

ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

If you have any item for inclusion in this Announcements Sheet, or on the Website, the deadline is Wednesday before 7.00pm.

Please forward them to Gary by email if possible, or by telephone.

*KEY RINGS &
FRIDGE MAGNETS
Are on sale at the back of
Whitehead Church
priced £2.00 each all
money will go to our
Building Fund.*

Methodist Church in Ireland – Whitehead & Islandmagee

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FOR WE *are God's
servants,
working together*
YOU *are God's
field,
God's building.*
1 Corinthians 3:9

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Sunday 16 February

10.30 am WMC Worship – Rev G Millar - Soup Sunday
12.00 pm IMC Worship – Rev G Millar

Monday 17 February

8.00 pm WMC Bible Study (following Lectionary in Methodist Newsletter)

Tuesday 18 February

8.00 pm WMC Bible Study (following Lectionary in Methodist Newsletter)

Wednesday 19 February

7.30 pm IMC Bible Study (following Lectionary in Methodist Newsletter)

Thursday 20 February

10.00 am WMC Craft Class
7.30 pm WMC Choir AGM

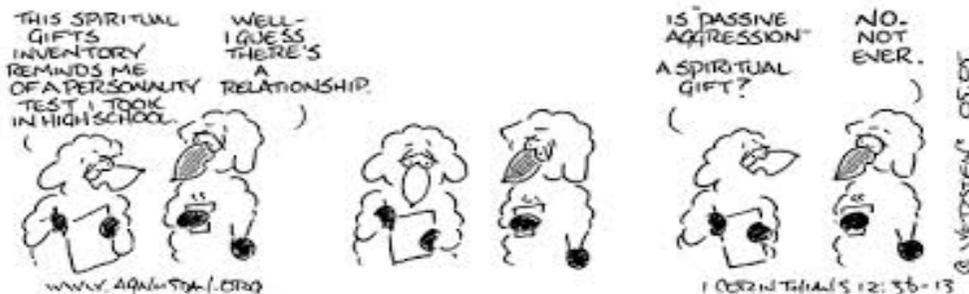
Sunday 23 February

10.30 am WMC Worship – Mr Ken Stewart
12.00 pm IMC Worship – Ladies of the MWI from IMC & WMC
Speaker Mrs Laura Griffith. Tea and Coffee from 11.30am

DATES FOR THE DIARY

1st-3rd May Whitehead Methodist Church Craft Group Exhibition in WMC

Child Protection Training/Refresher
NORTH EAST DISTRICT
NEWTOWNABBEY Methodist Mission
Date: Thursday 15 May 2014 Time: 7:30pm



A Message from Newtownabbey Methodist Mission

Please convey sincere thanks to your Circuits and congregations from Newtownabbey Methodist Mission for their response to last year's Christmas Appeal. A total of 219 needy families were referred to us last December with vouchers for gas, electricity and groceries shared among them to the value £7670.

The Mission also distributed toys to families with a total 390 children receiving support.

Once again, thank you for all the wonderful support from the North East District.

Yours in Christ, Billy Davison

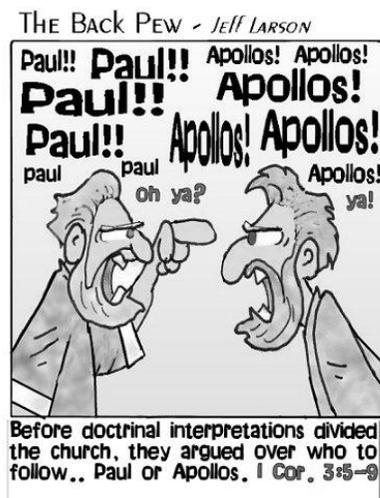
Mission Superintendent

SOCIAL ECONOMY - A HALF DAY CONFERENCE

10.00 am (refreshments from 9.30am) - 1.30 pm, followed by lunch for those who can stay

Thursday 20th March 2014 at Grosvenor House, Glengall Street, Belfast

'Social economy' covers a wide variety of areas but the need and opportunity for faith communities and faith based organisations to engage in the provision of goods and services as a fundraising activity and wider contribution to society has never been greater. There is no fee for attending but those booking are asked to notify organisers if they subsequently find they cannot attend. To book please send the following information to rob.fairmichael@ccwa-ni.org.uk or phone 028 90740077: 1) Your name 2) Organisation or group (if any) 3) E-mail address 4) Postal address 5) Phone number 6) Please indicate if you will stay for lunch at 1.30pm 7) Any special requirements including dietary matters, e.g. vegetarian. 8) (This question is important for forming table groups) On a scale of 1—5, where 1 is an interest but no great knowledge or experience of social economy, through to 5, where you feel knowledgeable and experienced, please indicate your level of experience and knowledge on the topic.



A man stopped at a petrol station and, after filling the tank on his car, he paid the bill and bought a soft drink. He stood by his car to drink his cola and he watched a couple of men working along the roadside. One man would dig a hole two or three feet deep and then move on. The other man came along behind and filled in the hole. While one was digging a new hole, the other was about 25 feet behind filling in the old. The men worked right past the man with the soft drink and went on down the road. "I can't stand this," said the man tossing the can in a bin and heading down the road toward the men.

"Hold on," he said to the men. "Can you tell me what's going on here with this digging?"

"Well, we work for the council" one of the men said. "But one of you is digging a hole and the other fills it up. You're not accomplishing

anything. Aren't you wasting the People's money?"

"You don't understand, mister," one of the men said, leaning on his shovel and wiping his brow. "Normally there's three of us - me, Sam and Billy. "I dig the hole, Sam sticks in the tree and Billy here puts the soil back. Now, just because Sam's sick, that doesn't mean that Billy and I can't work!" When it comes to the church of Jesus Christ, sometimes people do not think very much, either. People attend church, but they don't get what church is all about, or they are blinded by assumptions. They just dig holes instead of planting trees.