

MarketPlace



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Greensboro, NC

Back to Church Sunday **is September 20**

On Sunday, September 20 we will have *Back to Church Sunday*. The summer is over, vacations are past, and the kids are back in school. It's time to focus our efforts and commit ourselves to the life of the church. *Back to Church Sunday* is a celebration of renewal and we hope that you will join us for worship. With autumn fast upon us, church programs such as UMYF, Sunday School, and Small Groups are gearing up. Be sure to take part in these efforts, not only so that you might be more involved at WMSUMC, but that you might be enabled in your Christian walk.

One new effort that we will launch that Sunday is a Congregational Fellowship in the Gathering Space after the 10:55 service.

It Is Flu Shot Time Again!

Flu shots will be given on **September 23 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space**. If you have Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Medicare Part B, Aetna, Partners, or Humana Gold there will be no charge, just bring your insurance cards. For all others there will be a \$30.00 charge. Please call Jeanne Shepherd at 275-4587 to register.

The flu shots are being given earlier this year to accommodate the H1N1 vaccines, which are anticipated to be ready in early November. The H1N1 vaccine will require two injections 21-45 days apart.

WCN for September 23 is *Connect*

Have you heard the buzz about the new online tool to help you connect more at WMSUMC? *Connect* is an online tool to help you discover and manage connections at WMSUMC – all in one place. Some features of *Connect* include viewing the church calendar and signing up for events, reminders about those events or commitments, searching for other members, creating a profile about your interests and heart for ministry, and discovering serving opportunities that suit you and your availability.

The time has come to launch *Connect* and there will be an orientation at Wednesday Church Night on September 23 in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Volunteers will show you how to log on, navigate the site, and access features that will **centralize** your connection to other WMSUMC members and ministry.

If you have questions, please contact Barbie Kremer at 282-3416 or bbbj@triad.rr.com.

Scott Nowlan will begin a series on September 30 on Adam Hamilton's new book *Enough*. In the midst of difficult times for our nation, church and individuals, the Bible's wisdom brings hope. Find the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity.

United Methodist Women Invite YOU to Their October General Meeting Monday, October 5, 2009

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Dr. Julianne Malveaux

*President of Bennett College
Economist, Author & Commentator*

This is a very special opportunity...invite your spouse and friends to join us for our October meeting! United Methodist Women from across the Greensboro District have been invited to hear Dr. Malveaux. Make plans to join us as we welcome Dr. Malveaux and the Greensboro District United Methodist Women to West Market!



There is a new reservations procedure for this meeting. Cost of dinner is \$10.00 per person. Our dinner will be catered, and we need to guarantee a reservation count. For that reason, **reservations for dinner are required, with payment in advance, and must be in by Sunday, September 27.** Call Grey Wood (299-2729) or Merrimon Gravely (294-2503) to make your reservations. Your check should be made payable to United Methodist Women and mailed to Grey Wood, 4918 Starmount Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410 so that she will receive it by Sunday, September 27. Reservations not cancelled by September 27 cannot be refunded. Reservations for childcare are also due by Sunday, September 27.

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 . .

I pray that this newsletter finds you aware of God's blessings in your life. After an incredibly busy summer, our church's fall program has begun.

Over the long Labor Day weekend, 15 of us West Marketers were in Costa Rica serving on one of our congregation's mission teams. While there we painted a large fellowship/recreation room, wired and plumbed two bathrooms, hung wallboard in a new upstairs meeting room, and more. But also we worshiped with our brothers and sisters in El Sinai Methodist church in Concepcion. What a powerful experience it was!

When our congregation began a partnership with El Sinai four years ago, there were 70 members. Now they number more than 300, with a vision to reach 500 in two years, and 1,000 members in five years.

While there, I was reminded how important vision is. Three years ago, after spending six months asking about and listening to many of your dreams for our church's future, I preached a vision sermon trying to answer the question: "If God had His way, what would West Market look like in ten years?"

Actually much of what we dreamed about has already begun: increased mission, a new modern worship service, wonderful work with an architect by our church's building committee establishing a plan for future facilities growth. Of course our nation's debilitating recession prevented us from moving forward on our building schedule. But one day, we'll be in

position to resume our visioning about it.

We began a worship series last week related to our mission statement: "The mission of West Market Street United Methodist Church is to make, nurture and send forth disciples of Jesus Christ." Last week we talked about our responsibility to be led by Jesus' Great Commission: to "go, therefore and make disciples from every nation..."

Over the next weeks we will focus on what it means to nurture disciples and send them forth in mission. Then, on October 11, I will again address the "If God had His way with us" question in a vision sermon.

This coming Sunday has been established as "Back to Church Sunday," the time we will celebrate our return to church after a long summer. Please make sure you are present in one of our worship services – 8:30, 9:40 or 10:55.

But do more than that. Begin to fulfill your responsibility to live into the Great Commission by inviting someone to attend church with you. What a blessing it will be for the persons you bring with you, your church and also for yourself.

I've never been as excited about a church's ministry as I am about our future. May you remain aware of God's blessings.

Dave Melton



WORSHIP

**Sunday,
September 20 & 27**
Sermon: Dave Melton
8:30 and 10:55 a.m.

**Sanctuary
9:40 a.m.**

**Fellowship Hall
The 10:55 a.m.**

*Sunday Worship Service is
broadcast over
WPET 950 AM*

Tuesday Music

12:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

Music for meditation begins
at 12:25 p.m.

September 22

Kim Harrison,
mezzo soprano

September 29

Vincent Van Gelder, piano

**There will be NO
meals served on
Tuesdays.**

Changes in Meal Reservations

All meals at the church
will be supplied from outside
sources. Please pay attention
to the deadline for individual
events.

Parish Nurse Position

Due to financial considerations, our Staff Parish Relations Committee has made the decision to discontinue the Parish Nurse program at WMSUMC. The Parish Nurse position will be eliminated at the end of this month, September, 2009. Sandra Howell has done a superb job serving as our congregation's Parish Nurse for the past five years. Her last day with us will be September 30. Please remember her in your prayers and share your appreciation with her for a job well done.

"Dinner and a Speaker Series"

Reservations are being accepted for the first in a series of dinners and speakers planned and sponsored by the Education Subcommittee of S.E.N.I.O.R.S. The gatherings are to be held on four Friday nights--October 9, January 15, March 9, and June 4. Attendees will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. to share conversation and "Methodist Punch." Following dinner, we have a speaker and time for questions and answers.

The first speaker in the series will be Mr. Bill Wilson, who is the Associate State Director for the North Carolina Chapter of AARP. He is one of 10 staff members in the Raleigh office who handle all the business for over 1,200,000 AARP members in North Carolina. Mr. Wilson will speak on "Health Care Reform," clarifying some of the issues and giving AARP's position on those issues.

Paid reservations must be in by October 4. Call Jeanne Shepherd in the church office, 275-4587, to make the reservation, then mail or drop your check by the office. Dinner on October 9 will include roast pork, apples, garden rice, broccoli salad, and lemon cake. The cost is \$12.00 per person. Come and join your church friends, bring other friends with you, and plan for a special evening that will be informative as well as fun. For further information, call Grey Wood at 299-2729.

Blessing of the Animals on October 4

This October 4 will be WMSUMC's first annual Blessing of the Animals Service. The Blessing of the Animals is celebrated on or near the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. This year, our celebration will actually fall on the feast day itself. St. Francis, a devout follower of Christ and the founder of the Franciscan order, is not only the author of the hymn, "All Creatures of Our God and King", but was known for his preaching which emphasized God's love and redemption for all of creation. John Wesley taught the very same thing, even claiming in one of his sermons, "The General Deliverance", that animals will be rewarded in the afterlife. All dogs do go to heaven, it seems.

On Sunday afternoon October 4 at 4:00 p.m., we will gather at the front of the church and celebrate the liturgy of the Blessing of the Animals. Bring any animal that you would like. Leashes are required on all animals that can be leashed. It is imperative that we take all precautions necessary to protect our pets.

The service will last approximately 30-minutes, and each animal and their owner will be blessed at the conclusion of the service. Our children's choirs will be singing "All Things Bright and Beautiful", and the prayers and short sermon will be geared to the occasion. Make sure to put this service on your calendar. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you, and your pets, here at the church in the afternoon of October 4.



Care4Creation Tip of the Week

Make the investment in reusable shopping bags. Once you have the bags, you can use them for all kinds of shopping – grocery, department stores, etc. Just remember to take them in with you!! Once you unload your merchandise, put the bags back into your car so that you have them for the next shopping trip.

Help to Alleviate the Terrible Suffering that Plagues Kenya Plan to join the 2010 Mustard Seed Mission Kenya Team!

WMSUMC plans to send a mission team to Kenya February 19—March 6 to begin our ministry there. The team will help to build a school, conduct medical clinics, will do VBS children's ministries, and will worship and have fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Maua and Mutuati, Kenya. This promises to be a once in a lifetime mission experience! Physicians and nurses are needed, as well as anyone who would like to help our brothers and sisters who are in such great need.

Mission trip applications are now available at one of the Outreach Tables in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall. Applications are due October 4.

Celebrate Constitution Week

September 17-23 let us remember our country's founding fathers and the year 1789 when the plan for governing our nation was ratified. WMSUMC will ring our church bells at 4:00 p.m., on September 17 to commemorate the event.

News from the Art Committee

When you visit Leak Chapel, you will find a beautiful white Bible on the Communion Table and it is such a meaningful addition. The Bible was given in memory of Mary L. "Tommie" Martin, the late wife of Charlie Martin. The Bible was a gift from their granddaughter, Pruett Cunningham. The Bible was designed and illustrated by Barry Moser, a minister who turned to church art after his retirement. Please take some time to peruse this Bible in order to appreciate the stunning artwork. We are so appreciative to Pruett for this beautiful gift.

While you are in the Chapel, we want to call your attention again to the Thomas Sayre Cross Exhibit. The eight crosses are a permanent exhibit thanks to the generosity of Trudy Atkins and her family who remembered Emmet D. Atkins, Jr. with this gift. Sayre's crosses are abstract meditations and are an alternative to the traditional "stations of the cross" series like the one we have in our Sanctuary balcony. We deeply appreciate this wonderful and meaningful gift and hope you will take some time to contemplate the message it represents.

Our Church Family

As of August 30, 2009

In Memoriam

Madelyn S. Stough

September 5, 2009

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **Jim Burwell** on the death of his sister, Jeanne Koger, of Raleigh, on September 9, 2009.

New Babies

Welcome to the following:

Sydney Elizabeth Perry, daughter of Erin and Steve Perry, of Myrtle Beach, born August 28, 2009. Grandparents are **Teri and Ed Smith**.

Samuel Norman Klutz, son of **Page and Ed Klutz**, born August 31, 2009.

Lucy Caroline Covington, daughter of Jamie and Owen Covington, of Owensboro, KY, born September 4, 2009.

Grandparents are **Gloria and Howard Covington**.

Robert Bentley Lanier, son of Margaret and **Taylor Lanier**, born September 6, 2009.

Grandparents are **Patsy and Elton Smith**; and great grandmother is **Nancy Neese**.

Baptisms

The following were baptized Sunday, September 13, 2009:

Wyatt Christiansen Medlin, son of Catherine and **John Medlin**.

Walker Canham Clark, son of **Ashley and Eric Clark**.

Our Presence

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13
SS	131	208
8:30	112	140
9:40	96	119
10:55	166	264

Home & Closet Consignment Sale

Fellowship Hall

September 25-26.

For more information,
please call *Leslie Morgan* at
336-856-1063 or email
homeandcloset@gmail.com.

**Opportunities for
September 20—October 3**
Leak Chapel open daily 11a.m.-2 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 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 Third Grade Bible Reception and
Congregation Fellowship, GS
- 12:15 pm Welcome Team Luncheon, FH3
- 3:00 pm "5 by O Henry",
- 3:30 pm UMYF, Greensboro College

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 5:30 pm Support Staff Committee, CR
- 7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 4:00 pm Flu Shots, GS
- 4:00 pm Art Committee, Library
- 4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 410
- 5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH
- 5:30 pm Children's Choirs, 316 & 317
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 12:00 noon Lay Leadership, CR
- 5:00 pm Worship Ministry Team, Library

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:00 am Consignment Sale, FH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:00 am Consignment Sale, FH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 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 Congregational Fellowship, GS
- 2:00 pm Evangelism PIE
- 5:30 pm UMYF, YS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 11:00 am Friendship Club, FH3
- 4:30 pm Board of trustees, CR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 12:30 pm Tuesday Music, Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316
- 6:00 pm COM, GS
- 6:30 pm Stephen Minister Refresher, 415

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 4:30 pm Mission Possible Kids, 410
- 5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH
- 5:30 pm Children's Choirs, 316, 317
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
- 8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 6:00 pm Care4Creation, 302D
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

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*Benefiting Greensboro Urban
Ministry and The Salvation Army*
Friday, October 9, Grandover Resort
Registration forms are now
available. Visit one of the Outreach
Tables in the Gathering Space or
Fellowship Hall TODAY!

PIE Reminder

Volunteers are needed for the
September 27 afternoon visitation to
folks in downtown Greensboro...our
neighborhood. "Partners in
Evangelism" teams will meet at 2:00
p.m. and be sent forth to extend our
invitation to those who are potential
members or who just might enjoy
some of our excellent programs.

Call or email Ryan Danker
(275-4587); rdanker@wmsumc.org
or Cindy Joseph (288-4621)
srj@triad.rr.com. **Please join us.**

**29th Annual Greensboro
CROP Walk**

*"We walk because they walk."
Benefiting Church World Service &
The Potter's House at GUM*

To walk or sponsor a walker visit the CROP
Walk table in the Gathering Space or the
Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, September 20.

The annual CROP Walk will be held on
Sunday, October 18 at 2:30 p.m. WMSUMC
walkers will gather in the church
parking lot at 1:00 p.m. for a pot-
luck tailgate party. We will then
proceed together to First Horizon
Ball Park for the commencement
of the 5k walk throughout down-
town. One fourth of the funds
raised benefit the Potter's House,
which serves 350-400 people
daily. The rest of the funds benefit Church
World Service, which provides food for those
in famine stricken countries, supplies for
schools, mosquito netting to prevent malaria,
and many other services needed by our
impoverished brothers and sisters in Third
World countries. These people must walk
miles every day for basic survival, so as com-
passionate servants of Christ we walk so that
the suffering of others may be lessened.

