

MarketPlace



The Newsletter of West Market Street United Methodist Church, Inc.

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Greensboro, NC

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.



New Members

Welcome to the following who joined WMSUMC on Sunday, April 18, 2010:

TJ and Jerry Reece, 807 Glendevon Court South, Whitsett, 27377 (449-9832) who joined by Profession of Faith and Baptism.

Diane and Sam McDowell, 1208 Colonial Avenue, Greensboro 27408 (273-4180), joined by transfer from Leaksville UMC, Eden, NC. They have a five-year old daughter, Claire Anne McDowell.



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

United Methodist Women Luncheon

Monday, May 10

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

Special Celebration Honoring Our Babies!

Honor a special baby in your life! (More information in the April issue of *UMW Update*.) Join the United Methodist Women for this special opportunity to celebrate and honor our babies. The celebration will include a special treat — a visit by some children from our Early Childhood Center. Make your reservation today!

Hands-on mission project is infant diapers for the Diaper Closet at FaithAction International House.

Reservations for lunch are required, and must be in by Sunday, May 2. Call Grey Wood (299-2729) or Merrimon Gravelly (294-2503) to make your reservations. Cost of lunch is \$7.00. Child care is available, by reservation only, due also by Sunday, May 2.

Navigating Your Retirement

Wednesday, May 5

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

You are invited to a free dinner and a one-hour presentation on preparing for life after retirement, particularly as it relates to making plans for life once you decide to downsize and move out of your present residence. Presenters for this information-sharing dinner will be Stephen P. Fleming, Chairman of the North Carolina Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging, and President/CEO of the Well Spring Retirement Community; Phyllis Lancaster, Financial Planner, Triad Financial Advisors; and Midge Spong, LCSW, ACC, Career and Retirement coach. This information gathering, sponsored by the S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Education Committee, would be appropriate for adults of any age, but particularly those middle age or older.

Reservations are required. Please call Jeanne Shepherd, 275-4587, by no later than Monday, May 3.

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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

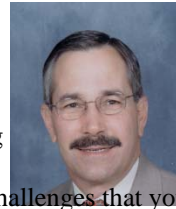
I'm writing this as I am in the air flying to Kenya. The past days have been a mix of discouragement, indecision and then encouragement. Because of the volcanic ash spewed into the northern European airspace, flights weren't allowed for a number of days. But the day before I was to fly, the skies cleared a bit. Let's pray they stay clear.

I shared with you in our worship services on Sunday before last that I covet your prayers as I travel to the African continent to greet our brothers and sisters in Christ. It's not that I haven't been there before. I have.

It is the opportunity (and the responsibility going with it) I will have to teach hundreds of Methodist pastors and lay persons in North Central Kenya over the next two weeks that has me a bit awestruck. I've never been asked to begin each day leading a Bible Study and then follow that up by preaching several times before nightfall day after day.

But last year, when leaders of the Methodist Church in Kenya asked me to come back to "preach a word of hope" to persons who are in dire need, I couldn't say "no." The annual meeting of the Nyambene Methodist Synod (similar to our annual conference) under the leadership of Bishop David Amanpiu is convening this week in Maua, Kenya. At this time every year, pastors and church members from all over the region walk, bicycle and ride mopeds to Maua for worship, inspiration, and fellowship.

I can't wait to see other members of our Methodist family (that I have never met) and to share a word of greeting and grace from you with them. They have some of the same challenges that you have: making a living, raising a family, providing for children and grandchildren. The difference is the amount of resources to which they/we have access.



Many of them have to walk for hours each day to bring water to their homes. Most have very little food even when times are good – and with a years' long drought staring them in the face, food is scarce. And we haven't even mentioned the greatest humanitarian crisis of our age: the HIV/AIDS crisis, that has ravaged almost every family in Kenya.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in the Nyambene Synod, where I will be preaching and teaching. And pray that God might be able to use me in some way to bring a word of hope to the precious children He so dearly loves.

Finally, pray for the completion of our church's project of constructing a building that will be used as a school and church - in Ithata, Kenya. If all goes well, and it is completed before I leave to come home, I will preach the very first sermon at Ithata, and dedicate the facility our team began to construct in February.

God is good. May God use you to bring hope to those who are discouraged.

Dave Melton

Christian How-to's: Living in Easter

The week after Easter, I noticed a sign outside the Walgreens Pharmacy on Lawndale Avenue that read, "EASTER 75% OFF." Although it was obviously a sign relating to Easter candy, bunnies, and all the rest of the secular assortment "related" to the holiday, it struck me as somewhat humorous. It's also a bit sad, in that many Christians are also of the mindset that Easter is a holiday on one particular, though moveable, Sunday sometime near the beginning of Spring. Easter, in fact, is our reality. And, for the purposes of this article, Easter is a liturgical season. Easter begins on Easter Sunday, but it extends for 50 days after. Easter extends for this length of time, because it was 50 days later that the Resurrected Christ ascended to the Father. So this year, Eastertide (the season) actually goes from April 4 to May 13, Ascension Day. This season provides the church with an extended celebration that well outlasts Easter baskets and egg hunts.

One way in which you'll have noticed that we entered Eastertide is the use of the word "Alleluia" in worship. The "Alleluia" is not used in worship during Lent, thus we used the Old 100th and its traditional text during the Lenten season for the Doxology. Once Easter arrived, we have been using "Alleluia" in every service since. The word means "Praise the Lord", and is really the only proper response to God's offer of new and resurrected life in Christ. As we sing the "Alleluia" in worship, my prayer for us as a church is that, in the words of the Prayer for Singers (No. 69 in the *Hymnal*), that "what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may practice in our lives, so that being doers of the word, and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Ryan Danker

WORSHIP

Sundays

8:30 and 10:55 a.m.

Sanctuary

9:40 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

May 2

Service of Holy Communion

Sermon: Bill Ellison

May 9

Sermon: Dave Melton

The 11:00 A.M. Sunday

Worship Service is broadcast

over WPET 950 AM

6:00 p.m.

Evensong

Leak Chapel

Meditation

May 2

The Rev. Glenn Griffiths

May 9

Donald Chase

20/30s W. Market St.

Gospel on Tap

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Natty Greene's

South Elm Street

The Gospel According to the Movies

May 4: Duke Ison

Greensboro District Superintendent

A River Runs Through It

May 11: Jill Alventosa-Brown

pastor Saint Timothy's UMC

(and former WMSUMC

member)

Lars & The Real Girl.

MPKids Water Carnival

Did you know:

1. Over 900 million people in the world lack access to safe water?
2. More than 3.5 million people die each year from water-related diseases?
3. Millions of women and children in the world spend several hours a day collecting water from distant, often polluted sources?

WMSUMC Mission Possible Kids want to help! MPKids hosted a Water Carnival in the Gathering Space on Sunday, April 25 from 8:30 to 12:30 to raise money for the church's effort to put in a bore hole (a well with a generator) at the site of the Ithata school in Kenya.

They sold really cool t-shirts designed by the MPKids with all of the proceeds going toward the well. Each of the MPKids helped design a square for the t-shirt by using paper water drops. The squares were then put together into a checkerboard-type design. Church members Jimmy and Jennifer Britt donated the t-shirts and the printing.

Each of the MPKids also used his or her unique talent to make something original for the silent auction at the Water Carnival. There was everything from simple artwork to jewelry to pillows. All proceeds from the silent auction will go toward the Kenya well project.

Ty and Peggy Walter, church members and parents of MPKid, Emma, have also donated water bottles. MPKids replaced their labels with artwork and messages designed by the MPKids. The bottles were available for sale at the Water Carnival.

If you missed this fun opportunity to get involved and make a difference in the global water crisis you can still help by sending a check to the church at PO Box 870, Greensboro, NC 27402, marked Water Carnival!



Names of Graduates Requested

Please contact Nancy Hamilton (275-4587, vm 12 or nhamilton@wmsumc.org) with the names of 2010 graduates. If a high school graduate, leave the name of the school graduated from and plans for the future or school to be attended in the fall. If a college graduate, give school and degree earned and plans for the future. Please get this information to Nancy by Sunday, May 23. Graduate Recognition Sunday will be June 6.

The graduates' accomplishments will be published in an upcoming *MarketPlace*.

Circles

Monday, May 3

Circle #1, 10:15 a.m., Library (Note change of date.)

Circle #5, 7:00 p.m., Gathering Space (Note change of date.)

Tuesday, May 4

Circle #4, 6:30 p.m., 2517 Lakeshore Drive, Trudi Atkins, host (salad supper)

Wednesday, May 5

Circle #7, 12:00 noon, Gathering Space

Monday, May 10

Circle #2, 10:30 a.m., Gathering Space

Tuesday, May 11

Circle #6, 11:00 a.m., 708 Kemp Road West, Audrey Wright, Via Landreth, Gene Jones, hosts (luncheon meeting)

Tuesday, May 20

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Room 302D

Thursday, May 22

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00 p.m., 3426 Deep Green Drive

Summer Opportunities for Children

Younger Elementary Day Camp, June 21 - 24, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (for those completing first, second or third grade)

Vacation Bible School, July 19 - 23, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (for 3 1/2 through those completing fifth grade)

Girl Charge, July 19 - 23, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. (for girls completing third through fifth grades)

Brochures for the above were mailed April 21. If your child has not received one, please contact Nancy Hamilton, 275-4587, vm 12 or nhamilton@wmsumc.org to have one mailed to you.

Music Camp, July 26 - 30, 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. with performances at the 8:30 and 10:55 services on Sunday, August 1 (for those completing second through fifth grades). *Brochures for this will be mailed in the next few weeks.*

Our Church Family

As of April 25, 2010

In Memoriam

Hilda Henley Prefontaine

April 16, 2010

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

In Memoriam

Lonnie Honeycutt (Honey)

Ellis

April 17, 2010

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

In Memoriam

Vincent Thomas Novak

April 21, 2010

Sympathy is extended to his wife, **Maria**, family and friends.

In Memoriam

Ann Swanson Eure

April 25, 2010

Sympathy is extended to her daughter **Tracy Kuney**, son **Bud Eure**, family and friends.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **Jennifer Salmon**, on the death of her mother, Mary Ann Salmon, of Greensboro, on March 28, 2010.

Baptism

John Christopher Augustine, son of **Jennifer and Chris Augustine**, was baptized Sunday, April 18, 2010.

Wedding

Congratulations to Jennifer Welch and **Jake Yates**, who were married April 10, 2010, in the Sanctuary with the Rev. Jeff Peck officiating.

Our Presence

	April 18	April 25
8:30	135	101
9:40	158	114
10:55	281	229
SS	199	208

Thank You Morris/ Fellowship Class

A special thank-you goes to the Morris/Fellowship Sunday School Class for sponsoring once a month the 10:55 a.m. service broadcast over WPET 950 AM.

If a Sunday School Class, group or individual wishes to sponsor a broadcast, contact Scott Nowlan, 275-4587, vm 21 or snowlan@wmsumc.org.

Opportunities for MAY 2

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

SUNDAY, MAY 2

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 Coffee Hour Plus, GS
12:15 pm First Couples Luncheon, FH3
3:30 pm Church-wide Picnic, Bur-Mil
Park, Shelter 1
5:00 pm Chancel/Handbell Choirs Social
6:00 pm Evensong, Leak Chapel

MONDAY, MAY 3

6:30 pm CR Men's Step Study, 302A
7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, MAY 4

6:00 pm COM, GS
6:30 pm Gospel on Tap, Natty Greene's

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
3:30 pm Sing Along, Ahston Place
4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 304D
5:30 pm Cherub Choir, 316
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir, 317
6:00 pm Retirement Seminar, FH
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
8:00 pm AA, 415

THURSDAY, MAY 6

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

SUNDAY, MAY 9

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, CH
6:00 pm Evensong, Leak Chapel

MONDAY, MAY 10

10:30 am UMW Executive Committee,
FH2

11:30 am UMW, FH

TUESDAY, MAY 11

5:30 pm Finance Committee, CR
6:30 pm Gospel on Tap, Natty Greene's

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
4:00 pm Mission Possible Kids, 304D
6:45 pm Chancel Choir, 317
8:00 pm AA Meeting, 415

THURSDAY, MAY 13

6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

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Join the Intergenerational Mission Trip to Costa Rica August 11-16

For adults and youth age 13 and older accompanied by an adult. Don't miss this special opportunity to be in mission with our brothers and sisters in Christ at the El Sinai Methodist Church in a barrio of San Jose, Cost Rica. The mission team will join El Sinai youth in ministering to the children and youth in this impoverished neighborhood through children's and feeding ministries. The team will also continue construction of the church facility to better accommodate the church's explosive outreach ministries.

Applications are available at one of the Outreach Tables in the Fellowship Hall or the Gathering Space. ***NOTE: THEY ARE DUE WITH THE DEPOSIT ON SUNDAY, MAY 2! So don't delay, pick up an application TODAY!**



Due to budget constraints, the church is no longer able to place flowers on the altar on Sundays. We need you to sponsor arrangements during worship to honor or memorialize a loved one, to celebrate a special event, or simply to enhance the beauty of the Sanctuary. The cost is \$40.00 per arrangement and you may give one or both. Please contact Cheryl Moore at 275-4587, vm 23 or e-mail at cmoore@wmsumc.org

Both arrangements are needed for the following dates in May: May 2, May 9, May 16, and May 30.

You may contact Cheryl at the above number or e-mail to choose another available date during the year.

Save the Date! Saturday, June 19

A West Market
Summer Evening
of fun, food, and fellowship!
Hosted by the Meltons
Benefitting WMSUMC's
Bulgarian Ministry