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"Brock, do you want to ask Jesus into your heart?" asked his father. Brock thought about it for a moment and said in a matter-of-fact-fashion, "No." His dad was a bit bewildered wondering why his son, Brock, talked about Jesus and the church so much but did not want to invite the Lord in. Then Brock said as only a little one can: "As soon as Jesus gets out of the Bible, I will ask him into my life."

For many people Jesus is someone who is a character in a book and the mission of the church is to help the Lord become big as life and real for the sake of the world. There are some ways to help the Lord become "real" for others and while my list is not exhaustive it is a good starting place.

- 1. Get up and go to church on Sundays. Many people do not understand why people use Sundays for worship when there are so many other choices of things to do. The Lord taught us to keep the Sabbath holy and coming to church is one way to do that. It demonstrates our love and loyalty to a living Lord.
- 2. Keep calm when all around you do not. We live in a world where emotions escalate. One person says this and the other says that. Emotions and frustrations move from one level to the next. Christians can provide a great example of how vital peace and calm can be. It is the living Lord who declares that he gives "peace" to his people. Model it!
- 3. Offer prayer over your food in restaurants. Too many times we wait to be seated, our names are called, we place our orders and we "dig" in. It is good to pause and bow offering gratitude for God's gift of food and nourishment. Wasn't it our living Lord who asked his disciples, "Can't you remain awake and pray with me one hour?"
- 4. See every person as a member of creation's family. Too many times we allow differences to separate and divide. Bill Bouknight taught me how to see all as brothers and sisters and to call them that! Wasn't it Jesus who, as the Good Shepherd, left the flock and went to find the one who was lost?

The journey to the cross is with a living Jesus. During Lent, we will have a sermon series "Signs to Follow" and we will look into the Bible and study things like: "Turning Water into Wine" "Feeding the 5,000" "Teach us to Pray" "Healing and Official's Son" "Walking on Water" "Raising Lazarus" "Resurrection." What do these signs of the Lord have to do with us? What can we learn about the Kingdom from such signs?

During Lent, many people choose to give up something they normally do not do without. It comes down to things like chocolate, smoking, drinking, french fries, ketchup (I did that one year), or bad words. The idea is that if we give up something we will not pick it back up. It's not by design to be a countdown of forty days until we get to pick it back up again.

That's why I suggest that as followers of Jesus we pick up something for Lent. Pick up a ministry. Volunteer to serve children and others in the church. Remember the Sabbath and Keep it Holy. Read the Bible more. Create a prayer time for talking to God and listening to God. Forgive someone.

Connect to the church in a stronger way. In March, we are hoping to have a Church Council Retreat on March 14 for the purpose of looking at the year and making some plans for the church's ministry. It will be good to have everyone from the Council together to talk about what we can possibly do for Lexington UMC.

We will share Holy Communion on March 15 in all services. March 22, the Reverend Dr. Bill Bouknight, a good friend, will be here to preach at both Traditional Services. His sermon will be "Teach us to Pray."

There are so many ways we can connect to the Church. A strong church happens when members become strong disciples. Strong disciples happen when we make time for God and the Holy.

Ken Timmerman

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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

From, find more details and suggestions at:

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

- 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

The Claflin University Concert Choir



along with Dr. Jason Dungee, Conductor will be performing

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 5:30 pm

**LUMC Sanctuary** 

More info:

dcrosby@lexumcsc.com

Don't miss these talented musicians in concert!



#### As we move through Lent and look towards Holy Week, April 5-12, prayerfully consider your walk with God.



Prayer is a means of connecting with our loving God.

**Sometimes, you need to try something different**: Have you gotten into "prayer routine" – reciting a prayer without thinking about what you are praying? How often do you stop and think about what you are praying when you say the *Lord's Prayer*?

Guided prayer and meditation, such as when you walk the labyrinth, can help

you focus on talking to God, or listening for God's voice. Guided prayer can help you to meditate over things that you may not always think about; and allow you to experience the Scriptures, written long ago,

and relate them to today and to our personal lives.

A labyrinth is simply a place to walk and pray. There is nothing mystical about it. It gives you the freedom to walk around while focusing your mind on God.

A labyrinth contains a single walking path to the center and then back out again. It has many turns but, unlike mazes, does not have dead ends. One way to pray a labyrinth is to worship and praise God as you walk to the center, then intercede for people and concerns as you walk back to the outside.

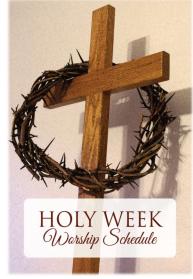


Prayer stations and the Labyrinth are ways to let you focus on what God may be saying to you in the moment.

During Holy Week children, youth and adults may walk the labyrinth and visit prayer stations.

Hours for the labyrinth during Holy Week are: Monday—Wednesday, 10 am-5 pm
Thursday, Friday 10 am --6 pm

Here is our video if you would like to learn a little more about our labyrinth- https://youtu.be/XUVf-GyNSxU



**April 5** is Palm Sunday with procession of palms

Please have your child gather in the Narthex (8:30 & 11); or in Wesley Hall (11 am)

**April 9** is Maundy Thursday Servicewith Holy Communion, 6:30 pm

**April 10** is Good Friday Service, 6:30 pm

**April 12** is Easter Sunday

Bring flowers to decorated the Easter cross near the circle

6:45 am Easter Sunrise

7:30 am – Breakfast

8:30 am – Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45 am – Sunday School

10:15 am - ButterFLy release-Everyone is invited to join at the circle, by the Easter cross.

Children's classes will end at 10:30. Children must be accompanied by adult.

11:00 am - ANEW worship (Wesley Hall)

11:00 am – Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

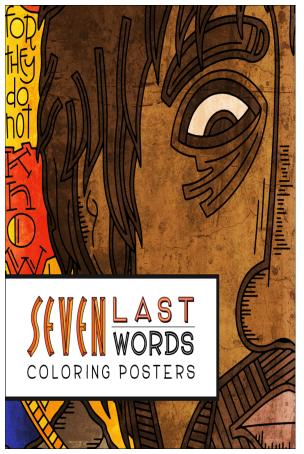
April 21 – Tuesday evening worship 6:30 pm



During Lent we are using a new Lenten Banner in the Sanctuary. This was given by the Delos Corderman Fellowship Class in memory of Delos Corderman and Bob Pettus, who were the class' faithful teachers for many years. This banner was chosen by the class to replace the previous Lenten banner, which had become worn and in need of replacement.

We have retired several of our older banners, as they have become worn. We also have other banners that are beginning to be in need of replacement. We have had some replacement banners, which have been donated in memory of a loved one by a family; or a Sunday School Class, such as the Lenten banner. Perhaps there is a Sunday School Class, other group, or a family who would like to remember a loved one— in honor or memory— by providing a banner; or it could be given because of love for our congregational family!

If you would consider donating the gift of a banner for our worship services, please contact Connie Brock or one of our other Sanctuary Stewards: Karen Waterfield, Donna Gaines, Donna Dunnagan, Wanda Pettus, Nelle Matthews, Daisy Hicks, Carolyn Tatro, Dianne Butler, Carolyn Campbell, Susan Matthews, Ginny Kurtz, Sandra Brabham, Marilyn Hornsby, Kathy Harrison, Sally Meise, Julia Johnson, Deryl Macaulay, Liz Roland or our alternates: Vicki Boylston, Rayna Brandes, Melody Brown, Lessie Polk.



Lenten Coloring poster books are available for you to pick up, take home and use during your Lenten journey. Each poster to color is accompanied by scripture and reflection on the last words of Jesus on his way to the cross (also known as the sayings of Jesus on the cross).

These books are available outside Asbury Hall, Wesley Hall and the Sanctuary. Please feel free to take one as a reflective tool during the 40 days of Lent.

Each page focuses on a specific word from each of the seven sayings. That word then informed the illustrations and the content for the devotional guide.

Poster One: KNOW – God, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. (Luke 23:34)

Poster Two: TRUTH – Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise. (Luke 23:43)

Poster Three: HERE – Here is your son. Here is your mother. (John 19:26–27)

Poster Four: FORSAKEN – My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? (Matthew 27:46)

Poster Five: THIRSTY – I am thirsty. (John 19:28)

Poster Six: FINISHED – It is finished. (John 19:30)

Poster Seven: COMMEND - God, into your hands I commend

my spirit. (Luke 23:46)

Poster Eight: BELIEVE – Luke 24:10-11





### Lexington's Race Against Hunger

On Saturday, March 14, 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: <a href="https://lrah.org/">https://lrah.org/</a>



Great news— We will have the opportunity to work on a Habitat home this spring.

The home we are working on is at 1133 Allen St, Cayce. The First Nail Ceremony is on

March 30 at 8am. This is a blessing for the house and for the homeowner, her family and the builders. You are invited to attend.

Our day to work on the home is May 9. Time and schedule will follow.

Here is a brief bio. of the future homeowner—

Jaida has been in the Habitat program since summer 2017. She has three children, ages, 19, 18, and 4. Jaida



has grown up in the Columbia area and enjoys cooking, taking trips to the zoo, and anything the kids like to do. Jaida has experienced a number of ups and downs while in the program, and at times was unsure if she would be able to continue. However, she persevered, made and completed action plans, and while she is still working her way through some components, her dedication and positive outlook for hers and her children's future will keep her on this steady path forward.

While Jaida has completed a number of hours on various build sites, with the Give It Up for Good Yard Sale, as well as other events, if you recognize her, you probably met in the Habitat ReStore as she has completed **over 140 hours** there!

Jaida stated that: "I am most looking forward to owning my own home because it will mean as a single parent, I can build a foundation for my children. This program is an honorable blessing, of which I will always be forever grateful for."



#### "Connect at Kraftv Draft"

For those who long to have respectful theological discussions with others, for those who might feel like they're on the fringe, for those who yearn to connect with others in a more meaningful way, you're invited.

"Connect at Krafty Draft" will be an opportunity to engage with both friends and strangers. In a world where we are so silo-ed, come build the community for which we were created. No agenda; no question too big. Enjoy dinner, or more.

Regardless of who you are, what you have been through, what you believe, you are welcome.

6:30pm at Krafty Draft (269 Charter Oak Road) on Thursday March 5th, March 26th, and April 23rd.

Contact Rev. Elizabeth Murray at elizabeth@lexumcsc.com with your questions! Come once or come every week.



A lovely way to celebrate moms, grandmoms and all the special women in our lives!

Ticket sales begin April 1.

If you would like to decorate a table, please contact Mary Alice Becthler mabechtler@hotmail.com

(803) 315-8185





## Adult Bible School August 2-5, 2020

This will begin on Sunday morning, August 2 with Ed Kilbourne's participation in worship as he shares his unique sermon style—using storytelling & his music, and will have a children's time and benediction.

That same Sunday afternoon there will be a family concert:

-It's Four O'Clock Somewhere- a church wide event, inviting members of all ages a chance to attend and enjoy Ed's special music and message since Mon-Wed is an adult event.

The Adult Bible School will be Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings beginning at 9:30 with gathering and social time. Bible School sessions are from 10:00 am to noon (with a short break). Each session of storytelling, music, humor and worship ends at noon, followed by lunch. We will be studying Gospel stories from the life of Jesus and teaching them in contemporary context and application.



**Families,** put **August 2** on your calendar now, and don't miss this special time of worship!

**Adults**, put **August 2—5** on your calendar, and don't miss this unique, special workshop event geared just towards you!

Registration information coming soon!

#### About Ed Kilbourne

I have been a storyteller, a musician, a humorist and a folk-theologian for over 50 years and I use each of these elements in my presentations.

This year we are bringing **SUMMER EXCITEMENT** to the whole congregation. In lieu of Vacation Bible School



(VBS), you're invited to "A Very BLeSSed SUMMET." We are grateful for our past VBS volunteers, and we pray that each of you can use this opportunity to nourish yourself a bit.

Some of our volunteers and staff have discerned that "A Very Blessed Summer" experience is the way to go for both children and adults in our congregation and community this summer. The purpose of "A Very Blessed Summer" is to engage with those you know from the church and also have the opportunity to

meet new people in a Christian environment, and grow in our knowledge and Spirit. This is a different way for us to worship together—young and old, single and married; an opportunity for all of us to grow in faith together.

LUMC will host Four interactive nights filled with Worship, Work, and the Word. Each night will begin with a brief worship, a craft, activity, or mission project to work on, followed by Sharing God's Word together. Each person will receive a take home memento from the Bible lesson.

Again, "A Very Blessed Summer" is for all children, youth, and adults. The dates are:

**Sunday evenings** 

June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26

5:30-7:30 pm

No dinner will be provided—we encourage you to eat with your family or friends, before or after.

More specific information about each night will be provided closer to the summer.

If you and would like to be a part of "A Very Blessed Summer" Team, please contact Rev. Elizabeth Murray Elizabeth@lexumcsc.com or Heather Connor simplyecoonline@gmail.com.



# MARCH 8, 15, 22 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 MARCH 8, 11, 18, 25

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 foundtaions of our faith. Meet in MC013

#### MARCH 1

# ALL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEAL

6:00-6:30 in Asbury Hall

We will enjoy a fellowship meal with all of our youth family.

Youth should be picked up downstairs at 6:30 pm



**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





Prime Timers enjoy lunch the first Tuesday of each month and invite everyone who is interested to join them. The next lunch on Tuesday, **March 4**, **will be at Shealy's BBQ** at 11:30 AM. Please call or email Sammie Brown at 351-0784 or <a href="mailto:sbrown8885@sc.rr.com">sbrown8885@sc.rr.com</a> to make your reservation so there will be enough seating for everyone.

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





Acolyte training will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday, **March 1** and Sunday, **March 8** from 9:45 - 10:45 am.

Any child in 3rd grade or older who hasn't been trained before is welcome to attend. Please email Jennifer Cammann at jennifer@lexumcsc.com with any questions.



Matthew 18:5
"And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me -Jesus

Thank you to everyone who continues to give of their time to serve our children. If God has been pulling on your heartstrings, but you don't know what is involved in Children's Church, which is about 10-15 minutes in time, here is a quick run down to ease your anxiety:

- after children's moment in each service the k-2nd grade students come to the room with the purple awning
- there is a short lesson (typically an interactive short script) that you read and a prayer (all laid out for you)
- A craft or coloring sheet related to the lesson is ready for after the story/lesson

Sign up for the preschool room or children's church here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4faea82ca5fd0- augustseptember4





- 3/1 Hicks, Kevin Mitton, Bryan
- 3/2 Leaphart, Ryan Wilson, Hope Stewart, John Haynes, Brian Cunningham, Rick Ford, Stewart Gatch, Drew
- 3/3 Murphy, Tim McGill, Jennie Altenberg, John Landry, Boone
- 3/4 Quig, Joe Myers, Alexa Epting, Cheyenne Akers, Zachary Owens, Sam Driggers, Larry Wilson, Beth Hicks, Delinda
- 3/5 Harmon, Will Spence, Jimmy Swearingen, Jay Polk, Graham
- 3/6 Garrison, Fern Rhoten, Loretta
- 3/7 Frye, Josh Thomas, Carole Givens, Donna

- Spence, Rebecca Spence, Gray Bowers, Cherie Wicker, Bradley 3/8 Wojtylak, Laurie
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- 3/9 Johnson, Colin Thain, Colin Gladden, Karen Schilling, Amanda Knight, Charles Moore, Rachel
- 3/10 Register, Jackson Falls, Becky Bowman, John
- 3/11 Schirato, Nicholas Carter, Brennon
- 3/12 Sinclair, Rachel
- 3/13 Elliott, Ronnie Kerwin, Cindy
- 3/14 Crosswell, Lila Jibaja, Matthew Smith, Virginia
- 3/15 Rivers, Helen Roberts, Pat Young, Brenda Thomas, Albert

- Osborne, Ethan 3/16 Robbins, Ken Phillips, Stephanie Alexis
- Cook, Taylor 3/17 Duncan, Basil Deremo, Ed
- 3/18 Moore, John Robinson, Susan Wicker, Cameron
- 3/19 Keith, Chandler Cafferty, Maggie Harmon, Nancy
- 3/20 Schilling, Nick Ruiz, Alma
- 3/21 Slapnik, Jessica Kirkpatrick, Donna Falls, Oren
- 3/22 Drayton, Ginny Lott, Bill Groves, Layla
- 3/23 Myers, Collin Spence, Lou
- 3/24 Whetstone, Jake Vitters, Katie Morrison, Terrie Conrad, John
- 3/25 Conrad, Nicolas Roshto, Emerson Stewart, Anna Claire Workman, Hanna

- 3/26 Chandler, Ann Kruger, Kenneth Baker, Brad Wicker, Lisa Butler, George Reynolds, Christopher
- 3/27 Boylston, Wyatt
- 3/28 Haynes, Loretta Street, Joseph Ridgeway, Jeannie Coleman, Chad Osborne, William
- 3/29 Graybill, Miranda Farmer, Kara Tapley, Debbie Pautz, Katy Smith, Lauren D'Amico, Staci Corley, Linda
- 3/30 Manus, Brenda McCormack, John Stilwell, Krista Register, Cameron Moore, Josh
- 3/31 Chavis, Breana Clark, Joyce Fry, Joshua

# Gifts in memory of:

#### Pat Bickel

Questers Study Group Bob & Cindy Graham

Gifts in honor of:

#### **David Huffstetler**

Delos Corderman Fellowship Class



April 22, 2020 is Secretary's Day/ Administrative Professionals Day

Thank you, **Diane Crosby** and **Shanti Moore** for your dedication to Lexington United Methodist Church. We appreciate you everyday!!!





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

This meditative service of song, scripture and prayer lasts 30 minutes.

Come and find some quiet time with God.



# reasons

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#### Recycling means business in South Carolina.

More than 520 recycling companies in South Carolina rely on material recycled by residents, businesses, schools, colleges and universities and other organizations.



#### Recycling creates jobs.

directly attributable to recycling in the state (more than 54,000 direct and indirect jobs overall). The average annual wage for the direct jobs is \$40,203 - higher than the South



The more you recycle the less you throw away. Remember, however, that waste reduction is a better option than recycling and that most effective way to reduce waste is not create it in the first place.

Recycling reduces waste.



 There are more than 22,000 jobs Carolina average.



#### Recycling reduces litter.

As much as 75 percent of litter is material that can be recycled. Recycling this material helps protect the environment and wildlife as well as avoid costs associated with clean-up efforts.



#### Recycling makes a huge economic impact.

Recycling generates an annual total economic impact of \$13 billion, about \$2.7 billion in labor income every year and \$329 million in yearly state and local taxes. In the past five years, the state's recycling industry has made \$1.1 billion in capital investments creating 3,000 jobs.



#### Recycling reduces the need for more landfills.

Recycling preserves landfill space by diverting valuable material from disposal. In addition, local governments and businesses can save money on avoided disposal costs by reducing waste and recycling.



#### Recycling conserves natural resources.

Reducing, reusing and recycling reduces the amount of raw material (e.g., timber, water, minerals) needed to make new products that we use in our everyday lives. Recycling also prevents pollution associated with the extraction of natural resources.



#### Recycling turns waste into raw material.

Recycling turns waste into valuable raw material that manufacturers rely on to make recycled-content products. Buying these products maintains the demand for this material and makes recycling work.



# Recycling saves energy.

Recycling saves energy because it reduces the need to extract and refine natural resources. In addition, it often takes less energy to make a new product from recycled material than raw material even after counting the energy involved in collecting and sorting recyclables.



#### It's easy.

Whether at home, school, work or on the go, there are many opportunities to recycle. South Carolina has a robust recycling infrastructure with recycling programs in each of the state's 46 counties. Overall, the state has 85 curbside programs, nearly 600 recycling centers and



offers recycling at each of South Carolina's 47 state parks and historic sites. To learn more about the recycling opportunities where you live, visit www.scdhec.gov/recycleheresc. Then do your part and recycle more!

Please visit www.scdhec.gov/recycleheresc to see what is recycled v



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