

The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

March 4, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: WORSHIP SERVICE CHANGES

On Sunday, March 8, due to the Clothing Exchange, it is necessary that both the 8:30 am and the 11:00 am Worship Services be held in the Sanctuary.

Also, please be aware that Daylight Saving Time begins on March 7th.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY: MARCH 8

On Sunday, March 8, Lewisville UMC will be celebrating Girl Scout Sunday. Our thanks to our Girl Scout leaders for their commitment to Scouting. Scouts, their families, and leaders are invited to attend as we honor and celebrate Girl Scouting.



PICNIC SHELTER MODIFICATIONS

After the information session on Sunday, February 15, on the proposal to enclose the picnic shelter, persons are asked to make **written statements** to express their comments about the proposal. **These are due by Sunday, March 8.** The Trustees will meet the following week.

This is your last chance to give your input. Comments should be emailed to Paul Mullican at PWMullican@aol.com or Pastor Keith at pastorlumc@alltel.net, or written and mailed to the church or taken by the church office.

CHURCH ENTRANCE CODE TO BE CHANGED

For security and safety reasons, the Trustees will be changing the entrance code to our church facilities on or about March 22. Those who are a part of the church who need it for meetings and events and groups that use the church can fill out an **application form** to receive the code. These forms are available in the fellowship hall, sanctuary narthex, West Wing entrance, and office entrance. Applications should arrive as soon as possible to allow time to get the new code out. We regret any inconvenience this may cause, but the safety of the church and our children is primary.



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DATED MATERIAL

Address Service Requested

Ministry and Staff of the Church

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District Superintendent
William T. Medlin, III
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Margy Smith
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Jim Fridy
School Care Director
Kim Jackson
Preschool Director
Marcia Sexton
Secretary
Toni Jones

**Gift for the month of March for Crisis Control:
laundry detergent**

**LCAP gift for the month of March:
sugar**



**Tuesday, March 10, is the
deadline for news to be submit-
ted for the March 18 issue of
The Steeple.**

One group news & events

Sunday, March 8: Cookout at Dusty and Mitzi's house, 5-7 PM. The youth room will be unavailable due to the preschool Clothing Exchange, so instead we'll head out to Dusty and Mitzi's for a night of fun and fellowship. Bring a drink, chips, or dessert with you. Here are directions to the house:

Take 421 North to the Dinkins Bottom Road exit. (It's the first exit after crossing the Yadkin River.) At the top of the exit ramp, turn left. At the flashing light, turn right onto Old Highway 421 and go 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Bloomtown Road (next to Forbush Elementary School) and go 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Cornelius Road. Home is 4621 Cornelius Road...only house on the right but it's difficult to see because of the trees. It is directly across from the 3rd house on the left. Home phone number is 336-699-3236.

Sunday, March 15: Sunday Night Youth

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, March 22: Dayspring with Wesley Putnam at Shallowford Square, 5:30 PM. This will be a great night of worship for all youth with national evangelist Wesley Putnam. We are inviting youth from all over Forsyth County to take part in this special evening. So bring a friend and come on out!

Sunday, March 29: Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5: Sunday Night Youth

Sunday, April 12: No Sunday Night Youth – Easter Sunday

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 March 4, March 18, and April 15. 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 6:30 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!

Lake Junaluska Trip Dates – The youth will be taking their annual trip to Lake Junaluska this summer from July 5-9. Look for more information soon!

Future Dates to Note:

Youth Sunday – Sunday, April 19

Youth Yard Sale – Saturday, April 24

UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, March 9, at 10 am in the parlor. Brad McBride will present the program. Please bring shampoo for our school project.
- **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, March 9, at 7 pm in the parlor.
- **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 10, at 7 pm in the **Discovery Class**. (Please note change of meeting location for this month only.)
- **The Circle of Concern** will meet on Tuesday, March 17, at 7 pm in the church library.



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 Pakistan one at a time.

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

Snack, Craft, and Yak will not meet in March. See you in April.



NEW WINDOWS: Check out the new windows installed by the Trustees on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the building above the church offices. They are on the back side and are a great improvement to our church.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Winston-Salem District Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday, March 21, at 8:00 am at Mt. Tabor UMC, 3543 Robinhood Road. Our speaker will be our new bishop, Bishop Larry Goodpaster. Also the Laity Service Award recipients will be recognized. Cost is \$4.00 and reservations should be made through the church office **before March 9**.

YARD SALE: APRIL 25

The youth are sponsoring a Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, April 25, 8 am—12 noon!

Please start saving any items you'd like to contribute. What a great way to get started on your spring cleaning!

The Methodist Men will be selling ham biscuits and coffee.



PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE DANCE ON PALM SUNDAY MORNING AT THE NEW BEGINNING SERVICE:

- Sunday, March 8, 3:30-4:30 pm: church library
- Saturday, March 14, 1-2:00 pm (location to be announced)
- Sunday, March 22, 3:30-4:30 pm: fellowship hall
- Sunday, March 29, 3:30-4:30 pm:
- Saturday, April 4: 1-2:00 pm: fellowship hall

Please wear comfortable clothes and ballet shoes or tennis shoes.



STEWARDSHIP

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

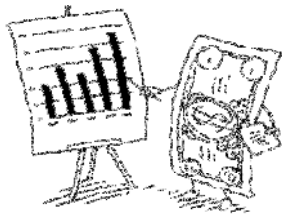
As members, we uphold the Church with our promise to give of our presence, gifts, prayers, and service.

Promises to Keep: Presence

Feb. 22	Sunday School: 223
	Worship: 314
Mar. 1	Sunday School: 181
	Worship: 251

Promises to Keep: Gifts

Feb. 22	General Budget	\$ 6,414.48
Mar. 1	General Budget	\$ 10,433.20
	Hunger Fund	\$ 62.00
	Cemetery Fund	\$ 100.00



Stewardship Update

LUMC BUILDING FUND

Contributions in February:

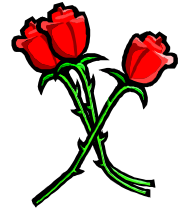
Feb. 1	\$ 1,685.00
Feb. 8	\$ 1,540.00
Feb. 15	\$ 655.00
Feb. 22	\$ 995.00
Total:	\$ 4,875.00

Loan Payment

Principal	\$ 7,000.00
Interest	\$ 756.50
Loan Balance	\$328,000.00

Balance in MM Account: \$ 10,705.71

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS



Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Ken Scales** by Beryl Moser;
In memory of **William Hazel**, Nancy Baker's father, by Mike and Toni Jones.

OFFICE FOLDING MACHINE

Update: The church office has needed a new folding machine for some years. The Finance Committee invites those interested in making this happen to offer a contribution (outside regular giving). Mark it clearly for "Folding Machine."

The folder itself costs \$2,825. We now have \$670 designated for this.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

If we want to be good stewards, the way is plain. First of all, let us give ourselves to Christ. The love of Christ within us will change us forever.



There's a Biblical Lenten drama about a carpenter and his family who needed some extra spending money. The wife heard that Roman officials were looking for carpenters to make some crosses for a series of executions. She convinced her husband to make one even though he did not like to make crosses. Later a small lad runs into the house crying and hollering, "Mommy, Daddy." The mother wraps her arms around him and says, "Son, what is wrong? Why are you crying?" The small lad cries, "Mom and Dad, I was in town today and coming down the street I saw a big crowd. I saw Jesus,

beaten and whipped and carrying one of OUR CROSSES." The father says that it probably was not our cross that Jesus was carrying, but carrying a cross made by someone else. The son protested and said, "Dad, it was our cross. When you were negotiating the price of the cross with the Roman official, I placed our family trademark on the top of the cross. When Jesus fell down climbing the hill, I saw for a moment that it **WAS OUR CROSS!**"

The small lad was quite correct, it was OUR CROSS, and it has our trademark on it as well. During Lent, we focus on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. Our need is to claim the cross as our own, for He died for us so that our sins can be forgiven. This Lent, think of the cross as your own and be thankful.

Keith

PRE-NEED FUNERAL PLANNING

Death comes to all at some time and it's best to have things thought through and planned for. Our Stephen Ministries are hosting a free Pre-Planning Seminar on Sunday, March 8, at 2:30 p.m. in Asbury Hall. It is led by Ray Tomlinson, who is the Community Service Counselor for Forsyth Memorial Park. The one hour information-only seminar will give instructions on the things you need to be thinking about and planning for. Participants will receive an excellent resource, "Personal Planning Guide," that includes sections to fill out for your family, pre-planning desires and vital information.

Pastor Keith says, "I have long seen that families who had loved ones that pre-planned or expressed their written desires find it far less stressful than those who did not. **This is a seminar that EVERY person should attend, for yourself, your elderly parents and loved ones.** Don't miss this opportunity to learn how you can leave your loved ones a very special gift.

CHANGE THOSE CLOCKS MARCH 7!

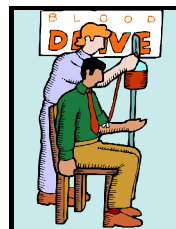
Remember to set your locks forward one hour Saturday night, March 7, so you will be on time Sunday.



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.

LEWISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCHES BLOOD DRIVE



Lewisville UMC
Saturday, March 14
9 am—2 pm

Call Jackie Harrell at 945-5054
to schedule an appointment.



RESCHEDULED.....RESCHEDULED.....RESCHEDULED.....

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Wednesday, March 18, 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.

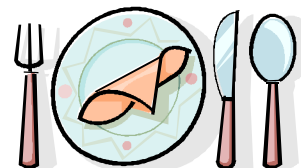
Donations are appreciated. The proceeds will be shared by the Children's Home and our Van Fund.

Deadline to sign up for meal is Sunday, March 15.

Yes, I/we will attend the Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal on March 18.

Name _____

No. of adults _____; No. of children _____



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

If you would like to help with any of the special services during the Lenten Season (extinguishing the Crown of Thorns at either the 8:30 am or 11 am service or at other special services), please contact Crystal Spicer, 946-5168, or June Hayes at the church, 945-3203.



We will be decorating our church with Easter lilies on Easter Sunday. You may order through the church office or purchase your own. If you order through the church, the cost will be \$11.50 per lily. **ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, March 29, by noon.**

Name _____

Please order _____ Easter lily/lilies for me. (\$11.50 each, if you buy through the church.)

I will provide _____ lily/lilies (wrapped and with a bow) and will have them at the church by 11:00 am on Saturday, April 11th.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

I will pick up my lily. _____ Please deliver my lily to a shut-in. _____



Before and After School Care pre-registration

for the church and also those currently enrolled in the program will be **March 9-13.**

Registration fee: \$50. Forms located in Asbury Hall. We

currently serve Lewisville Elementary, Southwest Elementary, and Meadowlark Elementary and Middle Schools. Questions? Contact Kim Jackson at the church (945-3203) between 2 and 6 pm.

Public registration: week of March 16-20.



BOY SCOUT PINE NEEDLE SALE

Boy Scouts from Troop 752 and Troop 719 are selling pine needles for \$5.50 per bale.

These will be long-leaf, quality, large bales. This is a fundraiser to help the boys going on a high adventure trip to Philmont this summer.

Pick-up date is March 7th. Delivery available upon request. Please contact Ian Kissinger at 946-2365 or Beth Rudy at 766-1871 for orders or information.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 22-25
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ECHOES: LOOKING AHEAD!

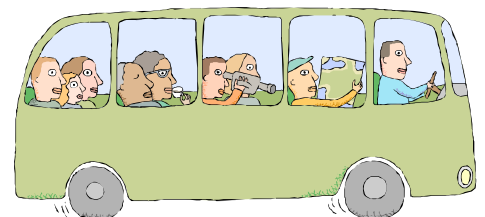
April 28-30: Join other UMC groups from our district for “Fun in the Sun” at Myrtle Beach. Trip includes two nights at Springmaid Beach Resort, breakfast buffet each morning, “Le Grand Cirque” at the Palace Theatre, Alabama Theatre’s world-renowned show “One,” dinners at Golden Corral and Benjamin’s Sea food Buffet. Rates as follows (per person): Single: \$330.00; Double: \$267.00; Triple: \$246.00; Quad: \$236.00. For further information or to make reservations, contact Rev. Doug Watts at 336-788-2297 or 336-817-4624 or Nan Johnson at 945-9391.

April 7: Pot-luck lunch at 11:30 am. Our program will be presented by the VIP’s from Sedge Garden UMC. Come and bring a friend and an extra dish!

April 8: Trip to Duke Gardens and Magic Wings Butterfly House. Cost: \$10.00.

May 6: Trip to Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens in Belmont, NC and to Billy Graham Library. Cost: \$10.00.

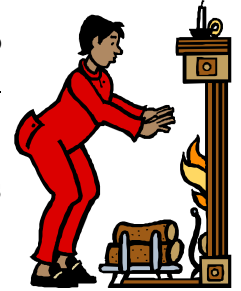
Contact Nan Johnson (945-9391) if you’re interested in any of these trips.



TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO 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.*



GOLFERS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 5th Annual United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 18, at Bermuda Run Country Club, West Course, 9 am start. Cost is \$55 per player and \$55 if you'd like to be a hole sponsor. Contact Wayne Hall (945-5867) for info or to sign up.



LUMC PRESCHOOL SPRING/SUMMER CLOTHING AND TOY EXCHANGE

The Spring/Summer Clothing and Toy Exchange at Lewisville United Methodist Church Preschool is just around the corner! Everyone is invited to bring Spring and Summer infant - preteen clothing and shoes, toys, books, videos, DVDs and baby and nursery equipment. Sixty percent of the selling price goes to the seller and forty percent goes 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 Friday, March 6th. 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.

We will not be accepting stuffed animals, maternity or teen clothing.

Receiving Dates:

Wednesday, March 4th 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5th 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 6th 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

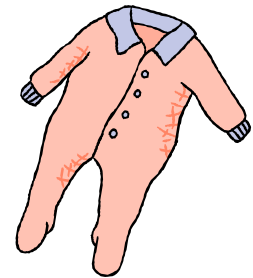
Sale Dates:

Saturday, March 7th 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, March 9th 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Half Price (highlighted items only) Date:

Monday, March 9th 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



For more information, please call Kelly Morris, 946-1050, Kate Marshall, 922-7205, and Cherryel Scurry, 768-3087.

SHARING IN MINISTRY

GREETERS AND USHERS

(8:30 AM SERVICE)

Mar. 8 Lori and Bruce Gee
Mar. 15 Sandy and Barry Bryant
Mar. 22 Jason and Marci Harvey
Mar. 29 Rick and Karen Cole

DOORSTEP TEAM VISITATION

Mar. 8 Tom and Margaret Lee
Mar. 15 Ronnie and Dawn Evans
Mar. 22 Ronnie and Dawn Evans
Mar. 29 Tim and Cyndy Clodfelter

WHO COMMITTEE

March WHO Committee

Chairs: Sylvia Yarnell and Vivian Newman

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

WHY COMMITTEE

March WHY Committee

Chairs: Wayne Hall and Dean Norman

Russ Sloss	Thom Shone
David Arrington	George Bargoil
Floyd Craft	Rick Layton
Mike Jones (Mandy)	Matt Wiseman
Dean Davis	Smokey Shelor
Jason Harvey	Ian Kissinger

Children's Church Schedule

(8:30 am Worship Service)

Mar. 8 No Children's Church
Mar. 15 Will and Jenny Davis
Mar. 22 No Children's Church
Mar. 29 Angie and Daniel Choplin

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.

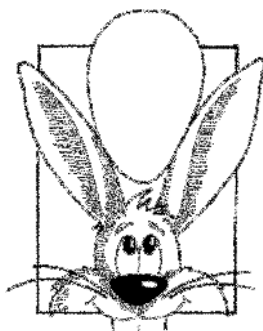
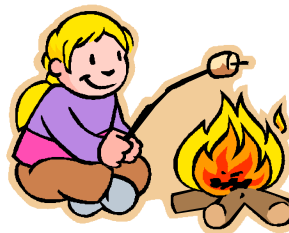
8:30 am Nursery Schedule

Mar. 8 Debbie Jones
Mar. 15 Kim and Neal Roberts
Mar. 22 William Farlow
Mar. 29 Sharon Hill

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

Mar. 8 Kelly and John Morris
Mar. 15 Dan and Margaret Williams
Mar. 22 Terri and Clay Vogler
Mar. 29 Rod and Debbie Ruperto

WINDY GAP FAMILY CAMP 2009
(April 3-5) promises to be a great getaway for families. A deposit of \$50 per person is required with a registration form. Forms are available at the church. Cost: adults: \$120; ages 3-11, \$75; no cost for children under the age of 3.



EASTER EGG HUNT: We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **March 29 (rain date, April 5) here at LUMC at 3:30 pm.** We will assemble underneath the picnic shelter. Please bring your own basket or bag to gather your eggs. Children age 1 through 5th grade are welcome to attend. Parents, please plan to stay with your children during the egg hunt!

Please sign up in the west end lobby so we will be prepared for all the children present on the day of the egg hunt. Also, please look for the sign-up sheet to help with eggs, apple juice, and cookies. Thanks for your help!

Deadline for donated items is March 25.

Administrative Board Meeting, February 23, 2009

Highlights from the minutes: Paul Mullican for the **Trustees** discussed several things they are working on including the closing in of the picnic shelter, purchase of bus, parking (looking into overflow parking possibilities) and property issues. The UM Men will take two large trees down in front of church on next work-day. All 2nd and 3rd story windows have now been replaced. Trustees also proposed to change the code on the door locks since too many people know it. This motion was approved. The Board also received the annual written reports from our School Care and Preschool programs. **Building Fund:** Matt Wiseman reported the interest on our loan continues to decrease. We have until January 2011 to pay the balance of \$328,000. The committee is looking at options beyond that. **Youth:** Jesse reported regular programs are ongoing. Ski trips were successful. Preparing for summer trips – Lake Junaluska, Carolina Cross Connection, and mission trip to Jamaica. The youth are visiting at Vienna Village and going to Bethesda Homeless Shelter to provide dessert and coffee for folks spending the night. They have devotions and prayers with them. **Other items...** Motion made and approved to replace Ruth Hartle, at her request, as Chairman of the Cemetery Committee. Ed Smith will be the new chair. We have sixteen 6th and 7th graders in the 2009 Confirmation class.

Respectfully submitted: Sylvia Yarnell, secretary



DAYSPRING

with

WESLEY PUTNAM

General Evangelist for the United Methodist Church;
Christian Music artist/composer; Storyteller/Dramatist

Sunday - Wednesday, March 22-25

Schedule:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services

BibleQuest for kids in grades K-5 at 9:45 during Sunday School

Sunday: 5:30 PM - YOUTH/FAMILY EVENT - open to all!

at Shallowford Square - (at church if inclement weather).

BRING SEATING

Monday-Wednesday:

BibleQuest for kids K-5 nightly at 5:30 p.m., meal provided.

Evening Services at 7:00 p.m. nightly - nursery provided

WEDNESDAY-6:00 pm- UM MEN "PINTO BEAN" SUPPER FOR ALL

INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN YOU

INTRODUCING WESLEY PUTNAM

Based in Bedford, Texas, Wesley Putnam is widely acclaimed and known throughout the United States. His ministry includes drama and music woven together to create a fresh approach to renewal. Wesley is a prolific songwriter who has cut eight CD's. In addition, Wesley has produced DVD and VCR recordings of many of his dramatic presentations. Attired in authentic Hebrew costume, Wesley captivates audiences as he recounts the lives of Old Testament characters, such as Gideon and Elijah, as though they were alive today. He animates James, the brother of Jesus, to relate New Testament stories.

Rev. Putnam is in great demand for many church events and has presented special music at many national United Methodist gatherings. He has previously served as president and executive evangelist of the National Association of United Methodist Evangelists. He is currently a member of the executive committee of the Council on Evangelism for the United Methodist Church.

Wesley holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Northeast Louisiana University and the Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. He is an ordained UM minister, and a member of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference. He pastored local churches for over 8 years before turning his attention to full-time evangelism in 1981. He and his wife, Felicia, live in Bedford, TX. They have three adult sons, James, Philip, and Timothy.