

MarketPlace



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Finance Committee Update

As of the end of October our total revenues for the year were \$1,302,407 with expenses totaling \$1,455,618 for a net operating deficit of \$153,211. With two months left in the year, our cash situation remains critical as most of our support of local agencies and our apportionments to the General Church remain to be paid. In order to provide the funding these groups depend on we need everyone to complete their commitments for the year and give a little extra if at all possible.

Secondly we are beginning our annual financial campaign for the 2010 Operating Budget. Watch for an important mailing coming your way and please prayerfully consider what you can do in support of the church's ministries. We need to receive all Commitment Cards by the end of November.

Advent Candlelight Dessert Coming December 2

Plan now to attend the Advent Candlelight Dessert on Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall following the Wednesday Church Night dinner. Join us for this special celebration of the beginning of Advent. The 40-minute program includes a light dessert, special music by the Children's Choirs and MarketBell Ringers and the singing of carols. The lighting of Advent candles will prepare us for Christmas as we learn the symbolism of each candle. It is a meaningful event and everyone is invited.

Make this service part of your family tradition as many members have over the past 40 years. Reservations are needed for dinner, but not the Candlelight Dessert which will follow the dinner. Call 275-4587 to make your dinner reservations.

This event is sponsored by the Worship and Wednesday Church Night Teams.



Bending Towards the Light: *A Jazz Nativity* Saturday, December 5 5:00 p.m.

On Saturday, December 5, at 5:00 p.m., the Chancel Choir will present *Bending Towards the Light: A Jazz Nativity* by New York composer Anne Phillips. Conducted by Alice Ann Johnson, members of the choir will be joined by Mark Freundt, piano; Matt Kendrick, bass; Danny Frye and Cesar Oviedo, percussion; Kevin Clark, trumpet; Mark Mazzatenta, guitar; Nancy McCracken, trombone; Craig Whittaker and Robert Faub, saxophone. Jazz arrangements of familiar carols are included and you will see the three kings as you have never imagined. The jazz work will be preceded at 4:00 p.m. by a holiday concert of sacred and secular music by the MarketBell Ringers.

Childcare will be provided and an offering will be received.

On Sunday, December 13, the Chancel Choir with brass ensemble and organ will present *Christmas Cantata: The Incarnation* at the 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. services.

“Light Up Our Corner of Greensboro” with Luminaries

The WMSUMC Youth are sponsoring luminary displays to surround our church with light during the *Jazz Nativity* on Saturday, December 5. Luminaries may be dedicated in honor or in memory of loved ones for \$5.00 each. Brochures acknowledging the dedications will be included in the bulletins for the service. To order your luminary, send your dedications (marked in “honor” or “memory” of) with the appropriate money, to Nancy Hamilton, PO Box 870, Greensboro, NC 27402, by November 29.

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 . .



In Isaiah 49:6, God says: "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations. So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (NASB)

That was the theme verse for the sixth bi-annual Eastern Europe and Balkan Consultation held at West Market at the end of last week. Leaders of Eastern European churches from Macedonia, Poland, Hungary, Serbia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Switzerland and Slovakia travelled long hours from their Eastern European homes to Greensboro where they were met by representatives of their partner churches from the U. S. (who came from as far away as Michigan and Wisconsin).

The event was like a smaller version of the gathering of the World Methodist Conference (which meets every five years) – with our church the gathering spot. Partner churches form strong bonds through their work together, blessing both Eastern European and American congregations. Our partnership with Eastern European Methodist churches in Pleven, Voyvovodo and Misya began in 2007, when our church made the decision to reach out to be in mission together with three struggling Methodist congregations in Bulgaria.

Since then, incredible ministry has been carried out. And in Pleven, we are helping a congregation re-build the inside of a beautiful church that was gutted by the Communist government during the days following World

War II.

As we gathered last week, the focus was on God's word to us: "It is too small a thing that you should care only for those who act, speak and look like you... I will make you a light to the nations, that My salvation may extend to the end of the earth."

It sounds as if God is preparing us for Jesus' parables of the Least, the Last and the Lost in Luke 15. Every single person is precious to our Heavenly Father. And when we seek and serve those who are often forgotten, God is pleased.

The send-off of our partners, as they left for home, was an emotional moment. Who knows when we will be able to see each other again? But because we are united in Jesus Christ, no matter how far we are apart – even half way around the world from each other, our hearts are filled with memories of shared ministry and fellowship.

I think only a few of us at West Market can fathom the breadth of our ministry. God is calling us to extend His love to all, that His salvation may extend to the ends of the earth. Thank you for your prayers for God's Church, here at West Market, and also around the world.

Dave Melton

WORSHIP

Sundays,
November 15 & 22
8:30 and 10:55 a.m.
Sanctuary
9:40 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

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

WCN Menu

November 18

Baked chicken
Macaroni and cheese
Green beans
Stewed apples
Salad
Wheat rolls
Dessert

On November 18, the *Modern Parables* series will continue with the "Shrewd Manager".

November 25

Thanksgiving
No WCN

CROP Walk Update

THANK YOU to all of our CROP walkers and sponsors. To date, we have raised \$7,433.52. Our goal for WMSUMC is \$10,000. You may still contribute/sponsor by making a check to "CROP" and putting it in the offering plate or turning it in to the church office.

Annual Charge Conference November 24 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held Tuesday, November 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Items to be acted upon include:
Acceptance of apportionments for 2010;
Election of officers.

Poinsettias to be Placed in the Sanctuary, December 20

Orders are now being taken for poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary on December 20. The cost is \$9.15 each and the **deadline for receiving orders is Monday, December 7**. To order, contact Cheryl Moore e-mail at cmoore@wmsumc.org or phone her at 275-4587, voice mail 23. Plants may be taken home after the 10:55 a.m. worship service on December 20.

Honor Someone with an ECC Scholarship —

Another way to honor someone at Christmas is by making a contribution to the Early Childhood Center Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made payable to WMSUMC, marked for "ECC Scholarship Fund", and mailed to the church or placed in the collection plate through the month of December. Orders may also be placed through Cheryl Moore as stated above. Gifts may be designated in "honor" of or in "memory" of someone special to you.

Heritage Room Received New Artifact

The Heritage Room has a new artifact to add to its collection. During worship on November 1, Bill Turrentine, of Tucker, Georgia, presented his grandfather's walking stick to the church. Samuel Turrentine was the minister at West Market from 1900-1904. We are pleased to have this treasure in our collection.

The Heritage Room is on the third floor off the sanctuary. It contains many other reminders of our past and photographs of past senior ministers.

Help WMSUMC Host Homeless Families Thanksgiving Week, November 22-29

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 November 22. This will be yet another wonderful opportunity for us to demonstrate Christian hospitality and love to those in need. Volunteer opportunities include:

- 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 weekend. This is a great idea for Sunday School classes, UMW circles or small groups.
- Laundry
- Help with set-up or take-down.

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

WE! Shelter to Open December 18

For the second year WE! will provide a winter shelter for 15 homeless men here at WMSUMC and we will have an opportunity to develop relationships and share the love of Christ with our guests.

This winter, the demand for shelter is greater now than before, and West Market will once again be one of six satellite winter shelters from December 18 – March 30. This program is known as the Winter Emergency Shelter program, or WE!, and will include volunteers from churches throughout Greensboro. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to provide shelter, warmth, and love to the "least of these" in our community.

Ways to Help

- ◆ Help register the guests.
- ◆ Provide a hot meal and eat with our guests. (great idea for a Sunday School class or other small group)
- ◆ Stay overnight with the guests.
- ◆ Wash linens.
- ◆ Provide a hot breakfast on the weekends.
- ◆ Help provide any enriching activity you can think of (another good small group idea!)
- ◆ Donate linens (twin sheets, pillows, pillow cases and towels), books or magazines, and toiletry items.
- ◆ To volunteer, visit the Outreach Table in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall or e-mail the WE! Volunteer Coordinator, Rhiannon Kelly, at Rhiannon.n.kelly@gmail.com

Housing Needed for Glenn Draper Singers

The Glenn Draper Singers will present a Christmas Concert at WMSUMC on Sunday evening, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will need at least 20 homes to house the singers over night with two in each home. They will eat dinner at the church before the concert. Hosts will pick up the two singers following the concert, keep them overnight, serve them a light breakfast and return them to the church by 8:00 a.m. Monday morning.

If you can help with housing our guests overnight, please call or e-mail Bill Ellison at 275-4587, vm 17 or

Tour and Lunch of Southern Supreme Bakery

Join the S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Social Committee on a trip by church van for a tour and lunch on Tuesday, December 1, to Southern Supreme Fruitcake Bakery in Bear Creek, NC. We will depart from the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. After a short time for shopping, we will tour the plant and have lunch nearby. Cost of the trip will be no more than \$4.00 for gas, collected on the bus. Lunch is on your own.

Please register with Jeanne Shepherd at 275-4587 by noon Wednesday, November 25, or through Connect. Registration numbers are limited to the capacity of the church vans. Call Wynn Pope (288-5489) or Harold McLeod (288-8263) for more details.

Our Church Family

As of November 8, 2009

In Memoriam

Sybil Lowdermilk

November 6, 2009

Sympathy is extended to her husband, **Robert**, family and friends.

New Babies

Welcome to the following:

John Henry Sumner, son of Jennifer and Brad Sumner, of Virginia, born October 27, 2009. **Pat Harris** is the maternal grandmother.

Brooks Townsend Hitchcock, daughter of **Jenni and Jay Hitchcock**, born November 1, 2009.

Our Presence

	Nov. 1	Nov. 8
SS	188	183
8:30	161	133
9:40	106	134
10:55	250	294

Computer Buddies

Do you often find yourself looking at your computer and wondering what to do (or **not** to do) next? And wishing you had someone to call (or come to your house) to answer your questions? The S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Outreach Committee has become aware that there are a number of WMSUMC members who could use a little help and guidance in the use of their computers. (And not all of these members are Seniors!) WMSUMC is blessed with many who are quite knowledgeable, and comfortable, using computers. How great it would be for a person needing help to be teamed up with someone who could assist with his/her questions, i.e. a "computer buddy".

In an effort to answer this need, the S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Outreach Committee will be making two sign-up sheets available beginning Sunday, November 15 — one for those who would like some help, and one for those who can give some help. These sign-up sheets will be available in the Gathering Space and Fellowship Hall, and will also be circulated in the adult Sunday School classes. If you wish to sign up by phone or e-mail, or have suggestions or questions, please contact Karen Stahl at 558-7591 or kjstahl@sbcglobal.net. The S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Outreach Committee will then match each person needing help with a "computer buddy". This is not just for seniors but for members of all ages!

Gospel on Tap

If you are a young adult interested in learning about and discussing issues involving the Christian faith in a casual atmosphere, then The Gospel on Tap is for you! This new program, sponsored by WMSUMC, will be serving challenging ideas from great speakers to people in their twenties and thirties, both singles and couples.

In our first week, 42 young adults came out to hear "The Gospel According to U2". Alex Barrett of the Hagan Davis Law Firm led the second discussion on "The Gospel According to Johnny Cash", and Scott Nowlan of West Market will lead the third discussion on "The Gospel According to the Beatles" on November 17 at 6:30. Eat good food, and meet good people. What more could you ask for on a Tuesday night?

For more info, visit our website and click on The Gospel on Tap poster.

Opportunities for November 15—28

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 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
- 12:30 pm Staff Parish Relations, CR
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 10:45 am Friendship Club Trip
- 5:30 pm Support Staff Committee, CR
- 6:00 pm WE! Meeting, CR
- 6:00 pm MarketBell Ringers, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, 302D
- 6:30 pm Gospel on Tap, Natty Greene's

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 11:30 am ECC Board, CR
- 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
- 6:30 pm WCN Program
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 6:00 pm Outreach Meeting, CR
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 8:00 am Thanksgiving Day of Sharing, FH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 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 Plus, GS
- 12:30 pm Advent Workshop, 303
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 4:30 pm Board of Trustees, CR
- 6:00 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir, 317

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 5:30 pm Administrative Board/Charge Conference, FH

- 6:00 pm Gospel on Tap, Natty Green's

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 4:00 pm Art Committee, Library

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Happy Thanksgiving



Care4Creation Tip of the Week

In a single year, gas-powered leaf blowers will emit as much pollution as 80 cars. They also circulate mold allergens and particulate matter that can irritate the lungs.

Consider raking and mulching your leaves this fall.

Turkey & Fixin's Bags and Bucks due Sunday, November 15

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Support the 5th Annual "Turkey & Fixin's" Thanksgiving Food Drive & Day of Sharing

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, we hope to provide food for 300 local families in need! Your generous support is needed to reach that goal. You may return your bag filled with food, including \$12 for a Turkey, to the altar in either the Fellowship Hall or the Sanctuary. Be sure to bring your food to the Sanctuary **this Sunday, November 15!**

If you have difficulty carrying the food inside take advantage of our new "drive-by drop-off", Sunday morning at 8:15, 9:30, & 10:45 on Commerce Place.

Rev. Dave Melton will bless the food at all three services

Advent Workshop, November 22

The celebration of Advent can be a meaningful time for your family to keep the focus on the coming of Jesus. On November 22, the Children's Ministry Team will have a workshop in which families can make an Advent wreath together. Participants will receive a devotional guide and daily activity calendar for Advent through Epiphany. At the end of the workshop the wreaths will be blessed. A light lunch will be served. Cost for the workshop will be \$15.00 per family. This will be at 12:30 p.m. in Room 303.

If you would like to participate, please call Nancy Hamilton at 275-4587, vm 12, or nhamilton@wmsumc.org to make a reservation by Wednesday, November 18. We need advance notice so that materials may be purchased.