

# The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

February 7, 2007

**S**ometime ago, we joined the world as we watched rescuers trying to help three gray whales, icebound off Point Barrow, Alaska. The whales floated, battered and bloody, toward a hole cut in the ice where they could get a chance to breathe. Their only hope: somehow to be transported five miles past the ice pack to the open sea. The only way to accomplish this involved cutting a string of “breathing holes” about twenty yards apart in the six-inch thick ice. For eight days they coaxed the whales from one hole to the next, mile after mile. Finally the whales swam to freedom!

In a very real way, worship is a string of breathing holes the good Lord provides his people. Battered and bruised by the ice cap of a world frozen over with selfishness, greed, and a growing hatred between individuals and groups, let us rise up at “the blessing place” on Sunday morning for a life-giving moment of worship. We need a place to really be encouraged and to learn of the unconditional love of God in Christ.

February 11th is our “Love Sunday” with special participation by our Children’s Choir (11 am). Join us this Sunday as we celebrate the Good News together, until that day when the Lord forever shatters the ice cap!



Grace and peace,  
*Charles*

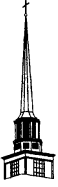


## **ASH WEDNESDAY** **February 21, 2007**

On Ash Wednesday, the Melba Forbis Friendship Circle will be cooking for us: spaghetti, salad, bread, and desserts. The cost for the meal is simply a donation, which the MFFC will be giving to Missions. The meal will begin at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Following the delicious spaghetti meal, you will be able to participate in a meaningful Ash Wednesday Service at 7:15 pm. As we begin the Lenten Season, there are so many inspiring services, challenging endeavors, and outreach projects this year, and we trust you will seek to be involved in many of these.

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**DATED MATERIAL**

## Ministry and Staff of the Church

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*Charles Turner*  
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 February for Crisis Control:  
Beef Stew**

**LCAP gift for the month of February:  
Cereal**



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

# One group news & events

**Sunday, February 11:** Regular schedule  
4:45-6:15 pm Junior and Senior High Youth  
6:15-6:35 pm Snack Supper

**Wednesday, February 14:** Synago Senior High Bible Study from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Synago Room upstairs in the church. All senior high students are welcome to attend!

**Friday, February 16-Sunday, February 18: Senior High Ski Retreat!** The senior highs are taking a weekend to have fun and get away from it all in the beautiful North Carolina mountains. We will be staying at the Arnett family cabin in West Jefferson and skiing at Beech Mountain on Saturday night. We'll meet at the church at 4:00 pm on Friday and return by early afternoon Sunday. **Remember to turn in your money and forms to Jesse by Sunday, February 11th!**



**Sunday, February 18:** No UMYF due to Senior High trip.

**Wednesday, February 21:** No Synago. Come join the church family for the Ash Wednesday meal at 6:30 pm and service at 7:15 pm.

**Sunday, February 25:** Regular schedule

**Wednesday, February 28:** Synago, 7:00-8:15 pm in the Synago Room

**Sunday, March 4: Get Hooked!** from 6:00-7:45 pm in the fellowship hall. **All youth** are welcome to attend this fun night of games, worship, and information about Carolina Cross Connection. A snack supper will be provided. There will be no regular youth this night.



**We have a date for our trip to Lake Junaluska!** We will be attending SURGE Week 2, which takes place July 8-12. The trip is for both Junior and Senior High Youth. To reserve a spot, a deposit of \$150 is due by March 4th.

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## Permission Slip for UMYF Members

The following is a permission slip that will allow your youth to go on day trips with Jesse Arnett, Hunter Arnett, June Hayes, and Dona Stilphen or an authorized youth counselor as one of the chaperones. This permission slip is good through December 31, 2007. **Please complete a copy for each youth in your household and turn it in to Jesse Arnett by February 25th, 2007.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (youth's name) has my permission to ride in the church van or other authorized vehicles for youth day trips on the dates from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(parent's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

# UMW NEWS

## UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, February 12, at 10 am in the parlor. Margaret Lee is in charge of the program. Please bring soap for our school project.
- **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, February 12, at 7 pm at the home of Laura Morris, 8801 Buckey Court. Members, please bring Valentines for shut-ins. **(Please note change of meeting location for our February meeting!)**
- **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 13, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class.
- **The Circle of Concern** will meet on Tuesday, February 20, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class. Vivian Newman will be the hostess.

## **UMW CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL MEETING**

The UMW will have their annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Meeting on Sunday, February 18, at 3 pm in Asbury Hall. Barbara Moser will be in charge of the program. Circle 1 is hostess group. All women of the church are invited to participate. Come see what United Methodist Women is all about!

## **BASKET CLASS**

**February 27th and March 6th  
7-10 pm, Asbury Hall**



● **Cost is \$15 per person, plus cost of materials. Call Nan Johnson (945-9391) to sign up by February 16.**



**POT LUCK SUPPER**  
**Wednesday, February 7th**  
**6:30 pm**

Please bring food to share and join us at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship and good food.

**2007-2008 LUMC Preschool Registration begins February 21st for currently enrolled and church families. Applications available in Preschool office.**

**Church-School Connection:** We have been blessed with an exceptionally warm winter, which has helped many of those who live day-to-day with their expenses. The Church-School Connection Fund is currently low on funds and we are respectfully asking our members for donations so as to ensure our help when needed by this mission outreach. Thank you for your generosity in the past and future. Donations should have check notations for Church-School Connection.

## **CONTACT Volunteer Training**



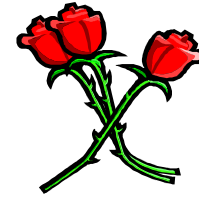
**Dates:** Every Tuesday and Thursday evening from February 13 thru March 22 (Totals approximately 35 hours of training)  
**Time:** 6-9 pm each evening  
**Location:** Family Services, Inc.  
610 Coliseum Drive

Space is limited! RSVP to Volunteer Services at 723-4338.

# 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. 21 Sunday School: 173  
Worship: 249  
Jan. 28 Sunday School: 140  
Worship: 213

### Promises to Keep: Gifts

Jan. 21	General Budget	\$6,491.23
	Hunger Fund	\$ 9.00
	Missions Fund	\$ 205.00
	Music Fund	\$ 25.00
	Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Jan. 28	General Budget	\$4,821.25
	Hunger Fund	\$ 8.00



## 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, Nancy Russell or Tom Lee.

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **M. D. Swaringen**, Maxine Mast's brother, by Wanda Moser, Terri and Clay Vogler, and Helen Nichols;

In memory of **Glenn Moser** by Wanda Moser;

In honor of **Rev. Charles Turner** and **Debby Trivett** by Terri Vogler;

In honor of **David and Jo Ann Arrington's anniversary** by Helen Nichols;

### Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Frank Kelly**, Debby Trivett's father, by David and Jo Ann Arrington and Larry and Linda Peddycord;

In memory of **Clara Moser** by Lewis and Sandra Hall, Gladys Hockaday, Jimmy and Betty Leslie, Tom Moser, Dorothy Hamilton, Beryl Moser, Steven and Myra Thompson, Richard and Betty Vogler, Larry and Linda Peddycord, David and Jo Ann Arrington, Helen Nichols, Mary Nell Howell, Jim and Martha Hampton, and David and Brenda Shanks;

In memory of **Howard Nichols** by Helen Nichols and family.

In memory of **John Shanks**, David Shanks' father, by Larry and Linda Peddycord;

In memory of **M. D. Swaringen**, Maxine Mast's brother, by Gilmer and Harriet Binkley and Mike and Toni Jones;

### Music Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Frank Kelly**, Debby Trivett's father, by Ruth Hartle;

In memory of **M. D. Swaringen**, Maxine Mast's brother, by the Chancel Choir;

### Missions Fund Gift:

In memory of **Clara Moser** by Ruth Hartle;

### Cemetery Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Clara Moser** by Susan Dahlen and Louise Reynolds.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....

**Sympathy:** We express our Christian love and sympathy to.....

° Kim Jackson in the death of her brother, Jimmy Jackson, on January 15th. Kim is the Director of our School Care Program here at LUMC;

° Margaret Williams in the recent death of her uncle, Bob Bennett;

° Maxine Mast in the death of her brother, M. D. Swaringen, on January 21;

° Sue Johnson in the death of her aunt, Louise Lawson, on January 24;

° Roger Armstrong in the death of a very dear friend, Lenwood Dixon, on January 25;

° Gordon Cranfill in the recent death of his uncle, Dick Cranfill.



**Congratulations!** Malissa Hayes and Alex Bernal announce the birth on January 31, 2007 of their son, Matthew Charles, in Miami, Florida. Proud grandparents are Michael and Kitty Hayes. They were in attendance at his birth.

## United Methodist Men's Winston-Salem District Prayer Breakfast



When: Saturday, March 17,  
8:30 am

Where: Lewisville UMC

Who: For all United Methodist Men, spouses,  
and guest

Guest Speaker: George M. Bryan, Jr.  
(Director, The Children's Home)

Entertainers: Men's Chorus  
(Morris Chapel UMC)



## WING AND A PRAYER

*Wing and a Prayer, a contemporary Christian musical group, will be performing at our church on Sunday, March 18, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Come and be blessed by their music as they minister to us in song.*



**Copies of the minutes of the January 22nd Administrative Board Meeting are available in the narthex and fellowship hall.**

## FLOOD BUCKETS

Remember our on-going fund for flood buckets. When we collect \$1,000, we will fill some more buckets.



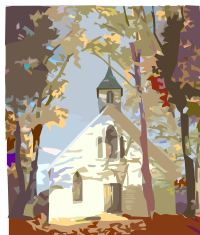
## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you have a youngster 12 years old or in the sixth grade or an older youth who is interested in Confirmation Classes, please let the church office (945-3203) know immediately.

**A meeting of all interested young people and parents is set for Sunday morning, February 11th, at 9:45 am in Asbury Hall.**



**Please join us on Sunday, March 11, for our first worshipping together service of 2007.** We will meet in the sanctuary at 11 am for the service. Remember, this is Girl Scout Sunday.



**Reminder:** There will be no 8:30 am contemporary service on March 11. Join us for Sunday School at our usual time of 9:45 am.

All lay persons who wish to be considered for election at the 2007 WNC Annual Conference as delegates to the 2008 General Conference and Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference should go on-line to [www.wnccadmin.org](http://www.wnccadmin.org), where links will be found to complete information and an application form. **March 1, 2007 is the absolute deadline for completed application materials to be in the office of the conference secretary.**



### **“CHARGE YOUR PARENTING BATTERIES!”**

The Stephen Ministry, along with the LUMC Preschool, is sponsoring a series of lectures and discussions for parents of children age infancy through grade 5 in Asbury Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm beginning Feb. 18.

- ° Feb. 18: “Communication”
- ° Feb. 25: “Protecting From and Preventing Bullying”
- ° March 4: “The Effect of the Internet and Video Games on Your Child”

The concluding 3 Sunday topics will be determined through a survey of those participating. Child care provided, if pre-registered. Please register in the Preschool office or call/e-mail Cindy Bingham at 945-3021 or [lpbingham@yahoo.com](mailto:lpbingham@yahoo.com).



### **Children’s Church Schedule 8:30 am Worship Service**

- Feb. 11 Jason and Marci Harvey
- Feb. 18 Ken and Denise Criss
- Feb. 25 Mariedith and Alex Appanaitis

**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.



### **8:20 am Nursery Schedule**

- Feb. 11 Jeff Watkins and Sam Rains
- Feb. 18 William Farlow and Samuel Houff
- Feb. 25 Sherry and Cecilia Armstrong

### **11:00 am Nursery Schedule**

- Feb. 11 Shelly and Jeff Ferner
- Feb. 18 Terri Vogler and Diane Vogler
- Feb. 25 Cathy, Sarah, and Michelle Lewis



## Windy Gap (Family Camp Style) April 13-15, 2007

A weekend your family will never forget! If you're interested in going to the church retreat at Windy Gap, please see Dan or Margaret Williams for a registration form or pick one up in the fellowship hall or the church office.

## Interested in the Lay Speaker's Basic Course?

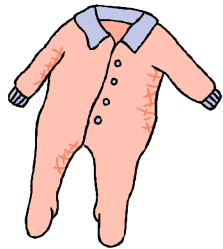
The Basic Course will be offered on 5 Sunday afternoons (Feb. 25-March 25), 2:30-4:30 pm at the District Office on the Children's Home Campus. Cost is \$10. Please call the church office (945-3203) for a registration form.

An Advanced Lay Speaker Course will be offered at a later date.



### BAD WEATHER POLICY:

When school is closed due to bad weather, all church night meetings are cancelled for that night.



## Lewisville United Methodist Church Preschool 2007 Spring Toy and Clothing Exchange

The Spring Clothing and Toy Exchange is just around the corner! Everyone is invited to bring Spring and Summer infant-teen clothing and shoes, maternity clothes, toys, books, videos and baby and nursery equipment. 60% of the selling price will go to the seller and 40% will go to the Preschool. Also, if you volunteer to work one of the following shifts, you will be invited to shop at the Pre-Sale Party on March 9. It's your chance to buy before the sale is opened to the public! Call Paige Ballus at 766-8837 to volunteer or to get more information. Child care is provided for all shifts, except the Pre-Sale.

**Receiving:** Wed., March 7, 7-8:30 pm  
Thurs., March 8, 9:30-11:30 am; 5-8:00 pm  
Fri., March 9, 9:30-11:30 am

**Selling:** Sat., March 10, 8 am-1 pm;

**Half-price Selling:** Mon., March 12, 9:30-11:30 am; 5-8:00 pm



For more information, please call Paige Ballus (766-8837) or Jill Winslow (463-2744), or Angel Messick, (922-4183).

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **March 11: Girl Scout Sunday**

On this day, Girl Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms and be recognized in the service.

Please note: We will have only one worship service on March 11 at 11:00 am. Sunday School will be at 9:45 am.

Also, remember that daylight savings time begins on March 11.

**Florida Storms:** The Conference Disaster Response Committee has made contact with the Florida Annual Conference and has offered help in the storm cleanup through Early Response Teams, etc. as the Florida Annual Conference deems necessary. Marilyn Swanson (Disaster Response Coordinator in the Florida Conference) called me (SUN 4:30 PM) to say the Conference finished their initial planning on meeting the needs from the storms and they will start receiving Early Response Teams on Wednesday of this coming week (February 7th). They will have housing available by early the following week. Teams will be doing debris clean-up.

Teams are to go to the [www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org) web page, download the volunteer forms and fax in the second page of the package. Please do not go to the disaster scene without authorization, but wait until you have further word from the Florida Annual Conference Storm Center.

Donations for the cleanup and recovery are the best ways members of our Annual Conference may help. Donations are being accepted for storm relief through the WNCC Disaster Response Committee. Please send donations through the WNCC Treasurer, P.O. Box 18005, Charlotte, NC 28218 with the memo: "STORMS 2007." Funds sent through this method may be ready for immediate release to help those in need. UMCOR funds may also be sent through this channel, but they should have the memo: "UMCOR # 901670 "Domestic Disaster Response – Florida Tornadoes." UMCOR funds will be used for the long-term recovery.