

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2009

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Michael Wachtel by his wife, **Diane** and children.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to **Mary Ann and Bob Philipp** and family on the death of Mary Ann's mother, Carolyn Wiertelak on December 4, 2009. A memorial service was held at Lewinsville Church on December 7, 2009.

### \*\*\*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.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES - TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Center "In Search of Christmas" part 2 for Junior and Senior Highs. At 6:00 p.m. Caroling at Lewinsville Retirement Residence and delivering Christmas Stockings.

**THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE** - will be held **TODAY** 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**.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** - Please note these booklets are available in the pew racks, in the narthex 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 the Information Table.

### ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING

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 **TODAY** and next Sunday, **December 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 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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**From: Jane Neldon - Come join the Terry Moore Scholarship Fund for the 3rd Annual Chemis\*Tree 5k Run/Walk on December 20th at McLean High School. The race will start at 2pm and registration fees are \$10 per person if you pre-register, and \$15 on race day.**

The Terry Moore Scholarship Fund was created in 2007 after Terry Moore, a McLean High School chemistry teacher, passed away from brain cancer. His inspiration carried eight of his former students beyond the classroom to start this fund. With the success of the first two years of this 5k event, the fund has been able to annually give a scholarship to a McLean High School student excelling in the sciences, as well as to start a college trust fund for Terry Moore's three young children. Come out and support the Terry Moore Scholarship Fund for a fun-filled afternoon!! *For questions or more information, please contact co-founder Jane Neldon at [jneldon@mail.umw.edu](mailto:jneldon@mail.umw.edu) or go to our website [www.chemistree5k.org](http://www.chemistree5k.org)*

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT LEWINSVILLE** - LeeLee Hunter invites all to an informal Christmas Concert on Friday, **December 18**, at 7:30 here in the Sanctuary. Monetary donations or new toys will be accepted for the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center. LeeLee will be on classical guitar, and will be joined by Chelsea Buyalos, soprano, and Jordan Markham, baritone. There will be a reception to follow, and kids are welcome. Come and relax in an old-fashioned musical evening.

**November 8 was Stewardship Commitment Sunday.** Here's the latest report on pledges:  
220 pledges have been received for a total of \$944,415 (1.69% increase)  
125 pledges have increased for a total increase of \$79,522. (This includes 11 new pledges.)  
31 pledges have decreased for a total decrease of \$61,368  
64 pledges stayed the same.  
40 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, place it in the offering plate, or send it to the church office.*

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

Younger children sometimes have particular difficulty participating in the entire worship service. Feel free to leave the sanctuary to care for your child if he or she becomes disruptive. A nursery is available downstairs for infants/toddlers and there is a volunteer staffed classroom for preschool/kindergarten age children.

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2009

### 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/ Alternative Gifts - 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
- 4:45 p.m. Children's Choirs - FH/MR/25A
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening ChristCare - LIB
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship - YC
- 6:00 p.m. Galilee ChristCare - CH

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 7:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders - SCR

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 10:00 a.m. Program Staff - LIB
- 6:30 p.m. Ministry Group Chairs - LIB
- 7:30 p.m. Ministry Groups - various rooms

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - MR
- 7:30 p.m. CPM - CH/P/BR/SCR
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir - MR

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 7:30 p.m. Lee-Lee Hunter Concert - S

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 10:00 a.m. Wax Museum Rehearsal - FH/CH

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Worship - Reverend Deborah McKinley preaching  
Jubilate Ringers
- 9:30 a.m. Alternative Gifts - SAH
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship - SAH
- 9:45 a.m. Intergenerational CE - FH  
*The Names of Jesus*
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Reverend Deborah McKinley preaching  
Alleluia Ringers
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship - SAH
- 12:15 p.m. College Students Christmas Luncheon
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Choirs -MR
- 4:45 p.m. Children's Choirs - FH/MR/25A
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening ChristCare - LIB
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship Christmas Party - YC  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**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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