

MarketPlace



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West Market Street
United Methodist Church
Presents
JAZZ IN JUNE
Tuesday Worship Services
12:00 NOON.
Sanctuary
featuring music by
The Mark Freundt Trio
and members of
the Chancel Choir
June 1, 8, 15, and 22
*A light lunch will be served each
Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.
for \$3.00.*



Dinner and a Speaker Series

Please mark June 4 on your calendar today! You do not want to miss hearing **Howard E. Covington, Jr.**, speaker at the next Dinner and a Speaker event. Howard is a journalist who has written more than 20 biographies and corporate histories. Most of his books have been about North Carolinians who lived in the 20th century, from former governor and senator Terry Sanford to men and women who played a role in the life of Greensboro. His topic is "Making History: How Writers Reconstruct the Past." He and his family have been long time and very active members of WMSUMC.



The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person to be prepaid by June 1. Checks should be made payable to WMSUMC and designated for "Dinner and a Speaker Series." Make your reservation by calling Jeanne Shepherd, 275-4587, and mail or bring your check to her. Methodist punch will be served at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. We look forward to seeing you on June 4 in the Gathering Space.

Impact Greensboro, Impact North Carolina, Impact the World! IMPACT COMMUNITY SATURDAY, JUNE 5 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Opening (8-9) and Closing Events (1-2) at Smith High School

- ▶ WMSUMC will join other United Methodist Churches in the district for a Day of Service.
- ▶ Volunteers will have an opportunity to serve in one of three ways: collect canned goods at an area Food Lion or Harris Teeter to benefit local food pantries; assemble nutritious packaged meals for Meals for Learning to benefit children in Kenya; or help with a carnival at Smith High School benefiting children attending Title 1 schools in Guilford County.
- ▶ This will be fun for the whole family
- ▶ There will be an inspirational closing event featuring praise band music and a free hot dog lunch open to the whole community.
- ▶ Don't miss this opportunity to join our fellow United Methodists as we reach out as the hands and feet of Christ in Greensboro to make an impact on our community and in our world.

Register online today at www.impactgreensboro.com

Visit an Outreach table in the Gathering Space or in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about this important and meaningful event and to purchase your Impact T-shirt to wear the day of the event (\$4.00 each). (T-shirt orders are due by May 16.)

Friendship Club May 24

Friendship Club, an open group that meets monthly at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall 3, September through May, invites you to come and enjoy good fellowship, a good program and lunch. Cost of lunch is \$5. *Reservations are required.*

On Monday, May 24, Faye Ellison, Chairperson of the WMSUMC Arts Committee, will present a program tour of West Market Art. In the past two years we have enjoyed two art program tours, yet there is more to see and learn. There are new acquisitions plus other special art that we have not toured. Join us for an interesting session. To make your reservation call Jeanne Shepherd, 275-4587, by May 19.

Our Mission: *The mission of WMSUMC is to glorify God as we make, nurture and send forth disciples of Jesus Christ.*

▲ WORD FROM THE PASTOR

John Wesley declared “the world is our parish.” Over the past five years, West Market has taken that charge as seriously as anyone.

How good it was to be with our congregation on Mother’s Day! For the past two weeks I have been following Wesley’s directive in the mid-eastern African country of Kenya, serving with our Methodist brothers and sisters there.

The main reason I was there was to preach at the Annual Conference session of the Nyambene Synod, in Maua, Kenya. Last spring, while visiting with our colleagues in Kenya I received the invitation from Bishop David Ampiu Kinoti to return this spring to preach at the annual meeting of pastors and lay representatives in Maua.

The Church in Kenya is growing quickly. Methodism is a relatively new denomination there, getting its main start in the late 1960’s. Since then the Church has exploded to more than 1.5 million members.

The model for growth in Africa is different than the western model. Much of Kenya is rural. Most of the population is challenged by lack of water, food and education. The Methodist Church Kenya (MCK) has established a holistic model of evangelism, providing water (through the drilling of borehole wells), food (offering vegetable-growing and food preparation instruction for residents), and education (through the establishment of local Methodist schools) across the country.

West Market is participating in just that way. A team of volunteers from our church traveled to Kenya in February to begin the construction of a two-room primary school (grades 1 – 2) in the village of

Ithata (in the Mutuati Circuit of the Nyambene Synod of the Methodist Church Kenya).

Construction continued following our team’s return to Greensboro. While in Kenya, I was able to dedicate the facility “to the glory of God and the service of God’s children there.”

Many of you will never be able to travel so far. But, through your support of the Ithata project, and your participation in others of our Africa missions, you are playing a significant role in the growth of the Methodist Church worldwide.

And there is more to do. Still on our 50-acre tract of land in Ithata, a borehole well needs to be drilled so that local residents no longer will have to carry water five miles to their homes. Still there is a dire need for school rooms to be built for grades 3 – 12, and there is no sanctuary in which the local Methodists can worship.

Just exactly how God will use us in our partnership with the Methodist Church Kenya remains to be seen. But we are committed for the long haul, because we truly believe that, following the calls of both our Lord, Jesus, and the founder of our church, John Wesley, truly “the world is our parish.”

This coming Sunday during worship I will present a brief slide show of my work in Kenya. Please honor God by being present to see and hear all about it.



Dave Melton

WORSHIP
Sundays, May 16 & 23
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

6:00 p.m.
Evensong
Leak Chapel
 Meditation
 May 16
 The Rev. Dr. Dave Melton
 May 23
 Dr. Pat Spicer

The Global Leadership Summit, August 5-6
 The Global Leadership Summit exists to transform Christian leaders around the world with an annual injection of vision, skill development, and inspiration for the sake of the local church. The local church is truly the hope of the world! Please plan to attend the Global Leadership Summit here at WMSUMC. The Summit is designed to give every Christian man and woman with leadership gifts and/or responsibilities, a massive infusion of spiritual encouragement, skill training, and leadership development on an annual basis — all in an exciting, two day event. Please join us. Contact Cheryl Moore (275-4587, vm 23 or

Christian How-to's: Being a Christian in the Summer

We all know that life seems to slow down during the summer months. Although most of us are out of school and no longer dominated by the academic calendar, there is a sense in summer that things wind down, the quotidian routine takes a necessary respite, and summer is a time to rejuvenate for whatever it is that lies ahead. William F. Buckley, the famed social commentator and author, in his memoirs said that as a child he saw summer as something of a paradise. Who among us, no matter how mature we get, can forget the joy we felt when we heard the sound of the bell that audibly marked the end of spring classes and the beginning of the long summer vacation?

Yet summer is not a Christian holiday. In fact the church spends much of summer in the season called Pentecost. Summer has no place in the church’s official schedule. Jesus, in fact, knew nothing of summer vacation. And so I invite you to remember this as you enter summer. You may go trudging off from time to time –and I hope that you do– but, I hope that you find a church to be with no matter if you’re spending time on the Carolina coastline or admiring the spires of Oxford. Christians gather with Christians — that’s just what we do (Hebrews 10:25). And if you’re anywhere near Greensboro, I hope you’ll be at one of your home church’s services; they continue unabated regardless of the season.



Names of Graduates Requested

If you have not already done so, 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*.

You Don't Have to Hit a Home Run to Help WMSUMC Raise Funds!

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.

Fun for the Whole Family!!!



Our Church Family

As of May 9, 2010

In Memoriam

Marion Reese Cochran

April 30, 2010

Sympathy is extended to his wife, **Farish**, sons **Thomas** and **Robert**, family and friends.

In Memoriam

Catherine Holt Hudnell

"Kacky"

April 30, 2010

Sympathy is extended to sons, **Andy** and **Armstead**, family and friends.

In Memoriam

Mary Lowdermilk Ehrlich

May 3, 2010

Sympathy is extended to her daughter, **Frances**, family and friends.

In Memoriam

Sharon Lee Moen

May 7, 2010

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **Sandra Henley** on the death of her mother, **Edith Minton**, of Greensboro, on May 1, 2010.

Baptism

Brooks Townsend Hitchcock, daughter of **Jenni and Jay Hitchcock**, was baptized Sunday, May 9, 2010.

Wedding

Congratulations to **Corrie Ducker** and **Louie Spinner, II** who were married Sunday, May 2, 2010, in the Sanctuary with **Rev. Scott Nowlan** officiating.

Our Presence

	May 2	May 9
8:30	123	124
9:40	120	127
10:55	317	359
SS	195	181

Gifts to the Church

April 1 - April 30, 2010

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

Memorial Gifts

Capital Campaign (Debt Reduction)

Hilda Prefontaine by Grey Wood

Early Childhood Center

Martha Weikel by Elizabeth Scott Holder

Library Fund

Honey Ellis by Morris/Fellowship Sunday School Class

Hilda Prefontaine by Morris/Fellowship Sunday School Class

Music Fund

Doug Murray by Nancy W. Smith

Hilda Prefontaine by Betty Bohlen; Kenneth Acker

Regular Fund

Gus Meyland by William F. Black

Tom Novak by Dick & Laura Dixon; William F. Black; Brian & Barrett Cheek;

Jeanne Edmunds; Mary, Henrie and Luke French

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Oden, Sr. by William K. Oden, Jr.

Hilda Prefontaine by Merimon L. Gravely; Edgar and Elizabeth Fisher; William F. Black; Jeanne Edmunds

Honor Gifts

Capital Campaign (Debt Reduction)

Helen C. Self by Daines M. Self

Habitat House Fund

Michelle Murray by Sandra Murray

Library Fund

Fred & Lil Conner's 65th Wedding Anniversary by Mary Jo Elmore

Music Fund

Susan Bates by Martha Faye Robbins; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Page; William K. Oden, Jr.

Shirley and Gary Cepnick's 25th Anniversary by Sandra and Michelle Murray

Chancel Choir by Martha Faye Robbins; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Page; William K. Oden, Jr.

Fred & Lil Conner's 65th Wedding Anniversary by Jim & Gail Lung

Alice Ann Johnson by Martha Faye Robbins; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Page; William K. Oden, Jr.

Older Adult Ministry

Fred & Lil Conner's 65th Wedding Anniversary by Sallie Ward

Operating Fund

Fred & Lil Conner's 65th Wedding Anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Keeton

Outreach Fund (Salvation Army)

Leslie Morgan by Jim Weikel

**Opportunities for
MAY 16—29**

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

SUNDAY, MAY 16

- 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
- 12:30 pm Guatemala Information Meeting
CR
- 5:30 pm UMYF
- 6:00 pm Evensong, Leak Chapel

MONDAY, MAY 17

- 10:30 am Intergenerational Meeting, CR
- 5:30 pm Support Staff Committee, CR
- 7:00 pm Partners in Prayer, Library

TUESDAY, MAY 18

- 5:30 pm Administrative Board, FH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

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

THURSDAY, MAY 20

- 6:30 pm Impact Community Team, 413
- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

SATURDAY, MAY 22

- 4:00 pm Confirmation Family Ceremony,
Leak Chapel
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Banquet, GS

SUNDAY, MAY 23

- 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, 405
- 6:00 pm Evensong, Leak Chapel

MONDAY, MAY 24

- 11:00 am Friendship Club, FH3
- 4:30 pm Board of Trustees, CR
- 5:00 pm Membership Care Volunteer
Appreciation Dinner, GS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, CR
- 4:00 pm Youth Leader Planning Meeting
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting, 415

THURSDAY, MAY 26

- 6:30 pm 9:40 Worship Rehearsal, FH

**Music Camp
July 26 - 30**

Performances at
8:30 and 10:55 a.m. on August 1
Brochures will be mailed this
week. If you have not received
one by May 17,
contact Nancy Hamilton,
275-4587, vm 12.

**Save the Date!
Saturday, June 19**

A West Market
Summer Evening
Of Fun, Food, and Fellowship!
Hosted by the Meltons
Benefiting Bulgarian Ministry

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**Enrich the Life of a Child...
Sponsor a Washington School Camper!**

WMSUMC is once again providing a week of academic and cultural enrichment in a Christian setting for children who attend Washington Montessori School. Your \$15 sponsorship will help cover the cost of a camper's supplies, field trips, and a T-shirt. Congregation members are encouraged to sponsor one or more campers, and make a difference in the life of a child!

**Be a Part of a Camper's Life!
Camp Volunteers Needed!**

Camp is July 5-9 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day for children in grades 3-5.

Flexible hours! Variety of Opportunities!

- Chaperone an afternoon activity or field trip.
- Be a Camp Guilrock helper.
- Drive the van.
- Help prepare lunch.
- Help with one of the academic centers in the morning.



*To volunteer or to sponsor a child, please visit
an Outreach table in the Gathering Space or in the Fellowship Hall TODAY!*

Habitat construction volunteers are still needed.

There are sign-up sheets at the Outreach tables.
Construction continues each Saturday through May 29.