

MarketPlace



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Greensboro, NC



Susan Bates Organ Recital Sunday, April 19 7:00 p.m.

Guests artists will be Allison Bates, clarinet;
Brian French, trombone;
and James Bates as cantor.

Compositions of Buxtebude, Bach, Eben, Hulme, and Locklair
There is no charge for this recital and the public is invited.

YOU are invited to the Heritage Sunday Celebration April 26

immediately following 10:55 a.m. service.

Menu: Chicken cordon bleu with cheese sauce, garden rice,
English peas with mushrooms, orange congealed salad, crois-
sants and a luscious dessert.

Featured speaker **Jim Melvin**,
a lifetime member of WMSUMC
will share his experiences growing up in our church.

Gayle Fripp will tell us about
West Market's new historical marker.

Lunch 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 pay-
ments made by Monday, April 20 will cost \$ 10.00 per person.*

*For luncheon payments made after the 20th, the cost will be
\$12.00 per person. Checks should be made out to
"WMSUMC" and designated for "Heritage Luncheon".*



April 19, 3:00 p.m.

The Spring Follies, "a really big show", will be held
Sunday, April 19, at 3:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Don't
miss it.

All ages (preschool to older adults) will perform in this vary-
ety program. Everyone is invited. Special guests are members of
WMSUMC living in retirement communities. The show
should end around 4:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, and yes, re-
freshments will be served. Come and bring a friend.

This is an Intergenerational Event sponsored by
S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Sub Committee of WMSUMC.

Our Lost and Found is Overflowing

If you are missing an item and think it may have been left
at the church, please come by and look through the **Lost and
Found** items. The Church Office is open Monday through
Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Any items not picked up by Sunday, April 26, will be
taken to Goodwill.

West Market Street Returns to Elm Street

For the first time in 158 years, the congregation will return
to 318 South Elm Street for an outdoor ceremony at its original
worship site. The occasion is the dedication of a historical
marker on Heritage Sunday, April 26, at 2:30 p.m.

The marker states that 64 Methodists, led by Peter Doub,
built the first church for the new residents of Greensboro, the
county seat established in 1808. It was completed in 1831 and
used until 1851 when the congregation moved to its second
building on West Market Street. The third and current sanctu-
ary was completed in 1898 and is listed on the National Regis-
ter of Historic Places. On the reverse side of the marker the
history of the former cemetery in southeast Greensboro is
briefly given.

Funding for the marker was provided by the sale of church
replicas, mugs and afghans, as well as special gifts. Sewah
Studios produced the cast aluminum marker with information
provided by the Church History Committee. The City Council
approved the marker's placement on December 16, 2008, and
the agreement was recorded with the Register of Deeds on
January 12, 2009. The marker approval and production process
might have taken as long as it did to build the 30-foot by
30-foot brick church.

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 . .

John Wesley is known for his commitment to balance in all things. Certainly he possessed a balanced view of life. There was focus on the personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Wesley had sought that during his early and middle age years. He did experience the power of God in a concrete, personal way when his "heart was strangely warmed."

But Wesley knew all along that he couldn't stop and bask in the warmth of God's sun the rest of his life. His heart was strangely warmed for a reason – so that he could follow God's call to serve others.

When a church is as busy and active as we are at West Market there are two pitfalls. The first is to get stuck in one place - maybe over-congratulating ourselves on our victories, or spending too much time wallowing in sorrow for our failures.

The other temptation vibrant churches have is to move on to the next play too soon, forgetting to realize and celebrate what God has done in and through us.

It is my prayer that you are still celebrating the joy and new birth of Easter. I'm not sure we could have given you more opportunities to realize how much God loves you than we offered in and through Lent, and especially during Holy Week. Our Last Supper Tableau, when Jesus' disciples recounted the difference His love had made in their lives, was moving and beautiful. During our Maundy Thursday

Service, Reverends Pam Strader and Jane Brannock called our attention to Jesus' preparation to offer Himself for us. Our Good Friday service during which our Chancel Choir performed Brahms' "A German Requiem" was powerful. And then we waited.

On Easter morning we celebrated the power and majesty of the Resurrection with passion and joy; and basked in the beauty of the moment. That's the proper thing to do – for a long time. At times both churches and parishioners move on too quickly from the significance of the Easter message – and slip back into the monotony of daily life.

But after celebrating, we must move on to the next dream God has for West Market – serving His children. There are so many opportunities to meet God through service at our church. I am not alone in believing that we possess the most vibrant, fluid outreach ministry of any church in our denomination. If God's Easter miracle made an impression on you, do something to show it: caring for those Jesus came to serve and save.

I can't imagine living without God's presence and direction. Let's all do something to invite others along for the journey. West Market is poised for an incredible future. Be a part of it with me. God bless you.

Dave Melton



New Books in Adult Library

Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love by Daniel Homan

Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder by Richard Louv

The Creative Family: How To Encourage Imagination and Nurture Family Connections by Amanda Blake Soule

Life from the Upside: Seeing God at Work in the World by J. Ellsworth Kalas

An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown

Watching the Disciples Learn from Their Mistakes by Mary Jane Gorman

United Methodists and the Sacraments by Gayle C. Felton

What Jesus Meant: The Beatitudes and a Meaningful Life by Erik Kolbell

Helpmates, Harlots, and Heroes: Women's Stories in the Hebrew Bible by Alice Bellis

Following God Through Mark by Ira Driggers
When God and Grief Meet by Lynn Eib

Health Happenings

Call 832-8000 for any of these free events.

The Road to Having a Baby.

Wednesday, April 29
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Women's Hospital of Greensboro Class-rooms 5 and 6.

Diabetes Myth and Facts

Thursday, April 23
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Moses Cone Hospital Education Center, Rooms 0029-0031.

The Serious Side of Snoring

Thursday, May 7
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Wesley Long Education Center Classroom 1.

Treatment Options for Strokes

Monday, May 11
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Moses Cone Hospital Education Center, Rooms 0029-0031.

WORSHIP

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

Fellowship Hall
April 19

Sermon: Bill Ellison
April 26

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 21

Vincent Van Gelder, piano
April 28

Greensboro Horn Quartet
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

April 22

Baked potato
Salad bar
Children: Pizza

April 29

Hot dogs
Hamburgers
All the trimmings

Wednesday Church Night Programs

April 22

Bingo
Fellowship Hall
Prizes for all ages

April 29

Dave Melton's
Trip to the Holy Land

Outreach Opportunities

Help Seed Our Mustard Seed Mission Trips! Support the WMSUMC Plant and Flower Sale

50% of all proceeds will purchase needed construction, medical, and VBS supplies for upcoming Mustard Seed Missions to Guatemala, Mississippi, and Bulgaria. Visit one of the Outreach tables in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall on or before April 19, and receive your flowers, plants, or bulbs in time for spring planting! As you watch them grow, you will know you are helping to grow global missions at WMSUMC!

Hurricane Katrina Victims Still Need our Assistance! Join the Final Mission Trip to Bay St. Louis, MS

Mississippi Mission Trip applications now available! Trip dates are May 30-June 6. Visit the Outreach Table in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall.

Enrich the Life of a Child Sponsor a Washing- ton School Camper!

WMSUMC is once again providing a week of academic and cultural enrichment in a Christian setting for children who attend Washington Montessori School. Your \$15.00 sponsorship will help cover the cost of a camper's supplies, field trips, and a t-shirt. Parents are encouraged to sponsor one or more campers when they register their children for Vacation Bible School. Sponsorship donations may also be made separately.

Help WMSUMC Host Homeless Families, May 10-16.

Volunteer Opportunities Abound for All (including children and youth)!

As a GIHN "host congregation", WMSUMC will provide overnight accommodations and meals for three to five families (up to 14 individuals) for one week beginning May 10. 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. 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. Help is also needed in providing activities for the children on the weekend. This is a great idea for Sunday School classes, UMW circles or small groups. This will be yet another wonderful opportunity for us to demonstrate Christian hospitality and love to those in need.

Sign up in the Gathering Space or the Fellowship Hall at the Outreach Table.

Join the 2009 Mission Team to Bulgaria!

WMSUMC plans to send 10-12 adults on a 10-day mission trip to be in ministry with our partner churches in Pleven, Voyvodovo, and Mizia, Bulgaria July 20-29. Don't Miss this exciting once-in-a-lifetime Mission Opportunity!

Applications are due April 19! Information sheets and mission trip applications are available at one of the Outreach Tables, or call 275-4587, vm 16 for more information.

Help Serve Dinner to the Homeless at First Presbyterian 2nd Thursday of each month beginning May 14

WMSUMC plans to join this wonderful feeding ministry hosted by First Presbyterian. Hot Dish & Hope provides those who are homeless with a hot meal and a brief time of worship. Volunteers can help with set-up, food service, greeting, and much more! Those who feel led to perform or lead some aspect of worship are also welcome.

For more information or to volunteer, visit one of the Outreach tables in the Gathering Space or in Fellowship Hall, or e-mail the Hot Dish & Hope Volunteer coordinator, Linda Pritchett, at weshelter@gmail.com.

Our Church Family As of April 12, 2009

In Memoriam

Lucile Howell Cope

March 2, 2009

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

In Memoriam

Bertram Taft Smith

March 31, 2009

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

Our Presence

April 5 April 12

Sunday School	258	FOE
8:30 a.m.	200	245
9:40 a.m.	135	125
10:55 a.m.	480	617

The Next Time There is a Natural Disaster Be Prepared to Serve!

Plan to attend the Early Response Training Course, Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., in the Gathering Space. Lunch will be served for \$5.00.

Sign up at one of the Outreach Tables, or call the Outreach Office at 275-4587, vm 16. This training is sponsored by the West Market Missioners School.

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

Opportunities for APRIL 19—May 2

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:00 am Laity in Prayer, 319
8:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 am Mustard Seed Mission Sponsors,
CR
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 Team, CR
3:00 pm Spring Follies, FH
4:00 pm WMS Instrumentalists, 317
5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House
7:00 pm Susan Bates' Organ Recital,
Sanctuary

MONDAY, APRIL 20

- 11:00 am Friendship Club, FH3
7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary
5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316
6:00 pm COM, GS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- 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
5:30 pm Exploring WM, FH2
6:30 pm WCN Bingo, FH
7:30 pm Chancel Choir, 317
8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:00 am Trip to Duke Gardens
6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, 405

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- 4:00 pm Alpha Retreat, St. Francis Springs

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- 9:00 am Disaster Response Training, GS

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- 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 Bulgaria Mission Orientation, CR
12:15 pm Heritage Luncheon, FH
2:00 pm Volunteer Leadership Worship, CR
3:30 pm Robert Matthews Recital, Sanctuary
5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee house

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- 4:30 pm Board of Trustees, CR

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

- 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, APRIL 30

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

Church Picnic

Sunday, May 17

3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bul-Mil Park Shelter 1

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Brochures for Summer Activities for Children Have Been Mailed

*Early Elementary Day
Camp*

June 20-24

For those completing
1st, 2nd, or 3rd grades.

Vacation Bible School
July 20-24

For older threes through
those completing 4th grade

Music Camp
July 27-31

Performance August 2
For those completing 2nd
through 5th grade

If you need a brochure for any of these activities,
contact Nancy Hamilton (275-4587, vm 12 or nhamilton@wmsumc.org).

Friendship Club April 20

Join us for BINGO and LUNCH
Lunch is \$5.00
Program begins at 11:00 a.m. in
Fellowship Hall, Room #3
(Each person is requested to bring
one wrapped white elephant gift.)
Call Jeanne Shepherd at 275-4587
for reservation.

Tuesday Walking Club

Join the S.E.N.I.O.R. Health and
Recreation Committee for a walk to Center City
Park on Tuesday, April 28. Meet in the Fellow-
ship Hall at 11:00 a.m., walk to the park and return
to the church for lunch and the Tuesday Music
Program. If the response is good, this will be con-
tinued on a weekly basis, and perhaps, other loca-
tions will be visited also.

Dress comfortably, put on your walking shoes
and join the group for some exercise and good
fellowship.