



The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

November 7, 2007

HARVEST SUNDAY

November 18



November 18 is Harvest Sunday, a time when we remember our past and look toward our future. As you arrive for Sunday School or Worship on that Sunday, please take a well-filled picnic basket to the Fellowship Hall. The ladies of the November WHO Committee will receive your food and have it organized on decorated tables ready for the meal following morning worship.

Please remember that we will have only the 10:30 am Worship Service on this Sunday and Sunday School will start at 9:15 am. (No 8:30 am Service).

Our special guest preacher will be Rev. Tom Lee, who was our Pastor from 1971 to 1975.



LEWISVILLE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

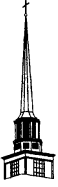
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30 pm at Unity Moravian Church

The annual Lewisville Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 18, at 7:30 pm at Unity Moravian Church, 8300 Concord Church Road, Lewisville. Join us as we gather as a community and give thanks to our God. An offering will be received for LCAP (Lewisville Community Assistance Program). Child care will be provided. A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow the service.



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Gift for the month of November for Crisis Control:
Toilet Tissue

LCAP gift for the month of November:
Lunch Boxes



**Tuesday, November 13th, is
the deadline for news to be
submitted for the November
21st issue of The Steeple.**

One group news & events

Sunday, November 11: Regular UMYF schedule. Topic – “Jesus as Confronter.”
4:45-6:15 PM Junior and Senior High Programs
6:15-6:35 PM Dinner

Sunday, November 18: Movie Night @ UMYF! We’ll be watching *Shrek 2*, so bring a friend and come enjoy the fun! We’ll start the movie at **4:30 PM**, and have dinner afterwards from 6:15-6:35. See you there!

Sunday, November 25: No UMYF – enjoy your Thanksgiving weekend!

Sunday, December 2: Regular UMYF schedule. Topic – “Jesus as Victor.”

Sunday, December 9: Lewisville Christmas Parade – more details soon.

Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15: Live Nativity.

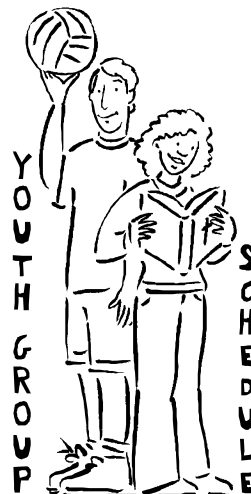
Upcoming Dates for Synago and Release. Here are the dates for Synago and Release from now until Christmas break:

November 14
November 28
December 5
December 12

Come join us in the youth room from 7:00-8:30 PM on these Wednesday nights. Synago is a student-led Bible study for senior high students, and Release is a weeknight fellowship evening for junior high students. Don’t miss it!

Ski Trip Dates Are Here! Mark your calendars now for this winter’s upcoming ski trips. The dates are set, now all we need is some snow! Much more information on both of these trips will be coming soon!

January 18-21: Senior High Ski Trip
February 8-9: Junior High Ski Trip



UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- ° **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, November 12, at 10 am in the parlor. Maxine Mast will lead the program. Please bring shampoo for the Speas School project.
- ° **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, November 12, at 7 pm in the **parlor**.
- ° **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, November 13, at 7 pm in the Yoke-fellow Class.

UMW GENERAL MEETING: Nov. 8

The United Methodist Women will meet for a covered dish dinner and their annual World Thank Offering program on Thursday, November 8, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Doris Doub, manager of World Villages, will be the speaker. She will explain the concept of this shop as it relates to workers in Third World Countries. The Melba Forbis Circle will serve as hostesses.

All women of the church are invited to attend and to be a part of our UMW.

Thank You! The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Fall Bazaar such a success. We were able to net \$2,900 for the church, thanks to all of our volunteers and those of you who contributed delicious homemade foods for the bake sale. This event truly would not happen without your participation and we appreciate your support.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?



If you would like to help with any of the special services during the Advent and Christmas Season (Hanging of the Greens, lighting the Advent candles, etc.) at either the 8:30 am or 11:00 am service or at other special services, please contact Crystal Spicer (946-5168) or June Hayes at the church (945-3203).

THANKS! The Methodist Men would like to thank all the hole sponsors, players and those who made donations to the 4th Annual Golf Tournament. We had a great day and raised approximately \$2100 for the new sound system. Thanks again for your support.



LUMC exam survival care packages are being assembled to mail near the middle of November to our college students. If you would like to donate items, please drop them in the box located in the narthex or in the main entrance to our education building. Suggested items are listed below:

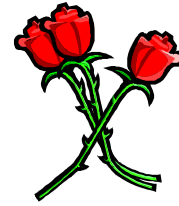
Ramen noodles	Post-It Notes
snack food	Crystal Light
hard candy	index cards
gum	breakfast bars
microwave popcorn	Pop Tarts

November 18 is the deadline to bring donations. Thanks for your help.

STEWARDSHIP

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

As members, we uphold the Church with our promise to give of our presence, gifts, prayers, and service.

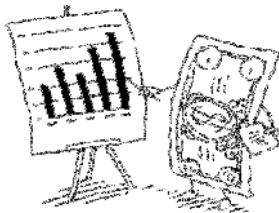


Promises to Keep: Presence

Oct. 21	Sunday School: 195
	Worship: 289
Oct. 28	Sunday School: 175
	Worship: 274
Nov. 4	Sunday School: 188
	Worship: 285

Promises to Keep: Gifts

Oct. 21	General Budget	\$ 5,564.09
	Hunger Fund	\$ 7.00
	Sound System	\$ 25.00
	Africa University	\$ 20.00
	Cemetery Fund	\$ 175.00
Oct. 28	General Budget	\$ 5,819.17
	Hunger Fund	\$ 8.00
	Sound System	\$ 75.00
Nov. 4	General Budget	\$15,979.05
	Hunger Fund	\$ 8.00



Stewardship Update

LUMC BUILDING FUND

Contributions in October:

Oct. 7	\$3,665.00
Oct. 14	\$1,370.00
Oct. 21	\$1,160.00
Oct. 28	\$ 720.00

Loan Payment

Principal	\$12,000.00
Interest	\$ 2,747.13
Loan Balance	\$451,000.00

Balance in MM Account: \$10,717.99

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **Glenn Moser** by Wanda Moser;
In memory of **Allene Ball** by Phyllis Moore;
In memory of **Clara M. Moser** by Terri Vogler;

Building Fund Gifts:

In honor of **Dr. Jim Hampton's birthday** by Reba Dull;
In memory of **Harry Rodenhizer**, Kay Schlagel's brother and Allyson Edwards' uncle, by Millie and Herman Orrell;
In memory of **Buck Buchanan** by Doris; Valerie, Mark, and Ross; and Kevin, Karen, Connor, and Eva;
In honor of **Finley Elizabeth Reynolds** by Jon and Libby Reynolds;
In memory of Jenny Cox's mother, **Margie Holladay**, by Bo and Beth Houff.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

God sets no boundaries on His giving to us. In the words of Martin Luther, "He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life." In response to God's great love for us and His bountiful gifts to us, we, in faith, share with others the wealth that has been given to us. God uses us as conduits of His love and His goodness so that we can help those in need.



There are three very powerful benefits we receive when we have an attitude of Thanksgiving. The first is, it defeats discouragement in our lives. Some of us have been battered in one way or another this past year. Sometimes we begin to look at the circumstances we are in and let them get us down and discouraged. Life may not have treated you gently, but even in the midst of the tempest, we can give thanks. But, as I have discovered, it's in the hard moments of life that God has been the most real to me. It's amazing how often in life a low moment becomes a "grow moment." Somehow, Thanksgiving destroys the discouragement syndrome and brings victory out of the rubble.

The second benefit is the defeat of discontent. Almost every advertisement on TV, radio or the paper is aimed at making us feel discontent with where we live or what we have. We are told that if we just change these things, we will be more content. But to change these can actually bring more discontentment. Thanksgiving destroys discontentment and out of a heart of Thanksgiving, we can stand with Paul and be content in whatever situation we may find ourselves (Phil. 4:21).

The third benefit is that Thanksgiving destroys despair. Despair means there is nothing worth living for. It is total helplessness. Thanksgiving always has something to be thankful for, even if it's only your next breath. Let's win over discouragement, discontentment and despair and live in an attitude of true thanksgiving.

Keith

OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....



Baptism: Finley Elizabeth Reynolds, daughter of Bridget and Wells Reynolds and granddaughter of Libby and Jon Reynolds, received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, October 28.

Welcome! On October 21 we welcomed new members into our church fellowship:

- ° Mitch and Terri Monroe
- ° Trent and Angel Messick
(daughters: Chandler, Addyson, and Landrey)

HISTORICAL MARKERS TO BE DEDICATED ON DECEMBER 2

On Sunday, December 2, at 2:30 in the afternoon, The Lewisville Historical Society and the Town of Lewisville will have the dedication and unveiling of three significant historical markers:

- ° Lewisville United Methodist Church (our church)
- ° Lewisville Baptist Church
- ° The Spaugh/Kiger House at 6735 Shallowford Road

A reception will follow the program at the new Lewisville Public Library.

OPEN ARMS SERVICE PROJECT: The Fifth Grade Sunday School Class is collecting products to make hygiene kits for Open Arms. We are looking for regular-sized **name brand** products to put together kits for boys and girls. We will be making the kits all year and taking them to Open Arms as we have some ready. This is a project in addition to our weekly Sunday collection of change for Open Arms. There is a collection crate in the Fifth Grade Sunday School Room to put materials collected. We still need the following to make our goal of 16 kits before Christmas:

- 6 shampoo/conditioner combos
- 2 Chapsticks
- 5 hand towels
- 3 toothbrushes
- 2 hand lotions

Thank you for all your donations so far. We will start a new drive after Christmas. (Colleen Yarnell)

ATTENTION, WORSHIP COMMITTEE AND METHODIST MEN!



We will be decorating and putting up Christmas trees on Tuesday, November 27. Please meet at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.



If you'd like to participate in a Christmas Dance, contact Margaret Williams at 945-7860. Performance will be on Sunday, December 16, at 8:30 am. Open to all ages!



 This year we will again use poinsettias during the Christmas season. You may order through the church office or purchase your own. If you order through the church, the cost will be \$7.00 per poinsettia.

Deadline to order: Monday, December 3.

Name _____

Please order _____ poinsettia(s) for me. (\$7.00 each, if you buy through the church.)

I will provide _____ poinsettia(s) (wrapped and with a bow.)

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

____ I will pick up my poinsettia(s) after worship on December 23rd.

____ I do not plan to pick up my poinsettia(s).

If you provide your own poinsettia(s), please bring them to the church by Thursday, December 13th. You may leave them in the vestibule.

SHARING IN MINISTRY

GREETERS AND USHERS (8:30 AM SERVICE)

Nov. 11 Bruce and Lori Gee
Nov. 18 No 8:30 am Service
Nov. 25 Jo Ann Arrington and
Brenda Proctor

EVANGELISM VISITATION

Nov. 11 Don and Laura Morris
Nov. 18 Allison and Peyton Anderson
Nov. 25 Allison and Peyton Anderson

WHO COMMITTEE

November WHO Committee

Chairs: Darla Mullican and Sharon Hill

Nan Johnson	Julie Rains
Cyndy Clodfelter	Shelia Mulkey
Tanya Kivett	Denise Kelly
Giszelle Jones	Paula Warlick
Martha Hampton	Anne Hennis
Debby Trivett	Cheryl Vogler
Valerie Alexander	Barbara Bryant
Susan Orr	Jennifer Buck

GREETERS (11:00 AM SERVICE)

Nov. 11 Jan and Ben Jobson (Sanctuary Side)
Julie and Sam Rains (West Wing)
Nov. 18 Geoff and Clarke Rudy (Sanctuary Side)
Beth and Ben Rudy (West Wing)

Please note that Nov. 18 is Harvest Sunday. There will be only one service that morning at 10:30 am in the sanctuary.

Nov. 25 Jesse and Hunter Arnett (Sanctuary Side)
Matt and Christy Wiseman (West Wing)

WHY COMMITTEE

November WHY Committee

Chairs: Jim Fridy and Randy Melton

Bob Stebbins	Al Thompson
Scott Saalweachter	Chris Hutton
Clayton Allen	Rhett Johnson
Tim Clodfelter	Jim Mast
William Farlow	Allen Mock, Jr.
Keith Greene	Daniel Vogler



Children's Church Schedule 8:30 am Worship Service

Nov. 11 Rod and Debbie Ruperto
Nov. 18 No Children's Church
Nov. 25 Crystal Spicer and June Hayes

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

Nov. 11 Sherry and Cecilia Armstrong
Nov. 18 See note below.
Nov. 25 Allison Grindstaff and Kasey Edwards

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

Nov. 11 Cathy and Michelle Lewis
Nov. 18 See note below.
Nov. 25 Jon and Beth Johnson

On Harvest Sunday, November 18, we will have a combined worship service at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Nursery workers for that Sunday are Jenny and Will Davis and Rod and Debbie Ruperto.

To: Lewisville United Methodist Church Congregation

From: Skip Morris

On November 7th and December 5th I will be preparing the Wednesday Night Supper. Your donations will go towards the support of two programs. The first is the annual Angel Tree Drive sponsored the Yokefellow Sunday School Class and the second is Senior Services of Forsyth County.

Many of you are already aware of the Angel Tree and have generously supported it in the past and I know you will continue to support it. Some of you, however, may not know about some of the different services offered by Senior Services which need our help.

For several years now I have been working with Senior Services on my off-days building residential wheelchair ramps for their clients. About the 1st of October one of the CAP/DA Case Managers, Pat Harrison, and I were having a conversation. She mentioned to me about how she was having difficulty in getting assistance for three of her "families" for Christmas. The traditional routes through the Salvation Army, etc. were not available for various reasons. As she explained to me what Senior Services was trying to accomplish, it sounded similar to our Angel Tree Program. Long story short, I told her to give me the information on the three families and I would see to their needs.

The children of two of the families are being raised by grandmothers. The third family's child is being raised by her mother. I also know that there are grave health concerns for one of the care givers. I have other information on each family including family needs.

Here are some ways if you would like to help.

Come to supper at the church on November 7th and December 5th. On both nights I will be preparing Brunswick Stew, Vegetarian Vegetable Soup, Chicken Soup, salad, grilled cheese sandwiches, cornbread, and dessert. Reservations are not required but I will be offering "soup-to-go" by the quart along with the "eat at the church" supper. If you wish to stock up on homemade soup, all you need to do is bring a container and let me know in advance how many quarts of soup you would like to take home. (You can call me at home, 766-0680, or contact the church office, 945-3203, to reserve the number of quarts you want.) The cost of the meal and the "soup-to-go" is a donation determined by you.

You can contact me at 766-0680 and ask for a family information shopping sheet. Each sheet has information listing needs, clothing sizes, etc... I can answer all your questions concerning the families.

You can make a donation. Checks should be made out to LUMC and noted Yokefellow Senior Services or Yokefellow Angel Tree.

The three families from Senior Services are in addition to the Angel Tree families and the Yokefellow Class will still be sponsoring the Angel Tree this year.

Over the years working with Carolina Cross, Senior Services, etc., it seems there is always one constant factor. Each year the number of needy and down-trodden individuals will always increase from the previous year. I have taken the attitude that a situation such as this affords each Christian the opportunity to act upon one's faith and to witness the love and power found within Jesus Christ.

In Him.....Skip

**Lewisville Community Churches Blood Drive
Shiloh Lutheran Church (Lewisville-Vienna Rd.)**

Saturday, November 10

9 am — 2 pm

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

Celebrate Thanksgiving by Giving the Gift of Life!

Bring a friend and your photo ID!



“Being Thankful”

As fall seems to have finally arrived and Thanksgiving is around the corner, I would like to share a few of the things I'm thankful for.

First, I'm thankful for my salvation. And my sister Geraldine for taking me to church as a child.

Second, my good and caring husband Woody for 33 years. And our three children — Mitzi, Amy, and Jason.

Third, our church family at LUMC. I will talk about only a few of the ways LUMC has loved and supported my family over the last 30 years.

They raised funds to build an addition on our house when Jason went into a wheelchair at age 8.

They helped us raise our children in a loving and accepting way, forgiving all the times they may have caused a “disruption” during the church service. But look what a good job we all did! Jason lived until age 19, but he sure touched many people while with us.

Then, with the illness and death of Woody, you were amazing! From the day we learned of his illness in July of 1998 until now, you are still loving and supporting the rest of my family.

My prayer is that all who enter the doors at LUMC would experience that love and care.

Remember, we are not to judge but to love, as Jesus loves us.

In what ways will you be thankful?

In Christian Love,
Carol Coxe

“SHARING GOD...SHARING OURSELVES”

As our Stewardship Campaign continues, we thank all those who have participated by turning in their “Estimate of Giving” cards. This helps your church plan better for next year and helps you to be a more faithful Christian steward. If you have not turned one in yet, you may still do so. Extra cards can be found in various places or call and we'll send one.

Our Stewardship Campaign wanted to emphasize our need to “share God” through worship, study, missions, etc., and to “share ourselves” through service and stewardship. This is something we can continue to do year-round.

CHARGE CONFERENCE IS NOVEMBER 7

Charge Conference is an historic meeting presided over by our District Superintendent, J. Hurley Thomas. The annual meeting will be Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Asbury Hall following Wednesday Night Supper. At the Charge Conference, we review the work of Lewisville UMC and make decisions on items that relate Lewisville Church to the Western North Carolina Annual Conference and the larger United Methodist Church. All persons are welcome to attend; however, only members of the Administrative Board are voting members of the Charge Conference.



VETERANS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 11

On Sunday, November 11, Lewisville UMC will be honoring our veterans at both worship services.