



The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

April 2, 2008

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY IS APRIL 6

On April 6 Lewisville UMC will lift up our Stephen Ministry in both services. Stephen Ministers are also known as the “after” people. “*After*” the doctors say there’s nothing more they can do...*after* you get the pink slip with your final paycheck...*after* a relationship ends but the wounds are still bleeding...*after* a loved one has died...*after* family and friends have heard your story one too many times but you still need to talk it out. They provide one-to-one, confidential Christian care to help people walk through a difficult time in their life. Stephen Ministers are an extension of the ministry our Pastor provides, as they offer more support than our pastor can provide alone. Come and learn more about this ministry and how you can be a part of it.

ATTENTION, LADIES!

The **Festival of Friends** is fast approaching! Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun on **Thursday, April 17th**, at LUMC.



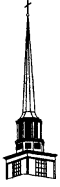
The theme for this year is “Running the Race!” The doors will open to view the beautifully decorated tables at 6 pm, and a delicious dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Inspirational speakers will follow. If you are interested in decorating one of these tables, please plan to buy your tickets before or after the early service in front of the elevators, or before the 11:00 service in the narthex. Buy a table and invite your friends to this very special event! (Tickets are sold by the table for \$160.)

If you have any questions, please contact a Circle of Concern member.

You’re Invited.....Wake Forest University presents **Bishop William H. Willimon**, Presiding Bishop of the North Alabama Conference, on Sunday, April 6, at 7 pm in Wait Chapel. All Worship in Wait events are free and open to the public.

The 5th annual Methodist Men’s Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 12, at 1 pm at Salem Glen Country Club. (We are going back to the spring date instead of the fall.) Contact Wayne Hall at 945-5867 for details. Cost is \$55 per player and hole sponsorships are also \$55. Proceeds will go to the “Caring for Kara Bingham” Fund.





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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 April for Crisis Control:
jelly

LCAP gift for the month of April:
paper towels



Tuesday, April 8th, is the
deadline for news to be sub-
mitted for the April 16th issue
of The Steeple.

One group news & events

Sunday, April 6: Regular UMYF

4:45 – 6:15 PM Junior and Senior High Program

6:15 – 6:35 PM Dinner

Sunday, April 13: Regular UMYF

Friday, April 18: Yard Sale Setup, 5:00-7:00 PM in the picnic shelter

Saturday, April 19: Youth Yard Sale, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the picnic shelter. Come out and help with the yard sale, which is one of our biggest fundraisers. Make your plans to be there!

Sunday, April 20: Regular UMYF

Sunday, April 27: Regular UMYF

Sunday, May 4: Explosion 2008 at Mount Tabor UMC! This promises to be a great night with speaker Andy Lambert and music from the Shannon Webb Band. We'll meet at west lobby at 6:00 PM and will return to the church by 8:45 PM. See you there!

Sunday, May 11: No UMYF – Mother's Day

Sunday, May 18: Regular UMYF

It's time to sign up for Lake Junaluska! We will be taking our annual trip to Lake Junaluska on July 13-17. The trip is open to all youth – junior and senior high. The speaker will be Troy Benton, who was our speaker last year, and worship will be led by TIED. **The cost is \$150, and money is due to Jesse by Sunday, April 13.** It should be a great week – don't miss it!

Synago and Release will be back in April! Get ready for the return of our Wednesday night youth programs after a long Easter/spring break. Come to the youth room from 7:00-8:30 PM for Synago, a student-led Bible study for senior high students, and Release, a weeknight fellowship evening for junior high students. Here are the upcoming dates:

April 9

April 16

April 23

April 30

May 7

Youth Sunday is approaching quickly! The youth will be planning and leading both worship services on Sunday, April 27. There will be a planning meeting before youth on **Sunday, April 6 at 3:45 PM** in the youth room. All youth are welcome to come out and help plan these services. We want to hear your ideas!

UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- ° **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class.
- ° **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, April 14, at 10 am in the parlor. Doris Doub will present the program on "World Villages." Please bring washcloths for our school project.
- ° **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, April 14, at 7 pm in the parlor.



UMW READING GROUP June 3, 10 am in the parlor

The reading group of the United Methodist Women is currently reading *Who's Raising Your Child: Battling the Marketers for Your Child's Heart and*

Soul by Laura J. Buddenberg and Kathleen M. McGee.

The book explores today's hyper-commercialized society and the damage it is doing to children as they grow from toddlers to teens in a culture of consumption.

Two copies are circulating. Contact Harriet Binkley to locate one.

Discussion will be in the church parlor on Tuesday, June 3, at 10 am.



The youth are sponsoring a Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, April 19th, 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.

Cathy Lewis is collecting hats for Cancer Services.



Cancer Services loans hats (ball caps, lightweight scarves, and other head-coverings for males and females) to cancer patients who need them and don't have enough money to buy them. They can be new or used. There will be a box in the lobby by the children's Sunday School rooms. Thanks.



Young Life presents.....WINDY GAP Family Camp 2008! April 11-13, 2008 promises to be a great getaway for families.

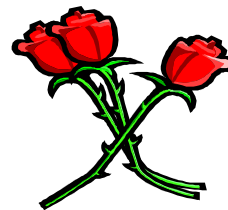
This year's guest speaker will be Fil Anderson. Contact the church office (945-3203) for more information or a registration form. You will need to send a \$50 deposit per person, along with the completed form, to the Young Life office. (Deposit is non-refundable, non-transferable after March 15.) Total cost is \$100 for adults and %65 for children ages 3-11. No cost for children under the age of 3.



STEWARDSHIP

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

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

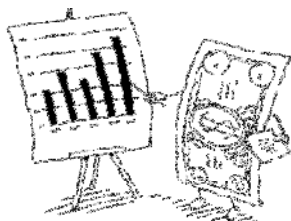


Promises to Keep: Presence

Mar. 23 Sunday School: 191
Worship: 489 (Easter)
Mar. 30 Sunday School: 182
Worship: 283

Promises to Keep: Gifts

Mar. 23	General Budget	\$ 8,142.70
	Hunger Fund	\$ 2.00
Mar. 30	General Budget	\$ 6,794.25
	Hunger Fund	\$ 7.00
	Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
	Parsonage Fund	\$ 274.00
	LCAP	\$ 100.00
	Prayer Shawl	
	Ministry	\$ 150.00
	“Caring for Kara” Fund	\$ 1,558.75



Stewardship Update

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.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **Nell Trivette** by Ron and Sue Darby, Roger and Brenda Hockaday, Dick and Marie Wagner, and Kaye and Richard Patterson;

In memory of **Irene Conrad** by Kaye and Richard Patterson;

In memory of **Geoffrey Stilphen**, George Stilphen's brother, by Kaye and Richard Patterson;

In honor of **Kay Schlagel** by Millie and Herman Orrell;

Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Allen Mock, Sr.** by Debby Trivett, Jim and Martha Hampton, and Helen Nichols;

In memory of **Nell Trivette** by Wayne and Betty Hall, Jackie and Ollie Harrell, Ken and Peggy Scales, John and Cathy Wells, Larry and Linda Peddycord, Tim and Julie Rains, Glenn and Sylvia Yarnell, Marvin and Lou Ann Yow, Ken and Giszelle Jones, Daisy Long, CRNA's at Medical Park Hospital, Gordon and Donna Stanford, and J. E. and Dot Faircloth;

Parsonage Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Nell Trivette** by Zeke and Sandra Mock;

In memory of **Irene Conrad** by Zeke and Sandra Mock;

Cemetery Fund Gift:

In memory of **Nell Trivette** by Steve and Anne Kirkman.

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.



There's a famous shrine in the Italian Alps. Every year thousands of people climb a mountain in order to visit the shrine. On their pilgrimage, they pass the "stations of the cross." As they continue, they pass various scenes that take them up to a large outdoor cross. One tourist noticed that there was a grass-covered trail on beyond the cross. It was clear that most of the people who came to view the shrine stopped at the cross, but this tourist fought the rough thicket beyond the cross and, to his surprise, came upon another shrine, a shrine that symbolized the empty tomb. It was neglected, overgrown, forgotten about. Too many had stopped too soon.

And so do we, for too often we live out lives as though Jesus is still on the cross or still in the grave. We stop short of "going on" and experiencing the living Christ. Oh, we say we believe that He is risen but the way we live out our lives suggests that He is still in the grave. The cross is meaningful to us, for it brought us forgiveness and opened the way to salvation and fellowship with God. But to experience all that the cross means, we must know the Risen Lord. Our faith is not in something that happened two thousand years ago at Calvary, rather it's what happens in our lives NOW. The risen Christ is alive. The strongest proof of the Christian faith is the individual person who is a witness that Christ is alive in them. How do I know my Redeemer lives? He lives in me! Jesus is not in the grave. He is ALIVE and He wants to be alive in your life.

Keith

OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....

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

° Marvin Yow in the death of his sister, Lena Barber, on March 16;

° Sue Darby in the death of her brother, Bill Bowles, on March 19.

"The family of Allen H. Mock, Sr. sincerely appreciated your many kindnesses during Dad's lengthy illness and passing. May God's blessings be with each one of you."

"I would like to thank everyone for the calls, get well cards, and concern during my recent illness. Thank you so much. John Beck"

TRUSTEES FINALIZE CHURCH USAGE GUIDELINES

Our Trustees have finalized a document that lays out our church's policy guidelines for use of our facilities. Copies of the guidelines are available in the church office. Anyone who wishes to use church facilities (members and non-members) for their event should first request a "Request to Use/ Reserve Facilities" form. Fill it out and turn it in to the church office. With that information, we will check the availability of the facilities and let the requestor know. Church members may use facilities at no charge with the option of using our custodian for clean-up. Additional fees are required for non-members. A separate wedding policy with different guidelines is also in the process of being finalized.

SHARING IN MINISTRY

GREETERS AND USHERS (8:30 AM SERVICE)

April 6 Ben and Sandra Dorr
April 13 Ken and Giszelle Jones
April 20 Tim and Julie Rains
April 27 Kyle and Lori Gee

WHO COMMITTEE

April 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

April WHY Committee

Chairs: Wayne Hall and Dean Norman

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



Children's Church Schedule 8:30 am Worship Service

Apr. 6 Jenny and Will Davis
Apr. 13 Stephanie and Kevin Salus
Apr. 20 Alex and Mariedith Appanaitis
Apr. 27 Jeff and Sarah Watkins

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

Apr. 6 Kim and Neal Roberts
Apr. 13 Angie and Daniel Choplin
Apr. 20 Kim Roberts and Kasey Edwards
Apr. 27 Marci and Jason Harvey

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

Apr. 6 Silesia and Elissa Clark
Apr. 13 Ellen and Lee Ellen Farmer
Apr. 20 Shelly and Jeff Ferner
Apr. 27 Angie Pantazopoulos and Julie Owens

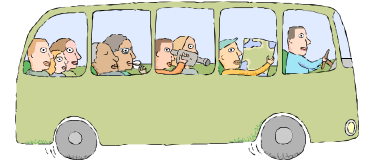


Join us for our first Family Movie Night of the year on Friday, May 9th, at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.

The movie is free, so come and enjoy it as we begin "Christian Home Month" in fellowship together. The night's feature is the movie "Finding Nemo." Popcorn and drinks will be provided for donations only.

On Wednesday, April 16, the Echoes will be going to Chinqua Penn Plantation. Following our tour, we'll have a box lunch in the picnic shelter. After lunch, we're going to John and Peggy Burton's, where we will see their antique museum. Cost is \$32.

Deadline to sign up: April 8th. Call Nan Johnson, 945-9391, to sign up.



Be on the lookout for more ways to support the Costa Rica Mission Team!

Our team currently has about \$4500 left to raise in order to make the trip possible. Our next fundraiser will take place in April. We will be selling shares of "stock" in our trip following both services on April 13, April 20, and April 27. Shares will be priced at \$20, and individuals or families may purchase as many as they would like. The idea is to give shareholders a sense of ownership in this trip, because it would not be possible without the generous support of the church. In addition, all shareholders will be invited to a special dinner after we return from Costa Rica. This dinner will give us the chance to share our experiences and to thank everyone who supported the trip.

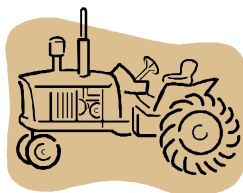
OPEN ARMS SERVICE PROJECT

The Fifth Grade Sunday School Class is collecting washcloth/hand towel sets and full-size name brand shampoo/conditioner combos for hygiene kits. We also accept money donations. Leave donations in the blue crate in the 5th Grade Sunday School Room. Questions? Please contact Colleen Yarnell, 946-0440.



The Costa Rica Mission Team will also be putting on a Touch-a-Truck fundraiser on Saturday, May 17,

from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This event will give children the chance to see, touch, climb on, and get their picture taken with all different types of unusual vehicles. If you or someone you know might be willing to provide a vehicle (tractor, classic car, big truck – anything a kid would think is cool!), please contact Jesse at 945-3203 or jessearnett@windstream.net.



SUNDAY, APRIL 20

CELEBRATING THE YOUNG CHILD

You are invited to join us on Sunday, April 20, as the church celebrates the Month of the Young Child, which is a national observance honoring children, and also honors the School Care and Pre-school 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.



GROWTH IN 2008



Before and After School Care pre-registration for the church and also those currently enrolled in the program will be April 7-11.

Registration fee: \$50. Forms located in Asbury Hall. We currently serve Lewisville Elementary, Southwest Elementary, Meadowlark Elementary and Middle Schools. Questions? Contact Kim Jackson at the church (945-3203) between 2 and 6 pm.

Thus far in 2008, Lewisville UMC has seen significant growth. Worship attendance is up 18% and Sunday School is up 16%. We had a record worship attendance for any Sunday of 489 on Easter Sunday. Also this year, the New Beginning Service set their record attendance of 189 last February 17. We give God thanks for all His many blessings.

As new persons continue to visit us each Sunday, please take time and say "hello." Best introduction is to say, "Hi, my name is _____. I don't think we've met. What's your name?" This introduction works well also with persons who are already members and you may not have met yet, as well as with new guests.

Along with our growth also comes increased financial costs. So far this year our expenses have been greater than our income. You are encouraged to remember the ministry of our church in your financial giving.

LAST CHANCE TO HELP!

LUMC exam survival care packages are being assembled to mail near the end 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 listed below:

Ramen chicken noodles
snack food
hard candy

Gum
Pop Tarts
Crystal Light

Post-It Notes
breakfast bars



Deadline for donations is April 6th!

Looking for a Sunday School class? The Education Committee is interested in sponsoring a new class for those of you who haven't found a Sunday School home. We would like to start in April, so let us know of your interest as soon as possible. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office, 945-3203.

Yes, I'm interested in a new Sunday School class.

Name _____ Phone number _____

E-mail _____



We appreciate the following people sharing Easter lilies with us:

In honor of Madelyn, Olivia, and Evan Morris (nieces and nephew) by Julie Morris;
In honor of our daughters, Jessica and Emily Smith by Margy and Ed Smith;
In honor of our wonderful youth and our future with them by Margy and Ed Smith;
In memory of Ronald Beatty by Lois and children;
In loving memory of Dorothy Lowder Reynolds and Herbert Reynolds by the Jon Reynolds Family;
In honor of Patsy Reynolds by the Jon Reynolds Family;
In memory of Bill and Betty Hewett, Tanya's father and mother, by David and Tanya Kivett, Casey and Grayson;
In honor of Dohn and Regina Kivett by David and Tanya Kivett, Casey and Grayson;
In honor of our families by Paul, Crystal, and Alli Spicer;
In honor of the church and preschool staff by Paul, Crystal, and Alli Spicer;
In honor of Abby Brown by Crystal Spicer;
In memory of Rev. Warren Norman and Myrtle Sanders Pigg by Dean, Debbie, and Mae Norman;
In honor of Stella R. Norman and Charlie C. Pigg, Jr. by Dean, Debbie, and Mae Norman;
In honor of Ed and Margy Smith by Jessica and Emily;
In memory of Aaron G. Tise, Jr. by his wife, Tanya, and his son, Mike;
In memory of Allen H. Mock, Sr. (daddy and grandpap) by his daughter, Tanya, and his grandson, Mike;
In honor of Josephine Mock (mama and grandma) by her daughter, Tanya, and her grandson, Mike;
In memory of Allen Harper Mock, Sr. by Josephine Y. Mock;
In memory of Gerome Tise, Jr. by Josephine Y. Mock;
In memory of Allen Harper Mock, Sr. by Sandra and Ronnie Spach;
In memory of Gerome Tise, Jr. by Sandra and Ronnie Spach;
Lilies have been given by A. J., Sharon, Michael and Shana Peck;
In memory of Louise Melton and Dean and Kitty Bassett by Randy, Jo Beth, Trent, and Cam Melton;
In honor of Charles Melton by Randy, Jo Beth, Trent, and Cam Melton;
In honor of Leon and Salinda Monroe and Bill and Virginia Allen by Mitch and Terri Monroe;
In memory of Joe and Virginia Green by Becky and Keith Bingham;
In honor of E. A. and Jean Bingham and in memory of Phyllis Bingham by Becky and Keith Bingham;
In honor of Jennifer and Greg and Kara by Becky and Keith;
In memory of our fathers, Robert Gross and Eugene Conner, by Gary, Cheryl, Ginelle, Danielle, and Nathan Gross;
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Luper and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Conrad by Ben and Billie Crawford;
In honor of Floyd and Polly Brewer Craft by their children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter, Taylor;
In memory of Mattie Craft Lasley by her nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews;
In memory of Henry and Dora Mock Craft by their children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter;
In memory of my brother Oscar and his wife Sarah by Herman and Una White;
In honor of our parents and grandparents, Jan and Richard Permenter and Doug and Betty Melvin, by Kristin, Eric, Joshua, and Jason Melvin;
In memory of Richard, Clara, and Joanie Moser by Clay and Terri Moser Vogler;
In honor of Lucas and Lily Vogler by Clay and Terri Moser Vogler;
In memory of Albert Kirkman by Celeste Kirkman;
In memory of Howard Nichols by Helen Nichols and family;
In memory of William Robbins by Roger and Brenda Hockaday;
In loving memory of Frank and Ruth Kelly by John and Debby Trivett;
In loving memory of Jim Kelly by John and Debby Trivett;
In honor of the Chancel Choir by John Trivett;
In loving memory of Tom and Nell Trivette by their family;
In honor of Kathryn Hayes by Michael, June, Jordan, Jackson, Emma Ruth, and Ava June Hayes;
In honor of Raymond and Dorcas Craft by Michael, June, Jordan, Jackson, Emma Ruth, and Ava June Hayes;
In honor of Mike and Toni Jones by Michael, June, Jordan, Jackson, Emma Ruth, and Ava June Hayes;
In honor of Jordan Hayes and Jared DeJong by Michael, June, Jackson, Emma Ruth, and Ava June Hayes.