

# The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

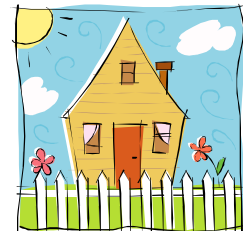
May 2, 2007

## MAY: CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH

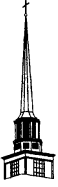
May is Christian Home Month in the United Methodist Church. Several activities are planned to help celebrate the Christian family.

- **Wednesday, May 2, 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.** Enjoy a family night meal prepared by the Evangelism Committee. The menu is baked ham, green beans, boiled potatoes, slaw, desserts, coffee, and tea. Cost: donations only!
- **Friday, May 4, 7:30 pm:** Family Movie Night in the fellowship hall. Free showing of the movie “Cars.” Yes, of course popcorn and drinks will be available.
- **Sunday, May 6:** The theme for this Sunday will be “Honoring Each Other.” We will also have a special “Dedication of Families” on this Sunday.
- **Sunday, May 13:** Mothers will be honored in special ways as it is Mother’s Day. (Children’s Choir will sing at the 8:30 am Worship Service.)
- **Beginning the evening of May 13th and continuing through Saturday, May 19th,** LUMC will observe “No Meetings Week.” Families are encouraged to plan activities together.
- **Sunday, May 20: Our theme is “Nurturing One Another.”** We will celebrate Holy Communion that day as our church family around the Lord’s Table.
- **Sunday, May 27, is a special day for our Confirmands.** They will be recognized at both services and will join at the 11:00 am Worship Service with a reception to follow in the west end lobby. **This day is also Pentecost.** Join us as we celebrate in a grand way this day.

**We hope this will be an exciting May for LUMC  
as we focus on “The Christian Home.”**



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*Kim Jackson*  
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*Marcia Sexton*  
Secretary  
*Toni Jones*

**Gift for the month of May for Crisis Control:  
Peanut Butter**

**LCAP gift for the month of May :  
Trash Bags (all sizes)**



**Tuesday, May 8th, is the dead-  
line for news to be submitted  
for the May 16th issue of The  
Steeple.**

# One group news & events

**Sunday, May 6:** Soulstice concert at Mount Tabor UMC! Soulstice is a great Christian band from Charleston, SC. Check out their myspace page and listen to some of their songs at [www.soulsticeband.net](http://www.soulsticeband.net). **We will meet at the church at 6:15 pm. Please be on time as we will be leaving promptly at 6:30.** We will be back at LUMC around 8:30 pm. The concert is free. It should be a great time, so come on out!



**Tuesday, May 8:** Come to Release, an evening of fun, games, and friends just for junior high students! Bring all your friends, especially friends who don't already come to church. This is a great way to introduce them to what youth is all about! Release is from 6:45-8:00 pm in the youth room. All junior high students are welcome!

**Wednesday, May 9:** Synago Senior High Bible Study. All senior high students are welcome to this student-led study from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Discovery classroom on the second floor of the church.

**Sunday, May 13:** No UMYF due to Mother's Day and No Meetings Week. Make sure to tell your mom how much you love her!

**Wednesday, May 16:** Synago, 7:00-8:15 pm in the Discovery classroom.

**Sunday, May 20:** Regular youth schedule  
4:45-6:15 pm Junior and Senior High Youth  
6:15-6:35 pm Dinner

**Tuesday, May 22:** Release, 6:45-8:00 pm in the youth room. This will be the last Release until fall, so don't miss it!

**Wednesday, May 23:** Synago, 7:00-8:15 pm in the Discovery classroom. This is the last Synago of the school year!

**Sunday, May 27:** No UMYF due to Memorial Day.

**Make sure to check out the youth library in the Senior High Sunday school room!** There is a whole shelf full of Christian books just for youth! They can be checked out at any time – just make sure to sign them out on the signout sheet. Also, if you have any Christian books that you would like to give to be added to this collection, let Jesse know. Please take advantage of this opportunity to grow your faith!

# UMW NEWS

## UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- ° **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will not meet this month.
- ° **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, May 14, at 10 am in the parlor. Jesse Arnett is in charge of the program. Please bring small packs of Kleenex for our school project.
- ° **UMW Circle 1** will not meet this month.

## **UMW BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Tuesday, June 19th  
10 am in the parlor**

*A Song to Sing, A Life to Live*  
by Don Saliers and Emily Saliers

“Bridging two generations, this rich exploration of music interweaves the authors’ own stories with those of others to reflect on music as a key aspect of spirituality in our lives.”



Copies available from Harriet Binkley and from the public library.

**What a wonderful evening!** The Circle of Concern would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2007 Festival of Friends a roaring success! We should have our fundraising totals soon and will be able to let everyone know how much money was raised for Missions and the Building Fund.

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

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

- ° the family of Voyle “Tunk” Conrad: his wife, Ruth; his children, Kaye Patterson, Ken Conrad, and Jim Conrad; his grandsons, Rich and Conrad Patterson; and his sister, Billie Crawford. Mr. Conrad passed away on April 17.
- ° Paige Ballus in the death of her grandmother, Sadie Eckard, on April 25th.

### IN MEMORIAM

Voyle “Tunk” Conrad

April 27, 1917      April 17, 2007



**Congratulations to Doug and Amie Beatty** on the birth of a son, **Wade Clayton Beatty**, on April 18. Lois Beatty is the proud grandmother.



**LADIES’ NIGHT OUT!!!**  
(aka SNACK, CRAFT, & YAK)  
**Tuesday, May 29th**  
**7:30 pm in Asbury Hall**

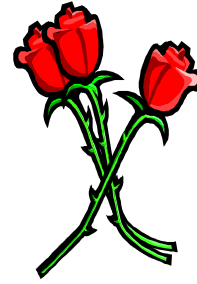
Need a night out? Here’s your chance to get together with your friends (or make new ones) and have a night of fun and fellowship.

Please call Margaret Williams, 945-7860, if you’d be willing to bring a snack.

# 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

April 22 Sunday School: 189  
Worship: 338  
April 29 Sunday School: 175  
Worship: 263

### Promises to Keep: Gifts

April 22	General Budget	\$ 7,981.48
	Hunger Fund	\$ 7.00
	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 364.00
	Flood Buckets	\$ 50.00
April 29	General Budget	\$ 5,567.70
	Hunger Fund	\$ 6.00
	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 300.00



## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **Voyle "Tunk" Conrad** by the Circle of Concern, Millie and Herman Orrell, Terri and Clay Vogler, Art and Linda Lyon, Polly and Floyd Craft, Ruth Hartle, Bo and Beth Houff, Lorraine Kirk, and Raymond and Dorcas Craft;

In honor of **the church staff** by Helen Nichols;

In honor of **Mary Lee's 100th birthday** by Lorraine Kirk;

### Building Fund Gifts:

In honor of **Nell Trivette, Nell Conrad, Irene Conrad, and Mabel Tuttle** by Lizzie Mock;

In memory of **Voyle "Tunk" Conrad** by Janet Mathis, Mike and Toni Jones, Harriet and Gilmer Binkley, The Earle Family, Wayne and Betty Hall, John and Maxine Hamilton, Jim and Martha Hampton, The Partners and Staff of Haynes Strand and Company PLLC, Faye Johnson, Ric and Carol Lunsford, Beryl Moser, Lizzie Mock, The Wesleyan Sunday School Class, Betty and Dick Patterson, Robert and Shirley Perkins, Ken and Peggy Scales, Edith Smith, and VFW Post 9010 of Clemmons;

In honor of **Connie and Charles Turner** by Millie and Herman Orrell;

In memory of **Rose Daniels**, Janet Sizemore's mother, by Lizzie Mock.

## 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.

**See if you can discover the common thread that runs through the series of quotations I have shared with you today:**

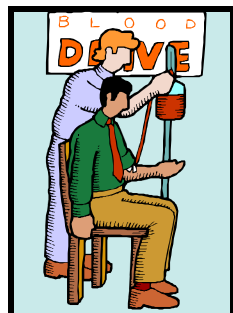
1. In 1876 a Western Union memo said, “The telephone has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us!”
2. In 1899 Charles H. Duell, who was at the time the Commissioner of the U. S. Patents Office said, Everything that can be invented has already been invented!”
3. In 1927 H. M. Warner of Warner Brothers asked the question, “Who in the world wants to hear actors speak?!”
4. In the latter part of 1943, the Chairman of IBM announced that “There could not possibly be more than five people in the world who would want to own a computer!”
5. Finally, in 1962 Decca Recording Company explained their decision to reject a new music group from England, the Beatles, by saying, “We don’t like ‘their sound,’ and besides, guitar music is on the way out!”

The common thread in all these sayings is the danger of a closed mind. We need to be open to new truth, as well as open to courageous persons who can take a risk and do something new and different. RISK really makes life exciting! God forbid we live out our lives in the prison of closed minds, afraid to take a risk, to dive in, to try to put fear away and step out without procrastinating.

I was reading an announcement that said “National Procrastination Week will be held in April, or May, or maybe June—perhaps in July!” We all procrastinate from time to time, but establish a new habit pattern and follow through to the conclusion in your endeavors.

See you at worship. Yes, it is on Sunday!! Join us for the specially planned “Post Easter Happening Place Celebrations!”

Grace and peace,  
*Charles*



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Lewisville UMC**  
**Saturday, May 12**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Please sign up at church or contact Jackie Harrell at 945-5054 to schedule an appointment.



**Join us for our first-ever Family Movie Night on Friday, May 4th, at 7:30 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 “Cars.” Popcorn and drinks will be provided for donations only.





## ATTENTION, GRADS!

**GRADUATION SUNDAY** is **June 3rd** for high school and college graduates and will be celebrated during the 8:30 am and 11 am worship services.

There will also be a special breakfast for graduates during the Sunday School hour.

LUMC needs your help in gathering names for the graduate list. **Please do not assume that we have your child's name.** If you would like your son's or daughter's name (or your name if you are an adult graduate) to be included in the graduate list, please call (945-3203), drop by, or mail your information to us. This way, we will be sure to have a complete graduate list.

Thanks for your help!

## YARD SALE UPDATE

Special thanks to all who worked, donated, and contributed in any way to the Youth Spring Yard Sale. We made approximately \$800, thanks to all your help.

A big thank you also goes to the Methodist Men for the ham biscuits and coffee!

**THANKS!** The Girl Scout troops of LUMC would like to thank Mike and Julie Collins for their generous gift to enhance the scouting programs at our church. We really appreciate their gift.

## POST EASTER OPPORTUNITIES

### MAY: CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH

- : May 4: Family Movie Night at 7:30 pm. Feature movie is "Cars."
- : May 6: Christian Home: "Honoring Each Other"
- : May 13: Christian Home: Mother's Day Celebration (Children's Choir and Cherub Choir sing at 8:30 am Worship Service)
- : May 20: Christian Home: "Nurturing One Another"
- : May 27: Christian Home: Reception of Confirmands into the Church Family



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

- May 6 Crystal Spicer and June Hayes
- May 13 Kevin and Stephanie Salus
- May 20 Angie and Dan Choplin
- May 27 Rod and Debbie Ruperto

**Please note:** Materials for Children's Church will be in the classroom for you to check out ahead of time as resources for Sunday morning activities. If unavailable to teach, please be responsible for finding your own substitute.



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

- May 6 Suzanne Farlow and Hannah Houff
- May 13 Sherry and Cecilia Armstrong
- May 20 William Farlow and Samuel Houff
- May 27 Allison Grindstaff and Kasey Edwards

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

- May 6 Rick and Judie Leach
- May 13 Shelly and Jeff Ferner
- May 20 Rod and Debbie Ruperto
- May 27 Ellen and Lee Ellen Farmer

## FROM THE STAFF-PARISH COMMITTEE.....

On Sunday, April 23rd, we announced at both services that our Pastor Charles Turner would be retiring on June 30th. As a result, our new minister will be Rev. Keith W. Bingham, who will be coming to us from Memorial United Methodist Church in Charlotte. He is 56 years old, a native of Charlotte, and has been ordained since 1977. He and his wife Becky have been married since 1975 and have two daughters. Jennifer is a graduate of Loyola University New Orleans School of Law and Kara is a senior at High Point University majoring in Interior Design.

The family will move into the parsonage on June 26th and Keith's first Sunday in the church will be July 1st.

The congregation will be given an opportunity to say their farewells to Charles and Connie and to welcome Keith and Becky. Watch for further information.

Bob Stebbins, Chairman



### **“AROUND THE WORLD IN MISSION” “Changing the World Two by Two”**

**June 25-28**

Vacation Bible School at LUMC will be an exploration into building our faith through singing, crafts, mission projects, and much more. Children will come to understand being a Christian calls them to be doers of the word.

This year the children will learn about Heifer International. This will lead our physical mission focus as Heifer Int. works with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. Since 1944, Heifer has helped more than 7 million families in more than 125 countries. We are excited to teach the children about God's work through Heifer.

“Around the World in Mission” will be held at LUMC June 25-28 from 9:00 am until 12 noon.

As this VBS is very “hands-on,” we need all the extra hands we can get! So, please sign up as a volunteer now for as many days as you can. If you are interested in helping in one of the following ways, please call Margy Smith at 945-2710 or Marci Harvey at 766-7476, or drop this form in the offering plate.

I am willing to help with Vacation Bible School in the following ways:

\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Assistant Teacher

\_\_\_\_ Recreation

\_\_\_\_ Music

\_\_\_\_ Arts/Crafts

\_\_\_\_ Refreshments

\_\_\_\_ I will help where needed.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Days you are available: M T W Th

WALTER HENRY  
EDUCATION COMPLEX

Barrio Los Pinos Sur Santa Cruz – Bolivia Project 12320A  
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Santa Cruz, March 2, 2007

Lewisville United Methodist Church  
Lewisville, NC

Dear Friends,

Through this letter we would like to send you our warmest regards and thank you for your continuing support of our education community for boys and girls in Santa Cruz. May the Lord bless all the members of your church.

Your participation is very valuable for us. It is a blessing for us to have friends and brothers like you. We are very thankful for your December 2006 gift for \$2,500 which is being used to help our program in benefit of the boys and girls of Barrio Los Pinos' neighborhood.

News from the Complex:

At the Walter Henry Education Complex we have for 2007, students from kindergarten to fourth Senior Class Secondary, with 280 students and 25 boys and girls at our nursery for children between 6 months and 6 years. With your help and that of other Methodist churches we can provide education to more children of low-income families and improve our infrastructure.

This year, God willing, we would have the graduation of our 2007 Class on November 23. Our complex has been adding one course per year, which incurs in more expenses.

Vision for the future:

To maintain our student population growth is a major challenge. We need more classrooms, furniture and in March 2007 we will sign the contract to buy a new tract of land next to the Complex which will allow us to have more space and continue with our educational, pastoral and social project.

Once again thank you for your cooperation and we hope to be able to continue to work together for the benefit of our boys and girls.

Sincerely,  
Moisas Herbas  
Director, Walter Henry Complex

(Special thanks to Domingo Isasi and Que Pasa news staff for translating this letter from Bolivian.)

## FAMILY ACTIVITY IDEAS



- Cook dinner together as a family.
- Have a family and/or friend game night.
- Take a day trip with your family and/or close friends.
- Do a puzzle together.
- Write to friends who have moved away.
- Go to Joanie Moser Park or Town Square.
- Volunteer to help a friend or organization.
- Pray for the “global family” every night in May.
- Enjoy family dinner time together at least once a week.
- Plant a garden together.
- Take a walk and pick wildflowers.
- Get up early to watch the sunrise.
- Make a campfire and cook and sing the evening away.
- Have family time. Ask each person to share a quality or something they like about each person in the room.
- Have “read-a-book” night.
- Gather old toys and books that are in good condition and donate them to a day care center or other needy children’s organization.
- Have a yard sale and donate the money to your favorite charity.
- Bake cookies for a friend.
- Pray together.
- Make a family worship center.
- Have a night when you read Jesus’ parables.
- Adopt a grandparent. Ask an older adult in our congregation to serve as your child’s surrogate grandparent. It’s a great way to form a new relationship!
- Fly a kite.



### “MAKING LUMC FAMILY FRIENDLY”

1. Be sensitive to a variety of family and household models. Not everyone is married, not everyone has children. Single adults and couples without children are family units, too.
2. You are encouraged to see yourself as part of a congregational family as well as your specific family.
3. Watch the language you use about families, such as “traditional,” “dysfunctional,” or “perfect.” A functional family is one that is happy, loving, and nurturing.
4. Foster attitudes that encourage all types of families to see themselves as whole, viable, and loved by God.
5. Families are encouraged to enhance their quality time together with regular Bible study, devotions, or informal talks about faith and life.

### **SCRIPTURE FOR CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH**

Mark 10:42-45

Galatians 6:2,10

I Timothy 5:8