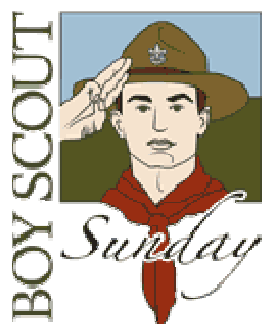




The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

February 3, 2010



FEBRUARY 7

Lewisville Church will celebrate Boy Scout Sunday on February 7 at both services. Scouts are invited to join us in uniform.

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

“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.”



STOP HUNGER NOW!

The Seekers Sunday School Class is coordinating a Stop Hunger Now packaging event to be held in early March. The assembly process combines dehydrated vegetables, rice, soy, and 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packages. This is a fun and rewarding hands-on experience for all involved. We, as a conference, are working toward a complete container shipment of meals to be assembled and packaged. A container will hold 285,000 greatly-needed meals to help save the lives of many adults and children. There will be many folks in the Western North Carolina Conference offering their money and their time to make this event a success. The first step is to fund the number of meals that we, here at LUMC, will package. We need to raise 25 cents per meal in order to cover the cost of food. This Sunday, February 7, we will be collecting donations at each service and during the Sunday School hour from individual classes. Please join in the conference-wide effort to assist the people of Haiti during these difficult times. You may make your checks out to LUMC and write “Stop Hunger Now” on the notation line.



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Youth Director
Jesse Arnett
Missionary to Cambodia
Esther Gitobu
Chairperson of Administrative Board
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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 February for Crisis Control:
canned fruit**

**LCAP gift for the month of February:
applesauce (jars and packages of cups)**



**Tuesday, February 9, is the
deadline for news to be submit-
ted for the February 17 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, February 7: Super Bowl Party, 6:00 – 9:00 PM at the Kivett house. Bring a drink or heavy appetizer to share. We'll have some fun games and prizes to give away at halftime. Bring a friend with you!

Wednesday, February 10: Serve23 – 6:30 PM

Sunday, February 14: Movie Night! Come join us for a special evening as we watch the movie *Faith Like Potatoes* from 3:00 – 5:30 PM in the youth room (note the different time). This movie has a great message that is sure to challenge your own faith. *Please note: there will be no dinner served tonight.*

Wednesday, February 17: Serve23 – 6:30 PM

Sunday, February 21: Sunday Night Youth – Regular Schedule

4:30 – Hang Out

5:00 – Big Group

5:45 – Small Groups

6:15 – Dinner

Sunday, February 28: Sunday Night Youth – Regular Schedule

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. Our next date will be February 10.

Go to www.lewisvilleyouth.com/onegroup-calendar for more details.

The Middle School Winter Retreat is February 19-21! We will be spending the weekend at the Arnett family cabin in West Jefferson and skiing at Beech Mountain on Saturday. Cost is \$60 for youth who wish to ski or snowboard, and \$25 for youth who wish to ice skate. Go to www.lewisvilleyouth.com/middle-school-winter-retreat for permission slips and more details. Permission slips are due Sunday, February 14.

UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- ° **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, February 8, at 10 am in the parlor. Please bring toothbrushes for our school project.
- ° **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, February 8, at 7:00 pm at Vienna Village's new South Hall (601 Yadkinville Road, Pfafftown).
- ° **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 16, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class.
- ° **The SOC (Sisters of Christ) Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 24, at 6:30 pm in the parlor.



UMW BOOK GROUP Tuesday, March 9 10 am in the parlor

The reading group of UMW will meet on Tuesday, March 9, at 10 am in the parlor to discuss the book *A Love Affair with India: The Story of the Wife and Daughter of E. Stanley Jones*. Little has been written about the wife of E. Stanley Jones, who served 42 years in India, or of their daughter, who also contributed to mission there. This book tells those stories.

Two copies of the book are available. Contact Harriet Binkley to find one, read it, and join the discussion!



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

**Tuesday, February 23
7:30 pm in Asbury Hall**

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.



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.



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. 24 Sunday School: 189
Worship: 322
- Jan. 31 Sunday School: Church cancelled due
Worship: to snow.

Promises to Keep: Gifts

Jan. 24	General Budget	\$ 7,862.78
	Hunger Fund	\$ 6.00
	UMCOR	\$ 1,518.00
	(Haiti Quake Relief)	
	Caring for Kara	\$ 25.00

Jan. 31: Church cancelled due to snow.

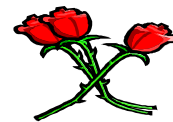


STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Apostle Paul exhorts, "*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.*" (1 Timothy 6:18).

By this, we stewards understand our responsibility is to serve others. No Christian is exempt from the servant status, for, if we desire to have the attitude of Christ (Philippians 2:5), a servant heart is a prerequisite.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS



General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **E. A. Bingham**, Keith Bingham's father, by Peggy Scales, Ron and Sue Darby, Art and Linda Lyon, and Floyd and Polly Craft;

Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Mary Lee**, Tom Lee's mother, by Harriet and Gilmer Binkley, Sylvia and Glenn Yarnell, Guy and Nancy Fisher, Millie and Herman Orrell, Wayne and Betty Hall, Peggy Scales, Wesleyan Sunday School Class, Jo and Jack Gondring, Pete and Emily Sturdy, Fellowship Sunday School Class, Mike and Toni Jones, Larry and Linda Peddycord, Brenda and David Shanks, Don and Carolyn Petty, Fred Moser, Gingi Parker, The Joy Club, Vienna Village, Charlie Mays, Celeste Kirkman, Jerry and Millie August, and Don and Frances Schweighart;

In memory of **E. A. Bingham**, Keith Bingham's father, by Harriet and Gilmer Binkley, Upper Room Sunday School Class, Pete and Emily Sturdy, Jesse and Heather Coleman, Wayne and Betty Hall, Fred Moser, John and Cathy Wells, Jon and Libby Reynolds, Jerry and Millie August, and Don and Frances Schweighart;

In memory of **Mamie Dalton** by Jerry and Millie August;

Caring for Kara Fund:

In memory of **E. A. Bingham**, Keith Bingham's father, by Guy and Nancy Fisher;

United Methodist Women's Giving:

In memory of **Mary Lee**, Tom Lee's mother, and **E. A. Bingham**, Keith Bingham's father, by UMW Circle 2 (Morning Circle)

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.



Valentine's Day is coming up soon and many thoughts will be on love. Now, there are different types of love and one kind of love is the one that I felt recently during the time of my father's death on January 14th. I felt the love, the prayers, the support, and the comfort of presence from those who came to the visitation or his celebration of life service. There were flowers there also from the church. We have received scores of cards and other expressions. **For the love I and my family experienced, I give my heartfelt thanks.**

I wish you could have known my Dad; he was only with us at Lewisville UMC one time, which was on Grandparents Day last September. He and his wife Jean were the last ones standing as we honored those with the most grandchildren. Dad and my mother (who died in 1995) had five children. Dad later married Jean and she has four children, so that's nine in all. That extended to 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dad always said he wanted to write a book. He could have written about the early years of television, as he was an engineer for WBTV-Channel 3 in Charlotte, the first TV station in the Carolinas. He joined WBTV not long after they first went on the air. Dad was "first call" whenever the television signal was lost for some reason and off he'd go. I was proud to say I was Bing Bingham's son when I met television and radio personalities, newscasters, etc. They all respected Dad for his pioneering contributions to radio and television.

Dad could also have written a book about the adventures of his family and with five kids, that volume would be bigger than *War and Peace*. It's better not to describe those adventures; I have a reputation to protect! Dad and Jean did an amazing job of keeping up with a large family, knowing what was happening with them and remembering birthdays.

The book he did write is one we each are still writing, the book of our life. Dad's book is a Christian best seller. The last sentence in Dad's book would be, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." He was the son of a United Methodist pastor and ever lived to serve God, His church and family. He sang in the choir, built and maintained the sanctuary sound system, taught an older adult class and much more. I grew up in a home where the church was an extension of our home. Dad expanded his servanthood to the neighbors (whatever was needed), others who needed their television or radio repaired, and others he knew of, like one homebound man he'd go and shave.

Dad never wrote the book he wanted to, but in a way it's still being written in the lives of his children, his family and those whose lives were touched by him. I was blessed to have the Dad I did and will always be thankful for a Christian family whose commitment was as Joshua in the Old Testament said, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Keith

2010 CHURCH HANDBOOK

Our 2010 Church handbook is available for pick up at locations in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex and church office.

CHURCH GIVING AND WEATHER

Whenever, for safety reasons, we decide not to hold services due to inclement weather, such as 7" of snow, we are all reminded that the financial needs of the church continue. We are asked to "catch up" and help keep us from falling behind.

SAVE THE DATE!!!



The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 13, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Entertainment by Vince Nisi. Proceeds to Open Arms. Cost is \$10 per adult (adult singles and couples). Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate, call the church office, 945-3203, to sign up, or contact Dawn Langevin, 766-4435 or e-mail her at quiltqueen@triad.rr.com.

Deadline for reservations: February 8.



I/We will be attending the Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 13, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Name _____

No. attending _____

PANCAKE SUPPER: FEBRUARY 17!



On Ash Wednesday, February 17, the Missions Committee will serve a pancake supper at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall 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. Please plan to attend and be generous in your donation. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office (945-3203) to sign up.

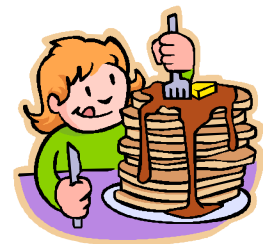
Deadline to sign up is Monday, February 15, at 10 am.

Following the pancake supper, we will go to the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm. Please plan to join us for this meaningful service.

____ I/we will be attending the pancake supper on Wednesday, February 17.

Name _____

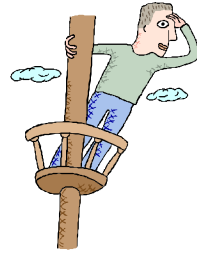
Number attending: ____ adults; ____ children



MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....



for the Methodist Men's upcoming Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 10, at Bermuda Run Country Club.



Look for another Club 45 during the Lenten Season.

YEAR END REPORT

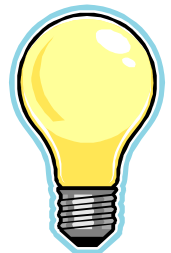
As of December 31, 2009 our church membership was 916, up from 892 the previous year. This marks our highest ever membership total. In 2009 we received 39 new members, including 25 professions of faith. We lost 6 of our fellowship to death. We also had membership transfers of 9 others. We had 15 baptisms (5 infants, 10 youth/adults).

Average worship attendance overall for 2009 was 297, (8:30 service, 129; 11:00 service, 175). Sunday School attendance averaged 186.

Lewisville UMC ended 2009 with all financial commitments paid. For the year, we received a total of \$450,682 on a budget of \$471,455 or 95.5%, a blessing in a recessionary year. **Overall it was an amazing 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.**

The holidays were a busy time for all and now we begin to look forward to 2010. Creative Outlet would love to have you consider helping with a special activity to include in the 8:30 am service. We welcome any person or group who is willing to share their love for God and/or the abilities He blessed them with. Just let us know what you would like to do and the date you are available.

One of the group's ideas for 2010 is to host a dinner theater in the fall. This would be a fundraiser for the church and programs such as Creative Outlet. In order to pull off an extensive event such as this, we need support. So, if you are willing to help or just curious, we are asking you to attend the upcoming meeting in February. Opportunities include casting/music, scenery, the dining area, chefs, host/hostess, and the list goes on. If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting, touch base with Teresa Edwards, Rhonda Tiddy, or Debbie Weston so we have your name and phone number. The meeting will be in the fellowship hall on February 10 from 6-8:00 pm. Hope to see you there!



LUMC PRESCHOOL SPRING/SUMMER TOY AND CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The Spring/Summer Toy & Clothing Exchange at Lewisville United Methodist Church Preschool is just around the corner! Everyone is invited to bring Spring and Summer infant – size 14-16 clothing and shoes, toys, books, DVDs/videos, baby and nursery equipment and/or outdoor equipment. Sixty percent of the selling price goes to the seller and forty percent goes to the preschool!

NEW: Registration fee of \$5.00 will be deducted from your sales check. In the event you do not have sales, the fee will be collected at time of pick up for unsold items.

Also, if you volunteer to work one of the following shifts, you will be invited to shop at the Pre-Sale on Mar. 5, 2010. It's your chance to buy before the sale is opened to the public! Child care is provided for all shifts, except the Pre Sale.

Receiving Dates:

Wednesday, Mar. 3, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 4, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

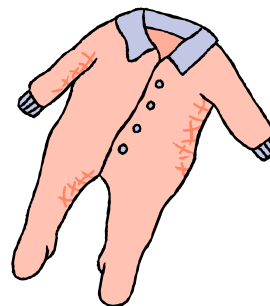
Friday, Mar. 5, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sale Dates:

Saturday, Mar.6, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, Mar.8, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Pink Highlighted Items are ½ price Monday Only



If you would like to consign your items, tag bags and information will be available in the preschool lobby starting February 1, 2010. Please fill out the registration card in the bag and leave it in the box provided. If you need more tags than you have in your tag bag, there will be an “extra tag” box beside the registration box.

For more information:

Please call Kelly Morris (946-1050), Kelly Cavanaugh (945-4008), or Karen Bowen (766-8711).

For volunteer opportunities, please call Kate Marshall at 922-7205.

HAITI QUAKE RELIEF

A devastating earthquake has hit the already impoverished country of Haiti. Untold numbers are dead, injured and left homeless in and surrounding the capital, Port-Au-Prince. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has responded to the relief effort. We have persons from our Western N.C. Conference on the ground in Haiti and we are praying for them as they continue in the aftermath of the earthquake.

Those who would like to support the relief effort by the United Methodist Church should make checks payable to LUMC and write “Haiti Quake Relief” on the notation line and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church (P. O. Box 305, Lewisville, NC 27023). **100% of funds given will go directly to the relief effort.**

SHARING IN MINISTRY

GREETERS AND USHERS

(8:30 AM SERVICE)

Feb. 7 Marvin and Lou Ann Yow
Feb. 14 Ben, Sandra, and Jessica Dorr
Feb. 21 Les and Carol McCormick
Feb. 28 Mike and Julie Collins

DOORSTEP VISITATION MINISTRY

Feb. 7 Beth Rudy
Feb. 14 Marci and Jason Harvey
Feb. 21 Tanya Kivett
Feb. 28 Angie and Daniel Choplin

GREETERS (11 AM SERVICE)

Feb. 7 Harriet Binkley, Linda Peddycord
(Sanctuary Side)
Cyndy and Tim Clodfelter (West Wing)
Feb. 14 Steve and Vivian Newman
(Sanctuary Side)
Margaret Van de Riet, Cathy Wells
(West Wing)
Feb. 21 Christy and Matt Wiseman
(Sanctuary Side)
Donny Long, Gwen Horn (West Wing)
Feb. 28 Betty and Wayne Hall (Sanctuary Side)
Ken and Logan Criss (West Wing)

WHO COMMITTEE

February WHO Committee

Chairs: Sylvia Yarnell and Vivian Newman

Colleen Yarnell	Kitty Hayes
Marcy Daniel	Beth Rudy
Pat Sparks	Polly Craft
Judy Redfield	Frances Schweighart
Mae Redfield	Jo Ann Arrington
Kaye Patterson	Carol Lunsford
Billie Crawford	Angie Farmer

WHY COMMITTEE

February WHY Committee

Chairmen: Wayne Hall and Dean Norman

Russ Sloss	Jason Harvey
David Arrington	George Bargoil
Floyd Craft	Rick Layton
Michael Jones (Mandee)	Matt Wiseman
Dean Davis	Smokey Shelor
Ian Kissinger	

Children's Church Schedule

(8:30 am Worship Service)

Feb. 7 Kevin and Stephanie Salus
Feb. 14 Ken and Denise Criss
Feb. 21 Rod and Debbie Ruperto
Feb. 28 Rick and Nancy Baker

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

Feb. 7 Sherry and Cecilia Armstrong
Feb. 14 Suzanne Farlow and Hannah Houff
Feb. 21 Kim and Neal Roberts
Feb. 28 Kim and Neal Roberts

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

Feb. 7 Ashley Gwynn and Cheryl Gross
Feb. 14 Shelly and Jeff Ferner
Feb. 21 Rod and Debbie Ruperto
Feb. 28 Dan and Margaret Williams