



# The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

April 1, 2009

## LAITY SERVICE AWARD

The recipient of the 2009 Laity Service Award is **Ruth Hartle**, who was recognized for her long and faithful service to the Cemetery Committee, WHO Committee, History and Archives, and the Chancel Choir. She also serves the Lewisville Community through Meals on Wheels, Friends of the Library, and the Lewisville Historical Society. Ruth received a certificate for this honor and will be invited to be honored at the Western NC Annual Conference in June.

Congratulations, Ruth! We love you and appreciate you.

## PALM SUNDAY IS APRIL 5

Sunday, April 5, is Palm Sunday and Lewisville Church will join the palm-waving crowds as we greet the coming of our Lord. Palms will be given out for us to wave in a traditional Palm Sunday Processional by the children.

At the 8:30 am service, there will be a special Hosanna Dance by children.

At the 11:00 am service the Chancel Choir will be sharing their musical Cantata.

## FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS: APRIL 16

This year's theme is Live....Laugh....Love. Join us on Thursday, April 16, for food, fellowship, and fun. It's fun and easy to be a hostess at this event. Just sign up for a table, invite your friends, and plan your table decor!



Hostesses can buy the tickets for their tables on Sundays after the 8:30 service at the elevator and before the 11:00 service outside the sanctuary. Tickets are sold by the table at sign-up (\$120/table;\$15 per person). There will be a few single tickets for sale.

Please make your plans to join the Circle of Concern for a memorable evening. If you have any questions, please call a member of the Circle of Concern.



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DATED MATERIAL

## Ministry and Staff of the Church

Resident Bishop  
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*Margy Smith*  
Lay Leader  
*Jim Fridy*  
School Care Director  
*Kim Jackson*  
Preschool Director  
*Marcia Sexton*  
Secretary  
*Toni Jones*

Gift for the month of April for Crisis Control:  
peanut butter and/or jelly

LCAP gift for the month of April:  
jello cups and pudding cups



Tuesday, April 7, is the dead-  
line for news to be submitted  
for the April 15 issue of The  
Steeple.

# One group news & events

**Sunday, April 5:** 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, April 12:** No Sunday Night Youth – Easter Sunday

**Sunday, April 19:** Youth Sunday – youth-led worship services at 8:30 AM and 11 AM.  
Sunday Night Youth

**Friday, April 24:** Youth Yard Sale set-up, 5-7 PM in the picnic shelter.

**Saturday, April 25:** Youth Yard Sale, 7 AM-1 PM in the picnic shelter. This is one of our biggest fundraisers which allows us to go on many fun trips, so please plan on helping out!

**Sunday, April 26:** Sunday Night Youth

**Sunday, May 3:** Sunday Night Youth

**Be sure to check out the new youth information center!** It is located outside the youth room, across from the elevator. The bulletin board will be kept current with the latest information on upcoming youth events. Also, registration forms and permission slips will be available to be picked up. There is also a slot for turning in completed forms. Please note in order to save time and money, permission slips will no longer be mailed out, so make sure to pick them up from the information center.

**Lake Junaluska registration forms are available** from the youth information center outside the youth room. Youth of all ages are encouraged to be a part of this great week. The trip will take place July 5-9 and costs \$150 per person. Registration forms and deposits are due by Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Please pick up and fill out a General Youth Permission Slip** from the youth information center. This slip gives permission for youth to participate in day trips and for youth counselors to seek emergency medical treatment if necessary. We would like to have one of these on file **for each child**, so please turn these in as soon as possible!

**Wednesday Night Schedule:** April 1: No Bethesda Center or Vienna Village due to spring break.  
April 8: Chat Room and Release, 7 PM. *Note: Chat Room will be in the Discoveryclassroom at the church on this day only.*  
April 15: Bethesda Center, 6:30 PM and Vienna Village, 7 PM  
April 22: Char Room and Release, 7 PM

# UMW NEWS

## UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, April 13, at 10 am in the parlor. Please bring toothpaste for our school project.
- **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, April 13, at 7 pm in the parlor.
- **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 14, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class.

**ATTENTION, UMW MEMBERS:** The United Methodist Women's Prayer and Self-Denial Program has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 26, at 3 pm in Asbury Hall.



## **UMW READING GROUP**

The United Methodist Women's reading group will meet Tuesday, May 12, at 10 am in the church parlor. They will discuss the book

*Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy* by Donald Kraybill, Steven M. Nolt, and David L. Weaver-Zercher.

The book tells the story of the response of the Amish community to the shooting of ten schoolgirls in October 2006. Their response explores the way forgiveness is possible by a deep faith.

There are two copies of the book in the public library and two circulating among readers. Contact Harriet Binkley to help find a copy, read it, and join the discussion.

**Echoes' Luncheon: Tuesday, April 7, 11:30 am in the fellowship hall.** Come and bring a dish



and a friend! Our program will be presented by the VIP's from Sedge Garden UMC. We will have 15 guests, so please bring an extra dish.

## **CANCER SERVICES SPRING 2009 WISH LIST**

wheelchairs  
over-the-bed tables  
Depends and Pull-Ups (all sizes)  
4 x 4 gauze pads  
medical gloves  
nutritional supplements  
gas station/grocery store gift cards  
baby monitors  
lift chairs  
breast prostheses  
ostomy supplies  
mastectomy bras  
turbans

If you can help, please call Cancer Services at 760-9983.

## **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.



# 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

Mar. 22 Sunday School: 208  
Worship: 322  
Mar. 29 Sunday School: 211  
Worship: 300

### Promises to Keep: Gifts

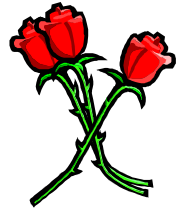
Mar. 22	General Budget	\$ 7,974.80
	Hunger Fund	\$ 13.00
	Discretionary Fund	\$ 153.50
	Parsonage Fund	\$ 30.00
Mar. 29	General Budget	\$12,389.19
	Hunger Fund	\$ 7.00
	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 392.00



### General Fund Recap

Total Income for February	\$31,827.75
Total Expenses for February	<u>\$40,383.62</u>
	— \$ 8,555.87
Total Income Year to Date	\$62,905.90
Total Expenses Year to Date	<u>\$78,246.96</u>
	— \$15,341.06

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS



### General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **Glenn Moser** by Wanda Moser;  
In memory of **Milton Alexander** by Mark and  
Valerie Alexander;

### Building Fund Gifts:

In honor of **Ruth Hartle** by Jon and Libby Reynolds;  
In honor of **Cyndy Clodfelter** by Millie Orrell;  
In honor of **Mae Norman's birthday** by Millie  
Orrell;  
In memory of **Voyle Conrad** by Mrs. Voyle Conrad;  
In memory of **Voyle Conrad** by Kaye Conrad  
Patterson;  
In honor of **Steve and Vivian Newman** for their  
wedding anniversary by Mike and Toni Jones;

### Wesley Putnam Ministry Gifts:

In memory of **Betty and Bill Hewett**, Tanya's  
parents, by David, Tanya, Casey, and Grayson Kivett;  
In memory of **Sara B. Miller** by Carol Miller.

## 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

"Then [Jesus] said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions' " (Luke 12:15). A steward who realizes that all he has are gifts from God will not cling tightly to his possessions but will gladly share them with those in need.



A young man went off to a university and was challenged about his beliefs. It never occurred to him to question anything in the Bible, so his faith was shattered. For him, there was one thing that held him steady. That was the resurrection. He knew that if that were not true, the Bible is not “good news.” It would be only a king-size note of despair if everything ends at the grave. The more he read the Bible, the more he felt assured that something happened on that first Easter morning which convinced the disciples beyond a shadow of a doubt that Christ was risen from the dead. Then he

added, “If I believed that, then I saw I was inconsistent to doubt the rest of what the Bible said about Jesus. So I worked my way back to a strong faith.” A professor who had listened patiently to this young man’s story said, “You remind me of a young man who looked down into the Grand Canyon for the first time and said, ‘Something must have happened there.’”

Something did happen at the Resurrection, something that changed the disciples from fearful followers into courageous disciples. Something happened there that made Jesus the Savior of the world. Something happened there that gives us our greatest basis for believing in life after death. Something happened there that gives us our greatest incentive for victorious living. If all human life ends at the grave, then our efforts to live for God are a mockery, and God is the chief mocker. But we are not animated rocks to be thrown into an abyss of nothingness at death. God has made us for eternity. Jesus’ resurrection enables us to look beyond the grave and see the prospect of life with him stretching off into eternity.

We can never fully understand or grasp the mystery of what happened on that first Easter, but we thank God for the Biblical witness that something wonderful happened that morning that convinced his followers that Christ was indeed risen from the dead and lives today as our Savior. Come to church this week and experience the living Christ.

Keith

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....**



**Congratulations to John and Brooke Brogdon**, who were married Friday, March 20. John is the son of Larry and Mary Brogdon.



**CONGRATULATIONS to James and Angie Farmer** on the birth of a son, **Campbell Benjamin Farmer**, on March 18. Campbell has three sisters (Elizabeth, Cameron, and Melissa) and two brothers (Conner and Cuyler).

**LEWISVILLE UMC  
FINANCIAL UPDATE**

With continuing economy concerns affecting most, we thought you’d be interested to know how your church is doing. The first two months of the year (Jan. and Feb.), we received \$15,341 less than what we needed to pay our **actual** expenses during that time. That deficit looks to grow even more in March. Know that your church does not have “reserve” funds to draw from and so this deficit will have an impact on what we are able to do in ministry, as we make cutbacks as we can. You can help by making sure lights are off, thermostats are adjusted, etc.

**To help with this concern**, we ask those who are able to do so to help us with additional giving and we understand it’s a difficult time for those who cannot. Be in prayer about how you can respond and help keep the ministry of Lewisville United Methodist Church alive as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## CHURCH STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES CHANGED

Due to changes with our e-mail provider, LUMC has decided to change all staff e-mail addresses that will utilize our own church domain name. Thus, new e-mail addresses will utilize the first names of your staff plus [@lewisvilleumc.org](mailto:@lewisvilleumc.org): for example Keith Bingham will be [keith@lewisvilleumc.org](mailto:keith@lewisvilleumc.org), Toni Jones will be [toni@lewisvilleumc.org](mailto:toni@lewisvilleumc.org). Same follows for June, Debby, Jesse, Marcia and Kim. The old e-mail addresses will still be good and can be used until about May 1, but go ahead and make the switch now.



### LUMC exam survival care packages are being assembled to mail near the middle of April to our college students.

If you would like to donate items, please drop them in the box located in the narthex or in the main entrance to our education building. Suggested items are:

Ramen chicken noodles	Gum
snack food	Pop Tarts
Post-It Notes	hard candy
Crystal Light	breakfast bars

**Deadline for donations is April 5th!**



## BOY SCOUT PINE NEEDLE SALE

Boy Scouts from 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 to Raven Knob Summer Camp.

Pick-up date is April 18. Delivery available upon request. Please contact Ian Kissinger at 946-2365 or Beth Rudy at 766-1871 for orders or information.

## GOLFERS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 6th 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.



## CHURCH ENTRANCE CODE CHANGED

For security and safety reasons, the Trustees have changed the entrance code to our church facilities. Those who are a part of the church who need access for meetings and events as well as groups that use the church can fill out an **application form** to receive the code. Forms are available in the fellowship hall, sanctuary narthex, west wing entrance and church office.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause, but the safety of the church and our children is primary.



**LAST PRACTICE for children participating in the dance on Palm Sunday morning at the New Beginning Service:**

Saturday, April 4: 1-2:00 pm: fellowship hall. Please wear comfortable clothes and ballet shoes or tennis shoes.

## ATTENTION, ACOLYTES



The new acolyte schedule is coming out at the end of April. If there are any dates you CAN NOT acolyte in the months of May, June, July, and

August, please let Rita or Angie know BEFORE April 17th. If there is anyone who wishes to become an acolyte, you may pick up a form in the office.

## SINGLE PARENTING

It is a difficult job for those who face this situation. The Stephen Ministry of LUMC is sponsoring a Single Parent Workshop and fellowship time on the Sundays of April 19, April 26, and May 3 from 4:30-6:30 pm in Asbury Hall. The first week, we will have guest speakers. The following weeks, we will focus on the group's needs. Join us if you would like.

## Wednesday Night Supper in May to Benefit Jamaica Mission Trip!

The Jamaica mission team will be providing a dinner on Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Donations will be accepted, and all proceeds will go toward the youth mission trip to Jamaica this summer. Come enjoy a great meal and learn more about this exciting mission opportunity!



**VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL:  
June 22-25.**

## ECHOES' SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS!

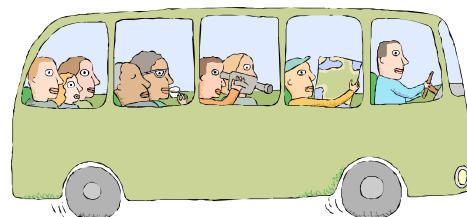
**April 7:** Pot-luck lunch at 11:30 am. Our program will be presented by the VIP's from Sedge Garden UMC. Come and bring a friend and an extra dish!

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

**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.

**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.**



## WELCOME CENTER

We hope you will check out or have already seen our new Welcome Center in the west wing lobby. This has been a project of the Evangelism Committee for some time and will serve to help guests find the information they need. The center was designed and built by Don Petty and Dusty Swing, and it is amazing. Thanks, guys, for an excellent job!

## NEW SIGNS

LUMC has received the donation of two new signs that read, "You Are Now Entering the Mission Field." They are located in the narthex and fellowship hall to remind us as we leave our places of worship that we are, indeed, going out into the mission field.

## JOB LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

**MEETS WEEKLY:** A support group for those who have lost their jobs and those who are employed in an unstable economy is meeting every Tuesday at 7 pm in the church parlor.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was a tremendous success as always, with well over 100 children in attendance.



**Special thanks to Elise Ward and our LUMC youth and counselors** for organizing and hiding eggs for the hunt!

## SUNDAY, APRIL 26

## CELEBRATING THE YOUNG CHILD

You are invited to join us on Sunday, April 26, as the church celebrates the Month of the Young Child, which is a national observance honoring children and which also honors the School Care and Preschool Programs. The Preschool and School Care staff members will be introduced to the congregation at the 11 am service. A time of fellowship and light refreshments will be held in the lobby of the church following the service. We look forward to this special Sunday at LUMC.



## RECOMMENDED MOVIES

LUMC is recommending two movies. The first movie is "**The One Lamb**" and is being released nationwide on March 30 and locally at Wynnsong 12 in Winston-Salem. This movie was actually produced by **University City United Methodist Church in Charlotte**. It is another of the "faith-based" movies. There are some groups trying to produce faith-based movies to counteract movies by major companies. We, as Christians, need to support these faith-based movies if for no other reason than to encourage others to continue making them. Get a group together and go see "The One Lamb." It's an inspirational story of Jackson Price and how he went from a very successful career to hit bottom and then to be diagnosed with cancer. It was then that he found a new courage and faith.

We also recommend "**Fireproof**," now on DVD for rental. This is about a struggling married couple seeking to salvage their marriage.

# SHARING IN MINISTRY

## GREETERS AND USHERS

**(8:30 AM SERVICE)**

April 5 Jo Ann Arrington & Brenda Proctor  
April 12 Tim and Julie Rains  
April 19 Youth  
April 26 Ken and Giszelle Jones

## DOORSTEP TEAM VISITATION

April 5 Lorraine Kirk and Linda Peddycord  
April 12 Tim and Cyndy Clodfelter  
April 19 Mike and Julie Collins  
April 26 Millie Orrell

## WHO COMMITTEE

**April WHO Committee**

**Chairs: Ruth Hartle and Neta Vaught**

Carol Coxe	Mitzi Swing
Mary Brogdon	Miriam Braun
June Hayes	Donna Coram
Dawn Evans	Hunter Arnett
Reba Dull	Linda Lyon
Audrey Hall	Sylvia Spell

## WHY COMMITTEE

**April WHY Committee**

**Chairs: Ben Crawford and David Kivett**

James Ward	Rick Baker
John Beck	Andy Harper
Mitch Smith	Herman Orrell
Will Davis	Paul Mullican
Michael Hayes (Kitty)	Ken Buck
Ben Sizemore	Glenn Yarnell
Tom Lee	Garry Keith

## Children's Church Schedule

**(8:30 am Worship Service)**

April 5 No Children's Church  
April 12 No Children's Church  
April 19 Alex and Mariedith Appanaitis  
April 26 Jeff and Shelly Ferner

**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

April 5 David and Lisa Smitherman  
April 12 Jennifer Buck and Barbara Bryant  
April 19 Kim and Neal Roberts  
April 26 Clayton and Abby Allen

## 11:00 am Nursery Schedule

April 5 Angie Pantazopoulos and family  
April 12 Kristin Melvin  
April 19 Donna Long and family  
April 26 Silesia Clark and Julie Owens

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: **PLEASE HELP! We are in desperate need** :  
: **of volunteers for the nursery for the** :  
: **11 am worship service. If you can help,** :  
: **please call Kristin Melvin (946-2975) or** :  
: **e-mail her at kristineric@earthlink.net.** :  
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# 2009 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## **Sunday, April 5: Passion/Palm Sunday**

8:30 am New Beginning Service (Palm Sunday Worship), Fellowship Hall;  
Special Hosanna Dance by children.

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Palm Sunday Worship, Sanctuary. Easter Cantata.

## **Palm Sunday Evening: Come to the Garden! 5-7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.**

The church sanctuary will be open for personal meditation as we remember Jesus' night of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Come and go as you are able. We hope this will be a time of personal reflection for any who can participate.

## **Thursday, April 9: Maundy Thursday**

6:15 pm Maundy Thursday Meal, Fellowship Hall. Bring dishes of fruit, cheese, breads, hot cross buns, etc. The Maundy Thursday Service will include an Upper Room Communion experience. The altar will be stripped at the close of the service for Good Friday.

## **Friday, April 10: Good Friday**

7:00 pm We will celebrate a Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary. We will come together to understand the unconditional love, the ultimate forgiveness and the wondrous grace of Jesus' dying on the cross for the entire world.

## **Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday**

7:00 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.**

