



Lewisville

United Methodist Church

the Shallowford Steeple

January | 2026

OUR PRESENCE

December 7, 2025

- Online: 126
- Sunday School: 142
- Contemporary: 126
- Traditional: 203
- Total In Person: 329

December 14, 2025

- Online: 122
- Combined: 220

December 21, 2025

- Online: 169
- Sunday School: 125
- Contemporary: 98
- Traditional: 184
- Total In Person: 282

December 24, 2025

- Online: 153
- Christmas Eve: 512

December 28, 2025

- Combined: 169

OUR GIFTS

Giving Deposits

- November Online: \$13,740
- December 7: \$39,472
- December 14: \$6,731
- December 21: 7,365
- December 28: \$7,546

General Budget Giving Through November 2025

Tithes and Offerings: \$604,966
Expenses: \$620,055



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAUL

At some point in our lives, we all ask the question, "Why?" Some people feel guilty for questioning God while others end up abandoning their faith altogether. But the Bible is full of everyday people who struggle to make sense of suffering. Jesus himself quotes from the Psalms when he cries out from the cross, "Why have you forsaken me?" Maybe you have wondered about questions like: Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do my prayers go unanswered? Why can't I see God's will for my life? As we begin a new year, we'll tackle these big questions together and discover why the worst thing is never the last thing. For "we know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).



A Family for All

On December 21st, we welcomed Celeste Joyner as the newest members of our church family!



Celeste Joyner

Birthdays in January

1 Masengo Mboko	22 Eva Foster
Apolina Mboko	Christopher Sell
2 Phyllis Herring	Debbie Norman
Sylvia Spell	24 Kelly Forrester
3 Conner Smitherman	Glenna Weidner
4 Mike O'Byrne	26 Cornelia Gray
6 Don Moore	Rita Smith
10 Lucas Vogler	27 Laura Morris
Lily Vogler	28 Daniel Baker
Sunny Cordray	Gordon Stanford
Evan Morris	Clay Vogler
11 Bill Motley	Kayleigh Sell
12 Kevin Salus	29 Irene Foster
14 Leo Bush	Vicki Holcomb
David Speckhart	30 James Cordray
16 Isaac Shuping	Margaret
VandeRiet	Eric Gordon
Sylvia Yarnell	
17 Jay Cope	
18 Mike Jones	
Don Morris	
Jane Timmerman	
19 Margaret Currie-Coyoy	
Ken Jones	
Wanda Moser	
Debra Stachnik	



On December 21st, Chip & Rebecca Sheldon welcomed a baby girl, Gwendolyn Grace!



Anniversaries in January

3 Bill & Chris Motley
18 John & Cathy Kenyon
25 Dan Bryant & Shilpa Sawardekar
26 Zeke & Sandra Mock





Happy NEW YEAR



2026 MINISTRY FUNDING PLAN

FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW, WE RECEIVED A RECORD NUMBER OF 126 PLEDGES, COVERING 97% OF THE BUDGET. WE ADDED 34 NEW PLEDGES AND INCREASED THE AMOUNT PLEDGED BY 17%. WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER AT LUMC!

STAFF SUPPORT	\$374,563 (55%)
WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP	\$57,550 (9%)
MISSION & EVANGELISM	\$68,736 (10%)
GATHERING SPACE	\$176,781(26%)
TOTAL	\$677,630

2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

THE CHURCH COUNCIL OVERSEES THE CHURCH'S MISSION, MINISTRY, AND STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

ANNE WATKINS	CHAIR
BO HOUFF	LAY LEADER
ED THUTT	STAFF PARISH
JOHN WELLS	FINANCE
DOUG BROWN	STEWARDSHIP
PAUL MULLICAN	TRUSTEES
MARGARET CONNOR	LAY DELEGATE TO CONFERENCE
SHANNON WILLIAMS	FELLOWSHIP
JULIE RAINS	MISSIONS
CHERYL GROSS	EVANGELISM
RAFFI GRANADOS	OUTREACH
ED SMITH	UNITED METHODIST MEN
DEBBIE NORMAN	UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
ANNE HENNIS	AT LARGE
JOHN BINNION	AT LARGE
LAURA DENLINGER	AT LARGE
PAUL BROWN	SENIOR PASTOR
KARA CHAMBERLIN	ASSOCIATE PASTOR
DEBBY TRIVETT	DIRECTOR OF MUSIC





Invited to Belong

January 4th

- Sunday School (10am)

January 11th

- Sunday School (10am)
- Tween Time for 4th/5th Graders (3-4:30pm)

January 18th

- Sunday School (10am)

January 25th

- Sunday School (10am)
- Special Preschool Sunday School for Kids and their Grownups (10am in Asbury)

Save the Date: Lewisville Kids Valentines Day Party will be on Saturday, February 14th from 10am-11:30am in Asbury Hall.

January at Lewisville Kids



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

January 2nd

- Youth Group Mystery Trip (12-6pm)

January 4th

- Sunday School (10am)
- Confirmation Kick-Off (10am in Asbury Hall)

January 11th

- Sunday School & Confirmation (10am)
- Youth Group (4:30-6:30pm)

January 18th

- Sunday School & Confirmation (10am)
- Youth Group (4:30-6:30pm)
- Deadline to register for Thunderbirds Game

January 24th

- Thunderbirds Game (3-8pm)

January 25th

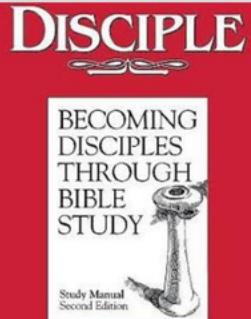
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January at Lewisville Youth



Save the Date: Sunday, February 15th from 5:30-7:30pm- Talent Show and Dinner to Support Youth Missions

Dive Deeper into the Bible



Disciple Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10am in Asbury
Wednesdays at 6:30pm on Zoom

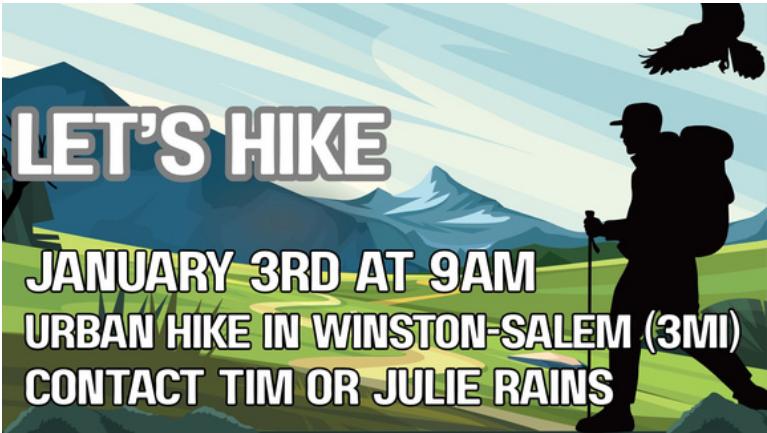


United Women in Faith

- Morning Circle: Monday, January 12th at 10am in Yokefellow
- Afternoon Circle: Monday, January 12th at 1pm in Yokefellow

United Methodist Men

Breakfast Meeting
Saturday, January 10th
8am in the Fellowship Hall



FITNESS FAITH CLASS

MONDAYS AT 6:15PM



A Brief Christmas Carol Play
Joy Sunday



Christmas Party



Christmas Parade



Empowered to Care

LCAP NEEDED ITEMS JANUARY

Coffee
Cooking Oil

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!

The next drive-in food distribution will be on Sunday, January 11th, from 4:30- 6pm

Welcome to our new LCAP Directors, Laura and Kyle Denlinger! Laura will serve as administrative director, Kyle will handle the budget and website, and Denise Criss will direct the pantry.



Laura & Kyle Denlinger

January Blessing Box Volunteer: **Afterschool -Crystal Maroni**

Remember to donate non-perishable food & toiletry items to the Blessings Box as often as possible.

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

Thank you to all who contributed to the Angel Tree this year. We were able to deliver 50+ gift cards, over 100 toys, and a cash donation to Crossnore Communities for Children. Additionally our United Women in Faith made a significant contribution of clothes, toys, and diapers for babies in foster care. Crossnore wishes to express its thanks for the generosity of Lewisville United Methodist Church.



Log Cabin Award

On December 7th, Rev. Pam Carter presented the Log Cabin Award on behalf of the Conference, recognizing our church's response to Hurricane Helene.



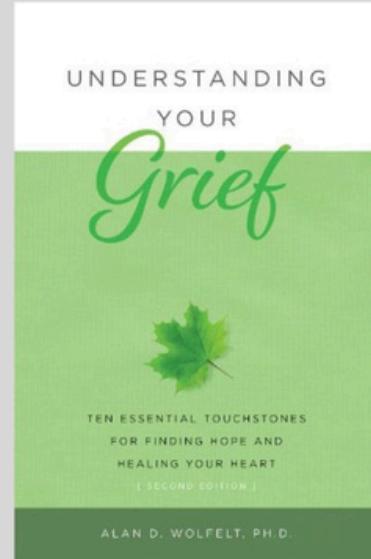
Pray for our missionary in Cambodia, Patrick Booth (pbooth@umcmision.org)

Understanding Your Grief

10 Week Grief Class

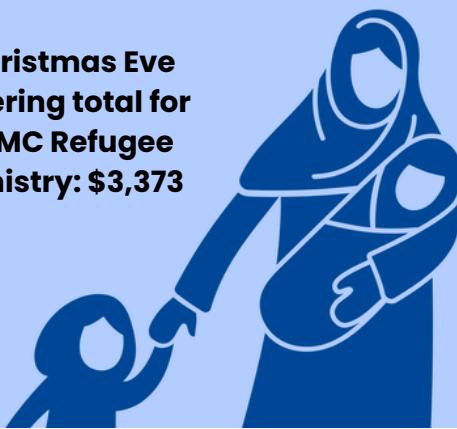
Starts on January 4th

**Sundays at 6pm
in the Parlor**



Vienna Village Carolers

**Christmas Eve
Offering total for
LUMC Refugee
Ministry: \$3,373**



Memorials & Honorariums

General Fund

- Given by Marvin Yow in memory of his late wife LouAnn Yow





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