

## 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 21<sup>st</sup>, we welcomed Celeste Joyner as the newest members of our church family!



**Celeste Joyner**

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



## 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                |                    |
| Sylvia Yarnell           | Eric Gordon        |
| 17 Jay Cope              |                    |
| 18 Mike Jones            |                    |
| Don Morris               |                    |
| Jane Timmerman           |                    |
| 19 Margaret Currie-Coyoy |                    |
| Ken Jones                |                    |
| Wanda Moser              |                    |
| Debra Stachnik           |                    |



## Anniversaries in January



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







# Invited to Belong

## 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%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$677,630</b>

### 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





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## January 4th

- Sunday School (10am)

## January 11th

- Sunday School (10am)
- Tween Time for 4th/5<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

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

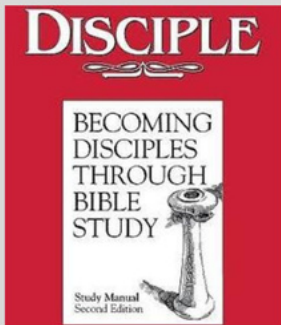
## January at Lewisville Youth



Save the Date: Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

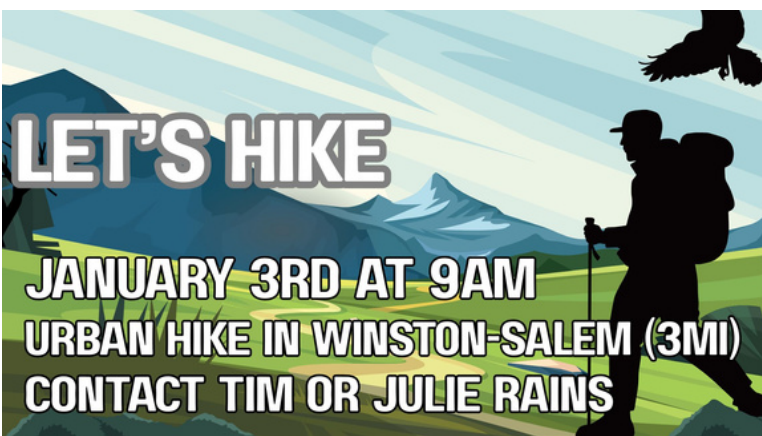


## United Women in Faith

- Morning Circle: Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Yokefellow
- Afternoon Circle: Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 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



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.

**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 it's thanks for the generosity of Lewisville United Methodist Church.



**Log Cabin Award**

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



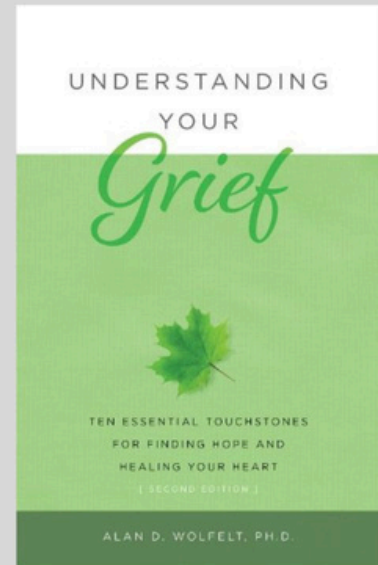
**The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on January 10th, at Lewisville UMC.**

**Pray for our missionary in Cambodia, Patrick Booth ([pbooth@umcmmission.org](mailto:pbooth@umcmmission.org))**

# Understanding Your Grief 10 Week Grief Class

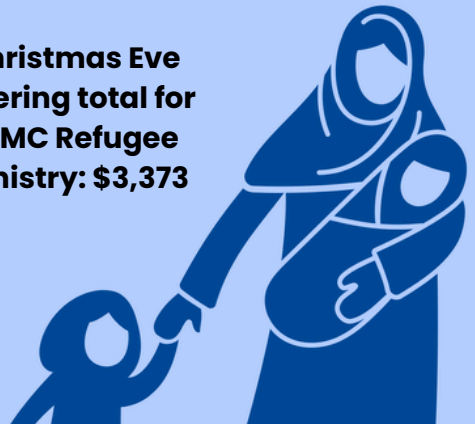
**Starts on January 4th**

**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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Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better.

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory* and download the FREE app to begin. You will use your email address listed in the directory to **create a login** the first time you use the app.

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