

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 3, 2023

- Online: 110
- Sunday School: 96
- Contemporary: 68
- Traditional: 160
- Total In Person: 228

December 10, 2023

- Online: 106
- Sunday School: 107
- Contemporary: 67
- Traditional: 170
- Total In Person: 237

December 17, 2023:

- Online: 104
- Sunday School: 109
- Contemporary: 61
- Traditional: 184
- Total In Person: 245

December 24, 2023

- Online: 149
- Contemporary: 51
- Traditional: 181
- Total In Person: 232
- Candlelight: 286

December 31, 2023:

- Combined: 172

Giving Deposits

- November Online: \$6,028
- December 3: \$48,393
- December 10: \$26,023
- December 17: \$5,401
- December 24: \$33,652
- December 31: \$5,956

General Budget Giving Through November 2023

Tithes & Offerings \$487,576
Expenses \$519,341

Balance on Sanctuary

Renovation Loan: \$33,695

FACILITY UPDATE

One year ago, our congregation began worshipping in the Fellowship Hall as the sanctuary renovation project began. Now, not only are we worshipping in our newly renovated sanctuary, but thanks to the generosity of God's people and several large year-end gifts, the balance on the renovation loan has been reduced to less than \$35,000. Once the church receives a sales tax refund for the renovation costs, we will nearly be able to pay off the loan!

In the fall, the church identified a need to replace the roof over the Sunday School classes and Fellowship Hall. Some anonymous donors stepped up and covered the entire cost of replacing the roof - a project that's now underway!

God is truly good all the time and we are blessed to be part of a church family that practices extravagant generosity in order to advance our mission in 2024 and beyond. We appreciate everyone who made financial commitments to help us pay off the sanctuary loan as soon as possible. Once the loan is paid off, any additional contributions toward the renovation will go to the church's capital improvement fund.

"My God will meet your every need out of his riches in the glory that is found in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19



Happy NEW YEAR



2024 MINISTRY FUNDING PLAN

FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW, WE RECEIVED A RECORD NUMBER OF PLEDGES AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGET. WE ADDED 15 FIRST TIME PLEDGES AND INCREASED THE AMOUNT PLEDGED BY 10%. WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER AT LUMC!

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| STAFF SUPPORT | \$342,663 (56%) |
| WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP | \$52,250 (9%) |
| MISSION & EVANGELISM | \$66,553 (11%) |
| GATHERING SPACE | \$148,767(24%) |
| TOTAL | \$610,233 |

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

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

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| ANNE WATKINS | CHAIR |
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| JOHN BINNION | AT LARGE |
| PAUL BROWN | SENIOR PASTOR |
| KARA CHAMBERLIN | ASSOCIATE PASTOR |
| DEBBY TRIVETT | DIRECTOR OF MUSIC |





Upcoming Events

Spiritual Classics Bible Study

Each Tuesday at 10am in Asbury Hall (beginning January 9th), Pastor Paul will be leading a study on some of the spiritual classics throughout church history. The group will begin each week with scripture and then discuss the writings of great Christian thinkers from Saint Augustine to Martin Luther King. Pastor Kara will be leading a Zoom Bible study on Wednesday Nights at 7pm on the same material.

January Fellowship Dinner

There will be a Fellowship Meal for the whole church family on Sunday, January 21st at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Soup (Chili, Italian Vegetable) and Sandwiches (Turkey, PB&J). Cost: \$5 per person. Sign up in the Opportunity Form or by calling the church office.

United Methodist Men January Meeting

- Breakfast on Saturday, January 27th at 8am in the Fellowship Hall

Hiking Group

Saturday, January 6th at 9am to hike Grindstone Trail at Pilot Mountain State Park. Meet at the Visitor's center: 1721 Pilot Knob Park Rd in Pinnacle. Hike is 6.5 miles and is rated "strenuous".

United Women in Faith January Meetings

- Morning Circle: Monday, January 8th at 10am in the Yokefellow
- Afternoon Circle: Monday, January 8th at 1pm in the Parlor
- Night Circle: Tuesday, January 9th at 7pm (Beginning a new study on the "Bad Girls of the Bible")

Fitness Faith Group

Strengthen your body, improve your balance on Monday Nights at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Start the night off with workout, finish up with a group Devotion. Donations of \$1 - \$5 will go toward a charity that our group chooses. Bring your mat, water bottle and weights. (A few extra set of weights are available.) Contact Tanya Kivett with any questions.

Vienna Village Singers

Each 3rd and 4th Thursday of the month, a group from LUMC goes to Vienna Village to sing songs and visit with the residents. Meet in the Sanctuary parking lot of the church at 9:45 to carpool or meet at Vienna Village at 10am to participate.. This month's dates are January 18th and 25th.

For more information about upcoming activities, be sure to read the Mid-Week Announcement email and check our website www.lewisvilleumc.org



Lewisville Kids

- Sunday, January 7th: Sunday School at 10am.
- Sunday, January 14th: Sunday School at 10am.
- Sunday, January 21st: Sunday School at 10am.
- Sunday, January 28th: Sunday School at 10am.

Save the Date: Lewisville Kids Valentines Day Party-
Sunday, February 11th from 3-4:30pm in Asbury Hall

JANUARY EVENTS

- **Sunday, January 7th : Bible & Breakfast (10am), Youth Group (4:30-6pm)**
- **Sunday, January 14th: Bible & Breakfast (10am), No Youth Group (MLK Weekend)**
- **Sunday, January 21st: Bible and Breakfast (10am), Youth Group (4:30-6pm)**
- **Sunday, January 28th : Bible and Breakfast (10am), Youth Group (4:30-6pm)**

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Mission & Outreach



The Blessings Box

Remember to donate non-perishable grab-and-go items as much as possible.

January Volunteer:
LUMC Preschool

LCAP receives grant to expand services

In December, the leadership of the Lewisville Community Assistance Program received word that LCAP was selected to receive a \$12,000 grant from the Yadkin Valley District Vitality Team of The United Methodist Church. This grant will allow LCAP to respond to the growing need in our community for rent and utility assistance. The grant will also allow LCAP to distribute more fresh meat and dairy products at the bi-monthly food distribution events. Lastly, this grant will support the continued mission of our community garden, which supports the LCAP food pantry during the warmer months. Congratulations to LCAP and program director, Melony Brown for securing these funds that will help LCAP continue to make the town of Lewisville a little bit more like the Kingdom of God.



The next drive in LCAP Food Distribution will be on Sunday, January 14th, from 4:30-6pm in our parking lot.

Overview of 2023 Progress:

- Moved the pantry to a larger space and added refrigerator/freezer
- Partnered with Food Lion for fresh & frozen meat and baked goods, fresh eggs from the Sontag family, and fresh produce from the Community Garden
- Added two new partner churches
- Received donations from the Piedmont Flyers Bike Club and Lewisville Civic Club

Refugee Ministry

On Thursday, December 21st, our church's Good Neighbor Team hosted the M'Boko family for a Christmas party followed by a trip in the church bus to the Tanglewood Lights. Our Christmas gift to the family was a new freezer. On Christmas Eve, we collected \$2,042 - all of which will go toward the refugee ministry of our Good Neighbor Team and World Relief Triad.

Angel Tree

Thank you for all who supported our 2023 Angel Tree Ministry and provided games and sleeping bags for Crossnore Communities for Children. We received a lovely thank you note from some of the children served by Crossnore.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on January 13th at Sharon United Methodist Church.



Birthdays in January

- 1 Katherine Reeves
- 2 Phyllis Herring
- 3 Conner Smitherman
- 6 Donald Moore
- 9 Jackie Harrell
- 10 Lucas Vogler
Lily Vogler
Sunny Cordray
Evan Morris
- 11 Bill Motley
- 12 Kevin Salus
- 16 Isaac Shuping
Sylvia Yarnell
- 17 Jay Cope
- 18 Mike Jones
- 19 Ken Jones
Wanda Moser
- 22 Eva Foster
Christopher Sell
Debbie Norman
- 24 Kelly Forrester
- 26 Cornelia Gray
Rita Smith
- 27 Laura Morris
- 28 Daniel Baker
Gordon Stanford
David Vogler
Kayleigh Sell
- 29 Vicki Holcomb
- 30 Margaret Vanderiet
Eric Gordon
Beth Rudy
James Cordray

Anniversaries in January

- 1 Chuck & Lori Gaskin
- 3 Bill & Chris Motley
- 25 Shilpa Sawardekar & Dan Bryant



Welcome New Members



Doug & Melony
Brown



Dan Bryant,
Jay



Jim & Joan
Cordray



Claude &
Diane Grabski



Chuck & Lori
Gaskin



Kay Harmon



Jeff & Jen
Pomeroy,
Noah, Emmett



Mary Myers



Bill & Chris
Motley

Interested in becoming a church member? Join us for the next Coffee with the Pastors (new members class) on Sunday, January 28th, at 10am in the Parlor.



Memorials & Honorariums

General Fund

- Given by Debra Schuetz in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Barbara Mahaffey in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Ann Neill in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Jacob & Brittany Shugart in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by the Heart to Heart Sunday School Class in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Tanya Tise in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Catherine Kolstad in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Tom Moser in memory of Mr & Mrs Moser Jr
- Given by Mr & Mrs Burchett in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by John & Cathy Wells in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Harriet Binkley in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Richard & Carol Lunsford in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Jimmie & Phyllis Ball Moore in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Evelyn Nifong in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Todd & Mary Lockhart in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Mike & Toni Jones in memory of Brad Forbes, Mike Smith & Al Harvey
- Given by Richard & Kaye Patterson in memory of Robert Walsh
- Given by Mark & Britt Anne McClelland in memory of Buddy Robinson & Dean Norman
- Given by Joyce Bowers, Margaret Bowers & Family in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Brian & Judi Burkhart in memory of Al Harvey
- Given by Barry & Sandra Bryant in memory of Dean Norman

Sanctuary Renovation Fund

- Given by David Shanks in memory of Robert Walsh, Sarah Moore & Mary Cordell Henderson
- Given by Sylvia Yarnell in honor of Tanya Kivett & her exercise class
- Given by Louise Aaron in memory of Brad Forbes
- Given by Marvin Yow in memory of Louann Yow
- Given by Mark & Valerie Alexander in memory of Doris Buchanan
- Given by Randy & JoBeth Melton in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Nancy Fisher in memory of Jim Faggart
- Given by James & Debra Kilby in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Ron & Sue Darby in memory of Doris Buchanan, Bill McCall & Dean Norman
- Given by the November WHO Committee in memory of Al Harvey & Brad Forbes
- Given by David Shanks in memory of Bill McCall, Brad Forbes, & Al Harvey

LCAP Fund

- Given by Margaret Vanderiet in memory of Brad Kirkman

THANK YOU for the generous Staff Love Offering for Christmas. We are blessed to serve such a loving, supportive church family together, and look forward to what God has in store in 2024!

Love,

Paul, Kara, Debby, Hollee, and Ashley

Our Church Family

We extend our Christian sympathy, love, and prayers to the family of Robert Walsh, who passed away on December 8th.

On Sunday, December 10th, we celebrated the baptisms of Mary Myers and Jeff, Noah, and Emmett Pomeroy.

On Sunday, December 17th, we celebrated the baptism of Susannah Rose Godfrey.

Dear LUMC Church Family, Thank you for all the cards, donations, texts, thoughts & prayers you sent after Dad passed away. It meant so much to know all were thinking about us during this difficult time. We are blessed to be a part of such a giving community! God Bless You! Jason, Marcy, Reece, Camryn & the Harvey Family.

Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the kind expressions of your sympathy, cards, calls and love shown to use at the loss of my brother, Oscar Eugene Bowles. We are blessed to have a wonderful and caring church family. Love to all, Ron & Sue Darby

Dear Church Family, As we approach the end of 2023, I want to thank you all for the flowers, cards, calls & visits. They have meant so much and Paul's visits & prayers were such a help to let me know I am still a part of LUMC. Again, thanks to all "My Family". Miss you & Love you, Lorraine Kirk



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The mission of Lewisville United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



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