

The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

June 3, 2009

WELCOME, 2009 CONFIRMATION CLASS

The 2009 Confirmation Class made their commitment to Christ and became Professing Members of Lewisville UMC on Sunday, May 31.

Logan Criss
Xander Draughon
Justin Ferner
Joyner Horn
Michelle Howard
Kyle Kissinger
Ryan Kissinger
Kayla Long

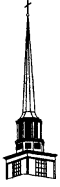
Chandler Messick
Hank Rains
Ben Rudy
Logan Ruperto
Zach Saalweachter
Nathan Sonafrank
Lissie Vining
Walt Williams



Our thanks to June Hayes, Becky Bingham and Pastor Keith for teaching the class this year.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Those of our 2009 Confirmation Class who also received the Sacrament of Baptism were: Kyle Kissinger, Ryan Kissinger, Kayla Long, Nathan Sonafrank, Lissie Vining and Walt Williams.



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Ministers
Every Member of the Church
District Superintendent
William T. Medlin, 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 June for Crisis Control:
shampoo

LCAP gift for the month of June:
paper plates and napkins



Tuesday, June 9, is the deadline for news to be submitted for the June 17 issue of The Steeple.

One group news & events

Sunday, June 7: Sunday Night Youth – last one of the school year!

4:30 pm Youth room open for games, hanging out, etc.

5:00 pm Program begins

6:15 pm Dinner

6:45 pm Youth should be picked up

Sunday, June 14: End of Year Cookout at the Williams' house. All youth and their families are invited to celebrate another year of God's blessings on our youth program. Time: 4-6:30 pm. Parents and siblings are also invited. There will be special recognition for our graduating seniors.

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!

Dates to Remember:

June 22-25: Vacation Bible School

June 27-July 3: Jamaica Mission Trip

July 5-9: Lake Junaluska

July 26-August 1: CCC

ORDER NOW FOR JOURNAL AND CONFERENCE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We have an early June 21 deadline to turn in orders for printed copies of the Western North Carolina Conference Journal. Cost is \$25 and includes minutes of annual conference, statistics for all churches, appointments, and contact information for all pastors. It is printed later in the year and the WNCC Journal is also available online when completed at www.wnccumc.org.

This year, we are publishing a new Conference Pictorial Directory that will include pictures of all photographed pastors at Annual Conference and information on all pastors. Cost is \$10.00.

Please submit **in writing or e-mail** your order for either or both. Send in money with order or soon after (if e-mail). Make checks payable to Lewisville UMC. We will order for you.

UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, June 8, at 10 am in the fellowship hall for their annual picnic. Please bring a sandwich; drinks and dessert will be provided. Remember to bring an inexpensive bingo prize!
- **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, June 8, at 7 pm in the parlor.
- **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, June 9, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class.

UMW ICE CREAM SOCIAL: JUNE 7

The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, June 7, at 3:00 pm in Asbury Hall for their annual ice cream social.

The program will be a hands-on project to assemble layettes for UMCOR. Please come and bring items for the kits.

Circle 2 will be the hostess group.



UMW READING GROUP August 11, 10 am in the parlor

The United Methodist Women's Reading Group will meet Tuesday, August 11, at 10 am in the church parlor. They will be discussing the book *"They Take Our Jobs!" and 20 Other Myths About Immigration.*

This book challenges the underlying assumptions that fuel misinformed claims about immigrants. It will make one look at previously held ideas about citizenship, discrimination, and US history. This is a very timely topic for discussion.

Two copies of the book are available. Contact Harriet Binkley to locate them.



A GATHERING OF THE LAITY, LAKE JUNALUSKA

Plan ahead! Each year the Council on Laity of the Western NC Conference offers "A Gathering of the Laity" at Lake Junaluska. This year the event will be August 14-16 and will feature excellent speakers, fellowship, and special music by The Junaluska Singers throughout the event. Cost is \$15 plus housing. Housing can be requested through the Council on Laity or made yourself. Copies of the registration brochure are available on the Welcome Center in the west wing lobby or in the church office.

LOST AND FOUND

Two artificial floral arrangements have been blown off graves in our cemetery. If you are missing one, please check with the church office.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR SERVANT DAY

The Mission Committee's 2009 church-wide "Servant Day" is being changed to Saturday, October 24, due to the all day event at Shallowford Square in celebration of the Town of Lewisville's 150th Anniversary. Servant Day is when we ask you to set aside a day to help and serve others. We will arrange various places of service where we will go and help out. We will gather that morning, go to various locations to work, and then return to the church for a luncheon. Last year we had about 80 persons serving. Save the date and plan to join us this year.

SUMMER ORCHESTRA CONCERTS

Unity Moravian Church will host free orchestra concerts put on by the Salem Community Orchestra on June 21, July 26, and August 23 at 7:30 pm at Unity Moravian Church. A food donation is requested. All food collected will go to the Lewisville Community Assistance Program (LCAP). Refreshments will be served following the concert.

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

May 24 Sunday School: 180
Worship: 267
May 31 Sunday School: 175
Worship: 252

Promises to Keep: Gifts

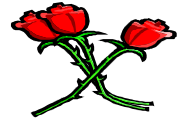
May 24	General Budget	\$ 6,297.11
	Hunger Fund	\$ 5.00
May 31	General Budget	\$ 5,486.26
	Hunger Fund	\$ 5.00
	Flood Bucket Fund	\$ 25.00



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship is not an annual emphasis, a fundraiser, or a request for Christians to give more time, involvement, or money. Stewardship is how we live after we say we believe. It is what we do after we offer ourselves to God.

MEMORIALS



General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **Cecil Foushee**, Sherry Armstrong's father, by Art and Linda Lyon;

In memory of **Evelyn Stewart** by Treva Robbins;

Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Cecil Foushee**, Sherry Armstrong's father, by Richard and Kaye Patterson and Mike and Toni Jones;

In memory of **Helen Nichols** by Hilda Moser, Bill Moser, and Janet Hancock;

In memory of **Evelyn Stewart** by Hilda Moser, Bill Moser, and Janet Hancock and Jimmy and Betty Leslie.

E-GIVING AVAILABLE

Lewisville UMC offers the option of E-Giving (Electronic Giving). Persons can have contributions to the General Fund or Building Fund electronically drafted from their bank account on the 15th or at the end of each month (or both). Those participating in E-Giving will have available a card to place in the Sunday offering plate that reads, "I gave electronically," thus allowing participation each Sunday. If interested, contact the church office or Don Morris.

REMEMBER THE CHURCH THIS SUMMER

Last year we were encouraged to "do it differently." Traditionally regular church giving drops significantly during the summer months and that creates a difficult challenge for the church. Our monthly expenses do not change in the summer. Last summer our church responded and we did well. So we are reminded that as we enjoy our summer months, let's not forget the ongoing ministry of Lewisville UM Church.



Missions in the United Methodist Church is not one of the things we do...it is who we are and why we exist. We are the hands, feet and mouth of Jesus in the world today. We will have the honor and joy of welcoming on June 28 the missionary that Lewisville UMC has a "Covenant Relationship" with, Esther Gitobu. We support her work with at least \$2,500 a year. See the other article that tells of her coming on June 28. I would encourage you to come and hear of her work in Cambodia. This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY we have for our children, youth and adults to learn about the work of our church out-

side of what we do locally. We seldom get this kind of opportunity so make this a priority for you and your family.

As we celebrate Father's Day on June 21, I share with you one of my favorite poems. Bill Gaither once wrote: "You know, I may never be as clever as my neighbor down the street; I may never be as wealthy as some other men that I meet; I may never have the glory that some other men have had. But you know one thing, I've just got to be successful, as that little boy's dad. There are certain dreams that I cherish; that I'd like to see come true; And there are things that I'd accomplish, before my working time is through. But the task my heart is set on; Is to guide a little lad; And make myself successful as that fellow's dad. Oh, I may never come to glory; And I may never gather gold. And men may count me as a failure when my business life is told. But if he who follows after; Shall be manly, then I'll be glad, Because I know I've been successful as that little fellow's dad. It's the one job that I dream of; It's the task I think of most. For if I've failed that little fellow I have nothing else to boast. For the wealth and fame I'd gather, All my fortune would be sad, If I've failed to be successful; As that little fellow's dad."

I praise God for the fathers of our church who have taken seriously their God-given responsibilities as a father. Take time to tell your father how much you love him

Keith



Join us for refreshments and good times at Casanova's Coffees and Fudge on Friday, June 5, 6:30-8:30 pm. Bring your favorite Christian CD's to share. Also, if you like, you can

bring board games to play. We will be meeting on the covered porch and patio area. There is no cost other than the purchase of whatever refreshments you choose to buy. Tell your friends to join in on the fun! See you there!

It's a night for all ages to enjoy!

ATTENTION, GRADS!

This is it! We must know by June 4th! Graduation Sunday is June 7 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.** Please call (945-3203) if you wish to be included.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



We welcome James and Angie Farmer who come to us by way of transfer from Wesley Memorial UMC in High Point. They have 4 children: Conner, 6; Cameron, 4; Cuyler, 2; Campbell, 3 months. Their home is at 526 Osborne Road in Winston Salem.

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 24, was Campbell Benjamin Farmer, son of James and Angie Farmer.

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.

PRE-NEED FUNERAL PLANNING FORMS AVAILABLE

Pastor Keith has developed a "Suggestions to Those Who Plan My Funeral" form that can be used to give information to your family in the event of death. We are all encouraged to consider this form. Copies should be made available to one's family. A copy may also be kept on file in the church office if desired. Pastor Keith is available to help you think though any aspects needed. Forms are available around the church.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS JUNE 11-14

The Western North Carolina Annual Conference meets Thursday through Sunday, June 11-14, at Lake Junaluska. Our church delegate is Sue Darby. Going as District Delegates are Harriet Binkley, Dean Norman, Mae Norman, and Kevin Hayes. Other delegates are Becky Bingham (Diaconal Minister) and Clergy delegates: Keith Bingham and Tom Lee. Annual Conference meets annually to review the work of our WNC Annual Conference and its 1,124 churches. The conference sets the program and ministry of the Annual Conference for the next year and appoints Pastors to local churches. Many decisions are made at Annual Conference that will affect our church, so be in prayer for Annual Conference.

A BIG THANK YOU

to the Methodist Men and to all the individuals who contributed to the Folding Machine Fund!!! The folder is here and works like a charm. Again, thanks for the big improvement to the church office. We couldn't have done it without you!



FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 21

On Father's Day, June 21, Lewisville Church will honor all fathers at both worship services. Plan to attend and bring your father.



CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY SET FOR JUNE 13

The UM Men are sponsoring a church-wide work day on Saturday, June 13, starting at 8:00 a.m. All persons are welcome to come and help make our church grounds more beautiful. This is a good opportunity for scouts and students who need community service hours.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to David Arrington for obtaining and installing the lettering and church logo (he cut it out) on our new welcome center in the west wing lobby. The welcome center serves as a constant reminder that all are welcome. We'll be adding more information there in the future.

DISCIPLE I GRADUATES

Congratulations to those who competed the 36-week Disciple I Class recently. They are: David and Jo Ann Arrington, Janet Sizemore, Mitchell and Sue Johnson, Jason Harvey, Jim and Sharon Hill, Don and Carolyn Petty, and Toni Jones. Our thanks to Tom Lee who was the teacher for the class.

“CLUB 45”

For current 4th and 5th grade students. Coming to LUMC on June 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm in Asbury Hall. This night will be full of games and fellowship. Don't miss out on this new event for our 4th and 5th grade students! See you there!

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.

LUMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-25, 2009 9 am—12 noon



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, which turns 100 years old this year.

Registration forms are available. Children age 3 by August 31, 2009 through 5th graders are welcome to attend. Please sign up now!

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 June Hayes at 945-3203.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Yes, I would like to help with VBS!

Name _____

E-mail _____

Work Area _____

Phone _____

I will help where needed. _____

DISASTER RESPONSE: FLOODING IN WILKES COUNTY

Wilkes County, in the Western NC Conference, has suffered a flood emergency. Both Conference and District disaster responders are assisting in the area. Those who wish to make a donation to assist flood victims, especially in Wilkes County, can do so by making your check out to Lewisville UMC and writing "Wilkes County Flood" on the notation line.

FLOOD BUCKETS: Our Missions Committee is seeking donations so we can send more flood buckets to those in flooding situations. To contribute, make checks payable to Lewisville UMC and put "Flood Buckets" on the notation line.



*"Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for supporting me as I begin my first year on staff at Carolina Cross Connection! Without your monetary and prayerful partnering, I would never have made my goal before staff training! I sincerely appreciate how quickly y'all came to my aid and I hope I can return the favor later on!"*

*Love always,
Leane Peddycord"*

Leane's address this summer:

Leane Peddycord
Joshua Youth Camp
29387 Pennington Road
Albemarle, NC 28001
or <http://leanealicia.wordpress.com>

OUR MISSIONARY, ESTHER GITOBU, COMING JUNE 28

Esther Gitobu, the missionary our church supports in her work in Cambodia, will be with us on Sunday, June 28, for a pot-luck meal at 5:30 pm with a presentation on her work following the meal. Mark your calendar and plan to join us as we learn more about Cambodia and the work of our United Methodist Missionaries.



INTRODUCING ESTHER KARIMI GITOBU.....Esther is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) of the United Methodist Church assigned to Cambodia. She writes, "My vision of Cambodia is to see hope in the midst of pain and despair. Hope is when, in the midst of uncertainty, one keeps making the effort. I just want to be there as an agent of hope."

Previously, Esther and her husband, Nicholas Gitobu Kithinji, also a GBGM missionary, served in the Southern Congo Annual Conference in the Democratic Republic of Congo. A native of Meru, Kenya, Esther is a member of Chimwemwe United Methodist Church in Kitwe, Zambia. She holds a diploma in business administration from Kenya Polytechnic Institute and was chief cashier at the Central Bank of Kenya in Nairobi before entering the mission field in 1999. Esther and Nicholas have three daughters: Jeannette, Nicole and Michelle.

SHARING IN MINISTRY

GREETERS AND USHERS

(8:30 AM SERVICE)

June 7 Ronnie and Dawn Evans
June 14 Paul, Crystal, and Alli Spicer
June 21 Mitch and Terri Monroe
June 28 Art and Linda Lyon

WHO COMMITTEE

June WHO Committee

Chairs: Betty Leslie and Rita Smith

Toni Jones	Greta Frye
Sue Darby	Elise Ward
Lorraine Kirk	Anne Kirkman
Cathy Shelor	Emily Sturdy
Debbie Norman	Lynn Skipper
Gail Bargoil	Julie Morris
Patricia Earle	Ginger Davis
Leigh Anne Miller	Mary Mullis

WHY COMMITTEE

June WHY Committee

Chairs: Barry Brown and Ed Smith

Jon Reynolds	Ken Howard
June Booe	Dan Williams
Mark Davis	Roy Sparks
Kevin Hayes	Rick Leach
Jeff Ferner	Art Lyon
Chris Elkin	Randy Orr

Children's Church Schedule

(8:30 am Worship Service)

June 7 David and Leigh Ann Miller
June 14 Will and Jenny Davis
June 21 Will and Kelly McPherson
June 28 Kevin and Stephanie Salus

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

June 7 Debbie Jones
June 14 Kim and Neal Roberts
June 21 William Farlow
June 28 Sharon Hill

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

June 7 Dan and Margaret Williams
June 14 Rod and Debbie Ruperto
June 21 Heather Coleman
Ashley Gwynn
June 28 Beth and Madeline Johnson