

# MarketPlace



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## Holy Week/Easter Opportunities

### Palm Processional April 5

All children are invited to participate in the palm processional on Sunday, April 5. Children's Choir members should follow the instructions given by the directors. All other children should meet Jane Brannock in the West Annex Parlor at 8:15 a.m. for the 8:30 a.m. service or immediately following Sunday School for the 10:55 a.m. service. Those attending the 9:40 a.m. service meet in the coffee area (FH3) by 9:30 a.m.

Children will receive their branches and enter with the choirs at the beginning of the service. Children will then join their parents or grandparents for the remainder of the service.

### Tuesday Music April 7

Bill Ellison, meditation  
Alice Ann Johnson, soprano

### Good Friday April 10

Noon  
Sanctuary

### Requiem

by  
Johannes Brahms  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
(Child Care Provided)

### Easter Worship April 12

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

### Holy Thursday Communion April 9

7:00 p.m.  
Leak Chapel

### Festival of Easter April 12

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.  
Gathering Space

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Easter Flower Cross

Help WMSUMC celebrate Easter Sunday by bringing flowers for the floral cross. The flowers will be placed on the cross in front of the sanctuary as a sign of resurrection and new life in Christ

## Susan Bates Organ Recital, April 19

Susan Bates will present her annual Easter Celebration Organ Recital on Sunday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. Susan will be joined by guest artists Allison Bates, clarinet, Brian French, trombone, and James Bates as cantor. They will offer compositions of Buxtehude, Bach, Eben, Hulme, and Locklair. Come bask in the beautiful sounds of our world class Dobson Rosales organ. Come be refreshed, renewed, and restored by God's glorious gift of music!

## \$2,335,000 Capital Campaign Announced

At the direction of the Administrative Board and the Charge Conference, West Market is immediately beginning a three-year campaign for the purpose of eliminating all congregational debt. Three components are included: (1) the purchase of the property at 221 Commerce Place for \$1,750,000; (2) the balance on a line of credit of approximately \$360,000; (3) \$225,000 owed to our General Endowment Fund for emergency repairs to the facility in 2008. Pledges are being sought for the balance of 2009 and continuing through December 2011, and every household in the congregation will soon receive further information from the Capital Campaign Committee along with a pledge card. Please be in prayer about what you can do to help the church put itself on a solid financial base for growth in ministry in the coming years.

**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 . .



It is my prayer that this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. Spring has sprung in our area of the country. Flowers (and redbuds) are blooming, with azaleas not far behind. Many folks have spring gardens in. There are signs of new life everywhere. Because of the many outdoor projects I have going, I often refer to this season as: "my time."

This time of year in the Christian faith is: "Our Time." Because we (humanity) had fallen out of right relationship with God. Due to our inability to do anything about our sinfulness, God sent the most significant thing He could (namely, Himself in the person of His Son – Jesus) to live a sinless life and offer Himself as a sacrifice on our behalf in order that a right relationship might be established between humankind and Himself. In and through the reception of that gift from God, we are able to live meaningful, satisfying lives here and now, and live forever in Heaven with Him.

This time of year is "Our Time" because Easter is the event that confirmed all of the above. And, as usual, we at West Market are planning to make the pilgrimage through Holy Week and celebration of Easter as memorable as possible.

There are two reasons we are fully invested in sharing the Gospel in the most effective way. One of the reasons is to re-inspire many of you who believe in Easter, but who might get "beaten down" by forces at work in your world that would seek to take your mind off what's most important (namely, your faith in the Risen Christ), and leave you frustrated and discouraged.

The other (and I would say most important) reason we seek to tell the Resurrection story in new and different ways is because there are so many persons who have never experienced it. This is where "Our Time" becomes "Everyone's Time."

Your opportunity/responsibility is to offer

Christ to someone who needs Him. Now I know that sounds intimidating, but here's the easy part: you invite persons to come experience Palm Sunday and/or Easter with you at West Market. God, and we who have spent our lives preparing for these moments, will do the rest: share the story of Christ in a challenging, non-threatening, engaging way.

It's not as hard as you may think to get someone to come with you to church. Remember that 82 percent of the people you already know will say "yes" when you invite them to come with you to church.

The "world out there" is a difficult place these days. My experience is that people are struggling like never before. Can you imagine the difference you could make by offering Christ and the life He gives?

This coming Sunday's Palm Sunday Last Supper Tableau will be awesome, and our Easter celebration will be powerful. Do your part and bring someone with you.

It's an honor to be at work with you. I've never known of a church that's making the difference West Market is making. And now is not the time to pull in and focus on ourselves, but to reach out in even more arenas. I'll be right there in the trenches with you! God bless you.

*Dave Melton*

**Registration Open  
for  
Leadership Summit  
Thursday and Friday,  
August 6 and 7**

### WORSHIP

**Sundays,  
April 5 & 12  
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  
April 7**

Bill Ellison, meditation  
Alice Ann Johnson, soprano  
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.

**April 14  
NO Tuesday Music**

**WCN will be on  
break  
April 8 and  
April 15**

### Our Presence

Sunday	March 22	March 29
SS	227	258
8:30 a.m.	154	137
9:30 a.m.	114	105
10:55 a.m.	309	320

## Visit the Library

How recently have you walked through our beautiful, superbly organized Adult Library? When have you checked out a book or books to read? There are many new books and Librarian Peggy Joyner is constantly buying new items that are recommended by our church members or that are reviewed in one of the many church publications that keep us up-to-date on new materials. The Library is near capacity--not much space left for new books. We cull and eliminate out-dated or unused items on an annual basis.

Come by before or after church, or during the week. If Peggy is not there, help yourself — books are all listed in the card catalog. To check out a book, sign the card that is in the back of the book and leave it in the top drawer of the desk by the card catalog. Ours is an honor system that calls on our members to check and return books without supervision. We trust that all will respect and support the system. Come by for a visit; leave with a new book to read; return it in two weeks or a third week if you really need it.

If you have not visited the Library lately, you will be delighted with what you find.

## Circles

**Tuesday, April 7**

**Circle #4**, 7:30 p.m., 2517 Lakeshore, Trudi Atkins and Mary Craven, hosts

**Thursday, April 9**

**Circle #8**, 7:00 p.m., 3710 Worthing Court, Robin Hayes, host

**Monday, April 13**

**Circle #1**, 10:15, 910 Avery Place, Melva Fraley, host  
**Circle #2**, 10:30 a.m., 412 Fisher Park Circle, Unit A, Anne Daniels, host  
**Circle #5**, 7:00 p.m., 1214 Buckingham Road, Augusta Johnston and Fran Shelton, hosts

**Tuesday, April 14**

**Circle #6**, 10:00 a.m., 3008 Round Hill Road, Lena Baynes and Lynn Jones, hosts

**Tuesday, April 21**

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

**Thursday, April 23**

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



**You Don't Have to Hit a Home Run to Help WMSUMC Raise Funds! Volunteer to Sell Parking Spaces for Grasshopper Home Games!**

Visit the Ticket Booth in the Gathering Space or in Fellowship Hall and sign up!  
All proceeds benefit local and global missions and will help to:

- Expand the number of families served at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Increase scholarship money available for mission trips.
- Enhance ability to respond to needs in the community and at Washington Montessori School.
- Increase funds available for construction and other supplies for mission trips.

\*This year, plan to purchase a season parking pass for \$99. (almost a \$100 savings, and all proceeds benefit missions ministries!) On sale now!

## Hurricane Katrina Victims Still Need Our Assistance!

**Join the Final Mission Trip to Bay St. Louis, MS**

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."* Psalm 127:1 NRSV

Mississippi Mission Trip Applications Now Available!  
Trip Date is May 30-June 6  
Visit the Outreach Table in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall!  
For more information, call 275-4587, vm 16  
Applications due no later than May 3.

## Sisters In The Spirit Studying

Sisters In the Spirit has begun a new study about John Wesley. The book they are discussing is *A Perfect Love, A Plain Account of Christian Perfection*. Sisters meet every Thursday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Space.

Everyone is invited to join them for this exciting study.

**Come Be in Mission Together with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in Bulgaria!**

## Join the 2009 Mustard Seed Mission Team to Bulgaria!

WMSUMC plans to send up to 12 adults on a 10-day mission trip to be in ministry with our partner churches in Pleven, Vovvodovo, and Mizia, Bulgaria July 20-29. Information sheets and mission trip applications are available at one of the Outreach Tables, or call 275-4587, vm 16 for more information. Applications are due by April 19.

WMSUMC is partnering with three small UMC congregations through the In Mission Together Program (IMT). IMT is a partnership program of the Evangelization and Church Growth office of the General Board of Global Ministries.

WMSUMC has committed to a minimum three-year partnership with the Bulgarian congregations to: send team(s) to visit and make friends; learn more about the culture of Bulgaria; provide annual financial support (help pay pastors' salaries); share stories of personal faith; work together on mission projects

## "TIME OUT" for Dinner and a Play

See *Church Basement Ladies* at the Barn Dinner Theater, Sunday, May 3, 1:00 p.m. for lunch and play at 3:00 p.m.

The SENIORS Social Committee has planned another special afternoon for Sunday, May 3, at the Barn Dinner Theater. The cost for the entire event is \$40.00 per person. Make your plans to enjoy a meal and a musical comedy about the heart and soul of a church — the church kitchen, where problems are solved, funds raised, weddings and funerals handled and the pastor kept on course.

Reservations **and payment** must be made by Monday, April 13 by calling Jeanne Shepherd at 275-4587. There is a minimum count we must have to get this price, so make your reservations early. All ages are welcomed.

## Our Church Family

As of March 29, 2009

### In Memoriam

*Dolores Catherine Dukes*  
March 23, 2009  
Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

## New Member

Welcome to *Ronald Rozier*. 1510 Whilden Place, Apt. C 27408 (662-5860) who joined WMSUMC on March 29, 2009, by reaffirmation of faith.

## Duke Gardens Tour

Join us for an enjoyable docent-led walking tour of the Sarah P. Duke Gardens in Durham on Thursday, April 23, at 11:00 a.m. We will leave from the church at 9:00 a.m. on the vans. Cost is \$6.00, due at registration. Please call Jeanne Shepherd at 275-4587 by April 13 to register. Seating on the vans is limited, so sign up early.

We will stop for lunch on your own after the tour and then return to the church. The tour will last about 1 ½ hours.

## Opportunities for APRIL 5—18

**Leak Chapel open daily 11a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

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\  
2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt, Greensboro  
College Front Lawn  
5:00 pm Joyful Noise Choir, First Baptist  
5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 am Sewing Group, 109  
10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH  
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, FH  
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion,  
Chapel

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

12:00 noon *Requiem* by Chancel Choir and  
Orchestra, Sanctuary

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12—Easter

8:00 am Laity in Prayer, 319  
8:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:40 am Worship Service, FH  
9:45 am Festival of Easter, GS  
10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

### MONDAY, APRIL 13

*Church Offices Closed*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

1:30 pm Older Adults, CR  
5:30 pm Finance Committee, CR  
5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316  
7:00 pm Spiritual Formation, CR

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6:00 pm Outreach Meeting, CR  
6:00 pm ALPHA, GS  
6:30 pm 9:40 Rehearsal, FH  
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, FH

**West Market Welcomes Guest Families & Teachers from Washington  
Montessori School** this Sunday, April 5 at the 11:00 worship service.  
Plan to join us for a reception in the Gathering Space following the service.

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## Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary

Orders are now being taken for Easter Lilies to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12. The cost is \$10.00 each and the deadline for receiving orders is **Friday, April 3**. To order, please complete the form in Sunday's bulletin and return it, along with your check payable to WMSUMC, to Cheryl Moore, PO Box 870, Greensboro, NC 27402. You may also place your order in the collection plate or phone it in to Cheryl at 275-4587, vm 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 Easter.

## Honor Someone With an ECC Scholarship

Another way to honor someone at Easter 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 April. 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.

## Heritage Sunday Celebration is April 26

WMSUMC has a rich heritage. Annually, we plan a heritage celebration to share memories from our past. This year Heritage Sunday will be celebrated on April 26 during the morning worship services and at a luncheon immediately following the 10:55 a.m. service. Featured speaker for the Heritage Luncheon will be **Jim Melvin**, a lifetime member of West Market who will share his experiences growing up in our church. **Gayle Fripp** will tell us about West Market's new historical marker.

**The Heritage Luncheon is by reservation only. To make a reservation call Jeanne Shepherd in the church office (275-4587) by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20.** Luncheon payments made by Monday, April 20, will cost \$ 10.00 per person. For luncheon payments made after the 20<sup>th</sup>, the cost will be \$12.00 per person. Checks should be made out to "WMSUMC" and designated for "Heritage Luncheon". Make your reservation early!