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Don't Miss these: Chili, Chowder & Soup

Meet the Moore Family

Stephen Ministry

Women's Retreat



I love the responsiveness of congregations! Throughout my years as a pastor people have responded on Sunday mornings to me and it is a great thing. One year some time ago, following the conclusion of the 8:30 a.m. worship service, Jan Haga came to me and gave me a slip of paper. That Sunday's sermon dealt with the Lord's Prayer and I indicated how Jesus viewed prayer as a relational matter. Missing prayer

helps us miss opportunities to grow in our relationship with God. I then shared some of the things Jesus indicated about prayer. The slip of paper Jan gave me had these words written on them: "Rules without relationship result in resentment."

I have thought about that phrase and it indicates to me why some folks have some difficulty with God and the church. The "Do" and "Don't" of living will not always make sense independent of a relationship with God. The Truth God speaks through Scripture will have far greater "edge" to it without a relationship with God. Faith becomes an occasional "yes" item when we feel the need of spiritual help if we do not have the kind of relationship with God that reminds us that God walks with us and talks with us and watches over us everyday.

God is not just a "rule-giver." God cares for each of us and desires life for us to be abundant. God's hand seeks to bring that which is good to our lives. As Jesus said, "No one asking a parent for a fish will be given a snake." The key is relationship. The Lord's Prayer gives us that. We start with "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts (sins) as we have forgiven our debtors(those who sin against us). Lead us not into temptation but save us from the time of trial. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory. Amen." The word "I" is not in the Lord's Prayer. It is a relational prayer to God where we ask God to teach us specific things.

Remember what Jesus had to say about prayer. It becomes hypocritical when it becomes a spectacle...especially when people love to do it in public and love the sound of their own voice. When prayer is used to laud one's faith as stronger and better than others, it is the prayer of a hypocrite. Do not use empty phrases...using 100 words when 10 will suffice. Remember, God is not fooled by pretty words nor coerced by empty phrases. Prayer is our time to Ask for God to remember what is on our hearts, to Seek God's help and strength, and to Knock on the door of heaven as children who have open access to God anytime, any day, any place.

Prayer is a relationship with God. Why not use February as a good time to begin making prayer an active portion of each day. John Wesley recommended 4:00 a.m. to the people called Methodists because nothing else is demanding our time at that hour.



On any given Sunday morning, the rooms and halls of LUMC are filled with the sounds and energy of young families. What a blessing it is to have so many young parents and their children as part of our congregation. It is a sign of a bright future!

One very active young family in our congregation is the Moore family—John and Jessica, and their sons, Ben and Josh. The Moore's have been a part of LUMC since 2013, and they truly feel that they have found their "forever" church home.

John and Jessica were high school sweethearts, having met at their Junior Prom. After attending separate colleges, they were right back together and soon married. John has been employed by Lexington Medical Center for 8 years, and he is currently the Administrative Vice-President for the Physicians Network. Despite his busy work schedule, John makes family time a major priority. He also devotes time to service and leadership roles at LUMC, serving on both the Board of Trustees and Nominations Committee.

Jessica is also a very active volunteer at LUMC. As co-leader of her circle and a member of the UMW (United Methodist Women) Board, she stays very involved with UMW work and fund-raising activities. She has also just moved onto the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). Jessica currently teaches 5th grade writing at Pleasant Hill Elementary School—and loves every minute of it! Though she took a break from teaching while her 2 boys were small, she feels very blessed to have moved back into full-time teaching at the school that the boys now attend. Josh is the youngest at age 6 (almost age 7, at the end of March!), and is in 1st Grade. Ben is 9 and in 3rd Grade; he loves his teacher, who happens to be LUMC member Wendi Walsh. The boys love playing various sports. During their family time together, the Moore's enjoy outdoor activities, including kayaking and fishing. They also have fun playing with their pet beagle, Molly.

When they moved to Lexington 10 years ago, the Moore's initially continued to attend Ashland UMC in the St. Andrews area. Five years later, when they decided it was time to move to a church closer to home, they visited quite a few area churches. Jessica felt almost immediately that LUMC was "the one"—she felt that it was like a community where people truly cared for one another. And the Moore's still feel that same sense of love and community at LUMC today.

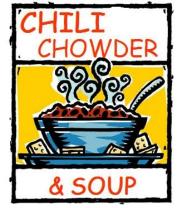
Vicki Boyleston





Congratulations to Phil Gaines who received the honor of having the historic lodge at Table Rock State Park renamed, in tribute, Gaines Lodge. Phil recently retired as director of the South Carolina State Park Service.

Phil is not "resting" in retirement as LUMC is keeping him busy working with the Youth and serving as chair of the Church Council.



Don't miss this!!!!!

The Ray Hipp Chili, Chowder, & Soup Missions Fundraiser

Sunday, Feb. 3 Take-out starting at 10:00 am. Take-out by the quart—\$8.

Eat-in (all you can eat) from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Adults—\$5, Children 6 and under—\$2.

The Wesleyan Disciples Class is sponsoring this annual event!



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, Matthew 25:35

MORE THAN 29 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple pray-

er from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through *Souper Bowl of Caring*. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday-our Youth are collecting funds at each service. Every dollar donated goes to the Snack Sack Ministry.

The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the middle 1940s. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to

make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week.

☐ The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do > their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

Scouting Sunday offers an excellent opportunity for the local congregation to recognize the Scouting program, the Scouts, and their leaders as an integral and intentional part of

the Church's ministry. The Boy and Cub Scouts troops that meet at LUMC are participating in the 11 am traditional worship service on February 10. They will serve as ushers, acolyte, and lead certain parts of the worship service.



Our church support of the Snack Sack Ministry is very strong. You support this program with your time by packing the meals, unloading the delivery trucks and delivering the meals to our schools. Most of all your donations allow the purchase of the food that we deliver, the materials that we use to carry the food to each school and the bags that each

child uses to carry the food home. Without each of you, Snack Sack would not be successfully feeding 525 students in 10 schools in 2 Districts each week.

The 2019 calendar is now up and located outside Asbury Hall on the bulletin board. Please pick a week, or two and sign up to pack the sacks.

(It takes \$20 a month to provide a bag for one child. Please support a "sack for a child".)



Single - \$300.00

Triple - \$140.00/person

Lexington United Methodist Church Women's Retreat April 26-28, 2019

Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC

Using the theme Cozy Mountain Lodge, the retreat will center around the security and comfort we find when we think about a cozy mountain lodge. We will focus on making God our foundation; the protection Jesus provides; and the importance of friendship. It's a time of learning and worship, allowing us to draw closer together as we find shelter in God.

Double - \$170.00/person Quad - \$120.00/person

(All rooms have 2 Queen Beds)

Cost includes Retreat Materials, Two Nights' Lodging (linens and towels included) and four meals (Saturday morning thru Sunday Morning).

\$50 non-refundable Deposit due by March 17 with Balance due by April 7.

Space is limited. Sign up now to reserve your room! Find registration form in the box at the UMW bulletin board and laying on the tables outside the sanctuary and Wesley Hall.

od is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. -Psalm 46:1



Columbia District UMW Day Apart Retreat

March 2, 2019, Lexington United Methodist

Kempie Shepard, Speaker

Lunch cost: \$12, registration deadline is Feb. 22, 2109

Find the form here: http://www.umcsc.org/home/wp-content/uploads/December-

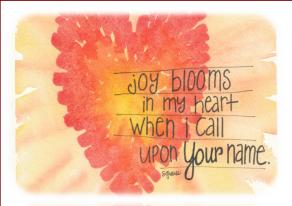
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Schedule for the day: Registration 8:45—9:30 am

Program starts: 9:30 am

Lunch: 12 noon

Hope there is a great turn-out of Lexington UMC women for this meaningful day!



Celebrating Faith, Love and Joy February 16, 12—2 pm Asbury Hall

To our widowed friends, you are invited to join together in fun and fellowship, along with great food, at the

Celebration of Faith, Joy, and Love Luncheon.

Please RSVP: Krista Stilwell, 803-429-5823 or chicka9375@gmail.com

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV)

Lexington United Methodist Church enrolled in the Stephen Ministry program on April 24, 2000. What does



this program do? Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people facing tough times. They provide emotional and spiritual care for people experiencing the loss of a loved one, hospitalization, divorce or separation, spiritual crisis, unemployment or job loss, terminal illness, miscarriage and many other difficult issues. **Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry.**

Why do we have Stephen Ministry at LUMC?

- To expand pastoral care
- We are called to care
- Putting spiritual gifts to use
- Reaching out with Christ's love
- Fulfills the mission of our congregation
- Jesus' great commandment and Great Commission

If you or someone you know can benefit from this program, please contact:

Pastors—Ken, Weston or Elizabeth.

If you have questions about the program, please contact: Bob Graham <u>oldbarnbob@aol.com</u> (803-348-1079) or Nancy Caulder <u>nfcusc@gmail.com</u> (803-356-0840).



LUMC has some free options for you to exercise! Check these out:

The LUMC Walking Group continues to walk every **Wednesday morning at 9:30 am**. Meet in the gym with Connie Brock and Lynn Brewer.

A running group meets in the church parking lot on **Wednesdays** at **4:45 am**. The group run 4-6 miles each week.

Come on Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 am and have some fun line dancing!!! Meet in the gym!

Coming Up....



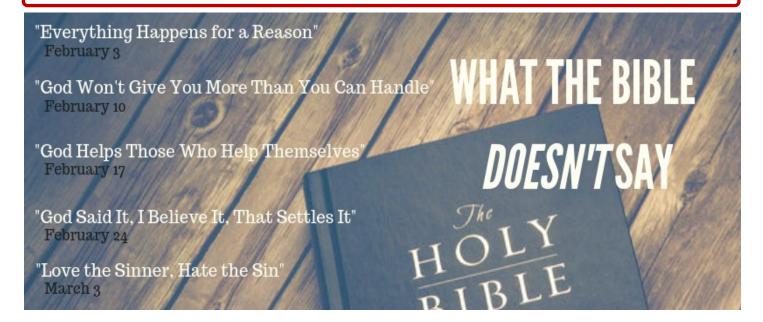
The Tazié Service in February 12 at 12:10 pm, in the Sanctuary. This service lasts 30 minutes. Rest with God through song, scripture and prayer



Prime Timers will have lunch at Shealy's BBQ in Batesburg on Tuesday, **February 5**, at 11:30. If you want to ride the bus or carpool, meet at the church at 10:45. Please contact Sammie Brown at 351-0784 or sbrown8885@sc.rr.com to make your reservation for lunch and to ride on the bus.

If you are 50+ years old, you are more than welcome to join the Prime Timers who get together to play cards every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30. **Anyone** who would like to play is welcome.

Sermon Series beginning February 3:



Groucho's Gives Back ~ Lexington UMC Snack Sack Program



Join Groucho's Deli in Lexington as we GIVE BACK 10% of sales to the Lexington United Methodist Church Snack Sack Program

4--9 pm, Wednesday, April 17, 2019!

The MORE You Eat; The MORE We Give! #GrouchosGivesBack #GrouchosLex #HelpUsHelp #YouCanHelp



At LUMC we promise to surround our children with a community of love and forexington giveness , that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, United Methodist Church that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

KidsWay & Breakout! Wednesday Night activities 6:15-7:15 pm.

Our Wednesday night KidsWay kids are hibernating indoors this winter and exploring the Bible through the eyes of the lovable Berenstain Bears. Did you know they have a whole line of Christian books now? Many of the themes, verses, and stories we will be exploring all have to do with being kind. Can't come on Wednesday nights? No problem! Visit this website for 75 Simple Acts of Kindness Any Kid (or Grown Up) Can Do and see if you can "pay it forward" or "pass it on" this winter when so many people need a little extra boost of cheer. Jesus was the ultimate example of acts of kindness and paying it forward.

BreakOut is for children in the 4th and 5th grade. They will meet in room 204/205, above the choir room. This group uses the popular Action Bible Curriculum to dig deeper into the Bible.

Contact Jennifer@lexumcsc.com for more information about BreakOut!

Thank you so much for all the Christmas light donations! It's not too late, as you continue to clean up and clean out, we will still accept any working lights.

Sign up Your Kids Lexington United Methodist Preschool Registration Dates for the 2019-2020 School Year are right around the corner. The dates are:

Church Members: Sunday, February 3rd before and after each services

Current Preschool Families and Preschool Alumni: Monday, February 4th and Tuesday, February 5th, starting at 8:00 am

Open to the public: Wednesday, February 6th starting at 8:00 am





On Wednesday evenings, 6:15-7:15 please join Lesley Yeh in the craft room to begin VBS preparations. Projects will include decorations, but will include various other tasks. No experience is required, just a willing set of hands. No sign-up is required, come as often as you are able. A podcast or devotion will be shared each session. Many hands make light work!

Glory to God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!

Mark Your Calendars

March 5th —Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

April 7th—Church Wide Tie-Dye event

April 15th-19th— Lex. 1 Spring Break; No

KidsWay/BreakOut Activities

April 20th — Easter Egg Hunt @ LUMC

April 21st—Easter Sunday—Butterfly Release

July 14th-17th—To Mars and Beyond VBS



Sign up for the youth spring retreat coming SOON! Retreat is Mar 15-17, 2109 — Asbury Hills Camp

Join us this Spring every Wednesday night at 6:15pm for both middle school and high school studies.



Middle School Ministry

For the spring 2019, middle schoolers will continue helping pack snack sacks every first Wednesday of the month.

Middle schoolers will have two groups studies for the spring. From January 23-February 20, they will be "Shattered" by illusionist, Harris the III. "Shattered" is a 5part video series to help you uncover the deception in your life and shatter your illusions by finding hope and freedom!

High School Ministry

High schoolers will start a new DVD study called "Goliath Must Fall" by Louie Giglio, which will last 12 weeks (January 16-April 24).

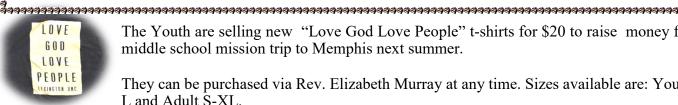
We all have giants in our lives that creep in and take over. Giants like rejection, anxiety, fear, anger, and addiction. These adversaries establish a foothold, and before we know it we are tolerating something that is diminishing the glory of God in our lives and holding us back from the freedom that Jesus intends for us. So how do we break out of these patterns once and for all? Put aside what you may think about the classic David vs. Goliath story. In Goliath Must Fall, author Louis Giglio shows us how to dwell on the size of our God, not the height of our giants. Once we understand the source of our giants, we can ensure that whatever our affliction is, it can, will, and must fall down with the power of Jesus.

Sunday School— join us at 9:45 am. We all meet downstairs in the main youth space in the ministry center for prayers and announcements. Then, we break up for respective studies. Middle schoolers meet in youth room and High schoolers meet across the hall in MC015

Sunday Night Refuge—5:15-7:15pm, includes a free meal.

The Youth are so thankful that they can enjoy a Sunday evening meal and fellowship together each Sunday. If you or your group would like to provide a meal for our youth group on a Sunday night during the spring, please sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c44ada72caafb6-spring

Thanks for your help with this important ministry for the Youth.



The Youth are selling new "Love God Love People" t-shirts for \$20 to raise money for the middle school mission trip to Memphis next summer.

They can be purchased via Rev. Elizabeth Murray at any time. Sizes available are: Youth M, L and Adult S-XL.



Happy February Birthdays:

2/1	Rogers, Elizabeth	2/10	McCuen, Gina		Brabham, Tommy	•	Howell, Mary
	Yeh, Carter		Young, Danny		Betcher, Chip		Torbett, Sydney
2/2	Trezise, Amy		Steele, Marie	2/18	Lawrence, Michae	1	Reynolds, Elizabeth
	Anderson, Sandra		Mincey, Thomas		Hanson, Cathy		Britner, Cori
	Burton, Robert		Logan, Kristen		Wiggins, Scott	2/25	Miller, Logan
2/3	Felder, John		DeAnn	2/19	West, Joe		Cogswell, Randi
	Huckabee, Eddy	2/11	Giles, Noah		Branch, Wanda	2/26	Johnson, Marshall
	Stewart, Patrick		Cullop, Rick		Powell, Tracy		Roberts, Greg
	Masters, Melissa		Jibaja, Henry		Street, Bebe		Neely, Bill
2/4	Slapnik, Jill		Cooper, Justin	2/20	Decell, Ann		Maltz, Daniel
	Satcher, Cynthia	2/12	Stanford, Julian		Driggers, Kayla		Leonard, Jill
2/5	Young, Charles		Starling, Whitney	2/21	Brooks, Paxton		Haynes, Earl
	Cheatham, Sam		Stilwell, Marti		Rhoten, Suzanne		Gatch, Charles
	Leaphart, Carol	2/14	Unger, Susan	2/22	Rikard, Edwin		Fentress, Shelley
2/6	Fuller, Billy		Mayfield, Earle		Peake, Eric		Wilson, Gene
	Johns, Kellie		Dunbar, Patrick		Cook, Mark	2/27	Smith, Vivian
2/7	Hanson, Alex	2/15	Chandler, Andrew		Brewer, Lynn		Segui, Sydney
	Johnson, Bob		Scruggs, Foxanne		Gore, Lindsay		DeBruhl, Josephine
2/8	Randhawa, Abigail		Giles, Tanner		Butler, Dianne		Laisure, Dick
	Gaines, Josh		Spillers, Jason	2/23	Carter, Alex	2/28	Hawkins, Janet
	Leonard, Pam		Flynn, Lauren		Goldsmith, Grant		Rainey, Perry
	Fleming, Barbara	2/16	Denny, Avery		Miller, Mary		Bumgarner, Joyce
2/9	Wilkie, Ryan		Gahm, Sue		Kicklighter, Bailey	У	Cato, Laura
	Johnson, Kyle		Daly, David		Rainey, Trip		Wilkie, David
	, 0		Miller, Spencer	2/24	Backman, Dan		
		2/17	Lynn, Dot		Mincey, Marcia		

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Betsy Marshall

Sheryl Mayers David Marshall & family Carl & Anita Cooper

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Welcome

Roman Bobbitt

son of Ian and Lisa Bobbitt January 11, 2019



Thank you everyone for your prayers, calls, food, cards & loving care that my family and I received on the death of my sister & great niece. Special thanks to the Delos Corderman Sunday school class.

Betty Monts

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