



The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

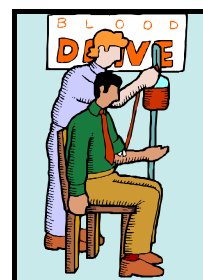
January 3, 2008

LEWISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCHES BLOOD DRIVE

Sunrise United Methodist Church
Saturday, January 12, 2008
9 am — 2 pm

Please sign up at church or contact Jackie Harrell at
945-5054 to schedule an appointment.

You can help save a life!



**Lent begins this year
on February 6th.**

A Lenten devotional booklet will be available to church families during this season, but only with your help! We'd like to include devotions/meditations that are special to you. **If you have a special devotion that you would like to share, please turn it in to June or to the church office by January 20th.** Thanks for your participation.

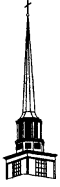
NEW NAME:

“PATHWAYS” STUDY GROUP”

Our Tuesday morning Bible Study group has a new name. **The “Pathways” Study Group is available to all each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. and is taught by Pastor Keith.** Starting on Tuesday, January 8, “Pathways” will begin a study of the Book of Romans. Paul's book to the Romans is a study of the essential teachings of the Gospel.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS IS JANUARY 13.

Lewisville Church will install our 2008 Church Officers at both services on January 13th. All those who were elected to hold office in 2008 are asked to attend.



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DATED MATERIAL

Ministry and Staff of the Church

District Superintendent
J. Hurley Thomas, III
Pastor
Keith Bingham
Director of Christian Education
June Hayes
Music Director
Debby Trivett
Youth Director
Jesse Arnett
Missionary to Cambodia
Esther Gitobu
Chairperson of Administrative Board
John Wells
Chairperson of Council on Ministries
Margy Smith
Lay Leader
Jim Fridy
School Care Director
Kim Jackson
Preschool Director
Marcia Sexton
Secretary
Toni Jones

**Gift for the month of January for Crisis Control:
beef stew**

**LCAP gift for the month of January:
taco dinner kits**



**Tuesday, January 8th, is the
deadline for news to be sub-
mitted for the January 16th
issue of The Steeple.**

One group news & events

Sunday, January 6: Regular UMYF
4:45 – 6:15 PM Junior and Senior High Programs
6:15 – 6:35 PM Dinner

Sunday, January 13: Regular UMYF

Friday, January 18 through Monday, January 21: All senior high students are invited to get away for a weekend at the Senior High Ski Retreat! We will again be staying at the Arnett family cabin in West Jefferson and skiing at Beech Mountain. It will be a weekend full of great fun and spiritual refreshment. The cost is \$75 to ski or snowboard, and \$40 to ice skate. The cost includes equipment rental, lift tickets, and all meals for the weekend. Money and permission slips are due **Sunday, January 13**. Friends are welcome to come too – extra permission slips are available from Jesse.

Sunday, January 20: No UMYF due to Senior High Ski Trip/ MLK Holiday

Sunday, January 27: Regular UMYF

Sunday, February 3: Super Bowl Party. More details coming!

Sunday, February 10: Regular UMYF

Sunday, February 17: Regular UMYF

Sunday, February 24: Regular UMYF

Sunday, March 2: Regular UMYF

Synago and Release are returning for the new year! The first date for 2008 is Wednesday, January 9. Come join us in the youth room from 7:00-8:30 PM. Synago is a student-led Bible study for senior high students, and Release is a weeknight fellowship evening for junior high students. Don't miss it!

The Junior High Ski Trip is coming February 22-23! We'll head up to the Arnett cabin to spend the night on Friday night, then head to Beech Mountain on Saturday for some fun in the snow. Make plans now to be there!

UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class.
- **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, Jan. 14, at 10 am in the parlor. Marcia Sexton and June Hayes will present the program. Please bring soap for our school project.
- **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, Jan. 14, at 7 pm in the parlor.



Lewisville United Methodist Church now sells Food Lion Gift Cards as a fundraiser for the church Building Fund.

It works like this: The church purchases the cards from Food Lion and receives a 5% discount. When cards are purchased from the church, they are sold at face value as \$100.00 or \$50.00 cards. The purchaser gets full value from the cards when shopping at Food Lion.

What an easy way to help our church retire the Building Fund debt. While 5% may not sound like much, it adds up over time. One example would be if 20 families purchased a \$100.00 FL gift card per week, the church would benefit by \$5200.00 each year. Also, you may know of a family that would benefit from a gift card especially during the Christmas season.

If you would like to participate in this program, you can purchase the gift cards from Toni Jones, our church secretary. If you have questions or need more information regarding the program, contact Ron Darby, Bo Houff or Matt Wiseman.

The Echoes will meet for a potluck lunch on Tuesday, February 5, at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish and a friend!



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Winston-Salem "District Leadership Institute" will be held Saturday, January 26, at Mt. Tabor UMC from 8:30 am-3:00 pm. Cost is \$8.00 and includes lunch. Sixteen different workshops are offered on a variety of subjects. Watch for brochures and more information to come.



Mark your calendars now for the Ash Wednesday meal on February 6th being prepared by the Missions Committee. More details to come!

Special thanks to all those willing participants in the UM Student Day Worship Service. You truly gave from your hearts.

LEWISVILLE IS A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

Stephen Ministers are trained lay care-givers who provide emotional and spiritual care to persons who are experiencing difficulties in their lives—hospitalization, loss of a loved one, loss of job, or any other crisis situation. This is care in addition to the care the pastor gives. If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister, fill out one of the slips in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate or hand it to the minister or one of the Stephen Leaders, Becky Bingham or Tom Lee.

STEWARDSHIP

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

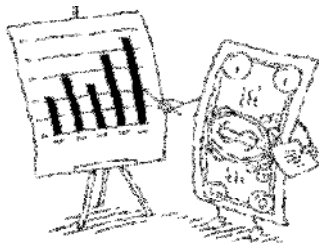
As members, we uphold the Church with our promise to give of our presence, gifts, prayers, and service.

Promises to Keep: Presence

Dec. 23 Sunday School: 162
Worship: 353
(Christmas Eve Services: 339)
Dec. 30 Sunday School: No SS
Worship: 165 (one service only)

Promises to Keep: Gifts

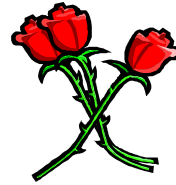
Dec. 23	General Budget	\$ 8,599.01
	Hunger Fund	\$ 104.00
Christmas Eve Offering		\$ 1,342.60
(for the Discretionary Fund)		
Dec. 30	General Budget	\$15,510.80
	Discretionary Fund	\$ 10.00



Stewardship Update

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Body of Christ is made up of believers with gifts given according to the grace of the Holy Spirit to be used in the edification of the Body and the furtherance of the Kingdom of God. Paul tells us how we are to respond to these gifts: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship " (Romans 12:1).



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

General Budget Gifts:

In honor of the **Keith Bingham Family** by Millie and Herman Orrell;
In memory of **Voyle Conrad** by Mrs. Voyle Conrad;
In memory of **Rev. Warren Norman**, Dean Norman's father, by Floyd and Polly Craft;

Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Steve Moser** by Wayne and Clydene Sparks;
In honor of **Gordon and Cindy Bingham** by John and Cathy Wells;
In memory of **Bob Williams** by Bo and Beth Houff;
In memory of **Horace E. Moser** by Beryl Moser;
In memory of our parents, **Melville B. and Ethel W. Doub and Kenneth S. and Verlie M. Scales**, by Ken and Peggy Scales;
In memory of **Rev. Warren Norman**, Dean Norman's father, by Glenn and Sylvia Yarnell and Carol Coxe;
In honor of **Katherine Ellen Reynolds**, daughter of Marcus and Kelly Reynolds, by Jon and Libby Reynolds;
In memory of **Ned Moser, Mandy Moser, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moser** by Don and Frances Schweighart;
In memory of **Ursula Beck** by Pete and Emily Sturdy;
In memory of **Sam Hill, Jr.**, Julie Owens' father, by the December WHO Committee;
In honor of **Ed and Margy Smith and Dean and Debbie Norman** for their unflinching devotion to this church by Bo and Beth Houff;

A gift has been received from Vienna Village in honor of all the dear folks from our church who visit there every Thursday.



Let me express my sincere thanks for the Christmas gift from the church, as well as all the gifts and kindnesses shown to me, Becky and my family over the Christmas season. Your expressions of love and support mean so much, thanks.

Do you know how the month of January got its name? The Latin word janua means a door or window from which a person may look both ways, in other words, in and out--forward and back. As we stand at the doorway to the month of January and a new year we can choose to look two ways. We can look back over the way we have come or we can also look ahead to the new year and where we are going.

At one point in his life, the Apostle Paul wrote that he wasn't satisfied with what he'd done in the past. For him, he was determined to not look back, saying, "Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:13, 14).

How will we approach 2008? Will you look back, or look ahead? We can sit around and worry about the things we failed to accomplish last year or the mistakes we made. We can sit around and mope or have a pity party because things didn't go the way we wanted them to OR we can decide to make the most of this New Year that God has granted us. This could be the greatest year you will ever have if you make a conscious decision to do whatever it takes to have a great year. The point is, whatever we're going to do with our lives this year, we had better get on the move because time is moving on. Time is not going to sit still until we can make up our mind about what we are going to do. A key word for the new year is FOCUS. There's an appropriate verse in Proverbs 17:24 (The Good News Version), "An intelligent person aims at wise actions, but a fool starts off in many directions." Focus on the most important things, take aim at wise actions and not off in too many directions at the same time. Happy New Year!

Keith

OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....



Congratulations to Kim Jackson and T. J. Styers on the birth of a daughter, **Salem Ann Styers**, on December 19th. Kim is the director of our School Care Program. Salem has a brother, Austin, and a sister, Bree.

"We would like to thank our LUMC family for the many thoughts, prayers, cards and special donations during Geoff's illness and recovery. You lifted us high and gave us the strength to get through tough times and for that, we are forever grateful.

Merry Christmas to all and a Healthy New Year. Love, Beth, Geoff, Clarke and Ben Rudy"

"Thanks to our church family for all the thoughts, prayers, flowers, cards, and the food sent to me following my accident. There was a special blessing in all you did. Polly Craft"

"Many, many thanks to our church for your Christmas gift to the staff. We truly appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness at Christmas and your support throughout the year.

We wish for all of you a healthy and happy 2008!

June, Debby, Jesse, and Toni"



2008 CONFIRMATION CLASS INFORMATION

The 2008 Confirmation Class will kick off with a parents' meeting on Sunday, January 20. First class session is January 27 and each Sunday following during Sunday School. Generally, Confirmation Class includes those youth 6th grade and higher. To make sure your youth is on our list, please call the church office.



Children's Choir, Cherub Choir, Youth Handbells, and Adult Handbells will resume rehearsals on Monday, January 7th.

“Souper Bowl” Sunday: February 3rd

Once again, the LUMC youth group is participating in a national effort of raising money for local helping ministries. Our youth group will be joining many other groups across the country as they participate in this “Souper Bowl” Sunday.

God created us at different times, in different places, and with flesh of a hundred different hues, but we are set forth with a common purpose: “to love the Lord our God...and to love our neighbor as ourself.”



NEW MINISTRY AT LEWISVILLE. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lewisville UMC now has the equipment to record our 11:00 a.m. worship services. Our goal in this is to provide CD's of the service to our homebound, so that they can hear the services and be more a part of our church. Now, we need persons to make this new ministry happen.

HERE'S WHAT WE NEED:

1. Names of homebound persons who would like to receive the CD recordings.
2. Persons to DELIVER the CD's to the homebound.
3. **SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS** - Persons to be trained to operate the sanctuary sound system for the 11:00 a.m. service and operate the CD recording devices. We can train anyone to do this. If interested, let Pastor Keith know.

E-GIVING COMING SOON

We are in the process of setting up our ability for persons to give to our church through E-giving or “electronic giving.” **Those who indicated on their “Estimate of Giving Cards” that they were interested in E-giving will be contacted soon with the information and forms needed to put this in effect.** E-giving is where one chooses to have a set amount drafted directly from their bank account (weekly, bi-weekly or monthly) as they choose. For those participating, we will have available a card to place in the Sunday offering plate that reads, “I gave electronically,” thus allowing participation each Sunday. More to come.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Feb. 3: Boy Scout Sunday
- March 9: Girl Scout Sunday

On both these days, scouts are invited to wear their uniforms and be recognized in the service.

INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lewisville Church, after careful consideration, may deem it wise to delay or cancel services or Sunday School in the event of inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.) We will make every attempt to notify you of our status. We are part of the weather code/notification procedures for WFMY-2 and WXII-12. We will also try, if the power is on, to put the information on our church answering machine and church web site:
www.lewisvilleumc.org



WNCC MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

The annual Western NC Conference Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be held on Saturday, January 19, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul UM Church in Winston-Salem, 2400 Dellabrook Road. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and a Dialogue lunch will follow (\$5 donation). You may RSVP for the lunch at ljones@wnccumc.org or 800-562-7929

SHARING IN MINISTRY

GREETERS AND USHERS (8:30 AM SERVICE)

Jan. 6 Gordon and Nancy Cranfill
Jan. 13 Ken and Denise Criss
Jan. 20 Terri and Mitch Monroe
Jan. 27 Sue Johnson and Sue Snyder

WHO COMMITTEE

January WHO Committee

Chairs: Harriet Binkley and Millie Orrell

Betty Hall	Lisa Baker
Christy Wiseman	Dorene Bates
Amy Saalweachter	Linda Martin
Jan Morris	Janet Shuping
Rebecca Keith	Una White
Wendi Greene	Melissa Hooper
Andrea Shone	Paige Ballus
Millie August	Becky Bingham

WHY COMMITTEE

January WHY Committee

Chairs: Jesse Arnett and Mike Jones (Toni)

Mark Alexander	Skip Morris
Kevin Clark	Percy Russell
David Shanks	Frank Foster
Mitchell Johnson	Paul Green
David McGuire	Jeff Hall
David Miller	Larry Peddycord
Robert Walsh	

Children's Church Schedule 8:30 am Worship Service

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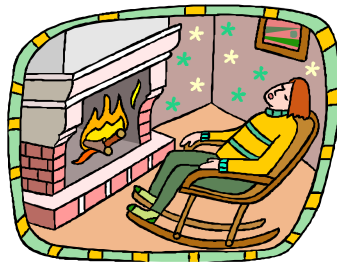


Please note: Materials for Children's Church will be in the classroom for you to check out ahead of time as resources for Sunday morning activities. If unavailable to teach, please be responsible for finding your own substitute.

Remember: Children's Church is offered for 4-year-olds through 2nd graders.

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

Jan. 6 Silesia and Elissa Clark
Jan. 13 Ellen and Lee Ellen Farmer
Jan. 20 Shelly and Jeff Ferner
Jan. 27 Kristin and Eric Melvin



Here's how you can help keep our neighbors warm this winter!

Contributions to **Share the Warmth** will be matched by Duke Energy Foundation, dollar for dollar, up to a maximum of \$50 per individual, from **November 1, 2007 through March 15, 2008**. The funds will be forwarded to Crisis Control Ministry and Sunnyside Ministry to pay the heating bills of families with emergency needs. Make each individual's check payable to Duke Energy Share the Warmth Program. Mail to: Duke Energy Share the Warmth, P.O. Box 35469, Charlotte, NC 28254
*Designate on the check "For Forsyth County".

Please remember that your gift is only eligible for Share the Warmth matching funds from November through March. This program is sponsored by Duke Energy Shareholders and is not paid for by Duke Energy customers. Thank you for your tax-deductible contribution!



SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2008 FLOWER CALENDAR WHILE MOST DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Remember your loved ones...put flowers in the church in memory or in honor of someone. Celebrate a special occasion with flowers. Our standing order with Wilson's Florist costs \$32.10 for 2 vases. You can have them do a special arrangement if you prefer (with the cost depending on what you select) or you can order through any florist you choose. Call the church office (945-3203) to reserve a date.