

MarketPlace



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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND FINANCE UPDATE

Pledges received for the Capital Campaign for Debt Reduction have now passed \$1,400,000 toward our goal of \$2,325,000. Payments received toward those pledges and other gifts have allowed us to pay over \$800,000 in debt reduction this year. In the midst of the current economic conditions that is an amazing total. However, in order to allow us to focus on the church's operating needs for the balance of 2009 and as we plan for the 2010 Operating Budget, this initial public phase of the Capital Campaign is drawing to a close. **Please note that gifts may still be made at any time to the Capital Campaign and they will continue to be matched until we reach the \$1.1 million total committed as a matching gift.**

You will be hearing much more about the annual financial campaign for the operating budget in the coming days and weeks. Once we have ended the 2009 financial year and have a budget adopted for 2010, we will be continuing our efforts toward the debt reduction. The Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee thank you for your incredible response to this campaign so far and look forward to a successful conclusion in 2010.

Gospel on Tap

The Gospel on Tap, a new ministry for those in their 20s and 30s, launches at The Loft at Natty Greene's Brewing Co. on November 3 at 6:30 p.m. Come on down and bring your friends for good times and good conversation. Our series on *The Gospel According to Pop Music* begins with Robert Brewer and "The Gospel According to U2".

Robert is an ordained elder in North Carolina Conference and serves as the Campus Chaplain and Instructor of Religion at Greensboro College. He completed his undergraduate education at Appalachian State University and his Master of Divinity at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. He is currently finishing his doctorate in Theology at Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto, Canada. Robert is a writer and contributor to the publication, "Preaching: Word and Witness."

This first series of The Gospel on Tap runs every Tuesday in November. Mark your calendars! Also, check out our new Facebook group: 20/30 W. Market St.



Looking Towards Christmas: MarketBell Ringers

Our WMSUMC MarketBell Ringers is a dedicated group of 15 who play five octaves of Whitechapel handbells. The group presents music for worship several times each year and always blesses those who hear their pieces.

A highlight of Advent is the MarketBell Ringers concert which precedes *Bending Towards the Light: A Jazz Nativity*. Members of WMSUMC, friends and the community begin their Christmas season with the beautiful sounds of familiar carols and holiday songs. This year's concert will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, in the Sanctuary. *Jazz Nativity* will follow at 5:00 p.m.

The following day, Sunday, December 6, MarketBells will enhance the 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. services by providing music for worship. In addition MarketBells traditionally plays for the Advent Candlelight Dessert and the Light Up A Life Hospice Service, both annual December events at our church.

MarketBell Ringers will also play for 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. worship on Sunday, November 15. Two familiar hymns will be presented as well as the lovely *How Can I Keep from Singing* which features an unusual "singing bell" technique.

Come be refreshed and renewed by the MarketBell Ringers.

All Hallows' Eve Communion Service

October 31

7:00 p.m.

Leak Chapel

Rev. Jason Harvey, Broad Street UMC, Statesville, celebrant
Ryan Danker, WMSUMC, preacher
Kevin Brenner, WMSUMC, liturgist

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 . .

One of the things that always catches me off guard is the number of persons I run into in the world who have a poor self-concept. There are all kinds of reasons for it. Perhaps the person has not achieved like others around him or her. Perhaps there was rivalry with a sibling who possessed a gift or two that he/she didn't possess. Perhaps a parent too often reminded the person as a child of his many flaws. Perhaps the person has a hardened heart because of something that led her to have an inappropriate understanding of the nature of God – perhaps being able to see only the righteous judge side of our Heavenly Father.

I often think and say to friends that I wish we could see ourselves the way God sees us. Think about that for a minute: we are aware of our flaws and sins, as is God. But many of us “beat ourselves up” emotionally and spiritually – or are in relationship with those who are more than willing to do it for us.

God knows our sins and misgivings too, but like a loving earthly parent, God can't help but love us. Sometimes a good parent must discipline a child for inappropriate behavior. But, in a way it is true that, because of the love that parent has, the punishment does hurt him or her more than the child.

I believe that is the way it is with God. There are times we must accept punishment for our mistakes, especially those mistakes we have made that go against the teachings of Christ; but, I believe, because God loves us, He suffers through the time of discipline with us.

God sees us differently than we are able to see ourselves. That's what Jesus was trying to convey to us in and through the Parable of the Prodigal Son: we are always welcomed back from our wandering ways, not always because we are deserving of it, but because even though we have chosen against God, He can't bring Himself to do anything other than love us.

The Apostle Paul was able to write about God's unconditional love that was always patient and kind. And he was able to see others the way God sees. I believe that is the reason he could pen one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament: “Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law... so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law, so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share in its blessings.” (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

Paul saw others out of a spirit of love, and therefore was able to commit to do whatever it took to bring them with him into the circle of God's love. What is your self-concept like? I pray that every now and again you are able to see



WORSHIP

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Day

Sermon: Dave Melton

Sunday, November 9

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

WCN Menus

November 4

Country style steak

Mashed potatoes

Black-eyed peas

Yeast rolls

Dessert

November 11

Baked potato and salad bar

Dessert

yourself as the precious child of Almighty God that you are. God bless you.

Dave Melton

Support the 5th Annual “Turkey & Fixin’s” Thanksgiving Food Drive and Day of Sharing!

Donate food to support the Thanksgiving Food Drive and help us reach our goal of feeding 300 families this year. WMSUMC needs your support to provide a turkey and all the “fixin’s” for each of the families receiving food from the “Turkey & Fixin’s” Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year, WMSUMC hopes to provide food for 300 local families in need. Your generous support is needed to reach that goal. Pick up your food bag and shopping list beginning this Sunday, November 1.

All food donations are due Sunday, November 15. You may return your bag filled with food, including \$12.00 for a turkey, to the altar in either the Fellowship Hall or the Sanctuary. Rev. Dave Melton will bless the food at all three services.

Difficulty carrying the food inside? Take advantage of our new “drive-by drop off”, Sunday mornings November 8 and 15 from 8:15 – 11:00 on Commerce Place.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Help unload turkeys upon delivery on November 20.
- Help sort the collected food. (November 17 & 18; 5:30 – 7:30)
- Shop for any “fill-in” food needed to complete the bags (flexible times on November 19-20).
- Participate in the “Turkey & Fixin’s” phone bank (Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. & Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m.)
- Call the food drive recipients to remind them about the Day of Sharing, provide any information they might need, and answer any questions. This will take place at the church.

Day of Sharing Team: (Saturday, November 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

- Greet Check-In Distribute food or turkeys Make home deliveries to the elderly and infirm
- Drive vans to transport food drive family recipients to and from Washington Elementary School.



Opportunities are available for the whole family! Flexible volunteer shift times!

New Members

Welcome to *George Villiard*, 1312 Lexington Avenue, Greensboro 27403 (905-3332), who joined WMSUMC on Sunday, October 11, 2009, by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Welcome to *Erin and Steve Farney*, 104 Kirk Road, Greensboro 27455, who joined WMSUMC on Sunday, October 25, 2009, by transfer from Myers Park UMC, Charlotte, NC. They have a daughter, Stella, who was born September 22, 2009.

Circles

Tuesday, November 3

Circle #4, 7:30 p.m., 3803

Kenwood Court, Lynn Long and Nancy Harris, hosts

Wednesday, November 4

Circle #7, 12:00 noon,

Gathering Space

Monday, November 9

Circle #1, 10:15 a.m.,

Library

Circle #2, 10:30 a.m., 2702

Lake Forest Drive, Jane Reynolds, host

Circle #5, 7:00 p.m., Gather-

ing Space, Nonnye Durham

and Fran Shelton, hosts

Tuesday, November 10

Circle #6, 10:00 a.m., 3008

Round Hill Road, Lena

Baynes & Delores Gray,

hosts

Thursday, November 12

Circle #8, 7:00 p.m., 3710

Worthing Ct., Robin Hayes

Advent Candlelight Dessert is Wednesday, December 2

Plan now to attend the Advent Candlelight Dessert on Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The service will begin following the regular Wednesday Church Night dinner. This 40-year tradition at WMSUMC is sponsored by the Worship and Wednesday Church Night Teams. Many of our members have grown up attending this service and have found it to be a meaningful and special beginning to Advent.

Don't miss out on this long-standing tradition. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m.

The 27th Annual Ecumenical Celebration of Thanksgiving

Celebrating Our Community Kaleidoscope

Sunday, November 22

4:00 p.m.

Dana Auditorium, Guilford College

Join us in celebrating our rich diversity as a community.

Join the WMSUMC Habitat Home Repair Project!

Saturday, October 31 and November 7

Volunteers Needed!

*Construction Volunteers

* Food Volunteers

*Devotional

West Market plans to repair and restore a home for a disabled elderly couple. Volunteers will make a bathroom wheelchair accessible, replace a rotted-out kitchen floor, and replace a roof. Volunteers will also be needed to provide food for lunch and to give a morning devotional.

Visit the Outreach Table in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall TODAY!

Become a Prayer Partner

For several years we have matched teachers and staff members at Washington Montessori School with members of WMSUMC in a one-on-one prayer connection. We need to line up West Market members to participate for the coming school year. All you have to do is include one name in your daily prayers – asking God to guide and stand by the teachers as they face daily classroom pressures. A few of our members have gone a step further, telephoning their prayer partner to become acquainted. You can do that if you wish, but don't have to. The prayer is the important thing. If you are willing to join in a prayer partner relationship, call Ethel Glenn, 273-6772.

Our Church Family

As of October 25, 2009

New Baby

Welcome to *John Christopher Augustine*, son of Chris and **Jennifer Augustine**, born October 23, 2009. Grandmother is **Judy Hudson**.

Our Presence

	Oct 18	Oct 25
SS	189	173
8:30	144	120
9:40	117	104
10:55	244	228

CROP Walk Update

Congratulations to two of our "CROP Walk Stars", **Annabel and Claire Gigley**, two little girls who wanted to help people by raising funds for CROP. They set up a lemonade stand and raised a total of \$53.52. Their picture and appeal on their WMSUMC CROP family team page online encouraged other donations. They walked with their mother, Dawn Hill, in the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 18.

Thank you to all our CROP walkers and sponsors. At press time, WMSUMC has raised \$6,851.52 toward their goal of \$10,000.00. You may still contribute by making a check to "CWS-CROP" and putting it in the offering plate or turning it in to the church office. Every dollar will make a difference in a life both here in Greensboro and around the world.

Care4Creation Tip of the Week

Help your garden soil and reduce the landfill! Start composting. There are composting barrels as well as great guides to making compost in your yard. Start now and you can have great soil for your garden in the spring!



Opportunities for November 1—14

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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 Coffee Hour Plus, GS
5:00 pm UMYF, Oak Ridge UMC,

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:00 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316
7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:30 pm Gospel on Tap, Natty Green's

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
3:30 pm Sing-along, Evergreens
4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 410
5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH
5:30 pm Children's Choirs, 316 & 317
6:00 pm In Mission Together Team, CR
6:30 pm WCN Program, 105
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

5:30 am In Mission Together, 105
6:00 pm Care4Creation, 302D
6:30 pm 9:40 Service Band Rehearsal, FH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:30 am In Mission Together, 105

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:30 am In Mission Together, 105

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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 Coffee Hour Plus, GS
5:30 pm UMYF, 405

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:00 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

1:30 pm Older Adult Team, CR
5:30 pm Finance Committee, CR
6:00 pm Turkey & Fixin's Team, 302D
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry, 415
6:30 pm Gospel on Tap, Natty Green's
7:00 pm Spiritual Formation Team, CR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
9:00 am Art Team, Nasher Gallery
10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
12:00 pm Evangelism Team, CR
4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 410
5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH
5:30 pm Children's Choirs, 316, 317
6:30 pm WCN Program, 105
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

5:00 pm Worship Ministry Team, Library
6:00 pm Christmas Store Team, GS
6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH



Move your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday night

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Modern Parables to be Wednesday Church Night Offering November 4 and 11

Modern Parables is a different kind of Bible study that uses a short film to help us understand Jesus' teachings about the Kingdom of God in a deeper, more meaningful way. By looking at the text and watching the story in a modern day setting, we can see how to apply the teachings of Jesus to our daily lives. On November 4, we will look at the Parable of the Hidden Treasure.

The session will be from 6:30-7:30 in Room 105.

WMSUMC to Host International Conference

Thursday through Saturday, November 5 to 7, WMSUMC will host the International Conference for the *In Mission Together Ministry* in Eastern Europe. You are invited to attend this conference to learn more about our ministry in Bulgaria, meet churches partnering in Bulgaria and throughout Eastern Europe, and meet our sponsor church pastor and others from Eastern Europe. Registration forms are available on the outreach table in the Gathering Space and Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers are needed to greet, help with food set-up, drive vans, and be host homes for European guests. To volunteer, visit the outreach table in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall.