

MarketPlace



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Greensboro, NC

YOU are Invited to the Heritage Sunday Celebration April 25

Luncheon is immediately following the 10:55 a.m. Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.

Heritage Sunday will be celebrated on April 25. Our heritage does have to do with our past, but this year we are approaching it a little differently. There will be a person at each worship service and three or four other persons on the luncheon program to talk about a ministry they are currently involved in, and feel called to. They will emphasize how ministry has impacted their lives. We are looking at heritage with an eye toward the witness we are making in the present, and what we are leaving for the generations following us. Photos of our heritage will be shared and special music will be a part of the program.

The goal is to introduce more people into this exciting ministry here at West Market. In keeping with this goal, we are asking the people on our Older Adult Team and any of you who will do it, to invite someone who has never been to a Heritage Sunday Luncheon here and tell them you will pay for their lunch. It does not matter who they are or how old or young they are. This is an important gesture which demonstrates our commitment to bringing others along on this exciting journey of faith.

Lunch is by paid reservation only. A firm deadline for reservations is Thursday, April 22; the cost will be \$10.00 per person. The cost is \$12.00 if paid after April 22. To make a reservation call Jeanne Shepherd in the church office, 275-4587. Checks should be made out to "WMSUMC" and designated for "Heritage Luncheon".

Invite a friend to join you...and make your reservations today!



Ready to Explore New Heights? Join the Outreach Ministry Team!

"Come & See"

Open House Meeting
Thursday, April 15
at 6:00 p.m.

Gathering Space
Dinner Served



Building on Faith 2010

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God."
Hebrews 3:4

West Market's next Habitat build will be a townhome. Construction will begin with a three-day blitz April 22-24 and continue on Saturdays through May 29. Food volunteers are also needed beginning on April 22 and 23 and on other weekdays. For a detailed build schedule and to volunteer, visit an Outreach Table in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall.

Help raise the final funds needed to build the townhome. Only \$2,000 left to go!

Costa Rica Mission Information Meeting

This Sunday, April 18 at 12:30 in the Youth Suite

WMSUMC plans to send a team of 18 missionaries August 11-16 to continue our work with our brothers and sisters at the El Sinai Methodist Church outside of San Jose, Costa Rica. Missioners will continue the construction of the children and youth ministry space the church is building to reach out to youths in the barrio in which they live. They will also enjoy fellowship with the El Sinai parishioners, and conduct a ministry with the local children. The mission trip is open to adults and youth in grades eight and up. All youth must be accompanied by an adult.

Brochures for

Day Camp
Vacation Bible School
Girl Charge
will be mailed next week.

If you have not received a copy by April 22 please contact Nancy Hamilton, 275-4587 vm 12 or nhamilton@wmsumc.org

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

CELEBRATE JANE BRANNOCK'S MINISTRY WITH US SUNDAY

It is my prayer that this newsletter finds you in good spirits, and in the knowledge that God walks by your side. My family and I are doing well, after having enjoyed a brief break following the wonderful celebration of Easter here at West Market.

You were notified in the mail some weeks ago about the decision our Jane Brannock made to resign her position as Children's Pastor and Education Director at our church. Jane plans to pursue God's call to ministry in another setting.

Jane came to West Market as Director of both our Children's and Older Adult areas in 1997. I'll never forget meeting her in 2001. "That seems like an unusual mix," I said, "to work with both young children and older adults."

"Initially it did to me," she responded, "but many of the gifts and skills cross over; and I've found that I work well with both areas." I found out very quickly that she certainly did.

Jane has served West Market beautifully for the last 13 years. In 2005, when, after evaluating our church's ministry needs, we decided to alter some of our staff responsibilities, Jane handed off her Older Adult responsibilities to our Reverend Bill Ellison, and began assuming responsibilities for the entirety of our Education program, including oversight of Spiritual Formation, Children's VBS and

Wednesday Church Night. She also served as liaison to our Early Childhood Center

The common thread in her service here was her direction of our Children's Ministry area. This morning I thanked God in prayer for all of the children and young families Jane has served in the past 13 years.

Jane has so many gifts and skills. She is intelligent, compassionate and passionate about ministry. She is articulate about relating her love of both children and adults. Too, she is a person filled with joy. Jane's laugh is contagious. During her tenure at West Market she has been a wonderful colleague in ministry to me and to our other pastors and employees. We all are dreading seeing her move on.

Please take the opportunity to wish Jane all of God's blessings. This Sunday, April 18, will be her last Sunday with us. Following the 10:55 a.m. service we will celebrate her ministry with a reception in the Gathering Space. Please plan to stay for a few minutes with us as we wish her all the best.

May God continue to bless both Jane and West Market UMC.



Dave Melton

Christian How-to's: Baptisms

This installment of "Christian How-to's" begins at the beginning of the Christian journey and thus with baptism. United Methodists, like the larger church around the world, believe that baptism is the beginning of one's life in the church, the body of Christ. In baptism the baptized receive New Birth by the Spirit as they are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Baptism is a Sacrament in that the outward and physical sign (water) conveys an inward and spiritual grace (the washing away of sins and regeneration).

St. Paul described baptism in terms of the resurrection, calling baptism our entrance into the death of Christ so that we can then rise with him by the power of the Spirit at the general resurrection. As a Sacrament, baptism is not limited by age or mental capacity. And, more importantly, baptism is God's work. Therefore, we welcome everyone (infants, children, adults) to the work of God conveyed in the Sacrament of Baptism. It is not our work, and therefore it does not depend on our instant understanding of the act. What we are called to do as the baptized children of God, however, is to live into our baptism, and this, as we all know, can take a lifetime. Thankfully, we have the Sacrament of Holy Communion, that continual feast of grace, that leads us onward into this life of baptism.

Ryan Danker

WORSHIP

Sundays

8:30 and 10:55 a.m.

Sanctuary

9:40 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

April 18

Sermon: Dave Melton

April 25

Sermon: Pam Strader

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

6:00 p.m.

Evensong

Leak Chapel

Meditation

April 18

Elizabeth Montgomery

April 25

The Rev. Douglas Gilbert

Care 4 Creation Sermon Series

Care4Creation, a ministry of WMSUMC, whose mission is to develop greater awareness of the calling and responsibility of all Christians to care for God's creation, will provide a focus in worship April 18, 25, and May 2. There will be opportunities to learn more about God's creation as a gift, our covenant with God as stewards of God's creation, and the hope we have as Christians for our world.

Wednesday Church Night Menus

April 21

Barbeque chicken

Mixed vegetables

Potato salad

Cornbread

Cake

April 28

Hamburger

Hot Dogs

Fries

Baked Beans

Corn on the cob

Cookies

Make an Offer

There are two stained glass windows on display in the foyer behind the Sanctuary Annex. Neither is part of our historical stained glass window collection and our History Committee cannot determine their source. The smaller of the two windows is 60 inches high and 30 inches wide and is in disrepair. The glass is shades of blue and green. The larger window is 85 inches high and 48 inches wide in shades of green and yellow. It was framed to fit in a space upstairs in our sanctuary between the Heritage Room and balcony annex, but was removed during our 1998 renovation.

Because the windows are church property, the Trustees are suggesting that we offer them to the congregation first. If no one makes an offer to buy them, we will take them to Architectural Salvage of Greensboro on Bellemeade Street.

Until May 31, you will find paper and envelopes in front of each window. Please write down your name and your offer, place it in the envelope and give it to Jeanne Shepherd in the church office. We will keep in touch with you regarding the offers. We hope someone will have a place for these windows to help us dispose of them.

Contact Scott Nowlan (275-4587, vm 21), Betty Betts (274-9046) or Gayle Fripp (288-8028) if you have questions.

Courtyard Engraved Paver Sale

The sale of engraved pavers in the courtyard in front of the sanctuary continues and we need a number of additional orders before we can submit the current batch for manufacturing. This is a great way to commemorate important events in your church life or in the life of your family and to remember loved ones who have passed on to the Church triumphant. Proceeds from the sale will help finish paying for the renovation of the courtyard that was completed a few years ago. Order forms are available at the church office, in the Gathering Space or online on the church Web site (www.wmsumc.or).

Gifts to the Church March, 2010

Memorial Gifts

We gratefully acknowledge the following Memorial Gifts:

Capital Campaign (Debt Reduction)

Connie Ivey by Charles and Grace Lowdermilk
Sybil Lowdermilk by Charles and Grace Lowdermilk
Jean and Bill Payne by Charles and Grace Lowdermilk
Martha Weikel by Charles and Grace Lowdermilk; Don and Mickey Hoagland

Heritage Fund

Shirley Wells by Olive and Emerson Spivey

Minister's Discretionary Fund

Shirley Wells by Ted and Carolyn Russ

Older Adult Fund

Virginia Clifton by Beverly Murrell

Regular Fund

Martha Weikel by Elisabeth Allgood
Shirley Wells by Bonnie and Wallace Moricle; Betty Emma Wells

Support GIHN

WMSUMC hosts homeless families each quarter through Guilford Interfaith Hospitality Network. Help support this vital ministry by attending the "Kids Helping Kids" Concert on Saturday, April 24, 4:30 p.m. at Starmount Presbyterian Church. The concert will feature the Greensboro Symphony Youth Strings, the Greensboro Youth Chorus, and the Ben L. Smith High School Gospel Choir. Coming on May 14 is the GIHN Golf Scrambler at Grandover Resort. Go to www.GIHN.org for details.

Our Church Family

As of April 11, 2010

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **R. A. Pegram** on the death of his sister, Laura Elmore Pegram, on March 27, 2010, and to **Jim Meredith** on the death of his sister Elizabeth Meredith Cantreall Ham.

New Baby

Welcome to *Jackson Crown Callahan*, born February 17, 2010, and welcomed into the home of **Cindy and Alan Callahan** March 31, 2010.

Correction to Easter Lilies

In the Easter lily brochure, *Marguerite Burgess's* name was listed as Mary.

Our Presence

	April 4	April 11
8:30	244	153
9:40	193	152
10:55	563	213
SS	No SS	188

Home and Closet Consignment Sale

Friday, April 16
 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 17
 7:30 a.m. to Noon

Honor Gifts

We gratefully acknowledge the following Honor Gifts:

Greensboro Urban Ministry

Maxine Bradley's Birthday by Leah Overman; Carol Coggin; Kay Arthur; Libbie Ball; Lynn Jones; Audrey Wright

Habitat House Fund

Jim Weikel's Birthday by Lola Weikel

Plaeven, Bulgaria Church Renovation Fund

Mary Ann James by Jenny Johnson

**Opportunities for
April 18— MAY 1
Leak Chapel open daily
11a.m.-2 p.m.**

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 am Laity in Prayer, 319
8:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:40 am Worship Service, FH
10:55 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00 noon Jane Brannock Celebration, FH
5:30 pm UMYF, 405
6:00 pm Evensong, Leak Chapel

MONDAY, APRIL 19

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 304D
4:45 pm Consolation Team, 302B
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, APRIL 22

6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

GIHN, YS
8:00 am MPK Water Crisis Carnival, GS
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
11:00 am Building Marriages That Last,
403B

12:00 noon Coffee Hour Plus, GS
12:00 noon Heritage Sunday, FH
12:30 pm Children's Ministry Team, CR
5:30 pm UMYF, CH
6:00 pm Evensong, Leak Chapel

MONDAY, APRIL 26

11:00 am Friendship Club, FH3
4:30 pm Trustees, CR
5:00 pm Visitation Team, 302B
6:00 pm MarketBell Ringers, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

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
6:00 pm Partners in Caring, 302A
6:30 pm WCN Programs
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
8:00 pm AA Meeting, 415

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

12:00 noon Christmas Store Meeting, FH
6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

**Get Your Tomato
Plants from C4C!**

Order stations will be located each Sunday and Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall and Gathering Space. Plants are \$2.00 each, cash or check in advance only. Pre-ordered plants will be delivered on Sunday, April 25. For more information or to order by phone, contact Jeremy Evans at 336-392-1598.

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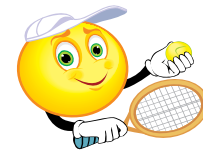
**Volunteer to Sell Parking Spaces for
Grasshopper Home Games!**



**See the baseball schedule at the
Outreach Table in the Gathering Space
or Fellowship Hall and sign up today.**

All proceeds benefit local and global missions and will help to:

1. Expand the number of families served at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
2. Provide needed construction supplies for the mission trip to Costa Rica.
3. Provide Onil Stoves for the Guatemala Mission Trip.
4. Fund a lay pastor for the newly constructed church in Kenya.
5. Increase funds available for other Outreach Ministries.



Tennis Social

Sunday, April 25

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Sherwood Tennis Club

\$10.00

Round Robin

Snacks and drinks provided.

Contact Pam Hughes or Nancy Hamilton

(275-4587, vm 12 or

nhamilton@wmsumc.org)

Church Picnic

Sunday, May 2

Bur-Mil Park

Shelter 1

3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Activities include inflatables, games for all ages, prizes, and much more.

Bring your best picnic items to share. Drinks, paper and plastic products will be provided. Make your plans now to join in this "rite of spring" with WMSUMC.

Feel free to invite friends. This is a great way to introduce new people to WMSUMC.