

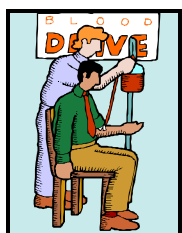


The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

July 1, 2009

LEWISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCHES BLOOD DRIVE



Trinity Friends Meeting
Saturday, July 11
9 am—2 pm

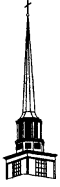
Call Jackie Harrell at 945-5054
to schedule an appointment.

NEW UMW CIRCLE!

Ladies: A new United Methodist Women's Circle is forming and will become the fifth circle for our ever-growing church. United Methodist Women (UMW) is a community of women who nurture and encourage one another in their spiritual growth, personal leadership and transformation. There is a church-wide UMW as well as women's circles made up of smaller groups.



We'll start with an informal interest meeting and get-together at the picnic shelter on Thursday, July 16th, at 7 p.m. Points of discussion will be best meeting time and place; possible Bible study of special interest to young women; and potential projects for outreach and mission. All ladies are welcome (bring the kids if you'd like, the playground will be available). Contact Julie Rains (407-0100 / jsrains@gmail.com) or Sarah Watkins (778-8933 / sarahjwatkins@bellsouth.net) if you have questions or have an interest but can't make this particular meeting.



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June Hayes
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Jesse Arnett
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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 July for Crisis Control:
saltine crackers**

**LCAP gift for the month of July:
toothbrushes**



**Tuesday, July 7, is the deadline
for news to be submitted for
the July 15 issue of The
Steeple.**

Onegroup news & events

Summer Service Opportunities: This summer, youth will have the chance to serve the less fortunate in our community in a couple of ways.

- Samaritan Ministries Soup Kitchen. This is a great hands-on service opportunity for youth of all ages. We will go on a weekday morning from 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM and help serve lunch at the soup kitchen.

- Bethesda Center. We will continue with our service opportunity for high school students at the Bethesda Center homeless shelter, where we serve dessert and coffee and share a devotion with the folks spending the night at the shelter. The evening usually lasts from 6:30-9:00 PM.

Please contact Jesse if you are interested in either of these great ways to serve people in our community. There are no specific dates planned yet, but we will begin in July and continue until school starts. Be on the lookout for specific dates in the next newsletter!

Summer Trip Dates and Reminders

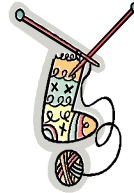
Jamaica Mission Trip: June 27-July 3

Lake Junaluska: July 5-9. All youth going to Junaluska will soon be receiving a packet containing a packing list and other important trip information.

Carolina Cross Connection: July 26-August 1. Youth going to CCC will be receiving an information packet containing important lists and forms for the trip. Also, there will be a preparation session for the trip on Saturday, July 25 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. All youth going to CCC must attend this session.



UMW NEWS



LADIES' NIGHT OUT!!!
(aka SNACK, CRAFT, & YAK)
PLEASE NOTE: We will not meet in July. See you in August.

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, July 13, at 10 am in the parlor. Please bring soap for our school project.
- **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, July 13, at 7 pm in the parlor.
- **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, July 21, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class. **Please note that the MFFC will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from now on.**

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.

SPECIAL THANKS to those of you who donated neckties for our Sunday School Father's Day project. The Children's Department had great fun with this.

LUMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "Growing God's Garden"



What a wonderful week! We raised approximately \$560.00 for The Children's Home. With over 115 children and 40 helpers, we all learned more about sharing God's love with others. **Special thanks to Mae Norman for directing this year's VBS.**

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

June 21 Sunday School: 144
Worship: 251
June 28 Sunday School: 139
Worship: 226

Promises to Keep: Gifts

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| June 21 | General Budget | \$ 6,187.96 |
| | Hunger Fund | \$ 8.00 |
| | Flood Buckets | \$ 150.00 |
| June 28 | General Budget | \$ 6,919.10 |
| | Hunger Fund | \$ 7.00 |
| | Flood Buckets | \$ 20.00 |
| | Children's Home (VBS) | \$ 559.75 |

General Fund Recap

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| Total Income for May | \$41,967.87 |
| Total Expenses for May | <u>\$29,751.52</u> |
| | \$12,216.35 |
| Total Income Year to Date | \$191,934.36 |
| Total Expenses Year to Date | <u>\$185,668.58</u> |
| | \$ 6,265.78 |

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship begins with gratitude - gratitude for who we are in Christ, gratitude for the salvation He has won for us on the cross, and gratitude for Who He is and all His gifts to us. As stewards, we recognize that we are completely dependent on God for all we have and need and that, as we offer thanks for God's gifts, we also strive to use them in ways that please Him.

MEMORIALS



General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **Milly Mays** by Herbert and Nancy Blum, Sandra Spach, Harriet and Gilmer Binkley, Ron and Sue Darby, and Clay and Terri Vogler;
In memory of **William Robbins** by Treva Robbins;
In memory of **Aldon Bryant**, Barry Bryant's father, by Art and Linda Lyon;

Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Frank Holder** by Jerry and Ellen Farmer;
In memory of **Louise Reynolds** by Polly Alspaugh;
In memory of **Cecil Foushee**, Sherry Armstrong's father, by Kaye and Richard Patterson and Jerry and Ellen Farmer;
In memory of **Milly Mays** by Wayne and Betty Hall, Ken and Peggy Scales, Mary Stowe, Ronald and Alice Shackelford, Joyce Allman, Lorraine Kirk, Beryl Moser, Jerry and Ellen Farmer, The Fellowship Sunday School Class, Guy and Nancy Fisher, Oren and Betty Wagner, and Canplast USA, Inc;
In memory of **Aldon Bryant**, Barry Bryant's father, by Mike and Toni Jones;

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.



When a person learns about a problem or concern, sometimes I hear something like this response, "Well, I can pray about it. It's the least I can do." NO, it's the MOST you can do. We take prayer too lightly and do not realize its tremendous power. If we want to be a growing Christian with a strong relationship with God, then prayer is essential.

For thirteen extraordinary days in October of 1962, the world stood on the brink of an unthinkable catastrophe. Across the globe, people anxiously awaited the outcome of a harrowing political, diplomatic and military confrontation that threatened to end in an apocalyptic nuclear exchange between the United States and the Soviet Union. There is an interesting late night scene in "Thirteen Days," the movie that chronicles the events. Kenny O'Donnell, an advisor and friend of President Kennedy, is walking down the street and passes a Catholic church, when he sees a long line of people in front of the church. He looks to see why people are lined up when he sees a sign that says, "Confessions 24 hours. Pray for peace." Kenny stops. Pauses. And then gets in line, acknowledging the power of prayer.

God's ear is always open when we come to him in prayer. We don't have to wait in line, and we don't have to wait for a catastrophe. Under any circumstance prayer is always the best thing to do and the most we can do.

Keith

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

We're helping a church family with meals for a short period of time. If you would like to help, please call Carol Coxe at 699-3726.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING CLASS

The Stephen Ministry program is planning a training class for the Fall and would like to include you if you're interested in being a part of this wonderful caring ministry of our church. You will learn skills like listening, appropriate caring and responses. These skills are also useful in caregiving and everyday life. If interested in knowing more about this training and the Stephen Ministry program, see Tom Lee or Becky Bingham.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



We welcome Dave and Susan Britten who come to us by transfer from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. They have two young adult children, son Drew and daughter Cady. Their home is at 6139 Spring Forest Drive in Pfafftown.

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.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....

Sympathy: We express our Christian love and sympathy to Barry Bryant and Daniel and Jeremy Bryant in the death of Aldon Bryant, Barry's father and Daniel and Jeremy's grandfather, on June 17.

Congratulations to.....

° Greg and Christy Smith on the birth of a daughter, Haley Kay Smith, on June 15. Proud grandparents are Kevin and Vickie Hayes;
° Kevin and Jo Shuping on the birth of a daughter, Eliza Noel Shuping, on June 20. Proud grandparents are Debby and John Trivett.

"We are moving to San Antonio, Texas the second week of July. It really makes me think about the hymn that talks about the church not being a building but being the people. We realize what we will miss about attending church in San Antonio—you! I'm sure we'll find a good church, but you will be in our thoughts. Thanks for all the support through all our difficult times. It has helped strengthen us and really made a difference in our lives. If you are in the San Antonio area, please come visit. Our last Sunday will be July 5.

*Tom, Cathy, and Michelle Lewis
5100 Columbia Drive
Cibolo, TX 78108-2271
cells: 336-287-5912 (Cathy)
336-287-5449 (Tom)"*

UPPER ROOM CLASS NEWS.....

Pastor Keith will be teaching the Upper Room Class during the month of July. His topic will be "World Religions."

For anyone who wants to join us, the class begins **promptly** at 9:45 am.

FLOOD BUCKETS: Those attending Vacation Bible School worked on filling flood buckets. Additional funds are needed to complete the cost of them. The Missions Committee asks your help. Make your check payable to LUMC and write "Flood Buckets" on the notation line.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of lap robes. They can be knit or crocheted or lap size quilts. If you are not into needle crafts, you can make a lap robe by getting a piece of fleece a minimum of 40" square. Cut a 2" square out of each corner and then cut 2 inch fringe all around and tie each one in a single knot. You may see a sample in the church office. These are quick and easy to make! Please return completed prayer shawls to the office. Thanks!



BBQ AND SQUARE DANCE at Konnoak Hills UMC Christian Life Center on July 30, 5-8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to put on your dancing shoes and western outfit and join us for a delicious catered bbq dinner (pork and chicken with all the trimmings) by Clark's BBQ and a real "Ho Down" called by Pastor Phil Bauguess from Sedge Garden UMC. A time of great fun, delicious food, and fantastic fellowship! Cost for the event is \$12.00 per person. If interested, please contact Nan Johnson, 945-9391.

WELCOMING 101

You can help Lewisville Church by being welcoming. Did you know that people often decide within the first 11 minutes of being in a new church whether or not they will return? First impressions are key. We invite you to help us by simply being aware of guests and introducing yourself. If you notice a visitor looking for something or asking directions, escort them to where they want to be (example: nursery, a Sunday School Class, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, etc.). Don't just say, "Go down this hall, turn left, then right, etc.," TAKE them there.

When seeing someone that may be a guest or one you don't know, 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.

When you see someone who maybe you have not seen at church in a while, **NEVER** say, "Where have you been?" or, "Look who showed up." **ALWAYS** say, "I'm glad you're here."

Welcoming has everything to do with how we make people feel. The pitfall for many churches is that we think we are friendly because we are friendly to each other. We must make sure that all our guests feel welcome and this is the responsibility for every one of us.

VIEW FIREWORKS FROM LUMC

Each year the Town of Lewisville plays host to one of the largest July 4th celebrations in the Triad. Festivities begin at 6 pm at Shallowford Square and include musical entertainment and fireworks at dark. Many persons have found that one of the best places to view the fireworks is in our west wing parking lot. Join us.



POT LUCK SUPPER

**Wednesday, August 5
6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Please bring food to share and join us at 6:30 pm for a time of fellowship and good food.

"CLUB 45"

Way to make a debut! With 10 participants, we had lots of fun in June!

Mark your calendars now for July 23rd at Elise Ward's home from 6:00-8:00 pm. It's a swimming party, so please dress for the occasion.

"Club 45" is for those who have completed their 4th and 5th grade school year.



"Refresh Yourself!"

Join us again for refreshments and good times at CASANOVA'S Coffees and Fudge on Friday, August 7, 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!**



ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Our new Bishop, Larry Goodpaster, presided over his first gathering of the Western NC Annual Conference meeting June 11-14 at Lake Junaluska, N.C. It was a “different” conference with more worship and less long reports.

A central part of conference this year was the voting for 32 amendments to the Constitution of the United Methodist Church, sent for ratification by the 2008 General Conference. When all the votes (about 1,700 voting) were tallied, only 8 of the 32 amendments were approved. Those interested in more about these amendments can talk to Pastor Keith.

The conference approved a budget of \$14,185,187 for 2010, which is a 6.65 % decrease from the 2009 budget (which was decreased by 6.6% over 2008). The Council on Finance and Administration have worked hard to adjust budget needs to the economic climate.

Bishop Goodpaster ordained 18 elders in full connection, 4 deacons in full connection. He also commissioned 5 probationary deacons and 20 probationary elders. The conference recognized 13 newly licensed local pastors.

We honored 20 pastors who retired this year, including Don Routh and Ellis Rouse, both former pastors of Lewisville UMC. Annual Conference membership now stands at 293,588.

Goals were set for the next 3 years to increase membership to 300,000; have a 30,000 increase in worship attendance; send out 3,000 Volunteers in Mission teams; remission 300 churches; and start 30 new faith communities.

It was reported that for the 8th straight year the Conference UM Women led all annual conferences as the number one giving conference in the nation, giving \$1,058,908.

Our church delegate was Sue Darby. Going as District Delegates were Harriet Binkley, Dean Norman, Mae Norman and Kevin Hayes. Other delegates were Becky Bingham (Diaconal Minister) and Clergy delegates: Keith Bingham and Tom Lee.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH RECYCLING

**If you would be willing to help,
please call the church office,
945-3203.** We are thrilled that 3
people have offered their help,
but we could still use more volunteers. The
more volunteers we have, the easier it is on all
those helping.



HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO CHURCH LATELY?

Study after study indicates that the number one most effective method for growing a church is simply one person inviting another to come to church with them. Invite someone this week.

SHARING IN MINISTRY

GREETERS AND USHERS

(8:30 AM SERVICE)

July 5 Ken and Denise Criss Family
July 12 Ronnie and Dawn Evans
July 19 Jo Ann Arrington and Brenda Proctor
July 26 Sue Johnson and Sue Snyder

WHO COMMITTEE

July WHO Committee

Chairs: June Hayes and Sandy Bryant

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| Lynne Criner | Leigh Swicegood |
| Dawn Langevin | Pam Green |
| Beth Houff | Debbie Ruperto |
| Teresa Edwards | Abby Allen |
| Brenda Proctor | Sherry Armstrong |
| Shirley Horsley | Vicki Swicegood |
| Linda Peddycord | Jennifer Hunter |

WHY COMMITTEE

July WHY Committee

Chairs: Mike Hayes (June) and Ben Dorr

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| Bill Smith | Ronnie Evans |
| Kirk Rieger | Wayne Hutchens |
| Gordon Bingham | Jimmy Leslie |
| Jason Braun | Tim Martin |
| E. C. Bryant | Tim Wright |
| Paul Spicer | |

Children's Church Schedule

(8:30 am Worship Service)

July 5 Crystal Spicer and June Hayes
July 12 Will and Kelly McPherson
July 19 Jeff and Sarah Watkins
July 26 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.

Remember: Children's Church is offered for 4-year-olds through 2nd graders.

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

July 5 Kristin Melvin and Debbie Jones
July 12 Angie Pantazopoulos and Family
July 19 Donna Long and Family
July 26 Silesia Clark and Julie Owens