



The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

January 7, 2009

JOB LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Lewisville UMC has started a support group for those who have lost their jobs and those who are employed in an unstable economy. The group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Barry Brown will give leadership to this effort. If you know of persons within our church or community who would benefit from this group, tell them about it. **We need your help to get the word out.**

This group is ongoing and is open to all those interested. Please feel free to join us at any time.

2009 CONFIRMATION CLASS INFORMATION

The 2009 Confirmation Class will kick off with a parents/youth meeting on Sunday, January 25, in Asbury Hall. First class session is February 1 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.



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

**LCAP gift for the month of January:
syrup**



**Tuesday, January 13, is the
deadline for news to be submit-
ted for the January 21 issue of
The Steeple.**

Onegroup news & events

Sunday, January 11: Sunday Night Youth – Regular Schedule

4:30 Youth room open for games, hanging out, etc.

5:00 Program begins

6:15 Dinner

6:45 Youth should be picked up

Sunday, January 18: Sunday Night Youth

Friday, January 23 through Monday, January 26: High School Ski Retreat. All high school students are invited for a weekend of winter fun at the Arnett cabin in West Jefferson. We'll meet at the church at 4:30 PM on Friday and return by noon on Monday. Cost is \$60 to ski or snowboard, or \$30 to ice skate or snow tube. Money and permission slips are due by Sunday, January 18. See Jesse if you need an extra for a friend.

Sunday, January 25: Sunday Night Youth – Middle School Night. With the high school students gone on their ski trip, we'll be having a program just for middle school students. Schedule will be the same as regular Sunday Night Youth (4:30-6:45, with dinner).

Sunday, February 1: Super Bowl Party, 6:00-9:30 PM at the Kivett house.

Friday, February 6 through Saturday, February 7: Middle School Ski Trip. Cost is \$50 to ski or snowboard, or \$25 for skating or tubing. Permission slips will be sent soon.

Sunday, February 8: Sunday Night Youth

Jamaica Mission Trip Meeting. There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 11 at 3:30 PM in the youth room for all 11th and 12th graders who are interested in this summer's mission trip to Jamaica. The trip will be June 27-July 3 and will cost only \$200 to you – the rest will be raised through individual and group fundraising. Come to this meeting to learn more about opportunity to spread the gospel around the world!

Attention Parents! There will be a parents' meeting on Sunday, February 8 at 4:30 PM. We want to share with you all the things we have planned for the spring, so please come!

Service Opportunities on Wednesday Nights: Youth of all ages will have the chance to visit with some of our church members at Vienna Village on January 7, January 21, February 4, and February 18. We'll meet at church at 7:00 PM and return by 8:30.

In addition, high school students can serve at the Bethesda Center homeless shelter on these same Wednesday nights. We are participating in a new initiative called Serving in 3-D, where we will serve dessert to the people in the shelter, share a brief devotion with them, and pray with them. We will meet at church at 6:15 PM and return around 9:00. Space is limited at the shelter, so we can only take 4-5 youth each night. See Jesse to sign up for a day to go. Parents are welcome to help too!

Carolina Cross Connection registration forms are due on Sunday, January 18th!

UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- ° **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, January 12, at 10 am in the parlor. Please bring shampoo for school project.
- ° **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, January 12, at 7 pm in the parlor.
- ° **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 13, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class.
- ° **The Circle of Concern** will meet on Tuesday, January 20, at 7 pm in the church library. We will continue with our Bible Study.



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

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

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: **HELP! Meals on Wheels is in great need of volunteers. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Henry Pearce @ 945-5312 or you can contact Senior Services directly.**
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METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING

The Methodist Men will have their monthly breakfast meeting Sunday, January 11, at 7:30 am in Asbury Hall. All men are invited.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT!!!
(aka SNACK, CRAFT, & YAK)
Tuesday, January 27
7:30 pm in the Yokefellow Class
(Please note change of meeting location.)



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 Margaret Williams, 945-7860, if you'd be willing to bring a snack.



Lent begins this year on February 25th.

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. Our theme for this year is favorite hymns. **If you have a special devotion that you would like to share, please turn it in to June or to the church office by February 8th.** Thanks for your participation.

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. 21 Sunday School: 204
Worship: 358
Dec. 28 Sunday School: 137
Worship: 246
Jan. 4 Sunday School: 212
Worship: 322

Promises to Keep: Gifts

Dec. 21	General Budget	\$14,922.30
	Cemetery Fund	\$ 100.00
	LCAP	\$ 105.00
Dec. 28	General Budget	\$ 8,343.50
	Church/School Connection	\$ 50.00
	Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
	LCAP	\$ 100.00
Jan. 4	General Budget	\$ 12,035.50
	World Hunger	\$ 8.00
	Discretionary Fund	\$ 120.00
	LCAP	\$ 225.00
	Parsonage Fund	\$ 100.00

LUMC BUILDING FUND

Contributions in December:

Dec. 7 \$ 1,745.00
Dec. 14 \$ 4,709.50
Dec. 21 \$ 4,500.00
Dec. 28 \$ 1,200.00
Total: 12,154.50

Loan Payment

Principal \$ 6,000.00
Interest \$ 950.41
Loan Balance \$345,000.00

Balance in MM Account: \$10,941.09

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).

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

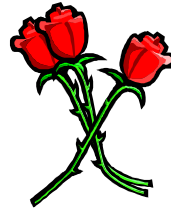
\$1,623.55 was received at our Christmas Eve services for our Discretionary Fund, which will assist people in need.

MAINTENANCE TRUST ENDOWMENT AT LEWISVILLE UMC

In 1998, through a gift to the church, a Maintenance Trust Endowment Fund was established through "The Winston-Salem Foundation." The trust is to be used only for maintenance on church-owned property and only the interest on the fund is available for distribution.

What this means is that the church family of Lewisville UMC already has this fund available to any who would like to include this in their estate/will planning, a charitable gift that becomes a living memorial and helps with the future needs of the church. Lewisville UMC asks that you consider your church in your will and estate planning. If you need to know more, contact the Church Trustees.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS



General Budget Gifts:

In honor of **Robin Royal** by Phyllis Moore;
In honor of **Hilda Moser** by Larry and Janet M. Hancock;

Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Cy Smith** by Mitch and Rita Smith;
In memory of **Vincent and Mildred Nisi** and **Frank J. Perrotta** by Vince and Sharon Nisi;
In honor of **Ricky and Mellyn Myers** and in memory of **Steve Moser** and **Richard Myers** by Wayne and Clydene Sparks;
In memory of **Dr. Jim Hampton** by Richard and Nanette Spainhour and Barbara S. Moser;
In memory of **Rob Ruperto**, Rod Ruperto's father, by Mike and Toni Jones;
In memory of **Ned Moser, Mandy Moser, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moser** by Don and Frances Schweighart;
In memory of **Odell Mock** by Lizzie Mock;
In memory of **Odell Mock** by Judy and Jim Mock;
In honor of **our minister and staff** by Don and Carolyn Petty;
In honor of **Dad and Papa Paul** with love from Heather, Jesse and Braddock;
In honor of **Jimmie Moore** by Phyllis Moore;
In honor of **Paul and Crystal Spicer, David and Jo Ann Arrington, Carol Coxe, and Mike and June Hayes**, who have given us love, support, and prayers during these past months by Rich and Wanda Carleton;
In memory of **Melville B. and Ethel W. Doub** and **K. S. and Valerie M. Scales** by Ken and Peggy Scales;
In honor of **Mike and Toni Jones** by Steve and Vivian Newman;
In honor of **Jerry and Millie August** by Judith Coggins and Melvin Johnson;

Parsonage Fund Gifts:

In honor of **Keith Bingham, Debby Trivett, and Vince Nisi** for the beautiful service they provided for our son, Matt, with thanks and love to you all by Rich and Wanda Carleton;

Cemetery Fund Gifts:

In memory of **William Farmer** (Jerry Farmer's father), **Jim Hampton**, and **Nell Trivette** by Bettie Shaw;

Flood Bucket Fund Gifts:

In honor of **Nancy and Guy Fisher** and **Harriet and Gilmer Binkley** by Bettie Shaw;

Matt Carleton Memorial:

In memory of **Matt Carleton** by Bobbie Melton;

Staff Christmas Gift Fund:

In memory of **Hassell Collins** and **Tom Eskew** by Mike and Julie Collins;
In memory of **William Robbins** by Treva Robbins;

Youth Fund Gift:

In honor of **Jesse and Hunter Arnett** by Bo and Beth Houff;

A gift has been given to LUMC in honor of all the dear folks who visit Vienna Village every Thursday by Jim and Ann Lowe.

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.



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.

I read about a man who bought a ticket in his state lottery. It was a big winner worth \$10,000, but the poor fellow didn't realize it and threw the ticket away. When the winning lottery numbers were announced, he was horrified as he realized his mistake. The man leaped into his car and sped to the city dump to

rummage frantically through mountains of trash. Word quickly spread, and soon the news media converged on the dump, taking pictures of him as he waded through the filth. After several days of searching in vain, he gave up. He didn't find his winning ticket, but he did make the front page of the local newspaper.

Before we ridicule the gentleman for throwing away something of such great worth, we need to be aware of the fact that people often throw away things which are of even greater value. Some people throw away relationships. A disagreement, a misunderstanding and the relationship between friends can crumble. Families are broken and loved ones crushed, simply because we do not understand that these relationships are a priceless treasure. Some people throw away their values. Many a person has sacrificed their values to be accepted by peers, to get ahead in a job, etc. Others throw away their health. It's amazing how many ruin their health with drinking, drugs, improper diet and a lack of exercise and then complain to God about being sick. Your body is like a bank: what you put into it now determines what you get out of it later. Some people throw away their future. People who fail to plan are planning to fail. If you don't have dreams and goals, life will soon pass you by. Countless people have decided to take the "easy path" and have struggled as a result. Finally, there are those who are throwing away their faith. Usually, not intentionally but slowly, we let down our guard and neglect the spiritual disciplines of reading the Bible, praying, regular worship and study. Busy lives push away many of the things that we consider to be important. As we start this new year, be careful what you throw away. It might be something of great value. Hope to see you in worship this week.

Keith

OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....

Sympathy: We express our Christian love and sympathy to Jo Ann Arrington in the death of her aunt, Ailene Smith, on December 15.

Congratulations to Jeremy and Jennifer Walker on the birth of a son, **Landon Jay Walker**, on December 10 at Fort Hood, Texas. Wayne and Shirley Horsley are the proud grandparents.

SPECIAL SERMON ON INFANT BAPTISM

On Sunday, January 11, the Christian church celebrates "the Baptism of our Lord." On that Sunday, Pastor Keith will preach a sermon entitled, "Understanding Infant Baptism." Though a practice of the church for 2000 years, this practice is not understood and this sermon will shed some light on the subject. Join us.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS:

Lewisville Church will be installing our 2009 Church Officers on Sunday, January 11, at both services. All elected officers are urged to attend.

SHARING IN MINISTRY

GREETERS AND USHERS

(8:30 AM SERVICE)

Jan. 4 Art and Linda Lyon
Jan. 11 Ronnie and Dawn Evans
Jan. 18 Ben and Sandra Dorr
Jan. 25 Daniel and Angie Choplin

WHO COMMITTEE

January WHO Committee

Chairs: Margaret Lee and Doris Buchanan

Phoebe Dixon	Cheryl Gross
Phyllis Herring	Pam Hurd
Dana Howard	Martha Wick
Jo Beth Melton	Stephanie Salus
Jo Ann Chandler	Margaret Williams
Elizabeth Smith	Angie Choplin
Carolyn Petty	

WHY COMMITTEE

January WHY Committee

Chairs: John Trivett and Bo Houff

Rob Moser	Jeff Anderson
Kevin Salus	Joseph Vaughn
Jerry August	Gordon Cranfill
Rick Cole	Eric Melvin
Bruce Gee	Brad Daniel
Steve Kates	Jeff Watkins
Don Petty	

Children's Church Schedule

(8:30 am Worship Service)

Jan. 11 Daniel and Angie Choplin
Jan. 18 Jason and Marci Harvey
Jan. 25 Trent and Angel Messick
Feb. 1 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. 11 David and Lisa Smitherman
Jan. 18 Jennifer Buck and Barbara Bryant
Jan. 25 Clayton and Abby Allen
Feb. 1 Leigh Ann Miller
Amber Edwards

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

Jan. 11 Silesia Clark and Julie Owens
Jan. 18 Donna Long and Family
Jan. 25 Kristin and Eric Melvin
Feb. 1 Chris and Denise Perry

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2009: Lewisville UMC is providing a limited number of boxes of Church Offering Envelopes for 2009. These are weekly envelopes that are dated and are the size of the regular check. They are available on a first-come basis.

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. We will also try, if the power is on, to place it on the 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 17, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm at Coburg Memorial UM Church in Salisbury, 901 South Church Street. The speaker will be Dr. Reginald Broadax of Hood Theological Seminary. The Worship /Communion Leader will be our new Bishop, Larry Goodpaster. Music by an Ecumenical Choir. After lunch (a donation) there will be a panel discussion on the topic "Immigration and Welcoming the Strangers Among Us." All are welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 8: Boy Scout Sunday
March 8: Girl Scout Sunday

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

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Winston-Salem District Leadership Conference will be held Sunday, January 25, at Maple Springs UMC from 2:30-5:30 p.m. A number of different workshops are offered on a variety of subjects (including Staff Parish Relations, Finance Committee, Trustees, Hispanic Ministry, Natural Church Development, Young Adult Ministry, Evangelism and Witness, UM Women, and more). Watch for more information to come. No registration is required unless childcare is needed. Contact Donna Cooke for childcare at 727-1222.

"Souper Bowl" Sunday: February 1st

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."



Share the Warmth

The Trustees of the Duke Energy Foundation have launched the annual Share the Warmth program.

Share the Warmth provides funds to help people in financial crisis to pay for winter utility bills. Your gift to Share the Warmth will be generously matched by the Duke Energy Foundation, dollar for dollar, up to a maximum of \$50 per individual.

(Please note: If you belong to an organized group such as a Sunday School class, book club, etc., 100% of the combined gifts will be matched dollar for dollar to provide heating assistance for those in need.)

The matching period began November 1, 2008 and continues through March 15, 2009.

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

The Duke Energy Foundation will match your check, dollar for dollar, up to a maximum of \$50 per individual from November 1, 2008, through March 15, 2009. The funds will be forwarded to Crisis Control Ministry and Sunnyside Ministry to pay the heating bills of families with emergency needs.

Helping is as easy as 1—2—3

1. Complete the form in the next column.
- 2 Make your check payable to Duke Energy Share the Warmth program.
- 3, Mail to: Duke Energy Share the Warmth, P.O. Box 35469, Charlotte. NC 28254-3429.

Please remember that your gift is only eligible for Share the Warmth matching funds through March 15, 2009.

This program is sponsored by Duke Energy Shareholders and is not paid for by Duke Energy customers..

Yes, I/we want to Share the Warmth!

Enclosed is my/our donation to the Duke Energy Share the Warmth program.

Check #1:
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County: Forsyth
Amount: \$ _____

Check #2:
Name/Organization:
County: Forsyth
Amount: \$ _____

Thank you for your contribution!

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