

# MarketPlace



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## Finance Update

First Quarter results show we are off to very good start for the year. Through the end of March we had total receipts of \$483,175.48 or 26.37% of the total budget which is about \$68,000 over the budget to date. Total expenses were \$456,697 or about \$26,000 below budget. In addition we have received \$2,750 through the 50 Cents A Day appeal.

If you have not taken on this challenge to increase your giving by just 50 cents a day, please consider it. If each household would do this one simple thing, we would over-subscribe our budget for the year.

Thank you for your gifts!



**Sunday, May 17**  
**Bur-Mil Park**  
**Shelter 1**  
**3:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Activities include inflatables, games for all ages, prizes, and much more

Bring your best picnic items to share. Drinks, paper and plastic products will be provided. Make your plans now to join in the "rite of spring" with WMSUMC.

Feel free to invite friends.

This is a great way to introduce new people to WMSUMC.

## Capital Campaign Information Meeting May 3

The congregation is invited to a brief information meeting about the Capital Campaign for Debt Reduction in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 3, immediately following the 10:55 a.m. worship service. Larry Roland, Chairperson of the Campaign, will present details about the campaign purpose, goals and time line and will be available to answer any questions you may have. Please plan to attend and support this most important effort.

## Help WMSUMC Host Homeless Families

### *Opportunities for Volunteers!*

As a GIHN "host congregation", WMSUMC will provide overnight accommodations and meals for three to five families (up to 14 individuals) for one week once a quarter. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to demonstrate Christian hospitality and love to those in need.

- ▶ Provide and eat dinner with the families.
- ▶ Stay with the families overnight and help transport them to the Day Center.
- ▶ Shop for breakfast and sack lunch items.
- ▶ Provide activities for the children on the weekends. (This is a great opportunity for Sunday School classes, UMW circles or small groups.)
- ▶ Provide laundry services.
- ▶ Help with set-up or take-down.

Sign up in the Gathering Space.

Do some early spring cleaning and help provide needed supplies. Supply lists are available on the Outreach table.

## Youth Music/Drama Camp Save the Dates for July 20 - 23. 12:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Monday Through Thursday  
(after Vacation Bible School)

There will be a small cost to cover lunch.

Led by Pam Wheeler and Alice Ann Johnson.

## Commuter Mug Sale

The Evangelism Team will be offering a limited supply of commuter mugs for sale. These beautiful, stainless steel mugs bear the WMSUMC logo and will hold 16 ounces of your favorite hot or cold beverage. They will be sold for \$5.00 each in the Gathering Space and Fellowship Hall during the month of May while supplies last. A great way to start a conversation!

**Our Mission:** *The mission of WMSUMC is to glorify God as we make, nurture and send forth disciples of Jesus Christ.*

## ▲ WORD FROM THE PASTOR . .

It is my prayer that this newsletter finds you aware of the enormity of God's blessings. I'd like to take this opportunity to share a few updates with you on several issues.

**First, you are invited to stay after our 10:55 worship service this coming Sunday, May 3, to learn more about our 2009 Capital Campaign.** Larry Roland, Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee, will make a brief presentation about the purpose of the campaign — to eradicate debt incurred some years ago with our purchase of property on the other side of our Early Childhood Center — and then answer any questions you may have.

Though there is concern in all of our minds about our present economy, every single contribution to this year's campaign will be matched by a gift from our own Royce and Jane Reynolds. That two-for-one gift makes our pledges go a long, long way.

**Second, this year's Leadership Summit (August 6-7) portends to be the most wonderful event of its kind that we have offered.**

2009 is West Market's sixth year of participation. Among the Summit's speakers are: former British Prime Minister **Tony Blair**, U2 lead singer and HIV/AIDS activist **Bono**, political advisor to four American Presidents **David Gergen**, and former HP CEO **Carly Fiorina**. Contact the church office for more information. And register early to get the best rates.

**Third, this past Sunday, after our**

**worship services, a number of us gathered at the site of West Market's first sanctuary, 318 South Elm Street, to consecrate a new historical marker on the site.** The marker is incredibly beautiful. Take a moment to walk down the sidewalk there, and pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the dedication of our forbears.

And finally, this past Sunday we began a worship series entitled: **"Ever Heard About Grace?"** The series will remind us that in spite of our sinfulness, through the resurrection, God offers us hope.

The sermon this week was entitled: **"What do you see?"** This week I'll be preaching on: "Grace For the Brokenhearted."

Subsequent titles will include:

- "What's So Amazing About Grace?"
- "Grace For Unanswered Prayer"
- "Saving Grace"

This series will offer hope to all. It will be a great opportunity for you to invite someone to come to church with you.

I will pledge this to you: when you get them to West Market our worship teams will promise to share God's message of hope effectively. We will all trust God to transform lives. I am excited about seeing you on Sunday.

*Dave Melton*



## WORSHIP

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

Fellowship Hall  
May 3 & 10

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

## Tuesday Music

12:30 p.m. Sanctuary

## May Organ Recitals

May 5

Jonathan Poe

Organist of First UMC,  
Asheboro

May 12

Lydia Cain

UNC School of the Arts  
emerging artist

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.

**Wednesday  
Church Night  
will resume  
September 16**

## Circles

**Tuesday, May 5**

**Circle #4**, 7:30 p.m., 2806 Watauga Drive, Mary Craven and Jane Lewis, hosts

**Wednesday, May 6**

**Circle #7**, 12:00 noon, Gathering Space

**Monday, May 11**

**Circle #1**, 10:15 a.m., Church Library

**Circle #2**, 10:30 a.m., 2700 Lake Forest Drive, Grace Lowdermilk, host

**Circle #5**, 6:30 p.m., 703 Westminster Drive, Emily Johnston, host (note time change)

**Tuesday, May 12**

**Circle #6**, 10:00 a.m., 708 Kemp Road West, Audrey Wright and Mickey Hoagland, hosts

**Thursday, May 14**

**Circle #8**, 6:30 p.m., 1008 Rollingwood Drive, Kimberly Kramer, host

**Tuesday, May 19**

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

**Thursday, May 28**

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

## Day Trip to Roanoke May 14

Have you been to downtown Roanoke lately? If not, you're in for a surprise. Join the S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Social Committee for a day-long adventure in Roanoke and visit two transportation museums — the Virginia Museum of Transportation and the Winston Link Museum. The group will have lunch at Market Square and perhaps do a little shopping. The church vans will leave at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, and return by 6:00 p.m.. Cost is \$15.00 per person and includes transportation and admission to the museums. Lunch is your responsibility. Reservations and payment are due to Jeanne Shepherd at 275-4587 by Tuesday, May 12. The trip is limited to 25 participants.

## West Market Street UMC Youth Ministry "Stepping into GREEN..."

In an effort to become better stewards of the resources that God has entrusted to us, WMSUMC youth ministry has already implemented several important steps. It is our prayer that these steps are only a beginning and that our youth ministry will pave a new pathway towards responsibility, sustainability, and effective stewardship of each of our resources.

- Eliminating use of disposable plates, cups, bowls and silverware. Instead, we are using the rolling carts to bring up plates, bowls, cups, and silverware from the main kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. Following the youth meal, they are returned downstairs to be washed in the dishwasher.
- Banning plastic water bottles or plastic two-liter sodas used for UMYF meals and other gatherings. There is a PRIMO water cooler in the Youth Suite. The youth are asked to bring their own water bottles. But since we often forget, we use the washable water glasses from the kitchen downstairs.
- Watching *The Story of Stuff* ([www.storyofstuff.com](http://www.storyofstuff.com)), a powerful film, with small group dialogue following about the impact of our culture of consumption. *The Story of Stuff* exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever.
- Viewing the Leonardo Caprio-narrated movie entitled, *The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour* and discussing our impact on the Earth. The film explores how we've arrived at this moment -- how we live, how we impact the earth's ecosystems, and what we can do to change our course. Featured are ongoing dialogues of experts from all over the world, including former Soviet Prime Minister Mikhail Gorbachev, renowned scientist Stephen Hawking, former head of the CIA R. James Woolsey and sustainable design experts William McDonough and Bruce Mau in addition to over 50 leading scientists, thinkers and leaders who discuss the most important issues that face our planet and people.
- Sorting the youth storage closet. Items were reduced, re-used and re-cycled wherever possible. The youth are trying to take what they have (old piano benches, old tables) and breathe new life into them as checker tables, game tables, etc.
- Painting the Youth Suite walls with chalkboard paint to be a chalkboard graffiti "blessings" on the wall. This eliminates the purchase of a chalkboard.
- Using facebook as a communication tool with our teenagers (and many of our youth leaders and parents as well) instead of mailing out so many paper copies.
- Encouraging youth to carpool to church events, and also reducing our carbon emissions by attempting to walk to events downtown whenever possible (concert at Greensboro College, Grasshoppers game, feeding the homeless in City Center Park, etc.)
- Making every effort to stack our rehearsals and youth events to reduce driving time and carbon emissions from all of our parents driving their youth downtown to the church.
- Beginning to work with organic, sustainable T-shirt companies for our T-shirts for youth retreats and other events.
- Making every effort to ensure that all lights, lamps, amplifier, projector, DVD player, ipod docks, etc. are turned off when we leave the room.
- After cleaning out the youth storage areas, all unused papers and scraps were saved to make recycled scratch pads, and journals to use with the youth.
- Implementing a comprehensive recycling policy for any coke cans, drink bottles, plastic, cardboard, paper, or anything else that we can possibly recycle.
- Making constant efforts to reduce, re-use and recycle in every area of youth ministry and exploring ideas of how our youth could lead the rest of our church in becoming better stewards of the resources that God has entrusted to us.

*Together, we can "Step into GREEN!"*

| <b>Our Presence</b> |          |          |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
|                     | April 19 | April 26 |
| Sunday School       | 240      | 265      |
| 8:30 a.m.           | 155      | 141      |
| 9:40 a.m.           | 70       | 105      |
| 10:55 a.m.          | 269      | 300      |

### Our Church Family As of April 26, 2009

#### In Memoriam

*Otto Kenneth Cox*  
April 10, 2009

Sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

#### In Memoriam

*Virginia Huffman Clifton*  
April 14, 2009

Sympathy is extended to her daughter, **Beverly Murrell**, family and friends.

### New Members

Welcome to *Rob and Kerry Stevens*, 417-K Guilford College Road 27409 (617-7948), who joined WMSUMC Sunday, April 26, 2009, by transfer from Lakeview Community Church, Rochester, NY. They have one son, Luke, who is ten months old.

### Help Serve Dinner to the Homeless

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 are needed the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning May 14 and 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 Fellowship Hall, or e-mail the Hot Dish & Hope Volunteer coordinator, Linda Pritchett, at [weshelter@gmail.com](mailto:weshelter@gmail.com).

## Opportunities for MAY 3 — 16

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 3

- 8:00 am Laity in Prayer, 319
- 8:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:40 am Worship Service, FH
- 9:45 am Children's Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, GS
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 12:00 noon Costa Rica Information Meeting, YS
- 12:00 noon Proyecto Information Meeting, FH2
- 12:15 pm Capital Campaign Information Meeting, FH
- 4:00 pm WMS Instrumentalists, 317
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

### MONDAY, MAY 4

- 7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

### TUESDAY, MAY 5

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 3:00 pm Sing-Along at Evergreens
- 4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 304D
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

### THURSDAY, MAY 7

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 10—Mother's Day

- 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

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 304D
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

- 8:00 am Trip to Roanoke
- 12:00 noon Evangelism, CR
- 5:00 pm Worship Ministry Team, Library
- 6:00 pm Alpha, GS
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, 405

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## Graduate Recognition

Graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, June 7, and listed in the June 10 issue of *MarketPlace*. If you have not already done so, please contact Nancy Hamilton with the name of graduate, school, and future plans (275-4587, vm 12 or [nhamilton@wmsumc.org](mailto:nhamilton@wmsumc.org)).

## Don't Miss This Intergenerational Mission Opportunity to Costa Rica

WMSUMC plans to send a team of 18 missionaries to continue work with our brothers and sisters at the El Sinai United Methodist Church outside of San Jose, Costa Rica. Missioners will continue the construction of the vocational school the church is building, enjoy fellowship with the El Sinai parishioners, and perhaps do some ministry with children. The mission trip is open to adults and youth in grades eight and up. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. The trip is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 3-7.

To learn more about this exciting mission opportunity plan to attend an informational meeting Sunday, May 3, following the 10:55 service in the Youth Suite. Lunch will be served for \$5.00.

## Save Money on Parking and Support Local and Global Missions

Purchase a West Market Grasshopper season parking pass for only \$99.00 (a savings of more than \$80.00). Visit an Outreach Table to purchase your laminated season pass.