

# Steeple May 1 2025

## **OUR PRESENCE**

#### April 6, 2025

- Online: 106
- Sunday School: 114
- Contemporary: 98
- Traditional: 145
- Total In Person: 243

#### **Palm Sunday**

- Online: 155
- Sunday School: 122
- Contemporary: 89
- Traditional: 179
- Total In Person: 268

#### **Easter Sunday**

- Online: 139
- Sunrise: 76
- Contemporary: 126
- Traditional: 258
- Total In Person: 460

#### April 27, 2025

- Sunday School: 87
- Contemporary: 75
- Traditional: 143
- Total In Person: 218

## **OUR GIFTS**

#### **Giving Deposits**

- March Online: \$6,624
- April 6: \$8,233
- April 13: \$19,243
- April 20: \$17,530
- April 27: \$8,931

#### General Budget Giving Through March 2025

Tithes & Offerings \$173,099 Expenses \$158,525

## The Power of Paradox

## **A Sermon Series on Christian Faith**



Already & Not Yet Providence & Free Will Faith & Works Head & Heart Immanent & Transcendent Spirit & Body One & Three

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAUL

At the heart of the Christian faith, there is a paradox: without the cross, there would be no empty tomb. We recognize that joy and pain are somehow linked, not only in the story of our salvation, but in our daily lives. Upon closer inspection, Christianity holds together many truths that at first seem like contradictions: a God who is One and Three, a Savior who is divine and human, a Kingdom that is already here and still on the way, a faith that engages head and heart. This Easter season, join us on Sunday mornings as we discover the power of paradox that can lead us to a deeper sense of wonder, awe, and praise.

In God's love, Pastor Paul



We extend our Christian sympathy and prayers to the family of Audrey Hall, who passed away on Tuesday, April 15th.

We extend our Christian sympathy and prayers to the family of Pat Sparks, who passed away on Thursday, April 17th.

At our Easter services, we baptized Ed Smith and Eva Grace Katers, and welcomed Will & Kelly McPherson, Mike Davis, Steve Shelton, and Alex Katers as new members. Welcome to the LUMC family!



Will & Kelly

**McPherson** 



Mike Davis



**Steve Shelton** 





Alex, Libby, & Eva Grace Katers Ed Smith

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to welcome Amanda Batten as the newest member of our LUMC staff! As Youth Ministry Associate, Amanda will work closely with Pastor Kara to help our youth grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The congregation is invited to welcome Amanda while enjoying cake and lemonade in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 4th, at 10am.

## **Birthdays in May**

1 Tony Rossi Kurt Speckhart James Ward 3 Don Petty Terrence Sontag Miles Dominico 5 Jordan Simms Evan Claire Jester 6 Thatcher Goff 7 Kelly Morris Brenda Proctor Diana Abernathy Christian Jones 9 Harrison Chamberlin Ethan Boger 10 Ed Smith Melony Brown 12 Corey Foster Xander Williams 14 Amber Thutt **Bradley Sontag** 

15 Dawn Evans Anna Chitty Preston Morgan 16 Ashley Flanery 17 Bill Martin 18 Wayne Horsely 19 Adaline Forrester 23 Suzanne Farlow 24 Taylor Thring 26 Mitch Smith 28 Victor Adkins 29 Mandee Jones 31 Alison Pierce Camden Jennings



## Anniversaries



1 Travis & Michelle Markle
William & Kelly McPherson
3 Kevin & Lingjing Bramlett
4 Fred & Kay Marlow
8 Drew & Kristina Krupp
12 George & Dona Stilphen
16 Mike & Shannon Williams
19 Brian & Kim Crewey
23 Ross Owens & Rebecca Ward
Bob & Donna Stebbins
25 Rob & Meghan Adkins
28 Paul & Cornelia Gray
29 Rick & Beth Layton





Hosted by the United Methodist Men

Saturday May 3rd 9-2pm



# MAY 18, 2025

this event a huge success!

We will honor our Graduates with a special bunch and recognition in Worship on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP by filling out the Google Form on the Grad Sunday page of the church website www.lewisvilleumc.org/gradsunday



## May 4th

Sunday School (10am)

#### May 11th

Sunday School (10am)

## May 18th

- Sunday School (10am)
- Preschooler+Parent Sunday School in Asbury (10am)
- Tween Time (3:00-4:30pm)

## May 25th

Sunday School (10am)

# Registration is open for VBS

## June 8th-12<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)

Register at www.lewisvilleumc.org/vbs

## May at

## **Lewisville Youth**

## May 4th

- Reception for Amanda (10am)
- Youth Group (4:30–6pm)

## May 11th

Lewisville

- Bible and Breakfast (10am)
- Confirmation (10am)

## May 18th

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Lewisville

Confirmation (10am)

May at

**Lewisville Kids** 

- Graduate Brunch (10am)
- End of Year Party (4:30-6pm)

## May 25th

- Bible and Breakfast (10am)
- Confirmation (10am)

Early Parenthood Class: Designed for those with young children, this new class will gather weekly to discuss healthy habits for faithful homes, share the joys and worries and parenting young children, and support one another in prayer. Facilitated by Daniel and Lily Godfrey in the Library.

Wesleyan Class: Geared toward parents of youth and children, weekly meetings include time for light refreshments, fellowship, a Bible based discussion, and prayer. Facilitated by Pastor Paul in the Fellowship Hall.



## **Holy Week 2025**



**Palm Sunday** 



**Maundy Thursday** 



**Good Friday Cross Walk** 



**Easter Vigil** 



**Easter Sunrise** 



**Easter Cross** 

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## **Empowered to Care**



The next drive-in food distribution will be on Mother's Day, May 11th, from 4:30- 6pm



#### <u>May Blessings Box Volunteer:</u> The Seekers Class, Anne Watkins

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

#### <u>Special Offerings</u>

UMCOR Sunday: \$931 Lenten Offering \$2,657 Sunrise Offering for LCAP: \$1,210

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on May 10, at Lewisville Baptist Church. Faith and Mental Health at Lewisville UMC

## Learning about Bipolar Disorder

## Sunday, May 18th 6pm in the Fellowship Hall Special Guest: Ashlee Andrews



To honor the memory of our former worship leader, Travis Jeffords, Lewisville UMC will be hosting a series of conversations focused on faith and mental health. Each conversation will include dinner, a presentation by a professional, discussion around the tables, and resources to take home for all ages. All events are free and open to the public.

## Congregational Care Survey

The Congregational Care Team needs your help! Complete a brief survey that will help us provide the best care possible for our church family. Paper copies of the survey will be available in the bulletin on Sunday mornings in May or complete the survey online by clicking the link in the weekly emails.

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

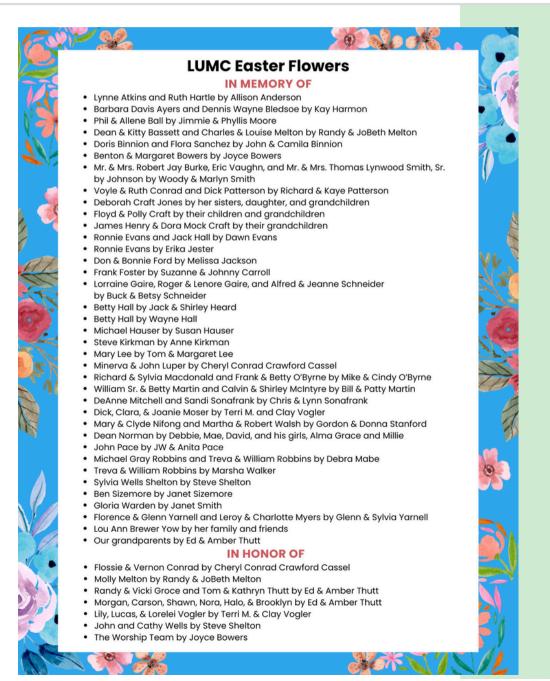


## **General Fund**

- · Given by Randy & JoBeth Melton in memory of Audrey Hall
- Given by Bob & Donna Stebbins in memory of Mary Wilmoth, Pat Sparks & Audrey Hall
- Given by Mike & Toni Jones in memory of Troy Gray
- Given by Mary Alice Warren in memory of Lynne Atkins
- Given by Ron & Sue Darby in memory of Ruby Rains

## **Kitchen Supplies Fund**

• Given by Joyce Bowers in memory of John Pigg, Shane Parrish & Ruby Rains





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Please submit articles for the June/July 2025 Issue of <u>The Shallowford Steeple</u> by Friday, May 16, 2025

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If you're not listed In the directory OR If you have trouble logging Into the app, please contact the church office.



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