

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2009

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lorraine's parents, David and Zakia Sayer, her brother Alex, and her sister Marlene **by Fauzy and Lorraine Sayer Ghareeb.**

The red rosebud in the Sanctuary is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Leo Davis Trout, son of Steven and Allison Trout on November 29, 2009. The proud grandparents are **Sally and Mike McKeown** and aunt and uncle, **Lindsay and Doug Trout.**

### \*\*\*WITHIN OUR PRAYERS\*\*\*

*Help carry one another's burden, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

This weekly prayer list includes those members and friends of the church family who are in a short-term temporarily serious or critical situation. Please remember in your prayers all those listed. The number in parentheses is the area cluster.

ALL NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST HAVE BEEN REMOVED FOR PRIVACY REASONS. THE PRINTED ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN ON SUNDAY MORNINGS CONTAINS THE COMPLETE LIST.

**KEEPING YOU INFORMED ELECTRONICALLY** - One of the ways we send information regarding church events is through e-mail. Please call the church office with your e-mail address or send it to [salbrecht@lewinsville.org](mailto:salbrecht@lewinsville.org) to ensure you are on our distribution list.

**DEACONS FUND** - Following the services TODAY, the Deacons will receive contributions for the Deacons' Fund in the Narthex as you leave the Sanctuary. The Deacons' Fund, which is administered by the Deacons, is used by the Pastors to provide emergency relief under circumstances where public assistance is either unavailable or cannot be obtained quickly enough. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by those in need. This is a confidential resource. Please call the church office and ask to speak with the pastors should you need assistance from the Deacons Fund.

**MONTHLY FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS** - TODAY, we receive your canned and dry food donations for SHARE. SHARE serves people in our area, and there is a great need for non-perishable foods. **Please no open or out-of-date products.**

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES** - TODAY at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Center "In Search of Christmas" part 1 for Junior and Senior Highs. At 6:00 p.m. Stuffing Stockings for Lewinsville Retirement Residence and Making the Homeless Bags. *Busy Hands and loving hearts, that's where Christmas really starts!*

**TAIZÉ CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP** - Please join us for Taizé contemplative worship TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This will be a service of singing, silence and prayer. An excellent way to begin a full week and a full season.

**PARENTS DAY OUT** - Saturday **December 12**; 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for children PreK – Grade 6. A morning of Christmas games, crafts, cooking and fun. Lunch is provided. Register online or on the door of the CE Programs office TODAY.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ADVENT REFLECTION AND DESSERT** will be held TOMORROW evening, December 7 at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall. ALL women of Lewinsville Church and their friends are invited to share this special evening with Rev. Debbie McKinley who will facilitate our Reflection on Women and Friendship through the perspective of Biblical Women. Please contact Megan Leslie at pashakarma@verizon.net or KerriLaine Clark at klc184@yahoo.com with any questions and Betty Yurkewitch at 703-790-9586 or betty.yurkewitch@verizon.net to arrange for transportation. Babysitting will be provided.

**SECOND SATURDAY SET CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Join us for our annual Christmas Party (including the infamous White Elephant exchange and optional black tie) at the home of Ann and Gary Baise, 2201 Great Falls Street, Falls Church, on Saturday, **December 12th** at 6:30 p.m. Call or email with the dish you will bring (703 534-1753, vthedgerow@aol.com). All beverages will be provided. Please bring a wrapped white elephant per person and either a wool cap, scarf or gloves for the men at Christ House. If you are new to Lewinsville, please consider joining us.

**THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE** - will be held next Sunday, **December 13** between services. Stock up for the holidays and support the Winter and Summer Mission trips! Please note we will have a limited supply of gluten-free items available this year.

**CALLING ALL FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, UNCLES, BROTHERS AND MALE FRIENDS OF CHERUB AND GENESIS CHOIR MEMBERS:** On **December 20** after the 8:30 a.m. worship service, we will have practice for the “Night of Silence”, which is sung on Christmas Eve at the 4:30 service. It will not take long. I will have copies of the music available. Be ready to sing at 9:30. Carole Huston.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** - Presbyterian tradition for almost 70 years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) This Offering is used two ways. Fifty percent of the offering is distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education through the General Assembly Council. The Christmas Joy Offering will be received on Sunday, **December 20**.

**WANTED** - small to medium sized artificial Christmas trees for AYM (Assisting Young Mothers) and winter clothes for a girl (large size 3 or size 4). Please contact Kathy Porterfield, 703 255-1427 or kwporterfield@cox.net.

**COMMUNION** - We have a faithful corps of people who help prepare communion all through the year. One of the “duties” is to take dirty linens (towels, napkins, tablecloth) home to wash them. Please remember part of that duty is to return the clean linens - we are missing a lot of towels and napkins. Please check and return any you may still have. If you would like to join this faithful group of volunteers and would be willing to help out one or two times a year, give Connie Church a call, 703 534-9729. More volunteers for this occasional task would be extremely helpful and very much appreciated!

**November 8 was Stewardship Commitment Sunday.** Here’s the latest report on pledges:

212 pledges have been received for a total of \$918,717 (4.78% increase)

119 pledges have increased for a total increase of \$76,156. (This includes 11 new pledges.)

30 pledges have decreased for a total decrease of \$35,168

63 pledges stayed the same.

44 pledges have not yet been received from those who pledged last year.

Thank you to everyone who pledged generously! If you have not yet pledged, it's not too late! Please bring your pledge to worship and place it in the offering plate, or send it to the church office.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** - Please note these booklets are available in the pew racks and on the Information Table in St. Andrews Hall.

**PICTURE DIRECTORIES OF THE CONGREGATION** will soon be here. We don't yet have a date for distribution. The Picture Directory will include an updated list of members with name, address, phone, e-mail address. In the meantime, if you would like an updated directory with this contact information, it is available on Information Table.

## MISSION AND SERVICE CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES: The perfect time to buy Christmas gifts with a difference. 10,000 Villages provide vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. 10,000 Villages works with artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed. This income helps pay for food, education, healthcare and housing. Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit program. Please visit them in St. Andrew's Hall. THIS FAIR TRADE FAIR WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE TODAY so make sure you stop by and make your Christmas purchases!**

### SHARE HOLIDAY STORE

SHARE provides community relief services such as food, emergency assistance, gently used furniture and clothing for low income people in the Mclean and Pimmit Hills area. They are a non-profit all volunteer organization that has served this community for the past 40 years. The number of our neighbors, right here in our community, who cannot meet the basic necessities of food, clothing and sometimes shelter, has approximately doubled in the past 2 years. SHARE is struggling to increase the inflow of donations to meet these increasing needs.

The annual SHARE Holiday Store Shop, which will be held on Saturday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>**, allows SHARE's low income clients to "shop" for free through new, donated items for their family members and themselves. SHARE also provides them with gift cards and grocery cards to help make their Christmas holiday special. Last year, they "SHARE-d" holiday joy with almost 700 men, women and children from this community. This year they expect that number to increase.

Donation ideas include-

Gift cards for stores, such as Target, Walmart, Footlocker, Best Buy, Sears and Payless Shoes

Grocery store gift cards, gas cards, hair cut certificates and restaurant certificates

Children's and adults clothing including socks, underwear, pajamas... up to size 2xl

Housewares- utensils, cookware, sets of glassware

Linens- sheet sets, blankets, pillows, towel sets

Small appliances- toasters, coffee makers, irons, mixers

Personal accessories- jewelry, hair clips, watches

Professional clothing- interview clothing, makeup

Personal toiletries- bubble bath sets, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors and razor blades

Baby care items- baby wash, baby wipes and diapers

Household supplies

New items only please. Leave items in original packaging or with tags attached.

Gifts may be dropped off in the SHARE box in the Volunteer Room.

SHARE is looking for Spanish speakers to help guide clients at their Holiday Store on December 12<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please contact Renie Ruehlin for this and any other questions, 703 734-0358 or [iruehlin@verizon.net](mailto:iruehlin@verizon.net) *Every donation counts. Thanks for sharing!*

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### **ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING - 2009**

What can you give that person who has everything he/she needs? How can you honor a loved one or friend by supporting a cause or group he/she will value and appreciate? Consider an *Alternative Gift*.

The Mission and Service Ministry Group will provide you with the opportunity to transform a donation into a Christmas gift through our *Alternative Gift* program on Sundays, **December 6, 13 & 20**, in St. Andrews Hall. You will receive a special card which you may give to your loved

one or friend that notes you have made a donation in their honor to one or more charitable organizations. A generous donation will help to provide food, shelter, clothing, medical help and/or education through the programs offered by the organization(s) you designate. You may designate any of the organizations supported by Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and listed in the Mission and Service Handbook; your special consideration of the following organizations is especially appreciated:

**Homestretch** – The largest provider of transitional housing and services for homeless families with children in Northern VA. In addition to providing subsidized housing, they offer programs in credit counseling, computer training, life skills training, English classes, domestic violence and substance abuse counseling, family mentoring, and children’s programs. Their goal is to break the cycles of poverty, domestic violence and low self-esteem that afflict homeless families.

**Friends of The Lewinsville** – FOL is the nonprofit support organization of our own *Lewinsville Retirement Residence* and provides programs and support for residents that are not covered by the HUD housing assistance program. The “Friends” will use Alternative Gift contributions to help subsidize the costs of the daily meal program for the very low income residents who are unable to afford the full cost of daily meals.

**Falls Church/McLean Children’s Center** – FCMCC provides a comprehensive, high-quality early childhood program designed to give young children, regardless of their family economic resources, a strong foundation on which to build the rest of their lives. Lewinsville Church and its members provide financial and volunteer assistance to the Center throughout the year. Alternative Gift contributions will be used to provide grocery store gift cards to the many very low income families of students attending FCMCC.

**United Orphanage and Academy, Moi’s Bridge, Kenya** – The UO&A in northwest Kenya first opened in 2004 as an orphanage and was expanded in 2006 to include an academy. Today, 50 boys and girls live at the orphanage and more than 225 children attend the academy. All orphans and students come from the seven tribes that inhabit the region around Moi’s Bridge. Alternative Gift contributions will be used for meeting the expense of caring for orphans (\$850/yr. per child for housing, food, clothing, education & medical care) and for teacher salaries (\$950/yr).

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** – The Presbyterian Church (USA)’s national and international program for responding to the humanitarian needs of disaster victims. Food, water, medicine, shelter, and other critical supplies bring hope to struggling communities. In just the past few months, PDA has provided assistance to flood victims in GA, earth quake victims in Indonesia, typhoon victims in the Philippines and Vietnam, victims of famine in Kenya, and flood victims in India. Alternative Gift donations will help our national church organization prepare for tomorrow’s natural or human-caused disasters.

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## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2009

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- Holy Communion  
8:30 a.m. Service of Worship - Reverend Deborah McKinley preaching  
St. Andrews Ringers  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship - SAH  
9:45 a.m. Church School/ Adult Ed  
Module II ends  
Lewinsville Forum - CH  
The Maligned, the Misunderstood and the Misfits of the Bible - 103  
Amazing Grace - Reformed Theology - LIB  
9:45 a.m. Jr. & Sr. High film, part 1 - YC  
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Reverend Deborah McKinley preaching  
Chancel Choir  
12:00 p.m. Advent Ringers - FH  
12:00 p.m. Fellowship - SAH  
4:30 p.m. Youth Choirs -MR/S  
4:45 p.m. Children's Choirs - FH/MR/25A  
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship - YC  
7:00 p.m. Taizé - CH

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 6:30 p.m. Barnabas ChristCare - BR  
7:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women Advent Dessert - FH

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 10:00 a.m. Program Staff - LIB  
7:30 p.m. Session - CH  
7:30 p.m. Circle 1 - BR

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 1:30 p.m. Midweek Service of Worship at LRR  
2:00 p.m. Afternoon ChristCare - LIB  
6:00 p.m. Spiritual Seekers ChristCare - LIB

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 1:00 p.m. Emily Clergy Group - LIB  
7:00 p.m. SEA Group - LIB  
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - MR  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir - MR

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 10:00 a.m. Circle 7 - LIB

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Square - BR  
9:00 a.m. Parents Day Out  
9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - S  
9:30 a.m. Reformed Institute - CH/LIB/SAH

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Advent Lessons and Carols  
Chancel Choir  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship - SAH  
9:30 a.m. SMP Bake Sale - SAH  
9:45 a.m. Church School



- 9:45 a.m. Jr. & Sr. High Film, part 2 - YC  
Adult Ed - CH  
*The Not-so-Good Samaritan* (speaker, Michael Dobson)
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Advent Lessons and Carols  
Chancel Choir
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship - SAH
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Choirs -MR/S
- 4:45 p.m. Children's Choirs - FH/MR/25A
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship - YC
- 6:00 p.m. Galilee ChristCare - CH

#### ROOM ABBREVIATIONS KEY

##### LOWER LEVEL

**JKR - John Knox Room (25A)**  
**MR - Music/Choir Room**  
**FH - Fellowship Hall**

##### UPPER LEVEL

**YC - Youth Center (200)**  
**P - Parlor (206)**

##### MAIN LEVEL

**LIB - Library (101)**  
**CH - John Calvin Chapel (100)**  
**SAH - St. Andrews Hall**  
**S - Sanctuary**  
**N - Narthex**  
**BR - Bethany Room (behind S)**  
**SCR - Staff Conference Room**

## CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUND

You may contribute to our Christmas Decoration Fund this year by filling out the form below and returning it to the church office or by depositing it in the offering plate. All who have given in memory of loved ones will be listed in our Christmas Eve bulletins. Any money remaining will be used for our Flower Fund throughout the year. The Flower Committee will purchase only enough flowers and greens to decorate the Sanctuary and not for each contributor.

We suggest that your contribution be \$35. Checks should be made payable to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and annotated "Christmas Decoration Fund". **Forms and checks must be returned no later than Sunday, December 20, 2009.**

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IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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