

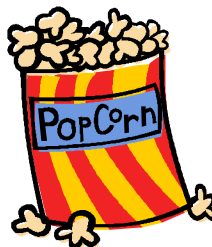


# The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

December 3, 2008

**Join us for another Family Movie Night on Friday, December 5, at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.** The movie is free, so come and enjoy the fellowship together. The night's features will be "Frosty the Snowman" and "Charlie Brown's Christmas!" Hope you'll join us!



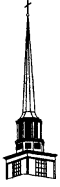
## **LIVE NATIVITY** **Saturday, December 13**

Live Nativity on the church lawn sponsored by our youth! Presentations at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Light refreshments in west end lobby following each performance.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** **Sunday, December 14** **6:30 pm**

Children of all ages (from 1 to 100) are invited to participate in a Christmas pageant about the birth of Baby Jesus. The evening will include Christmas carols, acting, and lots of good fellowship.





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*Every Member of the Church*  
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*William T. Medlin, III*  
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*Keith Bingham*  
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*June Hayes*  
Music Director  
*Debby Trivett*  
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*Jesse Arnett*  
Missionary to Cambodia  
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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 December for Crisis Control:  
potato flakes**

**LCAP gift for the month of December:  
complete boxed dinners**

**Crisis Control also has an immediate need for pasta, canned beef stew, oatmeal, and toilet paper.** There are collection boxes in the adult Sunday School classrooms and outside the church office. Let's remember those who need our help.



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

# Onegroup news & events

**Sunday, December 7:** Sunday Night Youth – Regular Schedule

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

5:00 Program begins

6:15 Dinner

6:45 Youth can be picked up

**Saturday, December 13:** Live Nativity. Performances will be at 5:30 and 7:30, with dinner provided by the Seekers Sunday school class in between. Participants in the first performance should meet in the west end lobby at 4:30 PM, and participants in the second performance should meet in the fellowship hall at 6:15 to eat dinner before their performance. Make sure to let Jesse know if you want to be in the nativity!

**Sunday, December 14:** Lewisville Christmas Parade. Parade participants should meet in the west end lobby no later than 1:45 PM. Youth will return to the church at approximately 4:30 PM.

**Saturday, December 20:** Youth Christmas Party at Hunter and Jesse's house from 6:30 until 9:00 PM! Come celebrate Christmas with all of your friends. We'll eat dinner together, so bring a dinner item, dessert, or drink to share, and also make sure to bring a gift to exchange. Limit on the gifts is \$5. Friends are welcome, as always! Jesse and Hunter live at 348 Lewisville Trails Road – see Jesse if you need directions.

**Sunday, December 21:** No Sunday Night Youth – come take part in the Family Christmas Caroling at 4:00 PM.

**Sunday, December 28:** No Sunday Night Youth (Christmas break)

**Attention Parents!** Don't forget to check out the Parents' Forum at [lewisvilleparents.blogspot.com](http://lewisvilleparents.blogspot.com) for the latest news and updates on youth programs.

**Our Wednesday night youth programs are going strong into December!** But there are only a couple more weeks before Christmas break, so make sure you don't miss it! Here is the upcoming schedule:

December 3 – **WE Serve** – 7:00-8:30 PM in the youth room. We will be putting together gift bags for the Shepherd's Center dinner on Saturday night.

December 10 – **Chat Room** and **Release**

**Upcoming Trip Dates:** Mark your calendars for these exciting opportunities!

High School Ski Trip – Friday, January 23 through Monday, January 26

Middle School Ski Trip – Friday, February 6 through Saturday, February 7

Jamaica Mission Trip (current 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders only) – June 27-July 3, 2009

Carolina Cross Connection (current 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older) – July 26-August 1, 2009

Dates for the Lake Junaluska trip will be announced soon. See the blog for more details!

# UMW NEWS

## UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- ° **The UMW Morning Circle** will have their annual Christmas lunch on Monday, Dec. 8, at Bleu Restaurant. Meet in the old parking lot at 11 am to carpool or at the restaurant at 11:30 am.
- ° **UMW Circle 1** will have their annual Christmas dinner on Monday, Dec. 8, at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- ° **Please note change of restaurant from previous newsletter! The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 pm at **Vincenzo's Italian Restaurant**, 3449 Robinhood Road. We have reservations, but please let Dawn Langevin (766-4435 or quiltqueen@triad.rr.com) know if you will be attending to make sure we have space for everyone.
- ° **The Circle of Concern** will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 6 pm at Big Shotz in Clemmons for their Christmas dinner.

**PLEASE NOTE: SNACK, CRAFT AND YAK WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER.**



## **FRESH PECANS ARE HERE!**

You can see Julie Rains or a member of the Melba Forbis Friendship Circle to pick up your pecans. We have a limited supply of halves and pieces for sale in addition to those pre-ordered. The price is \$9 per 1-lb. bag.

## **STUDENT SUNDAY SERVICES: DECEMBER 28, 8:30 AM AND 11 AM**



There will be Student Sunday Services on Sunday, December 28, at both the 8:30 am and 11 am worship services. If you would like to participate in either service, please call June by December 21 for a part in the service or e-mail her at jrchayes@alltel.net.

**Operation Christmas Child was a true success! Thank you, LUMC, for such tremendous support! Final count was 207 boxes! Way to go!**

### **Don't forget to pick up your Innisbrook wrapping paper!**

See Jesse to pick up your order. Payment is due upon receipt of items. Checks should be made payable to LUMC Youth.

**“PRAYER LIST” GUIDELINES:** Lewisville UMC publishes a weekly “Prayer List” that is made available at both worship services. Person(s) can be added or deleted by calling the church office, 945-3203. Prayer requests are **dated** when placed on the “Prayer List” and kept on for three months unless updated. Requests can stay on the “Prayer List” as long as needed, but we ask that they be updated every three months to keep the “Prayer List” current.

## 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

Nov. 23 Sunday School: 158  
Worship: 330  
Nov. 30 Sunday School: 181  
Worship: 303

#### Promises to Keep: Gifts

|         |                             |             |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Nov. 23 | General Budget              | \$ 6,971.28 |
|         | Hunger Fund                 | \$ 50.00    |
|         | Parsonage Fund              | \$ 20.00    |
|         | LCAP                        | \$ 25.00    |
| Nov. 30 | General Budget              | \$ 6,865.75 |
|         | Discretionary Fund          | \$ 100.00   |
|         | Church/School<br>Connection | \$ 200.00   |
|         | LCAP                        | \$ 290.00   |



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah...out of you will come for Me One Who will be ruler over Israel,” (Micah 5:2), so wrote the prophet Micah some 750 years before Jesus' birth took place. Have you ever waited for a prayer to be answered? Have you waited 750 years? Does your circumstance seem impossible? Think about the circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth. The young woman God chose to be His mother didn't even live in Bethlehem. Solution? Put a bug in the ruler's ear; have him call for a census. Mary and Joseph are on their way. The rest is history! Perhaps you're in an obscure place, waiting to be used by God. Your wait is not in vain. God isn't through yet, and He has a plan for you, too!

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS



#### General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **Dr. Jim Hampton** by Gingi Parker;  
In memory of **Etta Barkley**, Linda Peddycord's sister, by Gingi Parker;  
In honor of **Jack and Jo Gondring's 70th wedding anniversary** by Herman and Millie Orrell;  
In memory of **Emily Hough**, Dona Stilphen's mother, by Terri and Clay Vogler;  
In memory of **Matt Carleton** by Katherine Schroeder;

#### Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Etta Barkley**, Linda Peddycord's sister, by Mike and Toni Jones;  
In memory of **Emily Hough**, Dona Stilphen's mother, by the employees of Performance Specialties in Clemmons and the November WHO Committee;  
In memory of **Lola Holden**, Patsy Booe's mother, by the November WHO Committee and Ollie and Jackie Harrell;  
In honor of **Lizzie Mock** by Jimmy and Betty Leslie and Cary Floyd;

#### LCAP Gifts:

In memory of **Charles, Mary, and Buddy Hewett** by David and Tanya Kivett;  
In memory of **Hassell Collins** by Mike and Julie Collins.

## 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.



Humor has a way of speaking truth. Here are a few about Christmas:

A little girl decided to make her own Christmas cards to give to people. When her father looked at the drawings, he pointed to a drawing of Mary and asked his daughter why she had drawn Mary's leg in such an unusual way. The little girl answered, "That's Mary stomping her foot, because she wanted a girl." *How much have we thought about the feelings of Mary?*

In a FAMILY CIRCUS cartoon, the little girl sits her baby brother on her lap and tells him the story of Christmas. According to her version, Jesus was born just in time for Christmas up at the North Pole surrounded by eight tiny reindeer and the Virgin Mary...Then Santa Claus showed up with lots of toys and stuff and some swaddling clothes...The three wise men and the elves all sang carols while the Little Drummer Boy and Scrooge helped Joseph trim the tree...In the meantime, Frosty the Snowman saw this star... *Thru the eyes of a child comes the wonder and simplicity of Christmas.*

In a CHARLIE BROWN Christmas special, Charlie Brown just couldn't get into the Christmas spirit. Thus his little friend Linus observed, "Charlie Brown, you're the only person I know who can take a wonderful season like Christmas and turn it into a problem." *We tend to make the simplicity of Christmas much more stressful and less enjoyable. Take time to enjoy the meaning of Christmas and your family.*

## **“A MATTER OF THE HEART”**

As our Stewardship Campaign continues, we thank all those who have participated by turning in their “Estimate of Giving” cards. These cards are important to your church in that they enable us to make better financial decisions and they help you in supporting your church. 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. Children and youth cards are also available.

## **Lewisville Elementary School has a family in need of your help.**

A student there has been diagnosed with a very serious medical condition. In order to receive adequate care, the family has had to travel to various hospitals throughout the country. Surgeries are adding up quickly, and the family is unable to afford the necessary treatment. While we ask that you keep this family in your thoughts and prayers, any donations that you are able to make would also be extremely helpful during this difficult time.

This family has been taken care of for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are mainly in need of donations to help with medical expenses, house payment, bills, etc.

If you are able to help in any way, please make your check payable to LCAP with a notation, “for family in need.” Thank you!!!

## INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

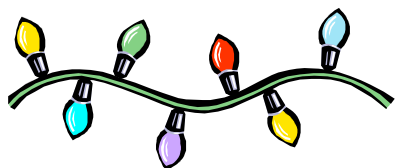


Lewisville Church, after careful consideration, may deem it wise to delay or cancel services or Sunday School in the event of inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.) We will make every attempt to notify you of our status. We are part of the weather code notification procedures for stations WFMY-2 and WXII-12. We will also try, if the power is on, to place it on the church web site, [www.lewisvilleumc.org](http://www.lewisvilleumc.org).

## END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

**Federal law requires that all contributions to LUMC must be either in our hands by December 31st or, if mailed, post-marked on or before December 31st in order to qualify the giver for a tax deduction in 2008.**

**Gifts received which don't meet these requirements will be gratefully accepted and credited to 2009.**



## COLLEGE CHRISTMAS GATHERING! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday, December 19th  
6:30 pm at the home of Mike and June Hayes,  
141 Shore-Craft Drive.  
RSVP by December 17th to 945-3203 (church) or  
e-mail [jrchayes@alltel.net](mailto:jrchayes@alltel.net).

## CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST!

Everyone is invited to a Christmas breakfast furnished by the Methodist Men on Sunday, December 14, at 7:30 am in Asbury Hall.

Come and join us for a delicious breakfast and good fellowship.



## FAITH AND MONEY: IRA ROLLOVER GIFT PROVISION

Congress Extends The IRA Rollover Gift Provision.....Effective October 3rd of this year, Congress extended its provision for IRA owners age 70½ or older to make a direct rollover gift to a church or a charitable organization from an IRA. This tax-free rollover gift can be made in any amount up to \$100,000 and in most cases will qualify for all or part of the IRA owner's required minimum distribution for the current year if the process is completed by December 31, 2008. This is especially beneficial for individuals who are required to take unneeded IRA withdrawals, and others who have experienced limitations on tax benefits in the past. Unchanged is the fact that assets held in IRAs are not only subject to income tax when withdrawn during one's lifetime or by survivors, but they may also be subject to estate tax if left to loved ones other than a spouse. For that reason, IRAs may also be a good choice when deciding how to fund a planned gift. Donors should always consult their tax advisors to determine best giving opportunities, as well as their IRA custodian, to inquire about processing procedures and year-end deadlines.



**Come join us as we spread some Christmas cheer!**

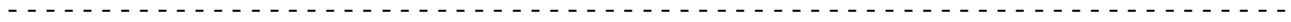
We're going caroling on Sunday, December 21st. Meet at the Williams' home, 1590 Greenfield Drive, at 4:00 pm SHARP. We'll carpool from there. We'll conclude our evening with soups and desserts back at the Williams' home. If you'd like to join us or would like to help with dinner, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office by noon on Dec. 21.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we'd like to go Christmas caroling. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ (#) in our group.

\_\_\_\_\_ I'll bring 2 dozen cookies/dessert                      \_\_\_\_\_ I'll bring a crockpot of soup/chili, etc.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call Margaret Williams, 945-7860, or June Hayes, 945-3203.

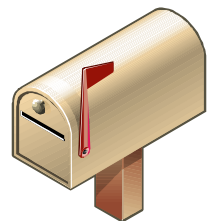


**Staff Christmas Love Offering**

Again this year, the Staff Parish Committee wants to give the congregation an opportunity to contribute to a "love offering" for the church staff of Keith, June, Jesse, Debby, and Toni. We will present this opportunity on four Sundays from November 30 through December 21. The money collected will be equally divided and presented before Christmas. You have been generous in past years and we hope you will be this year.

**CHRISTMAS CARD LIST:** Here are the current addresses for some former pastors and others, for those who wish to send a greeting.

- Rev. Charles Turner 2536 Holcomb Road, Boonville, NC 27011-8882
- Rev. Don Routh 167 Hemlock Street, Mocksville, NC 27028
- Rev. Ellis Rouse 6045 Aaron Place Lane, Kernersville, NC 27284
- Rev. Joseph Law 2688 Windy Crossing, Winston-Salem, NC 27127
- Rev. John Burton 1891 Harrison Crossroad Loop, Reidsville, NC 27320-8772
- Rev. Jim Faggart 502 East Liberty St., China Grove, NC 28023
- Rev. Tom Lee 610 Carrington Place, Lewisville, NC 27023
- Rev. Neil Shaw 1130 Jonestown Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27103  
(Neil grew up in LUMC)



# SHARING IN MINISTRY

## GREETERS AND USHERS

### **(8:30 AM SERVICE)**

Dec. 7 Tim and Julie Rains  
Dec. 14 Ken and Denise Criss  
Dec. 21 Dusty and Mitzi Swing  
Dec. 28 Youth

## DOORSTEP TEAM VISITATION

Dec. 7 Tim and Julie Rains  
Dec. 14 Art and Linda Lyon  
Dec. 21 Dan and Angie Choplin  
Dec. 28 Wayne and Betty Hall

## WHO COMMITTEE

### **December WHO Committee**

#### **Chairs: Maxine Mast and Donna Stebbins**

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Karen Hutchens | Angie Pantazopoulos  |
| Karen Cole     | Nancy Baker          |
| Sue Snyder     | Julie Collins        |
| Nancy Cranfill | Allyson Edwards      |
| Luann Sorrell  | Margaret van de Riet |
| Janet Sizemore | Kate Reidenbach      |

## WHY COMMITTEE

### **December WHY Committee**

#### **Chairs: Daniel Choplin and Trent Messick**

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Alex Appanaitis | Paul Gough      |
| Geoff Rudy      | Gary Gross      |
| Ken Scales      | Craig Jarrett   |
| Pete Sturdy     | Buck Johnson    |
| Jesse Coleman   | Mark McClelland |
| Clay Vogler     | Jimmie Moore    |
| Ray Trosan      |                 |

## Children's Church Schedule

### **(8:30 am Worship Service)**

Dec. 7 Angie Tuttle and Amanda Isasi  
Dec. 14 Jeff and Shelly Ferner  
Dec. 21 Barbara Bryant and Jennifer Buck  
Dec. 28 No Children's Church  
Jan. 3 Will and Jenny Davis  
Jan. 10 Daniel and Angie Choplin

**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

Dec. 7 Deborah Jones  
Dec. 14 Kim and Neal Roberts  
Dec. 21 William Farlow  
Dec. 28 Sharon Hill

## 11:00 am Nursery Schedule

Dec. 7 Kelly and John Morris  
Dec. 14 Dan and Margaret Williams  
Dec. 21 Terri and Clay Vogler  
Dec. 28 Rod and Debbie Ruperto



You're Invited to  
Celebrate Christmas  
At  
Lewisville United Methodist  
Church

6290 Shallowford Road  
Lewisville, NC

Friday, December 5      7:00 pm   Christmas Movie Night

Sunday, December 7      8:30 am   New Beginning Service  
11:00 am   Worship Service with Special Handbell Music

Saturday, December 13: Live Nativity at LUMC on the front church lawn sponsored by our youth! Presentations at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served in the west end lobby following each performance!

Sunday, December 14:    8:30 am   New Beginning Service  
11:00 am   Christmas Cantata  
3:00 pm   Lewisville Christmas Parade  
6:30 pm   Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 21:    8:30 am   New Beginning Christmas Worship Service  
11:00 am   Traditional Christmas Worship Service  
4:00 pm   Family Christmas Caroling

Wed., December 24:      5:00 pm   Communion and Candlelight Service  
7:30 pm   Communion and Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 28:    8:30 am   Special Worship Service: United Methodist Student Day  
11:00 am   Special Worship Service: United Methodist Student Day

Sunday, January 4:      8:30 am   New Beginning Service  
(Epiphany)                11:00 am   Traditional Worship Service