

MarketPlace



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Looking Towards Christmas: The Chancel Choir

On Sunday, December 13, the Chancel Choir will present *Christmas Cantata: The Incarnation* by K. Lee Scott at the 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. worship services. This work focuses on text from the Gospel of John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Other texts include "Love Came Down at Christmas" by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) and "Glory Be to God on High" by Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

From the hauntingly beautiful setting of "Love Came Down at Christmas" to the uplifting "Exult, O Morning Stars Aflame!" to the majestic closing movement, "See, See, the Word is Incarnate" listeners will experience through music and text the true meaning of this wonderful season. The Chancel Choir under the direction of Alice Ann Johnson will be accompanied by brass ensemble, percussion and organist Susan Bates. Tenor soloist will be Robert Matthews.

Come be refreshed, renewed, and restored by God's great gift of music!

New Members

Welcome to the following who joined WMSUMC on Sunday, November 8, 2009:

Sage Hanna, 2312 N. Elm Street, 27408 (601-3344), joined by transfer from Emmanuel Lutheran Church, High Point, NC.

Nhui Hoang and Hmam Hra-Horah, 1204 Park Avenue, NC 27405 (272-1632), joined by Profession of Faith.

Rhiannon Kelly, 5438 Winters Way, 27410 (254-5839), joined by Profession of Faith.

Justin & Kendra Maxwell, 4407 Cornell Avenue, 27407 (704-467-5005), joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Welcome to the following who joined WMSUMC on Sunday, November 15, 2009:

Joshua Graves, 218 W. Terrell Street, 27406 (558-4178), joined by Baptism and Profession of Faith.

Be An Angel Support the 3rd Annual WMSUMC Christmas Store!



Help us provide 300 families in need with the opportunity to "shop" for Christmas presents for their children. We are serving over 1,000 children, so 100% congregational participation is needed.

Plan to purchase one or more items from the angel tree for each member of your family! West Market will be collecting the following items: t-shirts, sweaters, books, coats, sweat-shirts, and gift cards.

How do you donate?

- ★ Select one or more ornaments from one of the trees located in the Gathering Space, Fellowship Hall, Narthex, or 3rd floor.
- ★ Each ornament will contain information regarding size and gender.

The book ornaments will contain the child's grade level to guide in selecting an age appropriate book.

- ★ Return your items to the tree unwrapped with the angel and a gift bag attached.

Donations are due no later than Sunday, December 7.

Volunteers are still needed for the Christmas Store, so don't delay...SIGN UP TODAY! Visit an Outreach Table in the Gathering Space or the Fellowship Hall.

Curious About the WE! Winter Emergency Shelter?

Want to volunteer, but would like more information? All WE! Shelter volunteers and potential volunteers should plan to attend our WE! Shelter Training Session Monday, November 30, in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

To learn more or to volunteer, e-mail the WE! Volunteer Coordinator, Rhiannon Kelly, at Rhiannon.n.kelly@gmail.com, the Food Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Clontz, at kclontz@bethdavidsynagogue.org, or plan to visit one of the Outreach tables in the Fellowship Hall or Gathering Space.

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 . .



When you first read this, the Thanksgiving holiday will be upon us. Thanksgiving Day is always celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. It has been an annual tradition in the United States since 1863. Interestingly, it did not become a national holiday until 1941.

Thanksgiving was historically observed by Christians who sought to give thanks to God. Even now most Americans celebrate by gathering at home with family or friends for a holiday feast. It may surprise you to know that Thanksgiving is the most widely-observed annual holiday in the year.

I pray that you will enjoy the experience this year. But even as I write this, I am reminded of the fact that sometimes it is difficult for us to be thankful. The truth is that many people in our church and community are dealing with loss, brokenness, addiction and dysfunction.

Still, there are things we all remember for which we are grateful. This year I am thankful for our partnership with Methodist Christians across the world (Guatemala, Mexico, Costa Rica, Bulgaria and Kenya) many of whom find inspiration in our partnership. I am thankful for my own health and that of my family. I am thankful for employment, and for freedom (something I was reminded of as we celebrated Veterans Day in worship by affirming those who have served in our country's armed forces). I am thankful for my precious wife and children, and for those among my family and friends who are sharing the wonderful journey of life with me. Most of all

I am thankful for the unconditional love of a Creator and Redeemer.

Of course there are other things for which I am grateful, but perhaps those above will encourage you to remember God-given blessings in your life for which your Heavenly Father deserves your deepest gratitude.

At times when we think of the first Thanksgiving, we forget the hardships endured, sometimes glamorizing it into some fairy tale. Half of the pilgrim community had already died by November. And the feast many of us will enjoy: turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie and yeast rolls, shares little semblance to the meal of which the pilgrims and Indians partook.

Things that require baking were not part of the first Thanksgiving feasts because there were no ovens. And if pumpkin was eaten, it was boiled. No bread was on the menu because diminishing supplies of flour prevented preparing such a thing even over an open fire.

Even then, those who were still alive stopped to thank God for the richness of life with Him. I pray that no matter where you are or what you are doing this holiday, you will find time to stop and give God thanks for your many blessings. It is an honor to be part of your family this Thanksgiving. God bless you.

Dave Melton

Glenn Draper Singers December. 20, 7:00 p.m. WMSUMC Sanctuary

A wonderful Christmas Concert will be presented in our sanctuary by the Glenn Draper Singers on December 20, at 7:00 p. m. The concert is free but an offering will be received to help cover the cost. Plan to come and bring your friends.

We are responsible for housing the singers overnight on the 20th. We need 20 rooms (double occupancy) in order to have a place for everyone to sleep. You will need to provide a light breakfast (cereal and fruit) the next morning and have them back here at the Church by 8:00 a.m. to catch their bus to go to Charlotte for their final performance before Christmas. Please call Bill Ellison at 275-4587, vm 17 or e-mail bellison@wmsumc.org if you can help.

WORSHIP

Sundays,
November 29 &
December 6
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

December 2

Advent Candlelight

Dessert

Baked spaghetti
with meat sauce
and marinara sauce,
Salad
Garlic bread
Dessert

December 9

Roast beef and pork
carved to order
Salad,
Roasted potatoes
Vegetable medley casserole
Yeast rolls
Dessert

Thank You for Turkey & Fixin's Donations

A big Thank You to all who donated food, turkey bucks, and time to the 5th Annual Turkey & Fixin's Food Drive and Day of Sharing.

Advent Candlelight Dessert December 2 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Make plans to attend the Advent Candlelight Dessert Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This special celebration of the beginning of Advent, sponsored by the Worship Committee and Wednesday Church Night Team, is a long-standing tradition of WMSUMC.

The 40-minute program includes a light dessert, special music, singing of familiar carols and lighting the Advent candles. It is a meaningful event for people of all ages, and everyone is invited as we prepare for Christmas.

During this special service in which we emphasize the four weeks of Advent, the Fellowship Hall will be arranged with many Advent wreaths furnished by members of the WMSUMC family. Candles will be provided for the service.

The Advent Candlelight Dessert is a great time for fellowship and the opportunity to meet other members of our congregation. It is wonderful to know that Christians around the world share in the observance of Advent as we wait to celebrate God's great gift of love, Jesus Christ.

A reservation for the WCN dinner is required. The Advent Candlelight Dessert, which begins at 6:30 p.m., does not require a reservation.

Faith, Hope, & a Red Kettle Salvation Army Bell Ringing

WMSUMC is ringing the Salvation Army Bell during the Christmas season. Please join in this beautiful time of fellowship and sharing. Monies raised through the red kettles, the most visible icon of the Salvation Army, provide funding for Christmas programs and year-round social services. This is a wonderful opportunity to witness the true generosity of our community.

December 1—December 23 (No Sunday Ringing),
10:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m., Harris-Teeter on Lawndale Drive
Volunteer to be a Bell Ringer!

L.I.F.E Groups, Circles, Youth, Families, Sunday School Classes, Individuals, COM Teams. **Everyone is invited!**

Register in the Gathering Space, Fellowship Hall, and at Wednesday Church Night. **SIGN UP TODAY!** You CAN make a difference!

Youth Christmas Party at Greensboro College

Sunday, December 20, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., the youth will have their Christmas party at The Student Center at Greensboro College. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m., and ride the church vans over to the Greensboro College Student Center, returning to the church at 8:00 p.m. Instead of giving gifts to one another, everyone needs to bring a \$10.00 bill to support Johan Raphael Newton. Johan is the seven-year-old child from India that our Youth Group is sponsoring through Compassion International. Come enjoy some delicious holiday food, comedy by Jimmy Sackel, singing Christmas carols together, and fun in the student center (basketball, pool table, ping pong, video games and more).

WCN
December 9
Northwest Choral
Department.
Under the direction of
Beverly Alt
6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

West Marketers Join Lay Speakers' School Faculty

Three members of WMSUMC have agreed to become interns in the Lay Speaker's School in 2010. As interns, Rusty Boaeuf, Knox Hughes, and Pat Spicer will assist an established teacher in conducting one of the several courses that are offered each year. Serving an internship is the first step to becoming a full-time teacher in future years.

The dates for 2010 are February 27 & 28 and March 6 & 7. The school has open enrollment and usually attracts those who want to be Sunday School teachers, group participants, and committee leaders in their own churches. Some actually preach in smaller churches as needed. All must first take the Basic Course, then one or more advanced courses.

For more information, please contact Ethel Glenn at 273-6772.

Our Church Family

As of November 18, 2009

In Memoriam

*Elizabeth "Libbet" Boyd
Thorne*

November 14, 2009

Sympathy is extended to
her family and friends.

In Memoriam

Jean Webber Payne

November 16, 2009

Sympathy is extended to
her family and friends.

New Baby

Welcome to *Adam*

Matthew Takacs, son of
Kelly and Matt Takacs,
born October 30, 2009.

Edith Ross: WMSUMC Member 88 Years

Congratulations to **Edith Ross** who celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, October 8, 2009. She joined WMSUMC on August 25, 1921.

Circles

Tuesday, December 1

Circle #4, 6:30 p.m., 4805 W. Friendly Avenue, Gina Mantura and Mary Craven, host (Covered Dish)

Wednesday, December 2

Circle #7, 12:00 noon, Gathering Space

Monday, December 14

Circle #1, 11:00 a.m., 3009 Madison Avenue, Patricia Troxler, host (Luncheon)
Circle #2, 10:30 a.m., 5211 Hedrick Drive, Becky Brown, host

Circle #5, 6:30 p.m., Gathering Space (Covered Dish)

Tuesday, December 8

Circle #6, 11:00 a.m., Barbara Sanders and Violet Landreth, hosts

Thursday, December 10

Circle #8, 7:00 p.m., 1008 Rollingwood Drive, Kimberly Kramer, host

**Opportunities for
November 29 December 12
Leak Chapel open daily 11a.m.-2 p.m.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:00 pm MarketBell Ringers, FH
7:00 pm WE! Training, GS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:30 am Southern Supreme Fruitcake Tour,

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
9:00 am Art Team Picasso Exhibit, Raleigh
10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
3:30 pm Sing Along, Evergreens
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 Advent Candlelight Dessert, FH
7:30 pm Chancel Choir, 317

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH
7:00 pm *Jazz Nativity* Rehearsal, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

4:00 pm Handbell Concert, Sanctuary
5:00 pm *Jazz Nativity*, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

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
4:30 pm UMYF Christmas Store Sorting,
FH
5:00 pm Hospice "Light Up A Life",
Sanctuary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:30 am UMW Executive Committee, FH2
11:30 am UMW General Meeting, FH
7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

1:30 pm Older Adult Team, CR
5:30 pm Finance Team, CR
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry, 415

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am Sewing Group, 109
10:00 am Staff Meeting, 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 Northwest Chorus, Sanctuary
7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:30 pm Evangelism Team, CR
7:00 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 am Christmas Store, FH

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Saturday, December 5
5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Preceded by
A Holiday Concert
presented by
MarketBell Ringers
4:00 p.m.

"Light Up Our Corner of Greensboro" 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.



Luminaria

Advent 2009

Sunday, November 29

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF, Youth Suite

Wednesday, December 2

- 4:00 p.m. Mission Possible Kids, 410
- 5:15 p.m. WCN Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Cherub & Joyful Noise Choirs, 316 & 317
- 6:30 p.m. Advent Candlelight Dessert, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 5

- 4:00 p.m. MarketBell Ringers Concert, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. *Bending Towards the Light: A Jazz Nativity*, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 6

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
(Children's Choirs sing)
- 5:00 p.m. Hospice "Light Up a Life", Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Sort for Christmas Store, Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 7

- 11:30 a.m. UMW Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 9

- 4:00 p.m. Mission Possible Kids, 410
- 5:15 p.m. WCN Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Cherub & Joyful Noise Choirs, 316 & 317
- 6:30 p.m. Northwest High School Choral Concert, Beverly Alt, director, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 12

- 9:00 a.m. District-wide-sponsored UMC Christmas Store

Sunday, December 13

- 8:30 a.m. *Christmas Cantata: The Incarnation*, Sanctuary
Chancel Choir with brass ensemble and organ,
- 9:40 a.m. Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:55 a.m. *Christmas Cantata: The Incarnation*, Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Mission Trip Parent's Meeting, CH
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF, YS

Monday, December 14

- 11:00 a.m. Friendship Club, FH3

Wednesday, December 16

- 4:00 p.m. Mission Possible Kids Project

Thursday, December 17

- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Bag Stuffing for Potter's House, GS

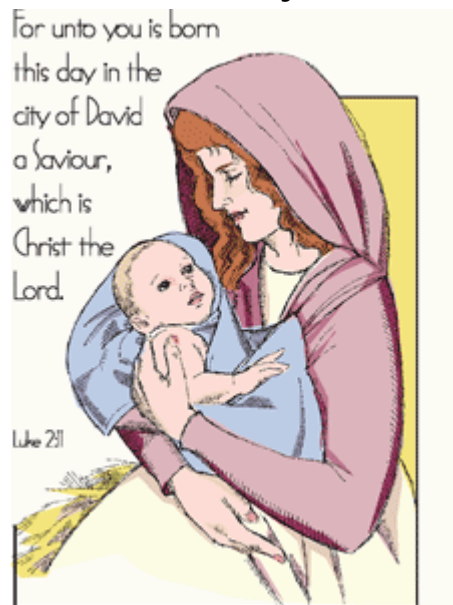
Sunday, December 20

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party, Greensboro College
Youth meet at church.
- 7:00 pm Glenn Draper Singers, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 24

- 5:00 p.m. Family Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Modern Christmas Eve Service, FH
- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Friday, December 25



Sunday, December 27

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, January 3

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. UMYF, YS

Wednesday, January 6

- 4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 410
- 5:15 p.m. WCN Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Cherub & Joyful Noise Choirs, 316 & 317
- 6:30 p.m. Epiphany Service, Sanctuary