

MarketPlace



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Sunday School for the Summer

Adult Sunday School Forum

This summer, the Adult Sunday School forum will be in three parts:

The Four Acts of Prayer is a series by author Walter Wangerin, Jr., who uses stories to explore the four vital elements of prayer - we speak, God listens, God speaks, we listen - that complete the circle of praying. He shows us that these four simple acts, practiced with diligence, bring us into a close communion with God that support us in our daily living. With each session, table groups will look at Scripture passages and discussion questions that relate to the focus of the day.

The Efir Bible Studies series will also be offered this summer with the focus on Ruth and Jonah. Dr. Mickey Efir, who is now retired from Duke Divinity School, is a popular Bible teacher who will make the wisdom literature come alive. The adults will study Jonah in time to see the children perform "Oh, Jonah!" at Music Camp.

Last but not least, WMSUMC's own Alice Ann Johnson and Susan Bates will lead a session on August 9 on our hymnal and the background of some of our favorite hymns.

All adults are invited to attend the weekly sessions beginning June 7 in Room 415 at 9:45 a.m.

Children's Summer Sunday School

The children will travel to the "Prayer Place" this summer during the Sunday school hour. As children come in, they will experience a variety of centers, including art, games, science, food and storytelling. There will also be a prayer tent where children can have their quiet time with God. Parents are asked to bring their children to Room 303. Activities will begin at 9:15 for children with parents attending early Bible study and 9:40 worship, but the main centers will begin at 9:45.

The Prayer Place is designed for children four years old through rising fifth grade. Younger preschool children are invited to attend their class in Room 226A during the summer. Parents having questions may call Jane Brannock at 275-4587. June 7 in Room 415 at 9:45 a.m.



Youth Music/Drama Camp July 20 - 23

12:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday
(after Vacation Bible School)

For rising sixth- through twelfth-graders.

Cost is \$25.00 to cover lunch.

Led by Pam Wheeler and Alice Ann Johnson.

Through this camp, the Music and Arts Team encourages youth to participate in the Music Ministry of WMSUMC. As we prepare for a youth musical to be presented during the 2009-2010 UMYF year, there will be sessions in drama and singing. We will also explore music reading and handbell ringing each afternoon.

All youth are welcome.

Plan to Attend a Benefit Concert for Homeless Families

Saturday, May 30

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a culturally diverse and uplifting program benefitting Guilford Interfaith Hospitality Network's effort to provide shelter and compassionate care to Guilford County's homeless children and their families. Admission is free, and a love offering will be taken.

Graduate Recognition

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). Graduate Recognition Sunday will be June 7 at the 10:55 a.m. service. The graduates' names will be published in the June 10 issue of *MarketPlace*.

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 . .

As was announced a month ago, the Reverend Rob Hutchinson, who has been with us the past two years, requested a move to become a lead in another church in our conference. This past week, Rob received word on his specific appointment: to Hardison UMC in Mocksville.

We wish Rob and his family well. Their last Sunday with us will be June 28. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee will host a reception for them following the 10:55 a.m. worship service on that Sunday.

After much thought our Staff Parish Relations Committee made the decision not to request a full-time associate pastor be appointed by the bishop and cabinet. Instead the decision was made to pursue several part-time candidates in order to fill our congregation's pastoral needs.

On July 1, Ryan Danker will join our staff on a part-time paid staff basis. Ryan received a Bachelor's of Arts degree from Northwest Nazarene University. He then pursued and received a Masters of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. For the past four years he has been working on his Doctor of Theology degree at Boston University.

Ryan's main responsibilities will be in the areas of small groups and evangelism. He will also be a part of our teaching ministry, and will offer pastoral leadership across the board, when needed.

Also on July 1 we will begin to employ the gifts and passions of Kevin Brenner. Kevin is a graduate of Roberts Wesleyan College and just last Saturday received a Master's of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. Kevin's main responsibilities will be in the areas of 9:40 worship leadership, outreach (where he will work in a liaison relationship), and pastoral care. Kevin too will offer pastoral leadership across the board in our congregation when needed. Kevin will continue in his full-time work as an educator at Wylie Elementary School in Greensboro. His ministry at West Market will begin as a volunteer ministry.

I am excited to be able to add the remarkable talents of two outstanding young pastors to our ministry team. Of course there are several responsibilities, especially in the areas of 9:40 worship and video/media ministry, that will require the efforts and energy of a number of persons, mainly lay volunteers.

It is an exciting time in our congregation. Please pray for all the pastors mentioned above, as well as for our church. God bless you.



Dave Melton

WORSHIP

Sundays,
May 31 & June 7
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
Jazz in June
June 2, 9, 16, 23

A worship service with a meditation, featuring music by The Mark Freundt Trio and members of the Chancel Choir



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.

Come join 100,000 Christian men and women gathering in 140 cities, Thursday-Friday, August 6-7 for one exciting leadership event: The Leadership Summit 2009

Reservation information online or call Cheryl Moore, 275-4587, vm 23

Tony Blair, former Primer Minister of Great Britain has been added to the speaker lineup since the brochures were published.



"The Challenges of Aging in America"

(and how to overcome them!)

Workshop for Seniors

Sunday, June 7
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Gathering Space

Lunch will be provided for \$5.00 (Chef salad bar, roll and drink)

RSVP: Linda Pritchett 509-0690 or LLPritchett@gmail.com

Topics to be discussed:

- How to remain independent for as long as possible
- How to become a "savvy patient" and take control of your healthcare
- The basics of Medicare and Social Security and the changes they are undergoing
- The importance of senior safety during the aging process
- Crucial financial retirement planning tips for quality of life throughout your years
- Long Term Care (what is it and who pays for it)
- What are some of the resources available to seniors in our area
- Medicaid spend-down (do I really have to go broke before the government will pay)

Sponsored by The Senior Resource network

DBS of Romans

9:30 to 10:50 a.m.
Sundays, June 7—July 26

Invitation to Romans is a short-term Disciple Bible Study. The study is designed for people interested in a challenging encounter with this portion of the Bible and is guided by biblical scholars who serve as writers and as video presenters. The aim of this study is to invite a group into conversation around the following key themes from Romans: (1) Paul's emphasis on communal salvation; (2) the centrality of God's righteousness; and (3) the relationship between Jews and Gentiles and the relationship of both to God.

Natalie Sanders will facilitate an eight-week study of Romans following the Disciple Bible Study approach. Sunday, May 31, at 9:30 a.m. there will be a short meeting (15 min. to ½ hour) to do introductions, pass out study guides, review preparation needed before first study meeting, and review the schedule.

The sessions will meet on Sundays, June 7 through July 26 from 9:30 – 10:50 a.m. Children can be dropped off early and taken to Sunday School. To register for this study of Romans, contact Nancy Hamilton, 275-4587, vm 12 or 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.

Tdap Booster

According to NC law, children who are entering the 6th grade in public school on or after August 1, 2009, OR who will be 12 years old on or after August 1, 2009, must have a Tdap booster shot if five or more years have passed since their last dose of this medicine.

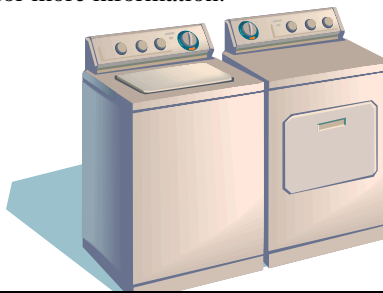
The child must have this booster shot BEFORE school begins.



Washer and Dryer Needed

Beyond Pathways, a GUM program relocating homeless families into permanent housing, asks for your help in locating two washing machines and one dryer. A single mother with three children need a washer and another family needs both a washer and dryer. Your generosity is appreciated.

Please call Kay Harmon at 404-5823 for more information.



Hike Mt. LeConte

The Mt. LeConte Hike will be on Tuesday, September 22, and Wednesday, September 23. Cost is \$121.00 per person including lodging and two meals at LeConte Lodge, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, with the WMSUMC group. Registration priority will be given to WMSUMC members and non-members who participated last year until August 1, with \$121.00 payment to WMSUMC designated "Mt LeConte Hike September". Send to Nancy S. Hamilton, WMSUMC, PO Box 870, Greensboro, NC 27402.

For more information contact Nancy Hamilton, 275-4587, vm 12 or nhamilton@wmsumc.org.

Our Church Family

As of May 24, 2009

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **Tony Durham** on the death of his mother, Evelyn Patterson, of Fieldale, VA, on May 3, 2009; and to **Mary Belle Elliott**, on the death of her brother, Robert Elliott, of Shelby, NC, on May 18, 2009.

Wedding

Congratulations to **Meredith Sherrill** and Chris Spaugh who were married May 24, 2009, in the Sanctuary with Rev. Kelly Carpenter officiating.

New Babies

Welcome to the following:
Walker Canham Clark, son of **Ashley and Eric Clark**, born May 10, 2009.
Wyatt Christianson Medlin, son of Catherine and **John Medlin**, born May 21, 2009. Paternal grandparents are **Carol Medlin and Luke Medlin, Jr.** Paternal great-grandmother is **Helen Medlin**.

Our Presence

	May 17	May 24
SS	195	189
8:30	154	112
9:40	112	117
10:55	212	193

GUM in Need of Clothes

The demand for clothing has greatly increased at Greensboro Urban Ministry, so they are in great need of gently used clothing for all ages. Please do some spring cleaning and take your donations to the Greensboro Urban Ministry clothes closet at 305 W. Lee Street or call 271-5959. Remember spring and summer clothing will be the greatest needs right now.

Opportunities for MAY 31—JUNE 13

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

SUNDAY, MAY 31

- 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
- 5:00 pm UMYF, Youth Suite

MONDAY, JUNE 1

- 5:30 pm Visitation Team, CR
- 7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm *Jazz in June*, Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm Summit Operations Team, CR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 3:30 pm Sing-A-Long at Evergreens
- 4:45 pm Consolation Ministry Team, 302B
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

- 7:00 am Leadership Life Group, GS
- 6:00 pm Care for Creation Team, 302D
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, 405

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

- 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 Capital Campaign Lunch, FH
- 12:15 pm Issues of Aging, GS
- 12:00 noon Youth Parents' Meeting, YS
- 5:00 pm *Love God, Love People*, FH

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- 11:45 am Tuesday Lunch, FH
- 12:30 pm *Jazz in June*, Sanctuary
- 1:30 pm Older Adult Team, CR
- 5:30 pm Finance Committee, CR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Annual Conference Begins

- 7:00 am Leadership Life Group, GS
- 9:30 am Sisters in the Spirit, GS
- 12:00 noon Evangelism, CR
- 6:00 pm Christmas Store Meeting, GS
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery, 405

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In Mission Together - Pleven UMC

One of the three churches WMSUMC partners with in Bulgaria is located in Pleven. The town of Pleven (population 140,000) is located in the central part of the Danube Valley, about a two-hour drive from the capital of Bulgaria, Sofia. The United Methodist church in Pleven dates back to 1874 and the church building was completed and dedicated in 1916. During the Communist regime the church building was turned into a puppet theater while worship services were moved to the pastor's house.

Worship services are still held in the house that is located on the same property, behind the sanctuary. In 1993 renovations began on the church building but funds ran out and the building stands incomplete. After a lengthy court process the building ownership was returned to the UMC. Through West Market's partnership, we hope the renovations will soon be complete. There is a construction wall that stands in front of the church, obscuring the view of the building. It will be a glorious day for the Pleven community when that wall comes down, the sanctuary is rededicated and weekly worship services are held in the sanctuary.

Like WMSUMC the Pleven church is located in the city's center, just a block off a beautiful pedestrian promenade. The area is full of cafes, vendors, shops, historic buildings and an elaborate set of water fountains. Vladimir Blazhev serves as the Pastor of the church with a membership comprised of young families and seniors. During this summer's Bulgarian mission trip the team will spend several days worshipping and ministering with the congregation in Pleven.

Youth Ministry Parent Meeting Sunday, June 7 at 12:30 p.m.

All parents of rising 6th through 12th grade youth are encouraged to attend a WM Youth Ministry parent meeting on Sunday, June 7, from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 . We will be unpacking our Youth Ministry dreams for the rest of 2009. Please bring your family calendar as we will be reviewing dates, events, retreats, as well as signing up to provide meals for our Youth on Sunday evenings. God is doing some astounding things in our midst and everyone is encouraged to come and discover what is happening in WMSUMC's thriving Youth Ministry. A light lunch will be served for \$5.00. Please RSVP to Genia Fontaine at gfontaine23@gmail.com or 282-9327.