



Lexington UMC
Household of Faith



Living God's Word~
Sharing God's Love

June 2020

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Charles Allen served as a United Methodist Pastor for a number of years most notably at Grace UMC in Atlanta, Georgia and then at First UMC in Houston, Texas. He was a great preacher and became an author. He wrote *God's Psychiatry* which was a pastor's look at Psalm 23. Listen to some of what he wrote:

Our modern word "psychiatry" comes from the two Greek words "psyche" and "itreia." The word "psyche" really means the person, and is variously translated as "breath," "soul," "mind," "reason," and the like. The word "itreia" means "treatment," "healing," "restoring," and the like.

So, put together the two words and we have "the healing of the mind" or as David might have said, "The restoring of the soul." The word can mean medical treatment, or the treatment by a physician, but that is only one of its meanings. Often the minister is a psychiatrist, because the minister deals not only with the minds of people but also with their souls. Beyond our bodies and minds are our souls. And only God can heal the soul. So, the first and most important psychiatry must be God's psychiatry.

These words that come from the Introduction to his book, *God's Psychiatry*, explain in part why Charles Allen was known to prescribe the 23rd Psalm to soul's that were hurting. He prescribed it reading as the first choice of the day, then after breakfast, then after lunch, and the last thing before going to bed. It was to be read carefully, meditatively, and prayerfully. It was not to be a quick, hurried reading. Doing this would make things very different for one's soul.

I believe this to be the inspiration I have experienced personally as I try to "know the Shepherd." There is ample opportunity for us all to read and study the meaning of the psalmist's word and make application of the psalm's truth for today.

Too many times I believe the world conducts its business as though we were sheep without a shepherd. To connect our souls and minds to the Shepherd is to change the way we do business. The church too often tries to reflect our culture rather than fulfilling its mission to reshape the culture. After all, we are called to follow the Shepherd and not the other way around.

This Good Shepherd leads us to security in our faith and in our living. The Lord is the author of the changes that come to the church. This June, we will experience some changes. Lexington UMC will receive a new Senior Pastor and a new Associate Pastor. Change is not easy, but it can be good when God is in the changes. We are preparing for new leadership in the church and God will use the newly appointed clergy for LUMC to lead the church faithfully. Begin praying for their ministry now. Begin planning on how you will greet them now. Please remember that sharing your name multiple times will be beneficial. You have to remember two names and they have so many to get to know.

Lexington UMC is a good church and you are the treasure. My closing prayer for you will be for God's hand to continue to touch this congregation and for God's richest blessings to come your way. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Ken Timmerman





I hope this Household of Faith finds you safe, healthy, and well. What a celebration we will have when we are safely able to gather again. Until then I am reminded that we are a people of hope and a people of faith. As Believers in Jesus we strive hard to behave as witnesses of his resurrection – of his unconditional and universal love. During these difficult times we are reminded that we are not hopeless people, rather the opposite, for we know of his grace.

What a blessing it has been to “go to Church” each Sunday and hear Gods word. With technology and the talents of Craig Ness and others we have been able to worship and stay connected. As good as this has been, I miss church. I miss handshakes and hugs, fellowship and friends, Sunday School, coffeetime and the list goes on. Since the last time we saw each a lot has taken place to keep our church not only functional but continuing to do Gods work. The Bishop and his cabinet have announced recommendations and guidelines as to when we can return to our Church. See page 7 for his full statement.

A “Return to Church” committee has been working on what a “return to church” will look like when we gather again. We will return in Phases. In Phase I, beginning June 14—the **plan is to have two services, one at 10 am and one at 5 pm in Wesley Hall, with limited seating. With social distancing there is going to be seating for 140. Tables are reserved for families with children.** Live streaming of the 10 am service will continue for those continuing to worship at home.

- Wesley Hall will be sanitized after each service.
- To exercise caution for health concerns we will only have worship services at those times. We hope to provide Sunday School and nursery care at a later time.
- Hand sanitizers will be made available for your usage.
- Airborne aerosol spread is the main concern. To act on Jesus’ message to love our neighbors, **masks are highly encouraged.** We will have some available if you do not have one.
- We will also keep our congregational singing in our hearts and minds.
- We are thankful for the video screen, which makes the passing of physical materials unnecessary.
- Collection plates will be placed in strategic locations for our tithes, as another means of our worship.

Online giving is still available at lexumcsc.com/give

The good news we’ll be back in church together.

We need to know when your family will attend service.

We need each household to sign up by the Wednesday of that week for Sunday's worship service. In order to accommodate you at your desired time, we ask that you sign up as soon as possible. Please follow this link to sign up for your time. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZGVQZWZ>.

If you cannot go online to sign up, please call the church office and state which time you will be attending and how many will be attending.

Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan

As the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic started “hitting home” for our church family, the financial concerns associated with it required attention and a plan to implemented to address them. We researched the Small Business Administration’s Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan and found that we would qualify for the loan. After securing a recommendation to proceed from the Finance Committee and approval from Church Council, we applied for the loan and received \$77,000 on May 4, 2020.

The loan proceeds will be spent on payroll-related expenses for the church and preschool staff over the eight-week period following 5/4/20. This timeframe meets the loan requirements to qualify for “loan forgiveness” under the loan rules and repayment **will not** be required. Staff will provide a complete accounting of the loan proceeds usage to the Finance Committee and Church Council after the eight-weekperiod. We believe that access to these funds will help us in our stewardship of the tithes, gifts, and offerings entrusted to our care by our congregation and worshipers. Council recognizes that many members of our congregation are and will continue to face uncertain economic times. The PPP program will help us to get through this difficult period while we prepare for what is ahead for the rest of 2020. On-line giving and tithing is still critical and will ensure that our church’s mission will continue, and our future will be bright.

In closing a special thanks to many, too many to name in fear of leaving someone out. If you have questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me. More to come, until then I am comforted by the words from Philippians 4:13 ... *I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.*

Yours in service, Phil Gaines, Chair, Church Council



There are a number of ‘extended’ families at LUMC—those with multiple generations of members. Jack and Wendi Walsh are part of one of our long-term multi-generational families. Jack is the youngest son of Mr. Jim Walsh, one of our senior members. Jack has five siblings, and they all grew up in Lexington. Several of them and their families are now or have been part of the LUMC family over the years.

Jack and Wendi, along with their sons, Thomas, James and John, are faithful and active members of LUMC. Jack and Wendi have been married almost 24 years. Jack is a lifelong Lexington resident, while Wendi came to Lexington by way of Georgia, then Newberry, SC. She has been a teacher at Pleasant Hill Elementary School in Lexington for the past ten years. Jack is currently in sales at the food brokerage company, SellEthics. Even with their busy family lives and careers, they have always made time to worship and serve at LUMC. They both taught Sunday School for several years, then became involved as leaders in the Youth Program. Wendi now coordinates the College Age Ministry.

All three Walsh boys have grown up in the LUMC Sunday School and Youth programs. The oldest son, Thomas, now attends the University of SC, where he is majoring in Business Administration. He is a very dedicated student leader in the Wesleyan Student Center. Not only is he active in the Center, he actually resides in the building and serves as its caretaker! Thomas has been on several mission trips to Africa and Ecuador. His most recent trip was a second visit to Ecuador in early March. His brother James was also part of the mission team, as he embarked on his first mission trip. Thomas is very committed to his Christian faith, and he is considering going into the ministry.

James Walsh is a freshman at the University of SC-Aiken, where he is majoring in Secondary Math Education. His career goal is to become a high school math teacher. Anyone who knows James is familiar with his musical talent and love for music. He began playing the guitar in the 4th grade and has continued playing. He can be seen from time to time playing with Grace Station during LUMC’s Anew Service. James really enjoyed working with and helping many people in Ecuador during his recent mission trip, and he is looking forward to his next mission opportunity.

The youngest of the Walsh sons is John, who is a freshman at Lexington High School. One of his passions is the very physical sport of Lacrosse, having started as a participant in the Lexington recreation league. He is now playing on Lexington High’s JV team. In his spare time, John enjoys working hands-on to ‘build things’, as well as fishing. Following the paths of his older brothers, John continues to participate actively in the LUMC Youth Program.

It is easy to see that Jack and Wendi, as well as their boys, lead very busy lives! However, they always find time to enjoy activities as a family. And they always make time to worship and serve God. It is truly a joy and a blessing to have the Walsh family as part of the generational link in the LUMC family!

Vicki Boylston

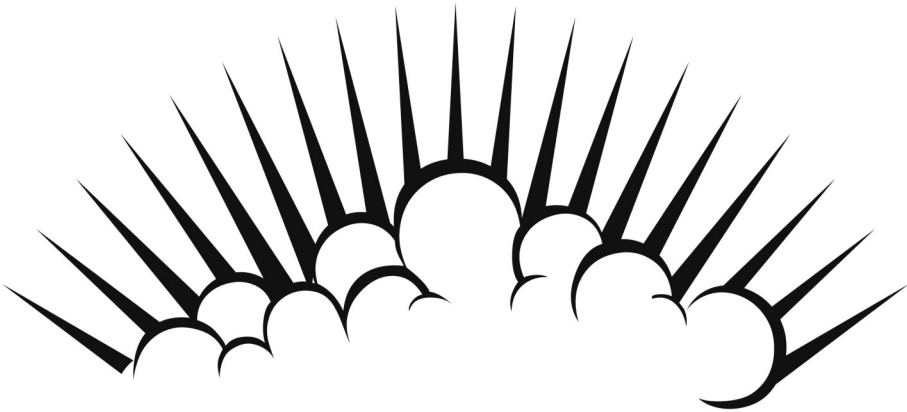


PUZZLE

Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _t t_ m_,
'Y_ _r_ m_ F_th_r, m_
G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_r.'" *Psalm 89:26, NIV*

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

Bobby Bowers

Helen Rivers
John & Connie Cooper
Nelle Matthews
Dr. Albert & Helen Thomas
George & Harriette Kinard
Ned & Ann Wallace
Hugh & Maro Rogers
Billy & Brenda Fuller
Rick & Stephanie Thain
Sammie B. George, II
Linda Gladden
Janes & Jennifer McGill
Bill & Barbara Bodie
John & Joyce Bumgarner
Mary Hazelton
Richard Davis
Thomas Harman, Jr.
George & Kathryn Dorn
Shirley Bowers
Reggie & Heather Corley
Woody & Brenda Manus
Cynthia Satcher
James & Carolyn Fields
James Meggs
Joy Fellers
Paul & Gale Harman
Jerry & Doris Richardson
Warren & Rebecca McCormack
Caroline & Liz Bryson
Charles & Dolores Gatch
Myron & Linda Corley
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Wells
Bobbie Goldin
P.D. & Cheryl Bullard
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Metts
Little Folks Daycare
Charlie & Debra Rountree
David & Theresa Hodge
Brian Blatt
Bill & Linda Gillespie
Terry & Susan Fellers
Edith Harmon
Bill & Allene Dubose
Wynona Cox
SC School Boards Association
Tom & Becky Inabinet
John & Janice Rockholz
LHS Class of 1965
William & Mary Low
Ginny Kurtz

Ronnie & Linda Cromer
Charlie & Lessie Polk
Otis & Melissa Rawl
Ken & Linda Clarke
Mary Ann Green
Bob & Cindy Graham
Wade & Alice Jackson
Ed & Reve Richardson
Terry & Daisy Hicks
Tim & Ann Chandler
Jim & Connie Brock
Tom & Celeste Burner
Ronald & Carol Marse
Charlie & Mildred Tyler
Julie Sanders & Lee Clore
Jim & Nancy Caulder
James Bradley, Jr.
Prisma Health Nurse Navigators
Megan Shealy & Family
Al & Pat Borsum

Israel Brown

James Bogle, Jr.
Susannah Cole
Chris & Marsha Samellas
John & Joyce Bumgarner
Terry & Daisy Hicks
Amy Shell

Brian Haynes

Victor & Brenda Barwick
Janice Van Osdol
Todd & Kelly Van Osdol
Linda Gladden
Mrs. William Roberts
Thad & Brenda Bruner
Birl Caughman
Cynthia Satcher
Marcia and Thomas Mincey

Betsy Marshall

David Marshall, Sr.

Russell Johnson

Cynthia Satcher

Charlie Jackson

Juanita Gatch

Bill Lott

Berniece Phillips
Cherie Bowers
Cynthia Satcher

Marie Steele

Dollie & Dianne Steel
Mary Hazelton
Dr. Albert & Helen Thomas
Cherie Bowers
Charles Gatch
David Marshall
Keith Schoultz
Charlie & Lessie Polk
Linda Gladden
Jim & Connie Brock
John & Joyce Bumgarner

Dolores Gatch

David Marshall
Judy Buchanan
Charlie & Lessie Polk
John & Connie Cooper
Rex & Brenda Newman
Dr. Shirley Fawley
Ginny Kurtz
Cherie Bowers
Nelle Matthews
Jo Turk Peters
Marti, Ella, & Liam Stilwell
John & Susan Steedman
Caroline Bryson
Wade & Elizabeth Reynolds
Virl Caughman
Joe & Bonnie Sherer
Ryan Sharpe Herndon
Mary Hazelton
Larry & Pam Hayes
Al & Pat Borsum
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Teresa Mathis
Wilfred & Becky Falls
Jerry & Dianne Smolen
Glenn & Betsy Jumper
Glenn & Judy Walters
Cynthia Satcher
Deepal & Meg Eliatamby
John & Joyce Bumgarner
Shay & Pat Rollins
Charlie & Jo Mayer

LUMC Sewing Ministry Update and Request for Help: What happens when a small group of ladies who love to sew get together to sew for others? We have a LOT of fun and get a lot done! LUMC's sewing ministry "SEW FAITHFUL" began meeting in February of 2019 and so far have made 603 feminine hygiene pads, 64 cloth bags, 69 dresses. All of these will be delivered to women and children in Zimbabwe and other areas in great need. Once we can get back to gathering as a church again, check out our display in Asbury Hall of some of the beautiful dresses that have been made.



How can you help?

- ◇ Pray for our ministry.
- ◇ Volunteer.
- ◇ Make a financial contribution to help purchase needed materials.

If you have questions or want to volunteer, call Terrie Morrison (957-2089). If you can help financially, checks can be made payable to LUMC and put in the offering plate, but be sure to indicate the donation is for "Sewing Ministry" on the memo line.



We have had emails about the Blessing Box, it has been mentioned in our weekly online worship services.

Have you driven by the church recently? Have you seen the Blessing Box that is now outside on the wall?

As an outreach to our community, you are invited to place things inside this box for those in our community to take what they need.

What can you put in this box?

Pop-top canned foods, personal size food items such as cereal, grits and oatmeal, packaged fruit or puddings. Bottled water, individually packed utensils, small bottles of hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene products, individual packaged snack items, first aid items.

Please help fill the Blessing box for our friends and neighbors.

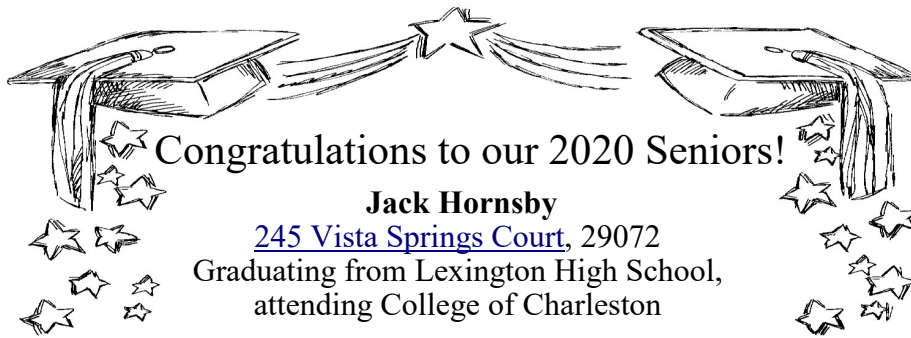
We still need donations of money to pay for the March and April Harvest Hope Invoices. Please mail a check to church, donate money using the church website or ask your employer for Matching Funds Donations. Go here to give www.lexumcsc.com



Thank you for your support of this giving ministry.

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Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Moving Day

The Bishop and Council have announced that moving day for those Pastors transitioning to new appointments will be Tuesday, June 30, 2020. As you know both of our Pastors are moving to new appointments. Their last Sunday with us will be June 28, 2020.

Our Pastors, Rev. Ken Timmerman and Rev. Weston Pendergrass, have been our shepherds through our spiritual journey at Lexington UMC.

Think about how these two gentlemen have move you in your journey: They have led you in worship; led you through studies; prayed with you; been beside you when you have suffered and celebrated with you in your joy.

Ken and Weston, we wish you God's speed at your new appointments.

We want to share with them our thanks and praise for their years of service to Lexington UMC. If you are able, plan to be at a service on June 28. A special time of recognition is planned for this day. Watch for details to come.

If you cannot attend, be sure to let them know that you are praying for each of them as they transition to their new appointments.

Friends, I continue to be inspired by the creative ways the churches of the South Carolina Conference have responded to the ongoing challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic. Your commitment to our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and your care for one another are evident in so many ways. South Carolina United Methodists are truly seeking a more excellent way – following God beyond the bounds of expectations.

In consultation with the Cabinet and according to the latest guidance from public health officials, I am strongly recommending that leaders of each local church continue to suspend in-person worship services, gatherings, meetings and events through June 10.

Worship and other in-person gatherings are allowed to resume beginning Sunday, June 14. The cabinet has outlined the safety concerns and guidelines for resuming in-person worship in a new resource called “[Reset | Restart | Renew](#).” These guidelines are the product of prayer, research, data analysis and many conversations with public health officials, church leaders and state leaders. Clergy and church leaders are strongly encouraged to use this document to navigate the transition to resuming in-person worship.

We have heard your desire to return in person to the communities of faith that shape your relationship with Jesus Christ. Even when the church doors are once again open and we can safely gather, this does not mean a return to business as usual. It is critical to recognize the importance of the safe and sanitary practices necessary once we return to church buildings.

Congregations are encouraged to care for one another as plans are made for resuming in-person worship and continuing remote worship opportunities. Some churches may opt to return in-person at a later date, depending on their context. We support you in making the best decisions for your congregation as you care for one another.

Moving day for those transitioning to new appointments will be Tuesday, June 30, 2020. This one-week delay allows time for in-person farewells and necessary sanitizing of parsonages.

We continue to monitor developments in the pandemic as we discern a new date for the 2020 Annual Conference session – postponed from June 7-10. Our priority in this and all decisions is ensuring the health and safety of South Carolina United Methodists.

In this interim time, I know you will remain steadfast in finding ways to remain in community with your sisters and brothers in Christ. Our regularly updated collection of resources to help local churches through this unprecedented time can be found at umcsc.org/coronavirus.

As people of faith who profess to follow Jesus Christ, we know that our call is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. With ears open to hear how God is calling your congregation and hearts open to respond to that call, we embrace this opportunity to be a beacon of hope in a hurting world.

We renew our commitment to faithfully participate in the life of our congregations through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness so that all may come to know and be transformed by the love, grace and mercy available through Jesus Christ.

I invite you to join me each morning – on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and at umcsc.org – as we pray for those affected by the coronavirus, for those experiencing stress, anxiety and financial uncertainty, for medical professionals treating and caring for patients and for those working to ensure a healthier future for all of us.

Grace and peace,
L. Jonathan Holston
Resident Bishop

6/1 - Alex Gatch
6/1 - Tim Rogers
6/1 - Arya Stewart
6/2 - Ben Brandes
6/2 - Collin Conrad
6/2 - Addy Fender
6/2 - Shirley Gregory
6/3 - Darlene Cogswell
6/3 - Heather Corley
6/3 - Clara Meyers
6/3 - Lois Wing
6/4 - Ann Baugh
6/4 - Scott O'Neal
6/4 - Lizz Wilson
6/5 - Rachel Buchanan
6/5 - Nora Jane Lawson
6/5 - Paul Walker Jr.
6/6 - Larisa Daly
6/6 - Jamie Spillers
6/7 - Sally Bumgarner
6/7 - Dee Hucks
6/7 - Dylan Roberts
6/7 - Kathryn Spence
6/8 - Shannon Osborne
6/8 - James Walsh
6/9 - Karen Corey
6/9 - Trudy Huffstetler
6/9 - Ben Masters

6/10 - Scott Cogswell
6/10 - Mary Ann Marsh
6/10 - Angie Scoates
6/11 - Hunter Lawson
6/11 - Titus Munsch
6/12 - Judy Wolfe
6/13 - Sidney Gatch
6/13 - Joseph Ness
6/14 - Michael Cunningham
6/14 - Grace Harrell
6/15 - Henry Cullop
6/15 - Julian S. Martin Jr.
6/16 - Anna Gatch
6/16 - Angie Kicklighter
6/16 - Miles Stewart
6/17 - Todd Creekmore
6/17 - Michelle McDonald
6/17 - Leann Swearingen
6/18 - Adriana Duncan
6/18 - Megan Quattlebaum
6/18 - T.J. Roland Jr.
6/19 - Audrey Gonzalez
6/19 - Abby Pautz
6/19 - Greg Smith
6/20 - Sammie George II
6/21 - Melody Brown
6/21 - Jason Dunnagan
6/21 - Harold Taylor

6/22 - Kimberly Lightle
6/22 - Marcia Wood
6/23 - Adelyn Larion
6/23 - Sally Taylor
6/24 - Michael Blackwell
6/24 - Cooper Johnson
6/24 - Adam Templin
6/25 - Jamie Bumgarner
6/26 - Camryn Cagney
6/26 - Sandi Owens
6/27 - Nicholas Sullivan
6/28 - Dan Parker Sr
6/29 - Rex Boylston
6/29 - Sarah Elvington
6/29 - Ann Kelly
6/30 - Shirley Jordan
6/30 - Jared Rish



Bobby Bowers
February 29, 2020

Israel Brown
April 6, 2020

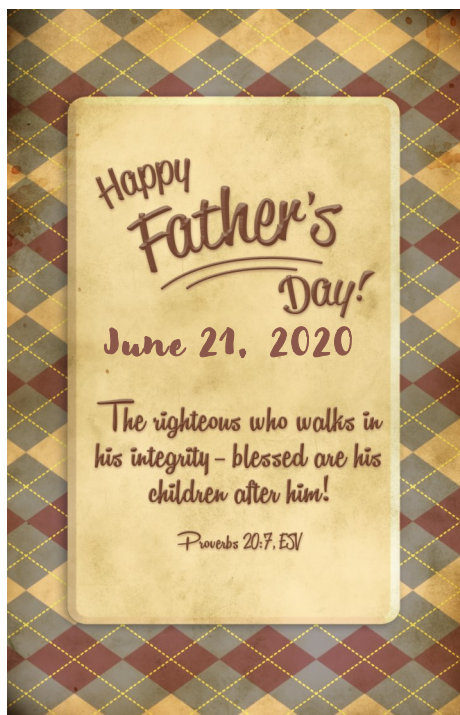
Brian Haynes
April 8, 2020

Dolores Gatch
April 23, 2020

Marie Steele
April 24, 2020

William Lott
May 7, 2020

Chip Knight
May 20, 2020



Gifts in honor of:

John & Joyce Bumgarner

Phillip & Julie Mentnech
Jamie & Jennie Bumgarner
Dr. Albert & Helen Thomas



Hazel Jane Moser
daughter of
Matthew & Maggie Moser
April 3, 2020

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