

# The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

May 7, 2008

## FAMILY ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH

- 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.





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**DATED MATERIAL**

## Ministry and Staff of the Church

Resident Bishop  
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*Every Member of the Church*  
District Superintendent  
*J. Hurley Thomas, III*  
Pastor  
*Keith Bingham*  
Director of Christian Education  
*June Hayes*  
Music Director  
*Debby Trivett*  
Youth Director  
*Jesse Arnett*  
Missionary to Cambodia  
*Esther Gitobu*  
Chairperson of Administrative Board  
*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 May for Crisis Control:  
peanut butter**

**LCAP gift for the month of May:  
juice boxes**



**Tuesday, May 13th, is the  
deadline for news to be sub-  
mitted for the May 21st issue  
of The Steeple.**

# One group news & events

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

**Sunday, May 18:** Regular UMYF

**Sunday, May 25:** No UMYF – Memorial Day

**Sunday, June 1:** Regular UMYF

**Sunday, June 8:** End of Year Cookout

**A big thank you to all the youth who participated in the Youth Sunday services!** You all did a wonderful job in creating two great worship services. Thank you again for offering your time, your talent, your gifts, and your service for the benefit of the entire church!

**Synago and Release are going on!** Don't miss our Wednesday night youth programs. 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 week-night fellowship evening for junior high students. Here are the upcoming dates for both:

April 30

May 7

May 21

May 28 – Last Synago and Release of the school year!

## **Important Summer Dates:**

**June 23-26:** Vacation Bible School. Make plans to help out during VBS – it will be fun and your help is much needed and much appreciated.

**June 29-July 5:** Carolina Cross Connection

**July 13-17:** Youth trip to Lake Junaluska

**July 26-August 1:** Mission trip to Costa Rica

**We have several items of clothing that were lost on the youth ski trips.** Come by the youth room to claim these if they are yours!

# UMW NEWS

## UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, May 12, at 10 am in the parlor. Mary Kay Brown will present the program. Please bring toothpaste for our school project.
- **UMW Circle 1** will not meet in May since their meeting would fall in "No Meetings Week."
- **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will not meet this month due to "No Meetings Week."



## **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.



Lewisville United Methodist Men would like to thank all who participated in any way in their charity golf tournament. We were able to donate \$2,781.82 to the "Caring for Kara" Fund.

## **MISSIONARY UPDATE**

Our missionary has returned home and we have agreed to support Esther Gitobu, missionary to Cambodia. There is great need in that country for the message of love through Jesus Christ.

She can be contacted at this address:

c/o United Methodist Mission  
No. 74, St. 606 Sangkat Boeng Kak II  
Phnom Penh 3, Cambodia

Her e-mail address is:

[nickesta@yahoo.com](mailto:nickesta@yahoo.com)

**THANKS for the donations for the youth yard sale.** We cleared approximately \$900.00. Special thanks to the Methodist Men who provided the coffee and delicious biscuits.



## **ATTENTION, GRADS!**

**Graduation Sunday is June 1 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.

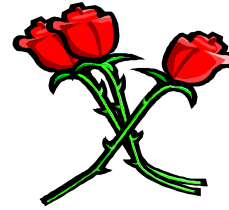
LUMC needs your help in gathering names for the graduate list. **Please do not assume that we have your child's name.** If you would like your son's or daughter's name (or your name if you are an adult graduate) to be included in the graduate list, please call (945-3203), drop by, or mail your information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

**Teresa Edwards is also putting together a PowerPoint presentation for the 8:30 am service. Please send a picture(s) of your senior to [tsedwards@yadtel.net](mailto:tsedwards@yadtel.net) or mail them to her at 5249 Old Hwy. 421, East Bend, NC 27018.**

# 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

Apr. 20	Sunday School: 202
	Worship: 319
Apr. 27	Sunday School: 205
	Worship: 337
May 4	Sunday School: 198
	Worship: 301

### Promises to Keep: Gifts

Apr. 20	General Budget	\$ 9,968.50
	Hunger Fund	\$ 6.00
	Parsonage Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Apr. 27	General Budget	\$ 6,830.29
	Hunger Fund	\$ 13.00
	Parsonage Fund	\$ 128.00
May 4	General Budget	\$12,711.37
	Hunger Fund	\$ 9.00
	Missions	\$ 50.00
	Parsonage Fund	\$ 1,250.00
	Van Fund	\$ 30.00
	Children's Home	\$ 69.41

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **Nell Trivette** by Eleanor Thompson and Ruth Conrad;  
In memory of **Lena Barber**, Marvin Yow's sister, by Floyd and Polly Craft;  
In memory of **Voyle ("Tunk") Conrad** by Millie and Herman Orrell;  
In honor of **Bo Houff** by Millie and Herman Orrell;

### Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Bill Bowles**, Sue Darby's brother, by David and Brenda Shanks, Jimmie and Phyllis Moore, and Al and Helen Boyd;  
In memory of **Patty Earle's mother** by Richard, Kaye, Rich and Conrad Patterson;  
In memory of **Nell Trivette** by Al and Helen Boyd and Tom and Margaret Lee;

### Bus/Van Fund Gift:

In memory of **Ruby McDonald** by Nan and Buck Johnson;

A gift has been given to LUMC in memory of **Glenn Philip Moser** by Wanda Moser.



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

".. .but they gave themselves first to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5). Because the Macedonian Christians had first given themselves to the Lord, they were able to give of their means cheerfully. Love gives and rejoices in the privilege. Love's only regret is that it cannot give more.

## 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.



As we approach Mother's Day, I would like to honor the mothers in my life. First is my own mother, Phyllis Cook Bingham. Mother died in 1995, but her life and memory remains. My mother was one of God's faithful servants to her family, church and community. As mother of four boys and a girl, she put her heart into caring and raising her family. She and my father, E.A. Bingham, were always active in our home church, St. James UMC Church in Charlotte. Later, after we kids were grown, mother went to work at St. James as their Educational Assistant. Her favorite Scripture passage was I Corinthians 13, Paul's great "love chapter." I read this at her Memorial Service. It was hard to do, but I wanted to honor her and her lifelong commitment to Christ's love. And

she did love and care for so many. So much in my life I can attribute to my mother's love and teachings. But more than anything else, she helped provide for me the spiritual foundation from which I have built a life of faith and love for God and His Son, Jesus Christ. I serve Christ today because I have seen an example in my mother of what a servant of God is. At her memorial service, Rev. Gene Richardson read from Proverbs 31, "Her lamp does not go out at night. Strength and dignity are her clothing...she looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praises her. Many women have done excellently but you surpass them all...a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." That sums up my mother, for whom I thank God.

My second mother was my mother-in-law, Virginia Green. Becky's mother died in 1997. She understood as much as anyone I've known that the Christian faith is about a relationship with God. This relationship was nurtured as she faithfully started each day with devotional reading and the study of God's Word. I also learned from her sense of history and the value of heritage. She shared these roots through stories shared with us, especially her granddaughters. Virginia made new friends wherever she went and was an avid letter writer, keeping up with those she loved.

My third mother came into my life after my mother died and my father remarried to another committed Christian woman, Jean. They now live in Statesville and are active in their church there.

What a blessing to have all these women in my life, whose life and commitment to Christ is such an inspiration. I am indeed fortunate. Join me in honoring all our mothers this Mother's Day.

Keith

## TESTIMONY ON JOINING LEWISVILLE CHURCH

"The people of LUMC have always made me feel welcome in Sunday School, Church, Bible Study, Circle Meetings and on day trips. When asked about joining the church, I replied I was already a member of a church and didn't think it made any difference to God which Church I attended.

I talked with Pastor Keith on several occasions and then I made the decision to transfer my membership. The Sunday I did, many people were surprised to find that I was not already a member. Most of all, it did make a difference! I came out of church just feeling different inside. It gave me an inward feeling of well being and peace. It does make a difference."

Kay Schlagel

## ASSISTANT TREASURER NEEDED

The Leadership Development Committee of Lewisville UMC is looking for an Assistant Treasurer for our church. This person will train with our current Treasurer, Bill Smith, in 2008, and look to take over the position in 2009. Strong bookkeeping and computer skills with financial software and Excel are needed. Person will need to learn how to use our church's PowerChurch financial software. Also, a knowledge of payroll skills (W-2's, quarterly tax reports) is needed. Time commitment varies with the week, with some around 3 hours and others (end of month) about 6 hours. End and start of year requires more. We are asking for a minimum two-year commitment for this volunteer position.

This is a great opportunity to use your special skills to serve God and His Church. **Persons willing to consider this should contact Pastor Keith.**



The Costa Rica Mission Team would like to thank everybody who participated in the mission trip stock fundraiser. We raised \$1604 over three weeks of selling

shares! That is wonderful! We hope that everyone who bought stock truly feels a part of this effort, because you are – you are making this trip possible. If you would still like to buy shares in the trip, let Jesse know. Although we won't be selling them after church, they are still available for purchase! And please continue to keep our team in your prayers. We still need to raise about \$2500 to fully fund our trip, but beyond that, we hope to be prepared to be messengers of the gospel to the people of Costa Rica. Thank you again for all your support!

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 take place rain or shine in the church parking lot, and it will give children the chance to see, touch, climb on, and get their picture taken with all different types of unusual vehicles. Come see a crane, a fire truck, an ambulance, tractors, 18-wheelers, and more! There will also be concessions and face painting available. Admission is just \$3 for children and free for parents, so mark your calendars now for this fun-filled day.



## EAGLE PROJECT FUNDING



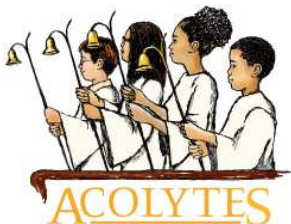
Jared Brogdon is the son of Larry and Mary Brogdon and grew up here at Lewisville UMC. He is also a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 719; Scoutmaster, George Stilphen.

For his **Eagle** rank project, he plans to build a basketball court near the playground at Lewisville Church. Our UM Men's group has agreed to work with him on the project. He has the approval from the Trustees, Administrative Board and the Piedmont District Eagle Board. The basketball court will be a concrete court with retaining walls on three sides. A permanent pole complete with backboard and rim will be installed. Work will begin this spring and be completed by this summer. He will use expertise and labor from Troop 719 members, our Methodist Men, and other volunteers.

Jared is seeking help with the **funding** for the project, which will be about \$1,200. This project will benefit our church, especially the youth, and we encourage your support for this effort.

**You may make donations to "Lewisville UMC" and mark it CLEARLY "Jared Brogdon's Eagle Project."** We will, in turn, get the funds to Jared. Thanks for your support.

**Attention, Acolytes:** There will be an acolyte practice on Sunday, May 18, from 4-5 pm. Please bring your acolyte books and any dates you can not acolyte for the months of June, July, and August. It is important that you be at this practice. Questions? Please contact Rita Smith at 406-3236 or Angie Pantazopoulos at 766-8286.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....



**Baptism:** The Sacrament of Christian Baptism was administered to **Hope Caroline Daniel** on April 13, 2008. Hope is the daughter of Brad and Marcy Daniel and was born on July 10, 2007. They also have a son, Walker.

*“Ron and I would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and other expressions of sympathy and love at the loss of my brother, Bill.  
Love, Sue Darby”*

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

° Crissy D. Strickland and Brian Denning in the death of their father, Bob Denning, on April 24;

° Wanda Rouse in the death of her sister, Catherine Gilbert, on April 28.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Robert (Bob) Denning**

**August 22, 1943    April 24, 2008**

## MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

On Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, United Methodist Churches throughout six districts in the Western North Carolina Conference are asked to support the Mother's Day Offering which supports the Financial Assistance Ministry at Arbor Acres United Methodist Retirement Community. The Mother's Day Offering is only used for the monthly fee of a deserving/needy resident. Last year 32 financially needy residents received assistance to cover costs. Many have just outlived their income and assets. We are most grateful for every gift that is sent to this worthy cause.

## LCAP NEWS

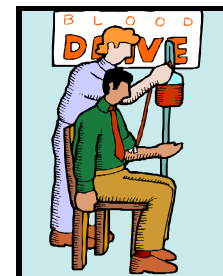
Thanks to everyone who helped with the Rodriguez Family. We collected quite a bit of money and were able to get their car towed and fixed. We purchased new clothing and shoes for the family and also paid off some bills for them. They were very appreciative of everyone's help.

I am very grateful to be part of such a giving congregation like we have here at Lewisville Methodist Church. Thanks for helping out our community.

Lori Gee  
LCAP Representative

**Lewisville Community Churches Blood Drive**  
**Lewisville Baptist Church**  
**Saturday, May 10**  
**9 am—2 pm**

Please call Jackie Harrell, 945-5054,  
to schedule an appointment.

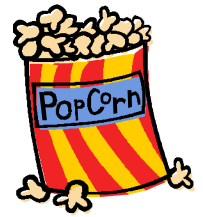


**NEW CHURCH BROCHURE AVAILABLE**

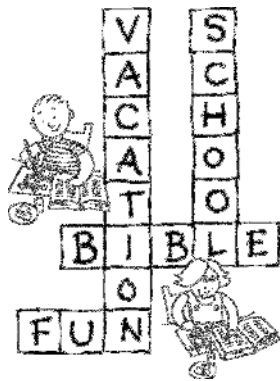
Lewisville UMC has published a new church brochure that is now available around the church. These can be given out to friends, new neighbors and those seeking information about our church.

**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.



**SERVING IN MILITARY?** Lewisville Church wants to know of those in your family (immediate or extended) or close friends who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Call the church office and let us know.



**GOD'S BIG BACKYARD**

**Where kids have a blast serving Jesus!**

**June 23-26, 2008**

**9:00 am—12:00 pm**

This year at Vacation Bible School we will learn to serve family, serve friends, serve community, and serve Jesus. Our children will learn the challenges and joys of working together to serve others. Our mission emphasis will be The Children's Home. The children will be provided many opportunities to perform mission work for The Children's Home as well as in other areas.

In order to have a successful VBS we need many volunteers! Join the children in experiencing the joy and satisfaction of serving others by signing up as a volunteer!

If you are interested in serving at VBS, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Questions? Call Margy Smith at 945-2710.

**God's Big Backyard**

Yes, I would like to help with VBS!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Work Area \_\_\_\_\_

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



## MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 11

Join us and bring your mother, we honor these special ladies at both services on Sunday, May 18.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY IS MAY 11

Pentecost is the Christian season that begins 50 days after Easter and is recounted in Acts 2, where it tells the story of how the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples. Pentecost is also the "birthday" of the Christian Church. This year, Pentecost Sunday comes on the same Sunday at Mother's Day.

Though the Holy Spirit has always existed, something different happened that day. As the Spirit fell on the Disciples, the Spirit became an indwelling presence in the lives of all believers. From Pentecost on, when a person becomes a Christian, the Spirit dwells in their lives to give them all the power of God needed to live and serve Him, as Jesus told us, "But you shall receive power when the Holy spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8). This power enabled those timid disciples to boldly go out and change the world. That mission is still ours today.

## MAY 18 IS ALDERSGATE SUNDAY

The people called Methodists have a long and proud heritage. Each year on or before May 24th we celebrate what is called Aldersgate Sunday, a time when we commemorate the Aldersgate experience of our founding father, John Wesley. Hear in Wesley's words the events of that night as he recorded them in his Journal on May 24, 1738, "In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that He had taken my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin death." Wesley's heartwarming experience is one we all seek as we receive an assurance of our own forgiveness and salvation.

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

The 2008 Confirmation Class will be confirmed as "Professing Members" of our church on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:00 a.m. service. The class has been meeting weekly since January 27 and learning about God and the church using the seasons of the Christian year (Advent, Lent, Easter, etc.). They also learned about Christian beliefs, church history and the organization of the Methodist Church. They had an overnight retreat at The Children's Home, a tour of Arbor Acres and The Children's Home, and attended the Bishop's Confirmation Celebration in Hickory. The class was taught by Pastor Keith, June Hayes and Becky Bingham. A reception for the 2008 Confirmation Class will be held following the service.

### Duffle Bags and Suitcases Needed

Spring is here! It's time for spring cleaning to begin. The Missions Committee will be collecting new and very gently used duffle bags and suitcases to be donated to the Department of Social Services to use in their foster care department.

Most of the children must transport their clothing in grocery bags which adds to their poor self-esteem. If you have items to donate, please drop them off at the west wing lobby **by May 15**.

Questions? Call Margy Smith at 945-2710.



# SHARING IN MINISTRY

## **GREETERS AND USHERS**

**(8:30 AM SERVICE)**

May 11 Jo Ann Arrington and Brenda Proctor  
May 18 Gordon and Nancy Cranfill  
May 25 Rick and Karen Cole

## WHO COMMITTEE

### **May WHO Committee**

**Chairs: Ruth Hartle and Neta Vaught**

Carol Coxe	Edith Smith
Mary Brogdon	Miriam Braun
June Hayes	Donna Coram
Sandy Bryant	Dawn Evans
Reba Dull	Linda Lyon
Audrey Hall	Sylvia Spell
Hunter Arnett	

## WHY COMMITTEE

### **May WHY Committee**

**Chairs: Ben Crawford and David Kivett**

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



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

May 11 Ken and Denise Criss  
May 18 Shelly and Jeff Ferner  
May 25 Rod and Debbie Ruperto  
June 1 Jenny and Will Davis

**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**

May 11 Sherry and Cecilia Armstrong  
May 18 Jennie and Will Davis  
May 25 Carolyn, Melissa, and Amanda Benson

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

May 11 Heather Coleman and  
Robin Speckhart  
May 18 Cheryl and Ginelle Gross  
May 25 Chris and Denise Perry

## MAY: CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH

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

- ° **Friday, May 9, 7:00 pm:** Family Movie Night in the fellowship hall. Free showing of the movie “Finding Nemo.” Yes, of course popcorn and drinks will be available.
- ° **Sunday, May 11:** Mothers will be honored in special ways as it is **Mother’s Day. It is also Pentecost Sunday, so don’t forget to wear your red.**
- ° **Beginning the evening of May 11th and continuing through Saturday, May 17, LUMC will observe “No Meetings Week.”** Families are encouraged to plan activities together.
- ° **Sunday, May 18, 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 Aldersgate Sunday.** Join us as we celebrate in a grand way this day.
- ° **Sunday, May 25:** We will celebrate Memorial Day Sunday. We will also have a special “Dedication of Families.”

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

**SCRIPTURE FOR  
CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH**

Mark 10:42-45

Galatians 6:2,10

I Timothy 5:8