



The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

January 6, 2010

2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS INFORMATION

The 2010 Confirmation Class will kick off with a parents/youth meeting on Sunday, January 10. First class session is January 17 and will continue 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.



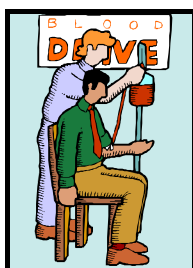
LET'S HELP OUR NEIGHBORS STAY WARM!

With the current economic situation, it's going to be harder than ever before to stay warm this winter and hundreds of families in Forsyth County will spend the winter months struggling to stretch paychecks further and further. Many will face tough choices, like whether to feed their family this week or pay their heating bill. You can help!

Through the support of the Duke Energy Share the Warmth Program, your tax-deductible contribution will be matched dollar for dollar by the Duke Energy Foundation.

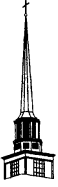
Helping to keep your neighbors warm this winter is easy! **Make your check payable to "Duke Energy Share the Warmth Program" and mail it to Duke Energy Share the Warmth, P. O. Box 35469, Charlotte, NC 28254-3429.**

Gifts from organizations such as Sunday School classes, book clubs, etc., will also be matched.



Lewisville Community Churches Blood Drive
Lewisville Baptist Church
(125 Lewisville-Clemmons Road)
Saturday, January 9, 9 am—2 pm
Please call Jackie Harrell (945-5054) to schedule an appointment.

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John Wells
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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:
jelly**

**LCAP gift for the month of January:
laundry detergent**



**Tuesday, January 12, is the
deadline for news to be submit-
ted for the January 20 issue of
The Steeple.**

OneGroup news & events

LewisvilleYouth.com is your one-stop source for everything related to our ministry! You can find the full calendar of events at www.lewisvilleyouth.com/onegroup-calendar.

Sunday, January 10: Sunday Night Youth – Regular Schedule

4:30 – Hang Out

5:00 – Big Group

5:45 – Small Groups

6:15 – Dinner

Wednesday, January 13: Serve23 – 6:30 PM

Sunday, January 17: Sunday Night Youth – Regular Schedule

Wednesday, January 20: Serve23 – 6:30 PM

Friday, January 22 – Monday, January 25: High School Winter Retreat

Sunday, January 31: Sunday Night Youth – Regular Schedule

Sunday, February 7: Super Bowl Party

Wednesday, February 10: Serve23 – 6:30 PM

Serve23 is a wonderful opportunity for students to live out their faith in service to others. Every 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM, students will have the chance to serve people in our community at Vienna Village and the Bethesda Center. We will begin the new year by serving on January 13 and January 20. Go to www.lewisvilleyouth.com/onegroup-calendar for more details.

The High School Winter Retreat is January 22-25! This will be a great weekend to have fun and to be refreshed after midterm exams. Forms and details are available online at www.lewisvilleyouth.com/high-school-winter-retreat.

Save the date for the Middle School Winter Retreat! This trip will take place February 19-21. More details will be available soon!

UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, January 11, at 10 am in the parlor. Please bring small boxes of Kleenex for our school project.
- **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, January 11, at 7:00 pm in the parlor.
- **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 19, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class.
- **The SOC (Sisters of Christ) Circle** will meet on Wednesday, January 20, at 6:30 pm in the parlor.



SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2010 FLOWER CALENDAR WHILE 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 \$37.00 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.

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 stations WFMY-2 and WXII-12.



LADIES' NIGHT OUT!!! (aka SNACK, CRAFT, & YAK)

Tuesday, January 26
7:30 pm in the Yokefellow Class

Need a night out? Here's your chance to get together with your friends (or make new ones) and have a night of fun and fellowship.

Please call June Hayes at 945-3203 if you'd be willing to bring a snack.

2010 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

2010's Lenten Devotional Booklet will be upon us quickly. This coming year we are focusing on Proverbs. We would love to have donations from you, maybe wise words shared with you at some time in your life. Maybe you have a favorite saying of your own you would like to share. Start thinking and preparing for the new year!

PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES

Lewisville UMC publishes a weekly Prayer List that is made available at both worship services. Person(s) can be added or deleted by calling the church office, 945-3203. Prayer requests are **dated** when placed on the Prayer List and kept on for three months unless updated. Requests can stay on the Prayer List as long as needed, but we ask that it be updated every three months to keep our list up to date.



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. 20	Sunday School: No SS (snow) Worship: 214
Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve Services)	5 pm Service: 303 7:30 pm Service: 91
Dec. 27	Sunday School: 131 Worship: 225
Jan. 3	Sunday School: 180 Worship: 292

Promises to Keep: Gifts

Dec. 20	General Budget	\$ 5,730.75
Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve Services)	Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,416.25
Dec. 27	General Budget	\$22,932.98
	Hunger Fund	\$ 10.00
	Discretionary Fund	\$ 187.00
	LCAP	\$ 100.00
	Flood Bucket Fund	\$ 25.00
	Caring for Kara	\$ 200.00
	Cemetery Fund	\$ 100.00
Jan. 3	General Budget	\$ 6,421.20
	Hunger Fund	\$ 9.00



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS



General Budget Gifts:

In honor of **Deanna Wagoner** for Christmas by her sister, Kitty Hayes;
In honor of **Mitchell and Sue Johnson** by Randy and Jo Beth Melton;
In loving memory of **William H. Robbins, Jr.** by Roger and Brenda Hockaday;
In memory of **Voyle Conrad** by Jimmy Conrad and Robert Springer;
In honor of **Bo and Beth Houff** by Tim and Brenda Proctor;
In memory of **Ned Moser, Mandy Moser, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moser** by Don and Frances Schweighart;

Building Fund Gifts:

In honor of **our church staff** by Don and Carolyn Petty;
In memory of **Phil Ball** by Fred Moser, Reba Dull, Jimmy and Betty Leslie, Ken and Giszelle Jones, Randy and Jo Beth Melton, Albert Boyd and Helen Hambrick, and Patsy Parker;
In memory of **Buck Buchanan** by Valerie, Mark, and Ross Alexander;
In honor of the **November WHO Committee** by Phyllis Moore;
In memory of **Roy Brewer**, Jo Ann Arrington's father, by Olene Brewer;
In memory of **Odell Mock** and in honor of **Lizzie Mock** by Allen and Jackie Norwood.

In honor of Lewisville UMC, a gift has been given to the Forsyth and Guilford County Meals-on-Wheels Programs by Landmark Builders.

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).



I want to express my most 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.

I read about a stranger who was riding through a countryside when he saw a most unusual sight. At various levels on the side of an old barn, he saw several targets, and in the center of every target, right in the bull's eye, there was an arrow. The stranger was so impressed that he stopped to ask who was such an expert marksman. The farmer replied that no one around there was an expert marksman so far as he knew. "But those arrows," said the stranger, "every one is right in the

bull's eye." "Oh," said the farmer, "the village idiot does that. He comes out here and shoots arrows into the side of my barn, and then he seems to get a lot of pleasure out of painting targets around them."

Any person, I almost said any idiot, can do something and then think up reasons or excuses afterward to try to justify their action. But it takes a person with real vision to choose their targets first. We may not always hit the bull's eye, but how else can we know we're aiming in the right direction, and how else can we improve our aim? It was said of Jonathan Edwards, "He aimed at nothing but the glory of God."

For 2010, Lewisville UMC has responded to the challenge of our Bishop and the Western NC Annual Conference by setting some specific goals to aim for this year. It is our goal to increase our church membership by 3%. We also have a goal to increase worship attendance by 8%. Worship attendance at LUMC is low for the total membership we have. We also are committed to increase the number of mission teams who are involved in hands-on-projects by 7%. All these goals are certainly within our ability, but it will take all of us working together to make them happen. We do this because we are "aiming at...the glory of God." I encourage your prayers for 2010 and invite you to be a part of the answer that enables us to meet our goals. Hope to see you in worship on Sunday.

Keith

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

LUMC responded to the needs of others by giving at the two Christmas Eve services an offering for the Discretionary Fund that totaled \$1,416.25. Praise be to God.

EMPLOYMENT IN A CHANGING ECONOMY (ECE) GROUP

Lewisville UMC sponsors a weekly employment support group now called Employment in a Changing Economy (ECE). While originally developed to meet the needs of displaced workers, the group is also intended to help employed workers focus on the unique challenges they face in the midst of the country's changing economic and employment climate. The group meets each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. For more information, contact James Farmer at 847-0148.

Heartfelt thanks to our church family for your very generous Christmas gift to us. We truly appreciate your kindness at this special season.

Wishing you peace and happiness in the coming year.

*Keith, June, Debby,
Jesse and Toni*



LEAD GUITARIST NEEDED

We need your help getting the word out about a need in our Praise Band for a lead acoustical guitarist. YOU are the best source for finding one to help us praise God in music. Call Debby Trivett for more information.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....

SYMPATHY: We express our Christian love and sympathy to Kelly Morris in the recent death of her grandmother, Virginia Long, of Sharpsburg, Georgia.



CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and Crystal Spicer on the birth of a son, Quinn Alexander Spicer, on December 17. Quinn has a sister, Alli. Proud grandparents are David and Jo Ann Arrington.

THANK YOU for bringing Christmas to 10 families (represented by 125 angels on our Angel Tree). Each family received 2 boxes of food as well. Your generosity was heart-warming. Truly, it is in giving that we receive.

UM MEN'S BREAKFAST
UM Men will have their monthly breakfast meeting Sunday, January 10, at 7:30 a.m. in Asbury Hall. All men are invited.



PATHWAYS STUDY GROUP

The Pathways Study Group will pick up again on Tuesday, **January 19**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Yoke-fellow Classroom and continue each week. It is led by Pastor Keith. We will be having an in-depth study of the Gospel of John. John's Gospel provides us unique insights into the person of Jesus Christ. All available at this time are welcome.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Lewisville Church will be installing our 2010 Church Officers on Sunday, January 10, at both services. All elected officers are urged to attend.

USED BOOKS NEEDED

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem is seeking used books (hardback and paperback), books on tape, CDs, DVDs or tapes for their annual used book sale which will be held in May.

All proceeds from the annual book sale benefit the Shepherd's Center's programs and services for older adults in the greater Winston-Salem community. Over 3,000 older adults benefited from these services during 2009.

Books may be brought to the Shepherd's Center at 1700 Ebert Street, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Arrangements can also be made to pick up large quantities. Please call the Shepherd's Center at 748-0217 for more information.

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL SERVICE

Sunday, January 10, is the day we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. We will take this opportunity to experience a Baptismal Renewal Service. In the service we will learn more about the meaning of baptism and will have the opportunity to renew our baptism with water placed on our foreheads. It's a deeply meaningful service that will remind us of all our Lord has done for us.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Winston-Salem District Leadership Conference will be Sunday, January 24, (Snow Date, January 31st) from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at New Hope United Methodist Church, 5125 Shattalon Drive. Training classes include: (1) Staff Parish Relations Committee, Dr. Medlin; (2) Faith, Prayer and Healing, Margaret Johnson of WXII; (3) For Parents & Grandparents: Children and Loss, Katie Cyre, Music Therapist; (4) Hispanic Community-Our Methodist Heritage, David Ortigoza; (5) UM Women: Let's Get Together, Sandy Letchworth (District President); (6) UM Men: What We're About, Robert Bryan, Eddie Foster; (7) Ministries with Youth and Young Adults, Caroline Wood, WNCC; (8) Mission Bus Tour of WS/Plan of Action, Rev. Maria Edmonds, Centenary UMC; (9) Emergent Worship, Dr. Jill Crainshaw, WFU Divinity School; (10) Faith and Money, Rev. David Snipes, UM Foundation; (11) Basic Lay Speaking Session One, Dr. Terry Matthews, Maple Springs UMC. **Pre-registration is required for childcare, Basic Lay Speaking and the Mission Bus Tour.**

LOOKING AHEAD

February 7: Boy Scout Sunday

March 14: Girl Scout Sunday

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

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2010

Lewisville UMC will be providing a limited number of boxes of Church Offering Envelopes for 2010 available on a first-come basis. Please, one boxed set per family.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR CHILDREN

Lewisville UMC is providing up to 32 boxes of Church Offering Envelopes for 2010 for children. These special children's weekly envelopes will be distributed first to those children who have turned in a commitment card for 2010. The rest will be available on a first-come basis.

"Souper Bowl" Sunday: February 7

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."



SHARING IN MINISTRY

GREETERS AND USHERS

(8:30 AM SERVICE)

- Jan. 10 Tim, Julie, Sam, and Hank Rains
Jan. 17 Daniel, Angie, Ty, and Ellie Choplin
Jan. 24 Mandee and Aaron Jones
Jan. 31 Dusty and Mitzi Swing

WHO COMMITTEE

January WHO Committee

Chairs: Martha Walsh and Barbara Moser

Denise Criss	Lynn Sonafrank
Margy Smith	Cathy Wells
Jane Peeler	Dean Cheek
Ellen Farmer	Heather Riddick
Lori Gee	Donna Tickle
Catherine Trosan	Mariedith Appanaitis
Carol Portis	

WHY COMMITTEE

January WHY Committee

Chairmen: Mitch Monroe and Don Morris

Roger Armstrong	John Crider
Mike Collins	Kim Daniel
Bob Skinner	Jack Hall
Herman White	Ollie Harrell
Tom Kellar	Robert Barrett
Don Schweighart	Ken Jones
Dohn Kivett	Steve Newman

Children's Church Schedule (8:30 am Worship Service)

- Jan. 10 Jason and Marci Harvey
Jan. 17 Jeff and Sarah Watkins
Jan. 24 Daniel and Angie Choplin
Jan. 31 Rod and Debbie Ruperto

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.

8:30 am Nursery Schedule

- Jan. 10 Jennifer Buck
Barbara Bryant
Jan. 17 Jennifer, Michelle, and
Dana Howard
Jan. 24 Kim and Neal Roberts
Jan. 31 Leigh Anne Miller
Kacey Edwards

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

- Jan. 10 Angie Pantazopoulos and family
Jan. 17 Donna Long and family
Jan. 24 Silesia Clark and Julie Owens
Jan. 31 Chris and Denise Perry

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.