

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 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.

### MISSION AND SERVICE CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

#### 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 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.

**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.

**REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR JANUARY 10 BLOOD DRIVE** - Let's get the New Year off to a roaring start with a great Blood Drive. To do that, we need every available donor to register today following the worship service. Look for the Blood Drive table in St. Andrews Hall following the worship service today or go to [www.lewinsville.org/su-blood.htm](http://www.lewinsville.org/su-blood.htm) and make an appointment for your preferred time.

**DEACONS FUND** - Following the services next Sunday, **January 3**, 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.

**MONTHLY FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS** - Next Sunday, 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.

**TAIZÉ CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP** - Please join us for Taizé contemplative worship next Sunday, **January 3** at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This will be a service of singing, silence and prayer. An excellent way to begin a new year.

**LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE NEW RESIDENTS TEA** - **January 14**, 2010 at 1:30 in the LRR Dining Room. Lewinsville Church members are invited and encouraged to join with our LRR neighbors to welcome new residents who have moved in since our last tea in August. This is a wonderful way to strengthen our ties with the Lewinsville Retirement Residence. We need home-baked goodies and attendees to make this happen. Please call Lois Dokken at 703 356-6011 or email her at [manpadokken@aol.com](mailto:manpadokken@aol.com) if you can help.

**STAFF NOTES** - Pastor Emily will be away January 1-5

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2009

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

- 10:00 a.m. Winter Mission Project - LIB
- 10:45 a.m. Carol Sing - S
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Lesson and Carols - S
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship - SAH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

*Office closes at Noon*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 - 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Worship - Reverend Deborah McKinley preaching  
Chancel Quartet
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship - SAH
  
- 9:45 a.m. Church School/ Adult Education - Module 3 begins  
Ethics and Intelligence - CH  
Intergeneration film study - YC  
Christian Parenting - 103  
Inquirers Class - LIB
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Reverend Deborah McKinley preaching  
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
- 7:00 p.m. Taizé - 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**



**SOMETHING NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR!**

Starting in January, all the youth will be having a Breakfast Bar on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Breakfast will be available in the Youth Center from 9:30 - 9:55am on these Sundays.

So plan to eat with your friends and then go to Junior High and Senior High Church School or Confirmation. Yummmm!

On these Sundays, there will not be Youth Fellowship in the evening.