

# CRAIN'S

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### WALL STREET IS BLESSED

Wall Street toilers appear to need religion more than ever these days.

“Wonderful Wall Street Wednesdays,” a 30-minute multid denominational service at the John Street United Methodist Church, has grown steadily since its founding a year ago.

“We’re absolutely standing-room-only now, and often have to turn people away for safety reasons,” says **Suzan D. Johnson Cook**, a black Baptist pastor who created the service with John Street’s white Methodist pastor, **Jim McGraw**.

Ms. Cook notes that the service is designed to be convenient for financial services executives, but it does require them to make some effort to get there. “It isn’t the public image of Wall Street, but I find these people are searching for more of a spiritual component to their lives,” she says.