

The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

August 1, 2007



THIRD GRADERS TO RECEIVE BIBLES ON AUGUST 26TH

As is customary at LUMC, all rising third graders will receive a Bible on Promotion Sunday, August 26, during the 11:00 am Worship Service. In preparation for this event, we are trying to get as complete a list as possible. **Please notify the church at 945-3203 by Wednesday, August 15, to place your child's name on the list.** Thanks for your help.

“Refresh” Yourself!

Join us again for refreshments and good times at CASANOVA'S Coffees and Fudge on Friday, August 3rd, 7-9 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!

CHURCH-SCHOOL CONNECTION

It's time to start thinking about going back to school. Speas Elementary can use our help in the following ways:

- ° boys' belts: to fit age 6 up to age 12 (usually smaller than size 32)
- ° girls' uniform pants and/or capris: junior sizes 7,9,11,13; navy or khaki
- ° small composition books (bound, not spiral-bound), often in black and white.
- ° homework kits (See separate announcement for details.)

Please help us if you can!



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**Gift for the month of August for Crisis Control:
Cooking Oil**

**LCAP gift for the month of August :
Jello Cups and Pudding Cups**



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

One group news & events

Friday, August 3: The youth are sponsoring another evening at Casanova's Coffee and Fudge from 7:00-9:00 PM. Bring your whole family and come enjoy the fellowship!

Sunday, August 5: No UMYF. All Carolina Cross Connection participants are invited to attend the CCC Summer Celebration in Lincolnton! It will be a fun evening of laughs, worship, and reuniting with friends from camp, so don't miss it! We will meet at the church at 3:00 PM and return back around 9:30 PM. Bring some money with you – there will be drinks and food there, and also CCC merchandise if you want. Let Jesse know if you are planning on going.

Sunday, August 12: Summer youth schedule. Pastor Keith will be joining us, so don't miss it!
4:45-6:00 PM Junior and Senior High youth
Please note: no dinner during summer schedule.

Sunday, August 19: The youth will be going to Emerald Pointe again for the day! We'll meet in the west end lobby at 2:45 PM and should return by 9:00 PM. Cost is \$15 per person – dinner at Emerald Pointe is included in the cost. Bring a bathing suit, towel, and change of clothes (if you want) – and bring a friend too! Turn in your money and permission slip no later than Wednesday, August 15th if you're coming! **Rising 6th graders are invited to come for their first experience with the youth!!!**

Tuesday, August 21: District Youth Council meeting, 7:00 PM at the Master's Loft. This will be the last planning session before the District Youth Rally on September 16. Any youth who are interested in helping in the planning process are welcome to come to the meeting – let Jesse know if you want to go.

Sunday, August 26: Come on out for a pool party at the house of Rachel and Becca Ward. Hang out with your friends, have fun, eat dinner, and enjoy one last taste of summer! Keep watching the newsletter for times and directions.

Mark your calendars for the District Youth Rally on Sunday, September 16! This year's theme is "MAD4X" – (M)ake (A) (D)ifference for(4) Christ(X). It will be held on the campus of the Children's Home in Winston-Salem, and all proceeds will benefit the Children's Home. Youth groups from all over the district will be coming to enjoy games, food, inflatables, a climbing tower, a dunking booth (you'll even have a chance to dunk Jesse!), music, and an evening of worship. You won't want to miss it! To learn more and to see the awesome t-shirt design for the event, check out www.myspace.com/mad4x.

There are new books in the youth library – have a look and check one out!

UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- ° **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, August 13, at 10 am in the parlor. Ron Darby will present the program. Please bring toothbrushes for the Speas School project.
- ° **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, August 13, at 7 pm in the **parlor**.
- ° **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, August 14, at 7 pm in the Yoke-fellow Class.

UMW Soup and Sandwich Supper

The United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, August 9, in the fellowship hall at 6:30 pm for their salad and sandwich supper. The program will be a work session to pack hygiene kits for Open Arms Community. Each circle will provide items for the kits.....Circle 1: toothbrushes and toothpaste; Circle 2: wash cloths and Kleenex packs; Melba Forbis Friendship Circle: soap and deodorant; and Circle of Concern: combs and shampoo. Come join the fun, service, and fellowship as we eat and work together. Circle 2 is the hostess circle.

UMW READING GROUP

**Tuesday, September 11
10 am in the parlor**

The United Methodist Women's reading group has selected Taught By America: A Story of Struggle and Hope in Compton for their next selection. Two copies are circulating.

The author is Sarah Sentelles, who writes of joining Teach America after graduating from Yale. Assigned to a rundown elementary school in Compton, CA, she experienced her own kind of education. This is the story of the children she taught, but more than that, this is the story of one woman's change of heart and life.

Contact Harriet Binkley to locate one of the books.

Methodist Men's Work Day Saturday, August 4th

Come join us! We'll begin at 8 am (or before if you want to beat the heat). We will be trimming bushes and shrubs, spreading mulch and removing some unwanted weeds and vines in addition to other jobs requested prior to the work day.



The summer has been great in our college class in June and July. Thanks to all who participated. Special thanks to Keith Greene for leading our time together.

SAVE THE DATE!

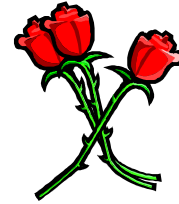
Be sure to mark your calendars for the Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 6th. We hope you are planning to donate some canned vegetables from your summer garden and some delicious sweet treats for the bake sale. We'll have chicken pies, breakfast and lunch available and lots of wonderful vendors for you to visit. We'll see you there!

The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle

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

July 22 Sunday School: 154
Worship: 242
July 29 Sunday School: 141
Worship: 234

Promises to Keep: Gifts

July 22	General Budget	\$ 5,023.00
	Hunger Fund	\$ 6.00
July 29	General Budget	\$ 5,305.97
	Hunger Fund	\$ 9.00
	Bethlehem Center	\$ 4.08

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.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **Rev. W. T. Forbis**, father of Richard Forbis, by Helen Nichols;

In honor of **Terri Moser Vogler and family** by Wanda W. Moser;

In memory of **Tom Pratt** by Floyd and Polly Craft and Helen Nichols;

Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Ursula Beck** by Pete and Emily Sturdy;

In memory of **Gordon Cranfill, Sr.** by Bo and Beth Houff.

Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry Training - The Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry program is an energy based therapeutic approach to health and healing built upon a philosophy of caring. The program is a multi-level educational program that teaches hands-on-healing from the Judeo-Christian scriptures. Designed within the nursing profession, Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry has a spiritual focus that uses touch to promote physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health and healing. The program is approved to provide continuing education credits for nurses, chaplains/ministers, and massage therapist. It is appropriate for anyone interested in healing ministries. Two courses will be offered at Arbor Acres United Methodist Retirement Community in October:

° Introduction to Judeo-Christian Anointing – Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

° Using Your Hands to Heal - Oct. 6 and 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Arbor Acres is currently using this program for a healing ministry. For more information and registration, contact Chaplain Douglas Suggs, Arbor Acres, 748-4648.

GREETERS AND USHERS

(8:30 AM SERVICE)

Aug. 5 Gordon and Nancy Cranfill
Aug. 12 Mitch and Terry Monroe
Aug. 19 Dawn and Alex Langevin
Aug. 26 Ben and Sandra Dorr

GREETERS

(11:00 AM SERVICE)

Aug. 5 Don and Laura Morris (West Wing)
Ben and Billie Crawford (Sanctuary)
Aug. 12 Ron and Sue Darby (West Wing)
Harriet Binkley & Lorraine Kirk (Sanctuary)
Aug. 19 Silesia and Elissa Clark (West Wing)
Jerry and Ellen Farmer (Sanctuary)
Aug. 26 Beth and Hannah Houff (West Wing)
Bo and Sam Houff (Sanctuary)

EVANGELISM VISITATION

Aug. 5 Don and Laura Morris
Aug. 12 Bob and Donna Stebbins
Aug. 19 Mitch and Sue Johanson
Aug. 26 Tim and Brenda Proctor



Children's Church Schedule 8:30 am Worship Service

Aug. 5 Alex and Mariedith Appanaitis
Aug. 12 June Hayes and Crystal Spicer
Aug. 19 Jason and Marci Harvey
Aug. 26 Shelly and Jeff Ferner

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

Aug. 5 Suzanne Farlow and Hannah Houff
Aug. 12 Sherry and Cecilia Armstrong
Aug. 19 William Farlow and Sam Houff
Aug. 26 Alison Grindstaff and Kasey Edwards

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

Aug. 5 Rick and Judie Leach
Aug. 12 Shelly and Jeff Ferner
Aug. 19 Rod and Debbie Ruperto
Aug. 26 Ellen and Lee Ellen Farmer



The writer of Hebrews gives us this warning, “Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.”(2:1) Note how he uses the words, “drift away.” This is what can happen in our spiritual relationship with God. We drift away slowly, little by little and oftentimes we don't realize we're drifting. What happens is that slowly our faith and commitment to Christ and His church changes. Now, what does it take for us to “wake up” and realize what's happening? Oftentimes it takes a major trauma, like a serious illness, tragedy, or the death of a loved one. When these events occur, we discover that our priorities have drifted and we begin a painful re-evaluation of what really matters. The truly sad thing about these reappraisals is that they are often triggered by real suffering. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, through the disciplines of prayer, Bible reading and church attendance we could come to realize what's happening and not have to go through some kind of tragedy or suffering to wake us up. Being active in Sunday School and Worship are some of the primary ways that we can continuously place ourselves before God and allow Him to speak to our hearts. If you have found yourself drifting or just not putting forth the effort as much, please, for your own sake, wake up, take a look at it and consider the spiritual danger you have put yourself in. It's never too late. God is a God of new beginnings. Today, in Christ, is truly the first day of the rest of your life. Join us at church Sunday.

Keith

OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....

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

° Terri Vogler in the death of her uncle, Charles Phillips, on July 17;

° Beth Wright, Susan Edwards, and Tom Pratt, Jr. in the death of their father, Tom Pratt, on July 26.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Carson Pratt

October 19, 1914 July 26, 2007

Hospital: Geoff Rudy, Forsyth Medical Center;
Jim Mast, Forsyth Medical Center



Echoes' Luncheon: Tuesday, August 7, 11:30 am in the fellowship hall. Come and bring a dish and a friend!

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.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

August 26th

Promotion Sunday details are here! Promotion Sunday will be August 26th. It will begin at 9:45 am that morning in the sanctuary. Children (age 2 by October 16, 2007 through rising sixth graders) are invited to be a part of this Promotion Sunday. Children will take part in promotion by receiving a certificate, visiting the classroom, and meeting their new teachers. Parents are asked to stay with their children during the morning's activities. Following classroom visits, everyone is invited to gather in Asbury Hall to fellowship and refreshments at 10:15 am. See you on August 26th!



It's time to start thinking about the Youth Yard Sale on Sat., October 6th, 8 am—12 noon.

Please start saving any items you'd like to contribute.

Join us for another Family Movie Night on Friday, August 31, at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.

The movie is free, so come and enjoy the fellowship together. The night's feature will be "*Charlotte's Web!*" Don't miss this great time together!



NOTICE TO ALL CLASS PRESIDENTS

Please drop a list of your teachers for the year 2006-2007 and teachers for the coming year, 2007-2008, by the church office. This will help in preparing for Christian Education Sunday on September 16th. Thanks for your help in getting this information together.



HELP US WITH HOMEWORK KITS FOR SPEAS ELEMENTARY



Feel like helping out a child in need but you're on the run getting your child ready for school! **NO PROBLEM!** Help our youth out by picking up extra notebooks, pairs of scissors, markers, rulers, pencils, erasers, notebooks, glue, paper, folders, colored pencils, etc. We'll be making homework kits again this year for Speas Elementary School. Watch for drop-off boxes.

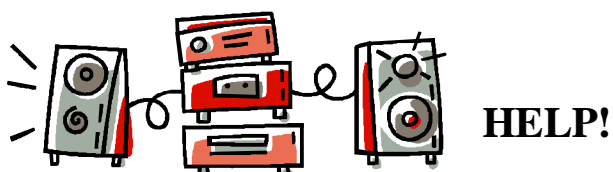


RAMP REMOVAL

The ramp at Toni's office has been removed. Please be careful when stepping into the lower level. The ramp was only a "temporary exit" until the new building was completed.

AUGUST IS CAMP MEETING MONTH

The Camp Meeting is one of Methodism's most cherished and enthusiastic traditions. The old camp meeting was a time to enjoy one's faith, to invite friends and family members to share in worship, fellowship and the renewal of faith. Here at Lewisville, each Sunday in August, we will be honoring this old tradition during the 11:00 am worship time. At "our" Camp Meeting, we won't have nearly as much preaching as they used to have (the sermon often lasted for hours, as one preached and another preacher slept and awoke to carry on), but we will have a more informal service where we will sing some of the old hymns. The choir and pastor will not wear robes and you are invited to come to church dressed more casually if you are comfortable doing so. Invite your family and friends to join us for Camp Meeting Month this August.



As you may have noticed, our sound system in the sanctuary is in serious need of being replaced. Church Interiors Audio and Video, Inc. has submitted a quote of \$4,920.00 to replace our existing system. Since this expense was unexpected and therefore not included in this year's budget, we are asking for your help. Any donation you might like to make towards this purchase would be greatly appreciated.

CRUISE-IN

**Saturday, August 25
10 am until 2 pm**

**Trinity Friends Church
on Williams Road**

Free home-cooked food, entertainment, door prizes, and all types of autos, old and new motorcycles, etc. Rain date: Sunday, August 26, 4-8 pm. Anyone can participate in the cruise-in with any vehicle.

**All proceeds will be
given to LCAP.**



ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE NEEDED!!!

Circle one: Fr. Soph. Jr. Sr. Grad. Student Military

Name _____

College _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail address _____ phone number _____

Please drop this form in the offering plate, mail to the church office, or call the church office at 945-3203 with the information. Thanks!





Remember your loved ones...put flowers in the church in memory or in honor of someone. Celebrate a special occasion with flowers. Our standing order with Wilson's Florist costs \$32.10 for 2 vases. You can

have them do a special arrangement if you prefer (with the cost depending on what you select) or you can order through any florist you choose. Call the church office (945-3203) to reserve a date.

FLOOD BUCKETS

Remember our on-going fund for flood buckets. When we collect \$1,000, we will fill some more buckets.

