

Lexington UMC Household of Faith



Living God's Word~
Sharing God's Love

February 2020

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John Maxwell, founder of INJOY, is someone I respect because he has a heart for motivating churches and people to be the very best they can be. I am on the mailing list and keep up with his books and his writings particularly when it comes to stewardship information. Recently, he has written an article entitled The Keys to Victory. His words point to victorious results and a winning campaign for any church's effort.

He writes at the beginning words attributed to Vince Lombardi: Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing. John Maxwell then goes on to write: Those seven words...spoken by Vince Lombardi...have become the mantra for countless teams in virtually every sport. They adorn posters, plaques, Post-it notes and T-shirts. They are quoted innumerable times in locker rooms across America. But Vince Lombardi wanted to take back what he said. Shortly before his death in 1970, Lombardi told famed columnist Jerry Izenberg, "I wish I'd never said that. I meant the effort. I meant having a goal. I sure didn't mean for people to crush human values and morality." As a leader and strategist, Lombardi had few equals, and his words carried such weight that their impact had gotten beyond his control. Asked how he would re-state his words, he replied, "I would say: Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is." He knew what matters is the desire, not the conquest. Vince Lombardi understood the priority of pursuing victory in the right way with the right motives.

Winning is something most everyone wants to do. From college athletics to the business world to the church...people desire to be victorious in their endeavors. People work toward winning and employ their best strategies that will bring about that end. During February when Lent begins this year we are reminded by Jesus that in God's Kingdom the key to winning is in losing. Our goal must be to surrender ("lose") our lives in faith in order to establish ("win") the Kingdom's presence and truth in our community. Jesus had a way of helping lives to be turned upside-down. "The poor shall be rich." "The meek shall inherit the earth." "Save your life and lose it. Lose your life for the sake of the Gospel and win."

When we love God things change. Valentine's Day is all fine and good, but it does not point us to the love of God. Valentine's Day celebrates human love for each other. In that love there are bumps and bruises, opinions and arguments, frustration and distance, closeness and joy, fun and parties, candies and cards. Love between people is a wonderful thing. But that love has a ways to go to get to God's love which is perfect. God's love gives and gives and gives but also delivers. We are granted mercy and forgiveness and given a place at God's heavenly banquet. In God's love we are given a cross that defines love as well as the resurrection that promises a hope-filled future. We are bound together in God's love with chords that cannot be broken. God's love is higher and stronger than any of us can imagine. It is a love that transforms and uplifts in greater fashion than people can accomplish. So, in this time of journeying to the cross which defines love let us re-define ourselves and our understandings of the love of God. It takes prayer to get there.

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How very good and pleasant
it is when
kindred live
together in unity!

Psalms 133:1, NRSV



No matter what comes for the United Methodist Church in the way of separation it is the love of God that remains unchanged. In our separation we will have addressed issues but we will not alter the truth that comes from God. He remains the Word for our living just as he called himself in the Gospel of John. He remains the one who inspires the Church in love to transform the world. It begins with our love for God as we become disciples of Christ. To be His disciple means that we do not just know him, about him, or be able to call his name...we actually study Jesus. Because of our love for him we allow him through our study to teach us how to be right with God and with each other. This two-step process is important to faith and service in the Kingdom.

During Lent we will be preaching on “Signs on the Way to the Cross.” We can learn much from Jesus through the signs and miracles and teachings he provides. We can also learn a great deal about the love of God.

Ken Timmerman



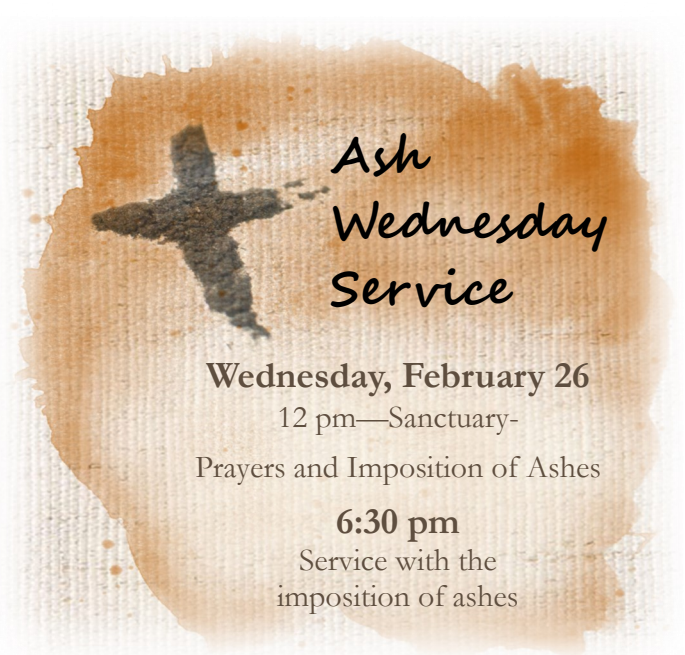
Lent is a time for self-reflection and deepening one's relationship with God in Jesus Christ. For many this season leading up to Easter will be weeks of giving up something they enjoy as a sign of contrition for mistakes they have made. When we retire something familiar for a season, recovering its use has a way of making it "new" for us. It has a way of giving emphasis to what precedes and follows it. Taking a rest from something gives shape and rhythm to life, to worship, to relationships — even to our relationship with God.

The Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days of Easter; rather, they are "Little Easters."

Others will spend extra time in devotions and prayer, while a few more will carry a cross or nail in their pocket as a reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for them and the whole world.

If those practices work for you, wonderful! Others may want to find different ways of observing this holy season. Consider adopting one or more of the following creative uses of the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.

1. Apologize to someone
2. Perform random acts of kindness
3. Delve into a book of the Bible
4. Serve people in need
5. Visit the lonely
6. Tell others you love them
7. Throw a party for everyone
8. Serve in worship
9. Say "thank you"
10. Read Wesley's sermons about the Sermon on the Mount



From, find more details and suggestions at:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/beyond-fasting-ten-tips-for-a-more-meaningful-lent>



*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 prayer 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.”

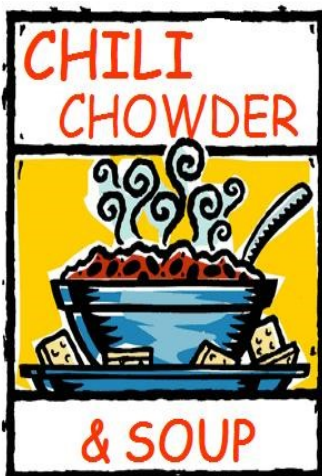
Since that day, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people 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 **Sunday February 2, SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**, our Youth will collect funds after each service. Every dollar donated goes to our Snack Sack Ministry, which currently serves **over 500** food-insecure students in Lexington County each week.

Snack Sack always needs volunteers to help pack the snack bags for delivery. If you need more information, or to volunteer, please contact Rick Cunningham rj_cunningham@yahoo.com



You don’t want to miss this!!!!!!

The Ray Hipp Chili, Chowder, & Soup Missions Fundraiser

Sunday, Feb. 2 Take-out starting at 9:15 am. Take-out by the quart—\$8.

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

Adults—\$6, Children 6 and under— \$2.

The Wesleyan Disciples Class is sponsoring this annual event!

Yummy

MSN BBQ Fundraiser



On March 5-14 USfoC Methodist Student Network are traveling to Pedernales, Ecuador on a mission trip. This area was devastated by an earthquake in 2016, and has been struggling ever since. And in May they are traveling to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe on a mission trip.

While in these countries the students will help with an optometry clinic. They are taking about 2500 pairs of glasses along with the equipment to test people's eyesight and fit them with corrective glasses. A doctor and nurse are traveling with them to host a medical clinic. Additionally, the group is conducting a VBS for the children in the communities. The students also will make home visits with a local United Methodist pastor, taking with them food and offering prayer with the families.

Each February, to help fund this trip the student network has a BBQ fundraiser.

Thomas Walsh will be at our church on February 16 to take orders for the BBQ (pay at time of order, cash or check).

The BBQ will be delivered on February 23.

The BBQ is smoked and pulled by MSNers and comes with a vinegar-based sauce. The cost is \$10 per pound.

Great news— We will have the opportunity to work on a Habitat home in March.

Watch for more details to come!!!!



And, if you have items that you would like to move out of your home the *Habitat for Humanity ReStores* are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price.

All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.

They will pick up items: Donation Hotline: [803-936-0090](tel:803-936-0090)

Donation & Shopping Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Central South Carolina HFH ReStore Columbia, SC 2814 Augusta Road



Lexington's Race Against Hunger

On Saturday, March 14th, Mission Lexington will host Lexington's Race Against Hunger at Lexington High School. Sign up now to participate, volunteer or sponsor our 10k, 5k, and 1-mile fun run by clicking this link:

<https://lrah.org/>



In his book At The End of the Day, Dr. Rev. James W. Moore (which the Questers Study Group is currently reading and studying, you are welcome to join us, Parlor, 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 pm) asked “*at the end of the day will you be remembered as one who had a good and positive Christian influence on others, especially on children?*”

He states:

No matter how fast ‘times’ and customs may change, certain values always endure, certain truths always are relevant, certain attitudes always are appropriate, and certain actions always are right. As Christian parents, we have the responsibility of sharing these truths and values—our faith—with our children.

He outlines 3 values that we must remember to teach our children—to love:

- Tell your children how much you love them—then show it.
- Live the Golden Rule, especially at home. Be forgiving and merciful. Never discipline in anger.

To be honest: We teach our children honesty—or dishonesty—by the way we ourselves live.

And to have faith:

Dr. Moore says: *Faith is not only what we believe; it is also a way of living. It is a lifestyle. Faith is not a small room stuck on the back of the house; it is the light in all the rooms. In other words, faith is the golden thread that ties all our Christian values and beliefs together. It is the cement that gives us strength and endurance against the storms of life. It's the strong rock upon which we stand. In a word, it is commitment—to God and to what we believe.*

If you want to teach your children the Christian faith, **the best way is to let them see and experience your faith.** Of course, you should teach them memorized prayers; but remember **it's more important for them to see and hear you pray.** Of course, you should encourage them to **attend church and Sunday school; but remember it's even more important for them to see you going to church and being excited to be there.** You see, the Christian faith is more "caught" than taught. The old saying is so true: What we do speaks more loudly than what we say:

- Pray daily with your children. In addition to praying before meals, pray spontaneously together at bedtime and other times.
- Read the Bible—or Bible stories—together regularly, perhaps at bedtime, before or after a meal, or during a family devotion time.
- Eat together as a family as often as possible. Take advantage of opportunities to talk about the ways God is working in your lives.
- Include God in everyday conversation, such as saying, "Didn't God paint a beautiful sky today?" or "I was nervous about my meeting today, but I said a prayer and God got me through it."
- **Attend church together regularly.** Afterward, talk about the things each of you learned and experienced. Get involved in mission and service opportunities as a family, as well as fellowship and learning activities.
- Look for ways your family can work together to help others in your neighborhood and community and beyond. Make this a regular part of family life.

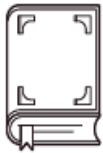
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FEBRUARY 2, 9, 16
Youth Group

4:30-6:00p on Sundays

Sunday nights are our main time of fellowship, and teaching. We will gather in the youth room for games and snacks, hear a message, and participate in a small group. Please DROP OFF, PICK UP, and PARK in the back of the ministry center



Wednesday Nights
FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19

5:30pm Dinner, 6:15-7:15 Studies

Middle: Guiding students through a variety of Bible stories and help them see its relevance in daily life. Meet in main youth room.

High: Join Pastor Weston for a lesson each week exploring the foundations of our faith. Meet in MC013

The Youth are hosting the
Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

February 25, 5:30 pm

Enjoy pancakes
sausage
and great
Fellowship

Youth
Fundraiser
(please donate)



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



Children's Ministry
Lexington
United Methodist Church

At LUMC we promise to surround our children with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others.

KidsWay is for children who are “potty proficient” through the 3rd grade. Activities include: Playground, Bible lessons, crafts, games, and singing with Mrs. Lessie. Meet in the Children’s hall.

KidsWay & Breakout!

BreakOut is for children in the 4th and 5th grades. They will meet in room 209/210, above the choir rooms. Students will dig deeper into the Bible using curriculum based on the popular Action Bible.



Prime Timers enjoy lunch the first Tuesday of each month and invite everyone who is interested to join them. The next lunch on Tuesday, February 4, will be at the Brew Pub at Old Mill at 11:30 AM. Please call or email Sammie Brown at 351-0784 or sbrown8885@sc.rr.com to make your reservation so there will be enough seating for everyone.

For planning purposes, the upcoming lunches will be at Shealy’s in March, Miyo’s in April and Texas Roadhouse in May. We look forward to seeing you there.

Night of Worship

Praise and Worship

February 23, 2020, 5:30 pm

Wesley Hall

Lexington United Methodist

309 E. Main St, Lexington

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Share the news of his saving work every single day!

1 Chronicles 16:23

Please plan to be present for this evening of praise and worship.

We will praise the Lord in song, maybe learning a few new songs.
And hear God's word.

We will sing to the Lord with Grace Station, who will lead us in the songs.
Come and hear our spiritually energizing praise band.





February BIRTHDAYS

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2/2 Anderson, Sandra Burton, Robert	2/12 Starling, Whitney Stanford, Julian Stilwell, Marti	2/20 Decell, Ann Driggers, Kayla	Neely, Bill Gatch, Charles Wilson, Gene
2/3 Felder, John Stewart, Patrick Masters, Melissa	2/14 Mayfield, Earle Dunbar, Patrick	2/21 Brooks, Paxton Rhoten, Suzanne	Fentress, Shelley
2/4 Slapnik, Jill Satcher, Cynthia	2/15 Chandler, Andrew Scruggs, Foxanne Flynn, Lauren	2/22 Rikard, Edwin Brewer, Lynn Gore, Lindsay Cook, Mark	2/27 Smith, Vivian Carter, Clint Segui, Sydney Laisure, Dick
2/5 Cheatham, Sam Young, Charles Leaphart, Carol	2/16 Denny, Avery Gahm, Sue Miller, Spencer Daly, David	2/23 Miller, Mary Carter, Alex Goldsmith, Grant Riles, Scott Rainey, Trip	2/28 Hawkins, Janet Wilkie, David Rainey, Perry Bumgarner, Joyce Cato, Laura
2/6 Fuller, Billy Johns, Kellie	2/17 Lynn, Dot Brabham, Tommy Betcher, Chip	2/24 Backman, Dan Mincey, Marcia Reynolds, Elizabeth Torbett, Sydney Britner, Cori	2/29 Miller, Noah
2/7 Hanson, Alex Johnson, Bob	2/18 Spyker, David Lawrence, Michael Hanson, Cathy Wiggins, Scott	2/25 Miller, Logan Cogswell, Randi	
2/8 Randhawa, Abigail Fleming, Barbara Gaines, Josh Leonard, Pam			
2/9 Wilkie, Ryan Johnson, Kyle			
2/10 McCuen, Gina Young, Danny Steele, Marie Mincey, Thomas Logan, Kristen			

Member News:

Gifts in memory of:

Donna Lesperance
Charles Williams

Pat Bickel

Sue Shumpert

Gifts in honor of:

Cynthia Satcher
Ginny Kurtz



Tuesday evening worship



Remember, if you can't make it on Sunday mornings, there is the Tuesday Evening Service at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday
mornings at
6:31 AM
Asbury Hall



The Taizé Service is the 2nd Tuesday of the month, February 11 at 12:10 pm.

This meditative service of song, scripture and prayer last 30 minutes. Come and find some quiet time with God.



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