

The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

March 21, 2007

CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS

Everything has been different since the Son of God climbed Calvary. Life has been different, death has been different, sin has been different, faith and hope and love have been different. Round the wide universe the arms of the cross have reached; its head has touched the heavens; its shaft has gone down deep as hell.....Here was the Church's message from the very day of its birth: "Christ died for our sins."

— James S. Stewart

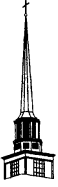
HOLY WEEK (APRIL 1-6)

Join us for the many Lenten services, especially during Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Thursday's Tenebrae Service to Good Friday's "Seven Last Words of Christ." Many of our members will be participating and the choir will have special music. Hope to see you at worship.

Grace and peace,
Charles



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**Gift for the month of March for Crisis Control:
Laundry Detergent**

**LCAP gift for the month of March:
Breakfast Bars
(any type—NutriGrain Bars, Granola Bars)**



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

One group news & events

Friday, March 23: Lock-in at West Forsyth YMCA! Youth should be dropped off at 9:00 pm and picked up no later than 7:00 am. Cost is \$10. Please bring a drink and a snack to share.



Sunday, March 25: The youth will be helping with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will meet in the west end lobby at 2:30 pm. Please be on time so that we have enough time to hide all the eggs.

Tuesday, March 27: Release is back! Bring yourself and all your friends to the Youth Room from 6:45-8:00 pm for games, snacks, and more! All junior high students are welcome!

Wednesday, March 28: Synago Senior High Bible Study. All senior high students are welcome to come join us in the Synago Room from 7:00-8:15 pm.

Sunday, April 1: NO UMYF (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, April 8: NO UMYF (Easter Sunday)

Tuesday, April 10: Release, 6:45-8:00 pm in the Youth Room.

Wednesday, April 11: Synago, 7:00-8:15 pm in the Synago Room.

Sunday, April 15: Regular youth schedule.....
4:45-6:15 pm Junior and Senior High Youth
6:15-6:35 pm Dinner

Wednesday, April 18: Synago, 7:00-8:15 pm in the Synago Room.

Friday, April 20: Yard Sale set-up, 5:00-7:00 pm.

Saturday, April 21: Youth Yard Sale, 7 am—1 pm.

Sunday, April 22: Regular schedule



UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- ° **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, April 9, at 10 am in the parlor. Millie Orrell and Margaret Van de Riet will be in charge of the program. Please bring deodorant for our school project.
- ° **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, April 9, at 7 pm at the parsonage (201 Sonata Drive). Connie Turner will present the program.
- ° **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 10, at 7 pm in Yokefellow Class.

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, the Palm Sunday Drama, or at other special services), please contact Crystal Spicer, 946-5168, or June Hayes at the church, 945-3203.



The youth are sponsoring a Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, April 21st, 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.

Copies of the March W-S District newsletter are available in the fellowship hall and narthex.



LADIES' NIGHT OUT!!!
(aka SNACK, CRAFT, & YAK)
Tuesday, March 27th
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 Margaret Williams, 945-7860, if you'd be willing to bring a snack.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER IN APRIL

Please note: We will not have our usual Wednesday Night Supper in April since it would fall during Holy Week. Please be sure to join us for our Maundy Thursday meal.

THANKS!

"The Preschool would like to thank the many volunteers that made our Spring Clothing and Toy Exchange such a huge success! The sale would not be possible without the help of our dedicated volunteers and church family. Thank you so much!

Jill Winslow, Paige Ballus, and Angel Messick"

FLOOD BUCKETS

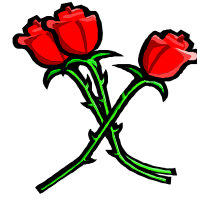
Remember our on-going fund for flood buckets. When we collect \$1,000, we will fill some more buckets.



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

March 11 Sunday School: 150
Worship: 242
March 18 Sunday School: 184
Worship: 303

Promises to Keep: Gifts

March 11 General Budget \$ 7,145.25
Hunger Fund \$ 5.75
March 18 General Budget \$ 5,842.63
Hunger Fund \$ 37.00

General Fund Recap

Total Income for February	\$31,160.38
Total Expenses for February	<u>\$31,491.40</u>
	— \$ 331.02
Total Income Year to Date	\$61,922.55
Total Expenses Year to Date	<u>\$62,410.60</u>
	— \$ 488.05

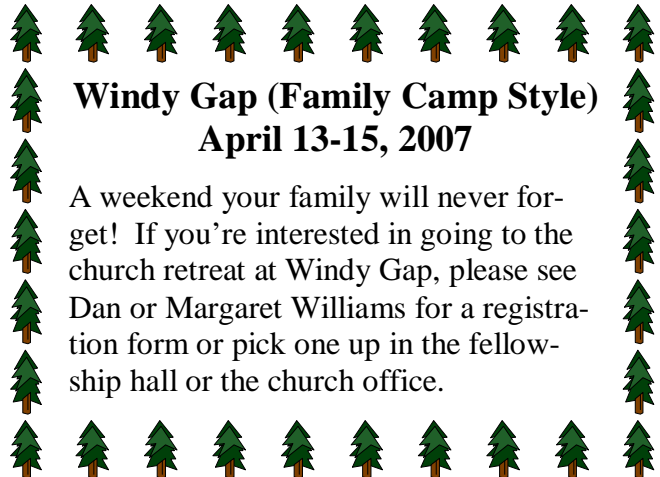
MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

General Budget Gift:

In memory of **J. M. Nichols, Jr.** by Helen H. Nichols and family;

Building Fund Gift:

In memory of **Rose Daniels**, Janet Sizemore's mother, by Millie Orrell;



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.

LUMC BUILDING FUND

<u>Contributions in February:</u>	\$5,933.00
<u>Loan Payment</u>	\$ 6,230.45
Principal	\$ 3,000.00
Interest	\$ 3,230.45
Loan Balance	\$489,000.00
<u>Balance in MM Account:</u>	10,008.59

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.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....

Sympathy: We express our Christian love and sympathy to Katherine Hartman in the death of her father, Dallas Shugart, on March 5.

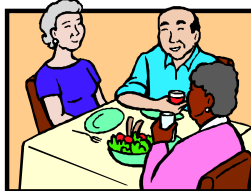
Festival of Friends Thursday, April 19th 2007 Theme: Circles

Doors Open, 6:00 pm; dinner begins at 6:30 pm. Tickets are sold by the table (\$120/table). Tickets will be on sale after the 8:30 am service near the elevators and before the 11:00 am service in the narthex. See a Circle of Concern member with questions.



ECHOES' LUNCHEON

**Tuesday, April 3,
11:30 am, fellowship hall
Come and bring a dish
and a friend!**



**Before and After School Care
Pre-Registration for the
church and also those cur-
rently enrolled in the program
will be March 19-23.** Registration will be open to the public

March 26-30. Registration fee: \$50. Forms located in Asbury Hall. We currently serve Lewisville Elementary, Southwest Elementary, Meadowlark Elementary, and Meadowlark Middle Schools.

Any questions, contact Kim Jackson at the church (945-3203) between 2 and 6 pm.



Meet Our New Missionary!

Esther Karimi Gitobu is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church assigned to Cambodia. *"I will mostly be dealing with writing grants and fundraising for projects,"* Esther explains. *"My vision of Cambodia is to see hope in the midst of pain and despair...Hope is when in the midst of uncertainty one keeps making the effort. I just want to be there as an agent of hope."*

Previously Esther and her husband, Nicholas Gitobu Kithinji, also a GBGM missionary, served in the Southern Gongo Annual Conference in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). In anticipation of their new assignment, Esther and Nicholas say, *"The uncertainties and anxieties associated with moving to another country have been laid to rest by our discovery that God is already where we are going."*

In the DRC, Esther was involved with peace and reconciliation efforts, experience that will serve her well in Cambodia, a country still recovering from the brutal Khmer Rouge regime. *"The longer I am involved in peacemaking work, the more I am aware of the Spirit's presence and of the many ways that God is at work in and through people's conflicts,"* Esther observes. *"Even in times when sin and evil are clearly present, I find the Spirit breaking through in amazing ways."*

Esther says she has often experienced God moving through her ministry, such as the time a woman approached her after her work with a congregation and said, *"The thing I appreciated most was that I could feel the Spirit through you all the time."*

A native of Meru, Kenya, Esther is a member of Chimwemwe United Methodist Church in Kitwe, Zambia. She holds a diploma in business administration from Kenya Polytechnic Institute, and was chief cashier at the Central Bank of Kenya in Nairobi before entering the mission field in 1999.

Esther and Nicholas have three daughters: Jeannette, Nicole and Michelle.

CHURCH-SCHOOL CONNECTION

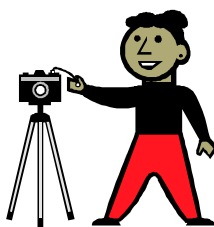
° **Volunteers Needed!** Speas Elementary has wonderful children who could benefit from caring volunteers. Their school hours for 2006-2007 are 8:45 am-3:15 pm. Their lunch hours are 10:15 am-1:00 pm. They have lots of different volunteer positions that can help the school staff as well as the children. If interested, contact Cyndy Clodfelter at 774-4699.

Picture Perfect Photo Sculptures.....

sponsored by LUMC Preschool, on March 21 (9 am– noon and 4-6 pm) and March 22 (9 am—noon). Proof view dates are March 28 and 29. Delivery date: before Mother’s Day.

Create your own personal photo sculpture with costumes, sports equipment, musical instruments, toys, etc. No bicycles or large wagons.

For more info, please call the Preschool, 945-3203.



Children’s Church Schedule 8:30 am Worship Service

March 25 Jason and Marci Harvey
April 1 Shelly and Jeff Ferner
April 8 No Children’s Church
April 15 Jenny and Will Davis
April 22 Ken and Denise Criss

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.

Handprint Program

Come choose your color...red, yellow, green, or blue. On Monday, March 19, and Tuesday, March 20, we will begin to build our “Rainbow of Hands.”

A tile-making table will be set up in the preschool lobby from 9-11 am for all church and preschool families. Once the handprint tiles are displayed, children will be able to see the “Rainbow of Hands” as they walk inside from the back playground. All proceeds from the handprint program will benefit the Building Fund.

Prices: 1 tile-\$30; 2 tiles-\$50
3 tiles-\$75; 4 tiles-\$100.

*For more information, contact Lynn Sonafrank, 945-0215.

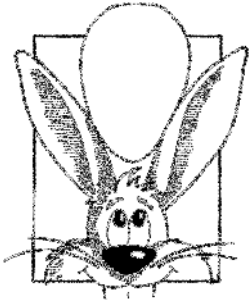


8:20 am Nursery Schedule

March 25 Jenny and Will Davis
April 1 Sharon and Eva Hill
April 8 Jeff Watkins and Sam Rains
April 15 Angie and Daniel Choplin

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

March 25 Cheryl and Ginelle Gross
April 1 Dan and Margaret Williams
April 8 Paige and Tom Ballus
April 15 Terri Vogler and Paige Ballus



EASTER EGG HUNT

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25, (rain date, April 1st) 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!

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!

Feinstein Challenge: The Feinstein Foundation has again announced its annual challenge to fight hunger nationwide. **It will match funds given between March 1 and April 30, 2007 up to \$1 million dollars to agencies dedicated to alleviating hunger.** To participate, send checks to the following agencies and mark them for the Feinstein Challenge.

Crisis Control Ministries
200 E. Tenth Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Samaritan Ministries
1243 Patterson Ave.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Rescue Mission
P. O. Box 20424
Winston-Salem, NC 27120-0424



Anyone interested in ringing handbells should contact Debby Trivett. There is a place just for you! No musical background or knowledge required. All that is needed is a willing spirit and a Monday night commitment.



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 \$8.50 per lily.

ORDER DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 28, by noon.

Name _____
(Please list your name(s) as you would like for them to appear in print.)

Please order _____ Easter lily/lilies for me. (\$8.50 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 9:00 am on Saturday, March 7th.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

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

2007 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 1: Passion/Palm Sunday

- 8:30 am New Beginning Service (Palm Sunday Worship), Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Palm Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Easter Drama, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 5: Maundy Thursday

- 6:15 pm Maundy Thursday Meal, Fellowship Hall. Bring dishes of fruit, cheese, breads, hot cross buns, etc. The Maundy Thursday "Tenebrae Service (The Service of Shadows) at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary engages us in multi-sensory ways with music, dramatic message, scripture, prayers, silence, and an Upper Room Communion experience will be shared. The altar will be stripped at the close of the service for Good Friday.

Friday, April 6: Good Friday

- 7:00 pm "The 7 Last Words of Christ", Sanctuary. We understand the unconditional love, the ultimate forgiveness and the wondrous grace of Jesus' dying on the cross for the intercession of the whole world.

Sunday, April 8: Easter Sunday

- 6:30 am Community Easter Sunrise Service, Shallowford Square, followed by breakfast at LUMC prepared by Methodist Men, Asbury Hall. (In case of rain, the Sunrise Service will be held at Lewisville Baptist Church.)
- 8:30 am New Beginning Service (Easter Celebration), Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Easter Celebration Worship, Sanctuary

LIVING CROSS: Please bring a fresh flower, blossom, or bud on Easter morning to put on the ivy-covered cross that will be outside near the portico.



"THE LAST WORDS"

by
Ronald D. Vaughn

Palm Sunday Drama

A drama based on the seven words from the cross.

Music by The Chancel Choir

April 1, 2007

7:30 pm

COME SHARE THIS EXPERIENCE WITH US!

Babysitting is available!

Hosanna!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 Gordon Cranfill
Adam McCormick
Jimmy Todd
Daniel Watkins | 18 Aaron Church
Wayne Duggins (son)
Reece Harvey
Buddy Kaye |
| 2 Jennifer Howard
Michael L. Smith
Pat Sparks | 19 Sandy Bryant
Zach Hall |
| 3 Tim Proctor
Josie Simmons
Thomas Wells | 20 Al Cashwell
Ashley Barton
Pam Hurd |
| 4 Lois Beatty | 21 Cheryl Gross
Tony Todd
Cheryl Stroud
Cheryl Vogler |
| 5 Logan Criss
Mitchell Johnson
Cliff Sheffield
Bill Smith
Rachel Stroud | 22 Megan Boles
Addison Branch
David Shanks |
| 6 Irene Conrad
Elise Ward | 23 Jarett Ewald
Eric Kirkman |
| 7 Joshua Melvin
Emily Smith | 24 Cyndy Clodfelter
Kristen Melvin
Dean Norman
Ben Sizemore
Amanda L. Smith |
| 8 Katarina Johnson
Helen Nichols
Chris Sonafrank | 25 Emma Berninger
Nell Conrad
Megan Eads
Jennifer Horsley
Kris Pillsbury
Dan Schlagel |
| 9 Bryan Brading
Darla Mullican
Kim Roberts
Elianna Ruperto
Alexander Vaughn | 26 Lynne Criner
Polly Craft
Brian Hurst
Erica Skinner |
| 10 Cindy Rieger | 27 Sara Bell
Voyle Conrad
Leigh Anne Miller |
| 11 Amber Edwards
Karen Hutchens | 28 Jo Ann Dodder
Erika Evans
Julianne Reynolds
Clarke Rudy |
| 12 Walker Daniel
Alex Earle
Sara Edwards
Nathan Sonafrank | 29 Christopher Cashwell
Greta Frye
Mark McClelland |
| 13 Dylan Hayes
Julie Swicegood | 30 Brianna Thomas
Robby Trosan
Mabel Tuttle |
| 14 James Cashwell
Charles Dellinger
Mary Katherine Hartman
Camryn Harvey
Ian Kelly
Lindsay Sheets | |
| 15 Ross Alexander
Madison Baker
David Beckman (son)
Joy Hatch
Mary Lee | |
| 16 Reed Ballus
Pam Green
Calvin Greene
Troy Mundy
Scott Steen | |
| 17 Aprell Taylor
Janet Shuping | |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Steve and Vivian Newman
- 4 Johnny and Teresa Crider
Wayne and Betty Hall
David and Brenda Shanks
Stephen and Michele Walker
- 6 Carl and Teddy Carney
- 7 Tony and Katherine Hartman
- 8 Jason and Marci Harvey
Chris and Lynn Sonafrank
- 10 Rick and Karen Cole
- 11 Tony and Jan Todd
- 14 Jerry and Ellen Farmer
- 15 Floyd and Polly Craft
- 16 Ronnie and Dawn Evans
Mitchell and Sue Johnson
Ed and Margy Smith
- 18 Charlie and Crystal Esch
Mark and Kris Karlek
- 19 Tim and Erin Johnson
- 23 Tom and Amy Hoover
- 25 Paul and Pam Green
- 26 William and Suzi Scott
- 27 Tim and Julie Rains
Thom and Andrea Shone
Jim and Carole Tobias
- 29 Roy and Pat Sparks

WHO COMMITTEE

April WHO Committee

Chairs: Martha Walsh and Barbara Moser

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

