

OUR PRESENCE

November 2, 2025

- Online: 122
- Sunday School: 148
- Contemporary: 127
- Traditional: 143
- Total In Person: 270

November 9, 2025

- Online: 146
- Sunday School: 124
- Contemporary: 91
- Traditional: 139
- Total In Person: 230

November 16, 2025

- Online: 128
- Sunday School: 144
- Contemporary: 88
- Traditional: 178
- Total In Person: 266

November 23, 2025

- Sunday School: 136
- Contemporary: 132
- Traditional: 159
- Total In Person: 291

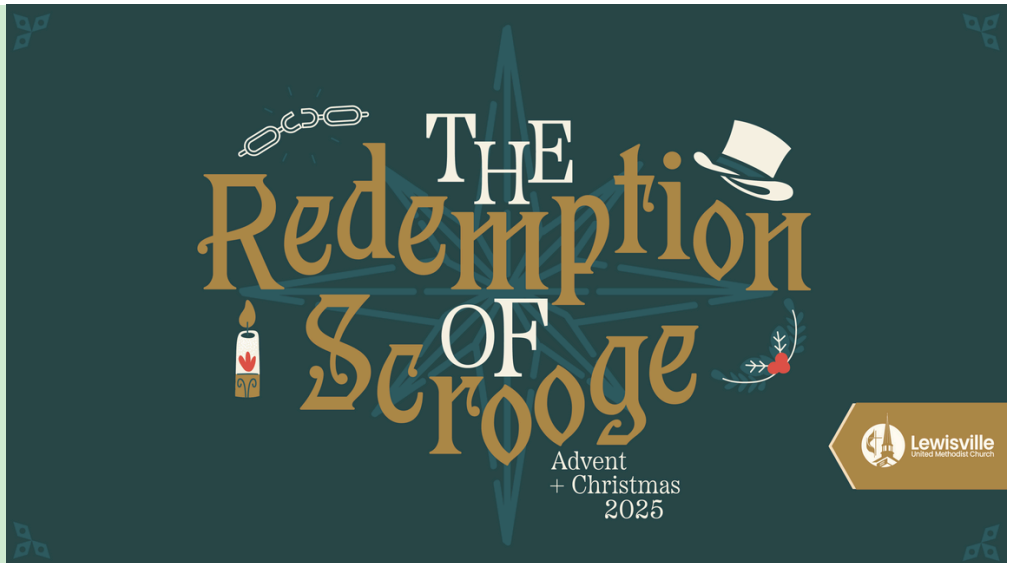
OUR GIFTS

Giving Deposits

- October Online: \$9,274
- November 2: \$8,458
- November 9: \$15,570
- November 16: \$9,546
- November 23: \$13,148

General Budget Giving Through October 2025

Tithes and Offerings: \$558,263
Expenses: \$559,871



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAUL

Christmas is a time for storytelling. Relatives laugh around the table as well-worn tales are retold. Parents recite the magic of the "Night Before Christmas" while sugarplums dance in children's heads. And of course, on Christmas Eve, we will read the story of the baby born in a manger to save us all. Jesus knew the power of a good story, which is why he taught people with parables. This Advent, we will explore together the greatest Christmas parable ever written: "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. In the redemption of the lonely, selfish old miser Ebenezer Scrooge, we'll uncover the gifts of God's hope, peace, joy, and love. And if Scrooge can be redeemed, than so can we. So come, let us adore the newborn King - and "God bless us, everyone!"



A Family for All

On November 9th, we welcomed Mark and Janet Sawyer as the newest members of our church family!

This year, we baptized 21 people, including 7 adults, and welcomed 57 new members, bringing the total number of new members over the past 3 years to 153. More than half of our new members in 2025 are younger adults. God is good - all the time! There is a place for everyone at Lewisville UMC



Mark & Janet Sawyer

"I want to thank everyone from my church family for any cards, prayers, calls texts and flowers during my recent gall bladder surgery and recovery. It was much appreciated.

Thanks" - Kurt Speckhart

Birthdays in December

1 Peyton Anderson	13 Debra Breyer
Lu Cooper	14 Jim Connor
3 Claude Grabski	Mike Jones
4 Jeff Hennis	15 Daniel Choplin
Chuck Robinson	Arlene Arnoczy
Donna Fox	Dev Bryant
5 Rue Shuping	16 Connie Beard
6 Rebecca Brown	William Farlow
7 Emmett Pomeroy	17 Gary Gross
Cathy Wells	Ellie Goff
8 Preston Jester	18 Sophie Godfrey
Woody Smith	Aaron Jones
Kelly McPherson	20 Catherine Googe
9 Michael Morgan	John Kenyon
Rob Slaughter	Rebecca Ward
10 Michael Hayes	21 Valerie Alexander
Eliza Cordray	Jessica Baker
11 Larry Peddycord	23 Amy Foster
Bob Stebbins	24 Dominick Griffin
12 Tim Clodfelter	25 Claire Batten
Anne Kirkman	Shirley Heard
Jeanna Lindenthal	27 Rick Langevin
Marsha Walker	Joel Pace
Donna Stanford	Cindy O'Byrne
	28 Lexi Bennett
	29 Eliot Ewald
	31 Toni Jones
	Anita Pace



Anniversaries in December



2 Jack & Debra Breyer
 4 Rick & Carol Lunsford
 Woody & Marilyn Smith
 11 John & Kelly Morris
 13 Christopher & Kayleigh Sell
 19 Clay & Jane Pfeuffer
 20 David & Megan Vogler
 27 John & Cathy Wells
 28 Derick & Ashley Flanery
 JW & Anita Pace



Invited to Belong

Christmas at Lewisville UMC

- **Little Lights Christmas Fest: December 6th**
 - *10am-1pm, Event for Children & Families*
- **Church Christmas Party: December 7th**
 - *6pm in the Fellowship Hall*
- **Joy Sunday Worship Service: December 14th**
 - *10:30am, Led by Children and Youth*
- **Lewisville Christmas Parade: December 14th**
 - *3pm, Look for our float!*
- **Christmas Cantata: December 21st**
 - *11:00am Traditional Service*
- **Christmas Eve Services: December 24th**
 - *5pm and 7pm in the Sanctuary*
- **Combined Worship: December 28th**
 - *10:30am in the Sanctuary*



Invited to Belong

December 6th

- Little Lights Christmas Fest (10am-1pm)

December 7th

- Sunday School (10am)

December 14th

- Joy Sunday Combined Worship (10:30am)
- Lewisville Christmas Parade (1:30pm)

December 21st

- Sunday School (10am)

December 28th

- Combined Worship (10:30am)

Little Lights Christmas Fest: An opportunity for children and their families to make Christmas ornaments, explore the Biblical Christmas story, meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, decorate Christmas cookies, and more!

December at Lewisville Kids



Sign up to participate in the Christmas Parade or Joy Sunday on the website

Learn more about everything going on for children at Lewisville UMC at www.lewisvilleumc.org/lewisvillekids

December 7th

- Sunday School (10am)
- Youth Group (4:30-6:00)
- Church Christmas Party (6pm)
- Deadline to sign up for Progressive Dinner

December 13th

- Progressive Dinner and Christmas Party (5-9:30pm)

December 14th

- Joy Sunday Combined Worship (10:30am)
- Lewisville Christmas Parade (1:30pm)

December 21st

- Sunday School (10am)

December 28th

- Combined Worship (10:30am)

Sign up for Progressive Dinner, Christmas Parade, and Joy Sunday at www.lewisvilleumc.org/youth

December at Lewisville Youth



Sign-Up by January 1st

YOUTH: 8th grade and older



Little Lights Christmas Fest

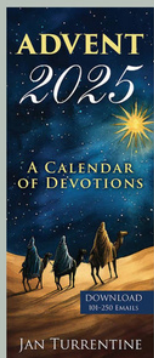


Saturday, Dec. 6th

10am-1pm



Local Vendors & Activities for Children



**Advent Devotionals
are available for pick
up in the Narthex
and outside of the
Church Office**

ECHOES DECEMBER OUTING

“Motown Christmas”

Trip to the Wohlfart Haus in Wythville, Virginia
December 10th
Includes a 4 course lunch and show
Call Nan Johnson for details



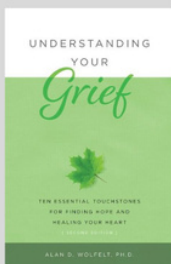
United Women in Faith

- Morning Circle: Christmas Lunch at the Sherwood- Monday, December 8th at 11:30am.
- Afternoon Circle: Monday, December 8th at 1pm in Yokefellow

Understanding Your Grief 10 Week Grief Class

Starts on January 4th

**Sundays at 6pm
in the Parlor**



LET'S HIKE

**DECEMBER 6TH AT 9AM
YADKIN MEMORIAL PARK (4.5 MILES)
CONTACT TIM OR JULIE RAINS**



Red Cross Blood Drive



Echoes Trip to Boone



Friendsgiving



Empowered to Care



Please only donate requested items that have not expired as there is limited space in the pantry. Financial contributions are always appreciated. Checks should be made out to LCAP. Thank you!

We are so grateful to everyone who financially supported LCAP during the temporary loss of SNAP benefits. At the November food distribution, LCAP served 23 families, including 56 adults and 28 children. LCAP and the United Methodist Men provided Thanksgiving turkeys to 54 families in our community. Also in November, LCAP received a large donation from the Piedmont Flyers and Lewisville Civic Club, as well as a grant from the United Methodist Foundation. In January, Laura Denlinger will begin serving as the new volunteer director of LCAP.



December Blessing Box Volunteer:

Boy Scouts – Rhonda Tiddy

Crossnore Angel Tree

Our Angel Trees for Crossnore Communities for Children will be up on Sunday, November 16th. Choose a tag from the tree and purchase a \$10 gift card for the young adults or your favorite toy (\$10–35) for the children and return toys under the tree and place gift cards in the offering box by December 7th. Do not wrap and no tag required. Here are some toy ideas: board games, card games, books, balls, items from Claire's, Bath and Body Works, or Ulta, art supplies, craft sets, Legos, puzzle games. They have asked for NO BARBIES (they have plenty).

Caroling at Vienna Village

On Thursday, December 18th, you're invited to sing carols and visit with the residents of Vienna Village. If you'd like to carpool, meet in the Sanctuary Parking Lot at 9:45am or meet the group at Vienna Village at 10am.

Christmas Eve Offering

Remembering that Jesus's family was forced to flee to Egypt for safety, the entirety of our Christmas Eve offering will go toward supporting the refugee ministry of World Relief Triad and our Good Neighbor Team.



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on January 10th, at Lewisville UMC.

Pray for our missionary in Cambodia, Patrick Booth (pbooth@umcmmission.org)

From the Finance Committee

Since Celebration Sunday, we have received a record 125 commitment cards, including 35 first time commitments. The total dollar amount pledged is \$654,676, an increase of 17% over last year and covering 97% of our 2026 budget! Thanks to your generous support, we will continue our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and the world.

We have a new online giving platform! You can set up recurring gifts, make a one-time gift, or submit payment for church related things easily by visiting our online giving page: lewisvilleumc.org/give or scanning the QR code below. You will also find detailed instructions on our online giving page for deactivating your old online giving account and setting up your new account.



From the Staff Parish Relations Committee

To show our staff appreciation, we are taking up a Christmas love offering beginning on Sunday, November 30th and concluding on December 21st. We encourage you to show your love and support to our well deserving staff. Please designate your gift as “staff love offering” or use the envelopes provided in the bulletin.

End of Year Details

- The Church Office will be closed from December 25th–January 2nd
- Any end of year contributions can be mailed to the church or left in the secure mailbox outside of the church office. Any contributions dated 2025 will be included on your 2025 giving records.



Memorials & Honorariums

General Fund

- Given by Steve & Vivian Newman in honor & in memory of all veterans

LCAP Fund

- Given by Connie Beard in honor of Laura Morris

Capital Improvement Fund

- Given by Mark & Valerie Alexander in memory of Buck Buchanan



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