

MarketPlace



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Greensboro, NC



Lenten Meditation Services with Holy Communion

12:00 noon

February 23 - March 30

	Ministers	Musicians
February 23	Pam Strader	William Trice, tenor
March 2	Bill Ellison	Sarah Womack, violin
March 9	Jane Brannock	Fred Jones, bass
March 16	Jeff Peck	Amberly Foulkrod, soprano
March 23	Ryan Danker	Susan Bates and Alice Ann Johnson, organ and piano
March 30	Dave Melton	Marian Towe, mezzo soprano

A soup and sandwich lunch will follow at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of the lunch is \$3.00.

New Members

Welcome to the following who joined WMSUMC on Sunday, February 14, 2010:

Susan and Joseph Daas, 3505 Bent Trace Drive, High Point 27265 (Joseph: 549-0854; Susan: 686-7648) who joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Jake Yates, 2 Tannenbaum Circle 27410 (617-8255), who joined by transfer from Swansboro UMC, Swansboro, NC.

Yoga

Wednesdays, February 17, March 3, 10, 17 and 24
4:45 to 5:45 p.m., Room 303.

During this yoga series, discover the centering power of linking mind, breath and body in a series of gentle yoga poses and breathing exercises. This five-week class is suitable for all body types and all levels of yoga experience. Please *bring a mat or a large towel*.

Gospel on Tap: The Seven Deadly Sins

The *Gospel on Tap* current series is the "Seven Deadly Sins". This motley list of vices will be covered in four sessions in The Loft at Natty Greene's. Tuesdays February 23, and March 2, we meet for good food, good conversation, and good times.

On February 23, Kevin Brenner, of the Guilford County Schools, will speak on lust; and March 2, Ann Pinto of the United Way, will speak on sloth and gluttony. Dave Allen, Duke University, will conclude the series on March 9 on "Envy and Greed."

If you're in your 20s or 30s, come on down to Natty's the Tuesdays in February. We gather at 6:30 p.m. The presentation begins at 7:00. Spread the word! We hope to see you there!

UMW General Meeting March 1

United Methodist Women will host Mildred Carter, Conference President, Western North Carolina Conference UMW. This is a special opportunity that the entire congregation is invited to attend. The program will include information about UMCOR, and the United Methodist Church response in Haiti. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. with the program at 7:00 p.m.

Reservations for dinner and childcare are required by Sunday, February 21. Call Grey Wood (299-2729) or Merrimon Gravelly (294-2503) to make your reservations. Cost of dinner is \$7.00.

Our hands-on mission project for the meeting is UMCOR Health Kits. Make plans to join us...and bring a health kit to help someone in need!

Holy Ground — A Contemplative Retreat March 13

8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
\$25.00

The Spiritual Formation Team is sponsoring a day retreat Saturday, March 13, at Mt. Shepherd Retreat Center, Asheboro, NC. The cost of the retreat is \$25.00.

You will explore the theme of *Holy Ground* through a variety of contemplative practices:

- Encountering nature as holy ground.
- Scripture as holy ground.
- Walking on holy ground with the labyrinth.
- Holy ground within us — contemplative prayer.

Through brief meditations, times of silent reflection and times of optional sharing, we will open ourselves to God.

Retreat leader, Nancy Nikiforow, is a graduate of the Shalem Institute's Spiritual Guidance Program. She is a spiritual director, retreat leader and workshop facilitator offering ecumenical programs in contemplative living and contemplative prayer. She is married to C. Brent DeVore, who is serving as Interim President at Greensboro College.

Come join us for a day of prayer reflection on *Holy Ground* and in spiritual community. To register, sign up on WMSUMC.org or call/e-mail Nancy Hamilton, 275-4587, vm 12 or nhamilton@wmsumc.org. Please register by Sunday, March 7.

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 . .

. . . Experiencing Lent Through Our Study of the Seven Deadly Sins

It is my prayer that this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. The season of Lent has begun, and with it a new worship series on the Seven Deadly Sins.

For centuries the Church has taught that there are a number of things that tempt us in ways that would lead us away from God - sins that have more power than most to tempt us to fall away from the life God wants for us.

The Church has declared that those forms of temptation are capital sins, cardinal sins or even deadly sins. Over the weeks leading up to Easter our aim will be to understand why the Church, for the last 1600 years, has thought these to be failings we Christians particularly need to understand:

- how it is that we wrestle with these sins ourselves;
 - how we get tangled up in their web;
 - how we can untangle ourselves from the gripping vine that they create in our lives.
- Finally, we will look at corresponding

virtues, the path that the Bible teaches God would have us choose instead of the sins which would seem, without our complete attention, to have power over us.

The deadly sins: lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy and pride were first penned by an Egyptian monk of the fourth century, a man named Evagrius Ponticus. Later, in the sixth century, Pope Gregory I declared them to be the Seven Deadly Sins, sins from which all other sins grow.

Of course our series will lead us to the point, during Passion Week, when we will watch as Jesus takes up the Cross for us, and experiences the Crucifixion in order that our sins might be forgiven. Please pray that our understanding of the things that hurt us, others and even our Heavenly Father might be brought into focus – so that we might articulate them in confession and receive the grace Jesus offers.

God bless you. *Dave Melton*



WORSHIP

Sundays
February 21 & 28
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*

Wednesday Church Night Menus

February 24
 Grilled chicken
 Roasted potatoes
 Mixed vegetables
 Salad
 Dessert
 Hot dogs for children

March 3
Mexican Night
 Tacos
 Beans
 Rice

Checked Your Church Contact Information Lately!

These days, we're all hurried and multi-tasking is a must! But, sometimes we can forget the obvious. Have you changed your e-mail address? Remember, if you are getting some of your church mail electronically, it is very important to advise us of any **e-mail address change**.

Also, please let us know of an **address change, land-line change** (or termination), or **cell phone change**. We want to keep your information current and keep you connected with your other church family members too!

If you have a change that you wish to share, please contact Susan Barnes in the Membership Office (275-4587, vm11, or sbarnes@wmsumc.org). Thank you!

Our Presence

	Feb. 7	Feb. 14
8:30	152	142
9:40	175	166
10:55	300	275
SS	211	212

S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Social Committee Announces

RESCHEDULED Weatherspoon Gallery Tour and Lunch

Join us for a look at the current exhibits at UNCG Weatherspoon Gallery on Friday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. followed by a tour and lunch in the Alumni House. Meet at the Weatherspoon Gallery (parking is available in the rear) and then go to the Alumni House for lunch. Cost of the "Deli Lunch" is \$10.00 per person due March 1. Please register with Jeanne Shepherd at 379-4587 by noon Monday, March 1. If needed, transportation between Weatherspoon and the Alumni House can be arranged.

GTCC Culinary Lunch

Enjoy a culinary lunch treat at GTCC's

Hospitality program on the Jamestown campus in the International Dining Room on March 18. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the church and carpool to the campus or just meet on the campus. Cost for lunch is \$7.00 and is due by Monday, March 1. Please register with Jeanne Shepherd at 275-4587 by Monday, March 1. There are a limited number of reservations for this event.

S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Dinner with Speaker Friday March 19

You will not want to miss this most interesting and informative program presented by the S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Education Team. It is called "Truth and Humor In Our Funeral Traditions". The speaker will be Ms. Holly Stevens who is Coordinator of Education

and Advocacy Programs of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Piedmont. She will give helpful and correct information about planning and carrying out final arrangements in our own lives and those of our loved ones. She will also share some of the humor which has accompanied our traditions related to making these final arrangements. In addition, she will explain some of the cost-saving measures that can be taken with proper planning, while exploding some of the myths associated with funeral practices.

"Methodist Punch" is at 5:30 p.m., with dinner beginning at 6:00. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Make your reservations now by contacting Jeanne Shepherd, 275-4587, vm 10 or e-mailing her at jshepherd@wmsumc.org. Everyone is invited!

Consolation Team Ministry

When a family member experiences the death of a loved one, there is a group in your church that acts as an extension of the ministers' assistance. The Consolation Team helps to serve the family or individual suffering the loss in a variety of ways. Sometimes we reach out with a phone call and offer assistance as needed, depending on individual circumstances. Sympathy cards are sent, and assistance is provided during the visitation following the service if that is desired.

Participating in our team is a gratifying way to provide comfort to fellow members at a vulnerable time. Orientation will be provided and meetings are bi-monthly. To learn more about the Consolation Team Ministry, contact Bill Ellison (275-4587, vm 17) or Cindy Joseph (275-0863 or 288-4621).

New at WMSUMC, Partners in Care

Partners in Care will be training volunteers who want to take part in the care of our congregation here at WMSUMC. There will be six training sessions that will begin March 3, and will meet every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in room 302A. These sessions will be very aptly led by Faye Ellison and Jerry Taylor. Please advise Bill Ellison (275-4587) if you wish to attend. You would be expected to be at five out of the six sessions. The sessions will be limited to 10 people. If you have any questions please call Nonnye Durham at 327-1980.

Our Church Family As of February 14, 2010

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **Bradley Faircloth**, on the death of his brother, James S. Faircloth, of High Point, NC on February 4, 2010.

Baptism

Samuel Norman Kluttz, son of **Page and Ed Kluttz**, was baptized on Sunday, February 7, 2010.

Circles

Tuesday, March 2, Circle #4, 7:30 p.m., 2806 Watauga, Mary Craven, host
Wednesday, March 3, Circle #7, 12:00 noon, Gathering Space

Outreach Opportunities

Building on Faith 2010

For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

Hebrews 3:4

WMSUMC's next Habitat build will be a townhome in ArborCourt. West Market will join five other churches to construct a six-home unit beginning on April 8. **Funds must be raised now! Our goal is \$25,000.** Prayerfully consider making a donation to this incredible ministry that empowers hardworking men and women to provide homes for their families. The families must earn sweat equity hours by helping to build their homes. They then receive an interest free loan. The townhomes will allow smaller families to have an opportunity for home ownership.

Volunteers will also be needed to help with construction. Visit an Outreach Table in the Gathering Space or in the Fellowship Hall **today** to make a donation or to volunteer. Or you may call the Outreach office at 275-4587, vm 16.

Join the Mission Team to Bulgaria!

WMSUMC plans to send up to 12 adults on a ten-day mission trip to be in ministry with our partner churches in Pleven, Vovvodovo, and Mizia, Bulgaria July 26 – August 4.

Mission team members will have many opportunities to work with children through a two-day Christian camp and

through a VBS at the Pleven church and an afternoon program at the Borovan orphanage. Missioners may also continue the work of the prayer shawl ministry, enjoy fellowship and worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Bulgaria, and continue the reconstruction work on the sanctuary in the Pleven church. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share the love of Christ with our partners in ministry in Bulgaria!

Information sheets and mission trip applications are available at one of the Outreach Tables, or call 275-4587, vm 16 for more information. Applications and deposits are due February 21.

Soup's On for Summer Fun

Enjoy a hot bowl of soup and support WMSUMC's Bulgarian ministry. The mission team is selling quarts of soup to raise funds to conduct a two-day camp for the children and youth of Mizia and Vovvodovo. In 2009 the team was able to reach out to more than 30 children, but the time with them was limited to only an afternoon. The hope is to bring the children of these two towns together to strengthen our ties and share the love of Christ.

Two types of soup will be available for purchase beginning Sunday March 7: Taco Soup and Spicy Vegetarian Lentil Chili. The price is \$7.50 per quart.

Order now and save! Pre-sales begin Sunday February 14 and run through

March 3. **Place an order prior to March 3 and save \$1 per quart.** Order forms are available at one of the Outreach tables. If you don't place a pre-order you can still purchase soup after worship services on March 7 and March 14 or at Wednesday Church Night. Call Shalonn Martin (282-0349) or Catherine Crowder (456-7024) with questions or to place an order.

Adult Mission Team Domestic Trip to Rural Virginia April 11 - 17

Missioners will work in teams to repair the homes of those living in the community of Jonesville. Repair work will vary and can include everything from painting, repairing flooring, building ramps, and repairing roofs to cleaning and yard work. Work teams will have opportunities to get to know the families they are serving, thereby sharing the love of Christ with them. The mission team will gather in the evenings for times of worship, relaxation, and recreation. This is a wonderful opportunity to try a mission trip for the first time or to share God's love with our nearby neighbors in Virginia who are in such great need. If you are interested, plan to attend an information meeting Sunday, March 7, at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Applications will be available at that time.

Opportunities for FEBRUARY 21—March 6

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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 Love God, Love People, FH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

11:00 am Friendship Club, FH3
4:30 pm Trustees, CR
6:00 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

12:00 noon Lenten Service, Sanctuary
6:00 pm S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Outing, Imperial
Koi Restaurant
6:30 pm Gospel on Tap, Natty Greene's

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 304D
4:45 pm Yoga, 303
5:15 pm WCN Dinner, FH
5:30 pm Cherub Choir, 316
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, 317
6:30 pm WCN Programs
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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 Children's Ministry Team, CR
5:30 pm UMYF, Coffee House

MONDAY, MARCH 1

10:00 am Weatherspoon Tour
5:00 pm UMW Executive Committee, GS
6:00 pm UMW Dinner Meeting, FH
6:00 pm MarketBell Ringers, 316
7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

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THURSDAY, MARCH 4

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

Chamber Orchestra Concert NOVUS

Friday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary
music by Beethoven, Wagner,
and Ravel
There is no charge for this event
and the public is invited.

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Ed White, John
Williams, Michelle Murray

Doug Murray was a member of
the Chancel Choir and, as the plaque
on the music stand reads, "Music
brought great joy to his life."

The music stand is made of
walnut and white mahogany
with hand carved morning
glories.

Murray Family Presents Gift to Church

On Sunday, February 14, Sandra and Michelle
Murray presented a beautiful music stand to WMSUMC
in memory of husband and father, Doug Murray. This
lovely handmade piece was crafted by Ed White, a
talented woodworker in our congregation. The 1,500-hour
project involved designing and engineering as well as
carving and staining this one-of-a-kind music stand.

As a special request of the Murrays, John Williams
was invited to sing for this dedicatory service. Doug
loved to hear John's rich bass voice and his presentation
of *Psalm 23* by Margaret Sandresky was most fitting.

