

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 5, 2023

- Online: 77
- Sunday School: 119
- Contemporary: 55
- Traditional: 175
- Total In Person: 230

November 12, 2023

- Online: 70
- Sunday School: 79
- Contemporary: 64
- Traditional: 124
- Total In Person: 188

November 19, 2023:

- Online: 97
- Sunday School: 143
- Contemporary: 68
- Traditional: 138
- Total In Person: 206

November 26, 2023

- Online: 68
- Sunday School: 95
- Contemporary: 68
- Traditional: 163
- Total In Person: 231

Giving Deposits

- October Online: \$8,124
- November 5: \$10,343
- November 12: \$13,102
- November 19: \$18,674
- November 26: \$8,453

General Budget Giving Through October 2023

Tithes & Offerings \$449,033
Expenses \$485,062

Balance on Sanctuary

Renovation Loan: \$135,819



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAUL

As we come to the end of the calendar year, we are also nearing the end of our reading through the Bible together. What will we take with us? Each week during our Advent sermon series, "The End of the Story," we'll unwrap four precious gifts that God offers each one of us: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. These are gifts that no one can take from you and that last forever. Then, on Christmas Eve, we'll open our hearts and hands and receive the greatest gift of all: our Savior Jesus, the Word made flesh, the light of the world.

In a beautiful way, the end of the story returns us back to the beginning - to a new Eden where God is with us and will wipe away every tear. "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20)



Upcoming Events

Christmas at Lewisville UMC

- **Birthday Party for Baby Jesus**
 - Saturday, December 2nd from 10:30am–12pm in the Fellowship Hall
- **United Women in Faith Christmas Program**
 - Sunday, December 3rd from 2:30–3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
- **Christmas Cantata**
 - Sunday, December 17th at 11am in the Sanctuary
- **Church Christmas Party**
 - Sunday, December 17th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
Come enjoy breakfast for dinner with your church family, music from Davie High School Chorus, and a visit from Santa Claus
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
 - Sunday, December 24th at 5pm in the Sanctuary
- **New Year's Eve Combined Service and Bible Brunch**
 - Sunday, December 31st at 10am in the Sanctuary
After a combined worship service, stay for brunch in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate our year-long journey through the Bible

Christmas Eve at Lewisville UMC

- **9am: Contemporary Worship**
- **10am: Sunday School- Lovefeast in the Fellowship Hall**
- **11am: Traditional Worship**
- **5pm: Christmas Eve Worship with Communion and Candlelight**

ECHOES SENIOR ADULT GROUP DECEMBER OUTING

Wohlfahrt Haus
Wednesday, December 13th

Contact Nan Johnson for
more information



Upcoming Events

On December 10th, we will have a Combined Adult Sunday School opportunity in the Fellowship Hall, as we enjoy a special holiday music performance by the Award-Winning Harpist, Julie M. Money. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Hiking Group will go on a 4 mile "Urban Hike" along the strollway and greenway on Saturday, December 2nd. Meet at the Old Salem Visitor Center (900 Salem Road) at 9am. Contact Tim or Julie Rains for more info.

The United Methodist Men are pre-selling 8-10 lb Boston Butts for \$45 until December 3rd. Reserve your butt(s) by signing up in the Opportunity Form or calling the church office. Boston Butts will be available for pickup in the Picnic Shelter on Saturday, December 9th, from 8am - 12pm.

United Women in Faith Dec. Meetings

- Morning Circle: Christmas Lunch on December 11th at 11:30 at the Sherwood Restaurant.
- Afternoon Circle: December 11th at 1pm in the Parlor

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 December 21st and December 28th.

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



Lewisville Kids

- **Saturday, December 2nd: Birthday Party for Baby Jesus from 10:30–Noon in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Sunday, December 3rd: Sunday School at 10am.**
- **Sunday, December 10th: Sunday School at 10am, Lewisville Christmas Parade**
- **Sunday, December 17th: Sunday School at 10am, Church Christmas Party at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Sunday, December 24th: Sunday School at 10am**
- **Sunday, December 31st: No Sunday School**

Lewisville UMC will have a float in the Lewisville Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 10th. All children and youth are welcome to participate and be part of the Nativity scene. Contact Pastor Paul or Pastor Kara to participate. We will meet in the picnic shelter at 1:45pm. Costumes will be distributed and we will walk together to our float staging area on Great Wagon Road.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- **Sunday, December 3rd: Bible & Breakfast (10am), Youth Group (4:30–6pm)**
- **Sunday, December 10th: Bible & Breakfast (10am), Christmas Parade (1:30–4:30pm)**
- **Sunday, December 17th: Bible and Breakfast (10am), Church-Wide Christmas Dinner and Youth Christmas Party (5:30–7:30pm)**
- **Sunday, December 24th : Bible and Breakfast (10am)**

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Mission & Outreach



The Blessings Box

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

December Volunteer:
Boy Scouts
Rhonda Tiddy

CROSSNORE communities for children

This year, make Christmas special for a child at Crossnore. Angel trees are located in the narthex and preschool lobby. Please return your unwrapped gifts by Sunday, December 3rd.

Volunteers Serving Dinner for Flourish Ministry at Green Street UMC



LCAP NEEDED ITEMS DECEMBER / JANUARY

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Mayonnaise
- Chicken & Rice Soup
- Mandarin Oranges
- Coffee
- Juice

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!

Lewisville Community Assistance Program (LCAP) Update

The next LCAP Food Distribution will be on Sunday, December 3rd, from 3-5pm at United Family Church. In November, LCAP received generous contributions from the Lewisville Civic Club and Piedmont Flyers Bike Club.



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 13th at Lewisville United Methodist Church.



Birthdays in December

1 Peyton Anderson
Lu Cooper
4 Jeff Hennis
5 Ru Shuping
6 Rebecca Brown
7 Cathy Wells
8 Preston Jester
Woody Smith
9 Michael Morgan
Rob Slaughter
10 Michael Hayes
Eliza Cordray
11 Bob Stebbins
12 Tim Clodfelter
Anne Kirkman
Donna Stanford
13 Debra Breyer
14 Jim Connor
Michael Jones

15 Daniel Choplin
Arlene Arnoczy
16 Connie Beard
William Farlow
17 Gary Gross
18 Sophia Godfrey
Aaron Jones
20 Catherine Googe
Rebecca Ward
21 Valerie Alexander
Jessica Baker
23 Amy Foster
24 Dominick Griffin
26 Patrick Tiddy
27 Rick Langevin
29 Sandy Gras
Eliot Ewald
Jamie Forrester
31 Toni Jones



Anniversaries in December

2 Jack & Debra Breyer
4 Woody & Marlyn Smith
11 John & Kelly Morris
13 Christopher & Kayleigh Sell
19 Clay & Jane Pfeuffer
20 Wayne & Shirley Horsley
David & Megan Vogler
27 John & Cathy Wells
28 Derick & Ashley Flanery



From the Staff Parish Relations Committee

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to welcome Ashley Woodard as our new Worship Leader for the contemporary service. Ashley joined the staff part-time, effective November 20th.

To show our staff appreciation, we are taking up a **Christmas love offering** beginning on Sunday, December 3rd and concluding on Sunday, December 24th. 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.

From the Finance Committee

Since Celebration Sunday, we have received a record 96 commitment cards, including 14 first time commitments. The total dollar amount pledged is \$449,544, an increase of 9% over last year. In addition, we received many pledges to help us pay off our balance on the sanctuary renovation loan as soon as possible. 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.



Memorials & Honorariums

General Fund

- Given by Art & Linda Lyon in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Mike & Toni Jones in memory of Bobby Clodfelter & Oscar Bowles
- Given by Dewey & Betty Kiger in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Lorraine Kirk in memory of Oscar Bowles
- Given by Bob & Donna Stebbins in memory of Doris Buchanan & Dean Norman
- Given by Jim & Margaret Connor in memory of Doris Buchanan

LCAP Fund

- Given by Sue Honeycutt in memory of Doris Buchanan & Dean Norman
- Given by Mike & Toni Jones in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Tim & Julie Rains in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Tom & Margaret Lee in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Allison Anderson in memory of Dean Norman

Discretionary Fund

- Given by Julie Morris in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Don & Carolyn Petty in memory of Doris Buchanan

Cemetery Fund

- Given by John & Debby Trivett in memory of John Simmons
- Given by Carol Lunsford in memory of Clifton & Nell Conrad

Capital Improvement Fund

- Given by Jamie Hill in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by James Biggerstaff in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Joy Googe in memory of Dean Norman

Sanctuary Renovation Fund

- Given by Don & Laura Morris in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Sue Ayers & Robert Hutton in memory of Doris Buchanan
- Given by Radiation Oncology in memory of Doris Buchanan
- Given by James & Cathy Hiatt in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Tim & Julie Rains in memory of Doris Buchanan
- Given by Jackie Harrell in memory of Ollie Harrell & in honor of Kent & Ashley Harrell
- Given by Sallie Tucker in memory of Doris Buchanan & Dean Norman
- Given by Robert & Leann Scott in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Steve & Vivian Newman in memory & honor of all Veterans
- Given by Denise Stout in memory of Betty Leslie
- Given by Buck & Nan Johnson in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Nancy Fisher in memory of Doris Buchanan & Dean Norman
- Given by John & Kathy Arfman in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Irene Foster in memory of Doris Buchanan & Dean Norman
- Given by Margaret Vanderiet in memory of Oscar Bowles
- Given by Dianne Maguire in memory of Doris Buchanan
- Given by Kevin Jones in memory of Doris Buchanan
- Given by Don & Carolyn Petty in memory of Bobby Clodfelter, Bill McCall, Oscar Bowles & Dean Norman
- Given by Mark & Valerie Alexander in memory of Buck Buchanan
- Given by John & Debby Trivett in memory of Dean Norman
- Given by Shirley & Sharon Coleman in memory of Dean Norman

Our Church Family

Thanks to my wonderful church family for all the cards, flowers, visits, food and prayers during my surgery and recovery. It brought much needed comfort and help! God is good! Thanks again, Terri Vogler

We would like to thank our LUMC family for all of the love, care, support, food, cards, visits and prayers extended to us all during the past 2 years and most especially during the last six months. Mom loved her church family—particularly if there was a meal with her friends involved, a good visit with Pastor Paul, or a tall-tale spun for Pastor Kara—and truly appreciated every act of kindness shown to her. We are so very blessed beyond measure to have such a caring church family. Love, The Family of Doris Buchanan.

On November 9th, we celebrated the birth of Olivia Caroline Layton, born to proud mother Anna Layton and grandparents Rick and Beth Layton.

On Sunday, November 26th, we celebrated the baptism of Grayson Andrew Krupp.



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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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