



The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

January 21, 2009

2009 CONFIRMATION CLASS INFORMATION

The 2009 Confirmation Class will kick off with a parents/youth meeting on Sunday, January 25, at 9:45 am 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. Class leaders include Pastor Keith, Becky Bingham, June Hayes, and Jesse Arnett.

It's not too late. Call today.

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). No registration is required unless child care is needed. Contact Donna Cooke for child care 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.”



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.



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DATED MATERIAL

Ministry and Staff of the Church

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Every Member of the Church
District Superintendent
William T. Medlin, 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:
syrup**



**Tuesday, January 27, is the
deadline for news to be submit-
ted for the February 4 issue of
The Steeple.**

Onegroup news & events

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. We will leave from the church at 4:30 PM Friday afternoon and return back by 7:30 PM Saturday. We'll spend the night at the Arnett cabin in West Jefferson and ski at Beech Mountain. Cost is \$50 to ski or snowboard, or \$25 for skating or tubing. Permission slips and money are due by Sunday, February 1. See Jesse if you need an extra form.

Sunday, February 8: 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

Thursday, February 12: True Love Waits Concert at Mt. Tabor UMC. This will be a wonderful event encouraging teens to choose a life of godly purity in their relationships. We'll meet at LUMC at 6:30 and will return shortly after 9.

Sunday, February 15: Sunday Night Youth

Sunday, February 22: Sunday Night Youth

Sunday, March 1: Sunday Night Youth

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 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!

Don't forget about Chat Room and Release – they'll be back on Wednesday, January 28 and Wednesday, February 11.

UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, February 9, at 10 am in the parlor. Please bring Kleenex (small) for school project.
- **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, February 9, at 7 pm in the parlor.
- **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 10, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class.



UMW READING GROUP March 10 in the parlor

The United Methodist Women's reading group will meet Tuesday, March 10, at 10 am in the parlor. The book from the Reading Program for discussion is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

This book is the story of one man's efforts to address poverty, educate girls and overcome cultural divides. The method used is to build schools in Palestine one at a time.

Two copies of the book are circulating. Check with Harriet Binkley or Margaret Lee.

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.

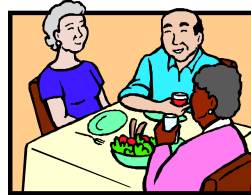
Please call Margaret Williams, 945-7860, if you'd be willing to bring a snack.

ECHOES' LUNCHEON (Covered Dish)

Our Echo luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and share the good food and fellowship with us. Bring one of

your favorite dishes and bring a friend!

Following lunch, we will enjoy a musical program provided by Vince Nisi.



FLOOD BUCKETS: Remember our continuing fund for flood buckets. When the fund grows to around \$1,000, the Mission Committee can shop for and fill 20 buckets. With present weather conditions in our country and around the world, the need is great.



PANCAKE SUPPER!

On Ash Wednesday, February 25, the Missions Committee will serve a pancake supper before the Ash Wednesday service. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, and the fixings. Cost will be a donation to benefit The Children's Home, which celebrates 100 years of service to children of Western North Carolina this year. Please plan to attend and be generous in your donation.

2009 MINISTRY FUNDING PLAN APPROVED

The Administrative Board gave final approval to a 2009 Ministry Funding Plan, or Budget, presented by the Finance Committee for \$471,401, an increase of 1% over 2008. The smaller increase does not mean that we will need just 1% more, for we still have some past financial issues to deal with, plus, as with everyone else, we have to deal with a struggling economy. Copies of the 2009 Ministry Funding Plan are available in the church office.

FUND-RAISING AT LEWISVILLE UMC

The Finance Committee is asking that all persons or groups that want to raise additional funds outside the "2009 Ministry Funding Plan," or Budget, go through the Finance Committee before starting any fund-raising effort. Thus they should allow time for this process to happen.



SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2009 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.



FEBRUARY 8

Lewisville Church will welcome our newly-formed Boy Scout Troop 705 and recognize the continued success with Cub Scout Pack 752 on Sunday, February 8, at both services.

Current and former scouts of all troops in the area and families of scouts are encouraged to attend.



Scouting for Food

Local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be collecting food for LCAP as a part of the 7th annual Scouting for Food in Lewisville. On Saturday morning, Feb. 7, bags will be placed on front doors of homes in Lewisville. Please fill the bag with food and place it on your front door on the morning of the next Saturday, Feb. 14.

Cub Scout Pack 752 and Boy Scout Troop 705 (sponsored by Lewisville UMC), as well as Boy Scout Troop 752 (sponsored by Lewisville Civic Club), new Cub Scout Pack 753 (sponsored by Lewisville Baptist Church) and Boy Scout Troop 719 (sponsored by Sharon UMC) will collect the bags and restock the LCAP shelves. All the food collected goes to LCAP for local Lewisville needs. If we miss your house, please feel free to drop off your canned goods at the church office on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 10-11 am.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....

Sympathy: We express our Christian love and sympathy to Peggy, Kenny, and Don Scales in the death of Ken Scales, Peggy's husband and Kenny and Don's father, on January 10.

IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth J. Scales

May 2, 1925 January 10, 2009



Congratulations to Kyle and Janet Shuping on the birth of a son, **Isaac Taylor Shuping**, on January 16. John and Debby Trivett are the proud grandparents.

"We appreciate all the prayers, thoughts, phone calls, and visits during Mom's illness. Mom returned home on Monday, January 19. The Helen Nichols Family"

YEAR END REPORT

With the final reports coming in, Lewisville UMC ended 2008 with all financial commitments paid, including 100% of District and Conference askings. For the year, we received a total of \$427,849 on a budget of \$466,533. The difference between income and expenses was \$1,650 for the year, a big improvement over 2007 which had a \$22,724 deficit. Our Building Fund received \$109,609 and we paid \$92,000 on the principal and \$19,009 on interest. The balance as of December 31, 2008 was \$345,000.

As of December 31, 2008 our church membership was 892. In 2008 we received 28 new members, including 11 professions of faith. We lost 10 of our fellowship to death. We also had membership transfers of 14 others. We also had 8 baptisms (5 infants, 3 youth/adults).

Average worship attendance for 2008 was 315, an overall 9% increase over 2007 (8:30 service: 130, 9% increase; 11:00 service: 188, 10% increase). Sunday School attendance averaged 195, a 19% increase.

Overall it was an excellent year with God's abundant blessings upon His church. Our praise is to the glory of God and our thanks to the faithfulness of those a part of Lewisville UMC.



FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Wednesday, February 4th, 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle is unveiling our new dinner entrees to the church. We are showcasing four different casseroles: Fiesta Chicken, Chicken Supreme, Layered Supper (beef), and Chili Spaghetti (vegetarian). Salad and bread will also be served.

After dinner we will be asking for your opinion regarding the entrees. We will begin taking orders for the entrees on a quarterly basis.

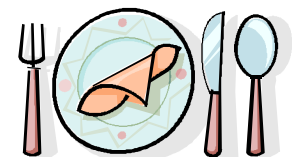
Donations are appreciated. The proceeds will be shared by the Children's Home and our Van Fund.

Deadline to sign up for meal is Sunday, February 1.

Yes, I/we will attend the Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal on February 4.

Name _____

No. of adults _____; No. of children _____



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

Jan. 11 Sunday School: 242
Worship: 366

Jan. 18 Sunday School: 186
Worship: 297

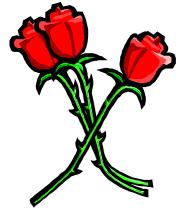
Promises to Keep: Gifts

Jan. 11 General Budget \$6,360.25
Flood Bucket Fund \$ 20.00

Jan. 18 General Budget \$5,440.18
Hunger Fund \$ 11.00
Cemetery Fund \$ 100.00
Van Fund \$ 500.00
Parsonage Fund \$ 20.00



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS



General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **Lulu Burns** by Judi and Brian Burkhart;

Building Fund Gifts:

In honor of **Cindy Bingham** by Reba Dull;
In memory of **Ken Scales** by Herman and Millie Orrell, Ollie and Jackie Harrell, Jon and Libby Reynolds, Mike and Toni Jones, and Richard Whitman;

Flood Bucket Fund Gift:

In honor of **Harriet Binkley** by Tanya and David Kivett;

Van Fund Gift:

In memory of **Ken Scales** by Ben and Billie Crawford.

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.

General Fund Recap

Total Income for December	\$43,444.52
Total Expenses for December	\$41,774.89
	\$ 1,669.63
Total Income Year to Date	\$427,849.83
Total Expenses Year to Date	\$429,499.97
	— \$ 1,650.14

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship means giving of ourselves. The concept is illustrated by saying, "Give Christ all the keys." Keys lock and unlock. We must give Christ the keys to all of our lives. Every corner of our lives should be unlocked to Him.



One of the most popular TV shows of all time was *Seinfeld*. If you used to watch the show, you know that Jerry's next-door neighbor, Kramer, is very much at home in Jerry Seinfeld's apartment. He probably spends more time there than in his own apartment. He has his own set of keys and lets himself in whenever he wants. He eats whatever is in the refrigerator and takes anything else he wants from Jerry's apartment, usually returning it broken or not at all.

In a way, that's the way Jesus wants us to feel about His Word, the Bible. He wants us to spend a lot of time there and has given us His Holy Spirit as the key. God wants us to be "at home" in His Word, to be ourselves there, and to make use of all that it has to offer. I often hear about how difficult it is to understand the Bible. Let me offer a few suggestions. Each time you start to read the Bible, offer a prayer to God asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the Bible. One of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is to reveal truth to us and help us understand spiritual things. I also suggest that you NOT just start at Genesis and read through Revelation. Start with the Gospel of John, then Acts, then Psalms, then the rest of the New Testament and then the Old Testament. At first, just read the text in general and try not to get too bogged down in details. Later on, as you become more comfortable with the Bible, you can get deeper and more serious. The goal, at least at first, is to just become familiar with the Bible. Don't worry about all that you don't understand, for there's a lot that I don't understand either. Just accept what you can understand, knowing that you will understand more as time goes on. As we grow in our faith, we become more "at home" with the Bible and we will understand more. Reading the Bible is our spiritual food. We are to "eat" God's Word. We don't starve our physical bodies, so why would we want to starve our spiritual nature? "Eat" a good Scripture meal each day this new year and you'll be amazed at your spiritual growth.

Keith

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

To help Pastor Keith, the Staff Parish Relations Committee has agreed that June Craft Hayes and Brad McBride can help him with visitation in our church. Until we are able to get an Associate Pastor, these steps are being taken to help our Pastor.

June Craft Hayes has been our Director of Christian Education for many years and knows our congregation well. Brad McBride is ordained in the Southern Baptist Church but is now going through the process to become a United Methodist pastor. Thus, this is also pastoral "training" for him. We welcome them both in this new role.

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 weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the church parlor. Barry Brown is giving us leadership in this effort. If you know of persons within our church or community who would benefit from this group, tell them about it.

SAVE THE DATE FOR “DAYSPRING”: MARCH 22-25

Lewisville UMC is honored to bring to the Triad Wesley Putnam and Dayspring Revival Services. Wesley is a General Evangelist for the United Methodist Church; widely popular Christian Music singer/composer; Storyteller/Dramatist. He is based out of Bedford, Texas. Dayspring will be six services - Sunday (am and pm) thru Wednesday. The Sunday night event will be at Shallowford Square at 5:30 p.m. Don't miss this “event of the year.” **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW** to make sure you can be a part of this exciting week. You really don't want to miss this.

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



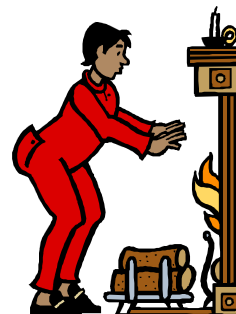
Lewisville Church, after careful consideration, may deem it wise to delay or cancel services or Sunday School in the event of inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.). We will make every attempt to notify you of our status. We are part of the weather code/notification procedures for stations WFMY-2 and WXII-12.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

HOME BASED BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

We are seeking a family to host a Home Bible Study Group that will start when organized. Ideally the host should be in a residential neighborhood that has a number of our family units living nearby. We will provide the leadership. Preferred days are Tuesdays or Wednesdays. This can also include inviting others outside our church in the neighborhood. Let Pastor Keith know of your interest or if more information is needed.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP KEEP YOUR 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 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. 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 28254-3429. *Designate on the check “For Forsyth County.” (If you belong to an organized group such as a Sunday School class, book club, etc., 100% of the combined gifts will be matched.)

Please remember that your gift is only eligible for Share the Warmth matching funds through March 15. *This program is sponsored by Duke Energy Shareholders and is not paid for by Duke Energy customers.*



SHARING IN MINISTRY

GREETERS AND USHERS

(8:30 AM SERVICE)

Jan. 25 Daniel and Angie Choplin
Feb. 1 Randy and Jo Beth Melton

WHO COMMITTEE

February WHO Committee

Chairs: Martha Walsh and Barbara Moser

Denise Criss	Lynn Sonafrank
Margy Smith	Cathy Wells
Jane Peeler	Dean Cheek
Nancy Russell	Ellen Farmer
Sue Johnson	Lori Gee
Catherine Trosan	Mariedith Appanaitis
Carol Portis	

WHY COMMITTEE

February WHY Committee

Chairs: 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. 25 Trent and Angel Messick
Feb. 1 Rod and Debbie Ruperto
Feb. 8 Kevin and Stephanie Salus
Feb. 15 Jeff and Sarah Watkins

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. 25 Clayton and Abby Allen
Feb. 1 Leigh Ann Miller and Amber Edwards
Feb. 8 Sherry and Cecilia Armstrong
Feb. 15 Suzanne Farlow and Hannah Houff

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

Jan. 25 Kristin and Eric Melvin
Feb. 1 Chris and Denise Perry
Feb. 8 Heather Coleman and Ellen Farmer
Feb. 15 Cheryl Gross and Debbie Jones

CHURCH HANDBOOK

Lewisville UMC will soon publish the "2009 Church Handbook" that will contain church information plus names, addresses and phone numbers of all our members. IF YOU HAVE HAD RECENT CHANGES to **address or phone information**, call the church office and let us know.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|
| 1 Barb Bergstrom
Martha Pearce
Reba Dull | 18 Hilda Moser
Angie Pantazopoulos
Leigh Vining
Savannah Vining |
| 2 Carol Portis
Lisa Smitherman | 20 Jo Ann Arrington
Hunter Hall
Katherine Hartman
Dawson Yow |
| 3 Kelly Davis
Christian Hall
Geoffrey Hunolt
Karen Jackson
Crystal Spicer | 21 Teresa Edwards
23 Mike Smith
24 Jenny Davis
Lee Ellen Farmer |
| 4 Angel Messick
Clay Stuart | 25 Skip Morris
Kerstee Skeen
Matt Wiseman |
| 5 Amanda Bowden
Seth Craven
Brad Ezzell
Landrey Messick | 26 Adam Hall
Casey Kivett
Una White |
| 6 Linda Peddycord
Judy Redfield
Karen Slaughter | 27 Patty Earle
Jason Stewart
Brandon Vogler
Gene White |
| 7 Cindy Bell
Crystal McClelland
Pete Ramey
Anna Sipe | 28 John Brogdon
Karen Cole
Vince Nisi
Gregg Sheets |
| 8 Barry Bryant
Silesia Clark
Justin Hurd | |
| 9 Anna Frye | |
| 10 Art Lyon | |
| 11 George Bargoil
Jason Reader
Wyatt Salus
Jessica Stewart | |
| 12 Mark Brown
Dean Cheek | |
| 13 Todd Osbourne | |
| 14 Lisa Baker
Lindsay Franklin
David McGuire
Sam Rains | |
| 15 Ellie Choplin
Eva Hill
Sharon Peck
Ryan Simmons | |
| 16 Roger Armstrong
Peggy Crater
Susan Stuart | |
| 17 Allen Mock, Jr.
Jane Peeler
Ron Pillsbury
Chase Samuel | |



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Clay and Terri Vogler
- 4 E. C. and Barbara Bryant
- 5 Rob and Karen Slaughter
Derrell and Sylvia Spell
- 7 Greg and Louise Aaron
- 14 Clayton and Abby Allen
Ben and Janet Sizemore
- 15 Kim and Pam Daniel
- 16 Dan and Connie Schlagel
- 19 Justin and Stephnie Rose
- 20 Marvin and Lou Ann Yow
Mitch and Rita Smith
- 21 Jim and Sandy Elliott
Joey and Karen Hayes
Dohn and Regina Kivett
- 22 Gary and Dawn Bell
- 25 Mike and Kathy Sloane

