. Simons, Jekyll, Sea Island and Savannah on April 20-23. Cost is \$545.00 per person for a double room, and \$671.00 for a single. Information brochures are available in our Church Office. Contact Jeanne Shepherd at 275-4587. Space is limited.

The initial deposit of \$50.00 is due now, with final payment due by March 15. For other questions contact Anne Dooley at Christ UMC, 299-1571, ext. 306.

### GTCC Culinary Lunch

Enjoy a culinary lunch treat at GTCC's Hospitality program on the Jamestown campus in the Formal Dining Room on March 26. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the church and carpool to the campus. Cost for lunch is \$7.00 and is due by Tuesday, March 17. Please register with Jeanne Shepherd at 275-4587 by Tuesday, March 17. Book early, there is a limited number of reservations for this event.

## Opportunities for March 8—21

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 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
- 12:00 noon Guatemala Mission Team, CR
- 12:15 pm Children's Ministry Team, GS
- 4:00 pm WMS Instrumentalists, 317
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

### MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 7:00 pm Missioners Spanish Class, 302B

### TUESDAY, MARCH 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
- 5:30 pm Administrative Board/Charge Conference, FH

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 Cherub Choir, 316
- 5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, 317
- 6:30 pm WCN Program, Chapel
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 9:30 am Sisters In The Spirit, GS
- 12:00 noon Evangelism Team, CR
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH
- 6:00 pm Alpha, GS
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, 405

### SUNDAY, MARCH 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
- 2:30 pm Radford University Chamber Players, Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm "Love People", FH

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

- 11:00 am Friendship Club, FH3
- 5:30 pm Support Team, CR
- 7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library
- 7:00 pm Missioners Spanish Class, 302B

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316
- 7:00 pm Spiritual Formation, CR

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, Chapel
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

- 9:30 am Sisters In The Spirit, GS
- 6:00 pm Organ Recital, Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Outreach Team, CR
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH
- 6:00 pm Alpha, GS

## WMSUMC Tennis Social—Saturday, March 7

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Piedmont Indoor Tennis Center

Cost: \$10.00 per Person

Please call Nancy Hamilton to register at 275-4587, vm 12, or nhamilton@wmsumc.org.

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## GUM Spring Food Drive



**March 20 & 21**

Volunteers are needed to help solicit donations for the Greensboro Urban Ministry Spring Food Drive at the Lowes Food Store on Old Oak Ridge Road. Please visit the Outreach table in the Gathering Space or in the Fellowship Hall to sign up for a time. This is a fun opportunity for the whole family, and provides much needed canned goods at a time of year when donations can be low. The summer will be here soon, and the demand for food greatly increases due to the fact that children are out of school and no longer receiving free lunch and breakfast. So let's help GUM stock-up to feed the hungry in our community!

## Lenten WCN Offering

### A Life Worthy of the Gospel

An eloquent, challenging and inspiring five-lesson introduction to Christian ethics that avoids pat answers and simplistic lists of dos and don'ts.

Dr. Sandra Wheeler (Ph.D, Yale) focuses on the formation of Christian character, citing helpful examples, both from Scripture and from Church history.

This Lenten study will be in Leak Chapel at 6:30 p.m., March 11, 18, 25 and April 1.