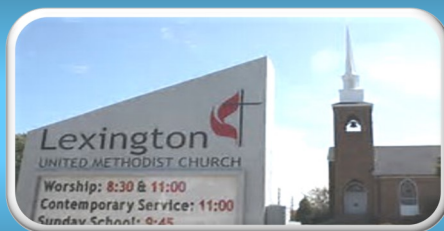




Lexington UMC  
Household of Faith



Living God's Word~  
Sharing God's Love

July 2020

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FROM OUR  
PASTOR

*"We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. We've done this since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all God's people. You have this faith and love because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You previously heard about this hope through the true message, the good news, which has come to you. This message has been bearing fruit and growing among you since the day you heard and truly understood God's grace, in the same way that it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world ... Because of this, since the day we heard about you, we haven't stopped praying for you and asking for you to be filled with the knowledge of God's will, with all wisdom and spiritual understanding. We're praying this so that you can live lives that are worthy of the Lord and pleasing to him in every way: by producing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God; by being strengthened through his glorious might so that you endure everything and have patience; and by giving thanks with joy to the Father. He made it so you could take part in the inheritance, in light granted to God's holy people." (Colossians 1:3-6, 9-12 CEB)*

Happy Summer LUMC family and friends!

I chose to greet you with those words penned by the Apostle Paul to the church in Colossae, on this, my first correspondence to you, my new church family, because Paul's sentiments express so beautifully not only the prayers I have been lifting up for our upcoming shared ministry journey together, but also, because Paul's passionate thoughts also illustrate the excitement I feel about the ministry in which you all at LUMC are already engaged and practicing!

I so very much enjoyed my Introductory Visit (via Zoom) with most of the LUMC SPRC members, led by Tim Chandler, as we shared with one another our personal faith stories, our vision for ministry together at LUMC, as well as our concerns about potential roadblocks we hope to overcome as we figure out, together, new ways to be in ministry as a result of a global health crisis.

I have also appreciated getting connected with Diane Crosby, as she has assisted me with much of the "necessary staff paperwork" accompanying a typical UM pastoral transition such as this.

Additionally, Connie Cooper has been both helpful and available as we work out all of the plans and details associated with the parsonage transition, especially in light of the "special protocol" that has recently been outlined by the SCUMC Conference in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. And your current Pastor, Ken, even carved out a requested block of time so that I could have an "on-site" tour of the parsonage! I am grateful to these folks for their efforts in assisting me to make the Lexington house, my "home".

I am also thankful to those members of the Children's Ministry Director Search Committee - through multiple email exchanges, along with a few Zoom meetings and interviews, I have been so impressed with the diligence, professionalism, and perseverance of this Committee in their grace-filled attempts to secure the best individual possible for this vital ministry of LUMC.

It has also been a joy and a pleasure to get to know, not only your current staff member, Elizabeth Murray, but also your incoming Associate Pastor, Jim Rogers. Elizabeth has been so very accommodating in serving as the liaison between your current pastoral staff, and your incoming pastoral servants. And in order to ensure that we might "hit the ground running" as a team, I have already conducted two meetings with the three of us, so that we might share, together, our own personal goals/missions/vision with a priority of bringing "the best we can", together, to LUMC.

And finally, as you can tell by the fact that this Newsletter message is being brought to you, I am also grateful for the connection with Susan Mitton. Susan has practiced patience and offered guidance as she awaited the information I am now presenting to you via this July newsletter.

LUMC family of faith, I am eager and enthusiastic to be in full time ministry with you. And I pray that the power of the Holy Spirit may continue to be upon us, together, as we serve, in mutual love, respect, and peace, to others, and to the glory of God.

Blessings -L. Kim Eanes



DON'T TAKE A  
VACATION  
FROM CHURCH



**Lisa "Kim" Eanes** was born in ... **ALMOST HEAVEN** ... West Virginia to the daughter of a UM preacher, and the son of a WV coal miner.

At six months of age, Kim's parents moved the family to the Midwest where they both secured jobs in the field of Education. Kim, along with her older sister, are proud to have been raised according to the Heartland values of honesty, hard work, and 100% dedication to all endeavors.

Kim spent her grade school years in Iowa, then Illinois, before moving to Michigan during her high school years and graduating from Okemos High School in 1983.

Kim began her college career pursuing law at the University of Iowa, before finally responding to a persistent call from God, and thus transferring to Barat College in Lake Forest, Illinois to pursue religious studies.

After graduating from college in 1987, Kim immediately enrolled at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois where she earned her Master of Divinity Degree in 1990. While serving a church in Surfside Beach, SC, Kim was enrolled for a semester and a half in Duke Divinity School's Doctor of Ministry Program, but after receiving a new appointment while simultaneously pursuing her Duke studies, Kim discontinued her doctoral studies in preparation for that move and her ministry at a New Church Start in the Rock Hill District.

Kim is currently completing her thirtieth year in Full Time Ordained ministry. Kim was an Ordained Elder for eleven years in the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church, serving a variety of churches including rural, suburban, multi-generational, and the second pastor of a New Church Start.

Following the death of her husband in 2000, Kim made the decision to move closer to her retiree parents, and thus she transferred to the South Carolina Conference of the UMC in 2001, where she has served a diversity of churches in the Greenwood, Columbia, Marion, Rock Hill, and Hartsville Districts.

Kim feels blessed to list as her vocational gifts - preaching and worship, Scriptural teaching, administration, and pastoral care and counseling with specialties in grief and dementia counseling.

Kim is an outdoor enthusiast, who also enjoys spectator sports. And while she has no musical abilities other than rhythm, Kim appreciates a variety of musical genres. Kim's parents, who have enjoyed 61 years of marriage, are her best friends, along with her beloved miniature schnauzer, Shalom of Adonai, with whom Kim has shared delightful walks, boat rides, and cuddly companionship for 15 years.



Dear Lexington UMC Family,

My name is Jim Rogers. I was born and raised just down the road in Blythewood, South Carolina. Getting to spend the last two years so close to my hometown has been a real treat, but I'm looking forward to making the move to Lexington. I have spent the last two years in Winnsboro at Bethel United Methodist and Monticello United Methodist. My family has since moved away from the Columbia area, so with little family left here, now is a good time to venture out and try a new city. My parents raised my sister and me in the United Methodist church, Trinity UMC, where, for some time, my mother played piano for the choir, and where we attended VBS, MYF, and Salkehatchie Summer Service Camps. I was also their interim Youth Director for a while and would find myself sitting in on Church Council meetings. It

was not until my senior year at The Citadel in 2012 that I heard my call to ministry. I spent my senior year as the first battalion religious officer, with the rank of captain. I knew then that I was called to a life of ministry.

My wife, Kendall, is a second-grade teacher at Pontiac Elementary and is excited to begin her tenth year of teaching in the Fall! Kendall and I met while I was in Durham attending seminary school at Duke University. She grew up in Chapel Hill and spent her first several years of teaching there. With March Madness canceled this year because of the coronavirus our house has never been more united. (She's not too disappointed about it though, because after a rough start for Coach Roy Williams and the Tar Heels it wasn't looking good for their chances at the "Big Dance"). We enjoy taking walks with our nine-year-old dog, Dutch, and like all dogs, he loves eating, sleeping, and getting belly rubs. Being stuck at home has given us the opportunity to discover new hobbies. We've been playing badminton in the backyard, playing cards, working out and cooking together. Back before the pandemic, I really enjoyed watching sports, mainly college football and basketball. When I have some down time I like reading books on history (mainly, Civil War and Vietnam War history and books by Pat Conroy). I also like to steal time for myself and just simply play guitar without any agenda, which has been the most therapeutic thing for me over the years.

It is both mine and Kendall's prayer and hope, along with the Bishop, the Cabinet, the District Superintendent, and your Staff Parish Relations Committee that we are able to build long-lasting and loving relationships with you all. We both look forward to being in partnership with you, our new church family, and in the mutual mission of loving neighbor and making disciples of Christ's love for the transformation of the world. I myself, as your new associate pastor, am excited to be with you, to know you, and to serve you, as best I can in the days ahead with God's guidance and help. It is our prayer that you all stay healthy and safe in your return to church and we ask that you please pray the same for our coming arrival soon.

Until then, "may God bless you and protect you. His face to shine on you and grant you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)



**JULY 13-17, 2020**

**JOIN US FOR**

**AN AT-HOME/VIRTUAL VBS**

**COMPASSION CAMP** is centered  
on compassion  
for others, ourselves, and the world.



Lexington United Methodist Church will host an at-home VBS this year called Compassion Camp. Compassion Camp is five sessions long, which can be completed over five days during our typical VBS week, July 13-17, or it can be done on other days if these days are not conducive to your schedule.

Each session will include the following:

- Gathering, music, and prayer
- Bible story
- Crafts/Mission
- Coloring
- Yoga/Movements
- Closing, music, and prayer


Families will receive an instructional manual to lead children, access to the YouTube videos and VBS music, and supplies.

We are asking for a donation of \$10 per family (not per child) to offset the cost. Your donation includes: the VBS packet, supplies, and a special surprise!!

Once you register, we will send out more information! Right now, we would like to get a headcount of children who are going to participate. Contact E. Murray.

There will be a packet and supplies pick-up one week day July 5-10 (date TBD!!) and Sunday, July 12th outside of the ministry center immediately following the last worship service!

For more info and to register, click here: <https://lexumcsc.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/3508c2b3-a27b-4f31-9cd2-e5e4bb3531a4>



## "IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

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 Ps \_ lm 16:8, N \_ V

I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV  
 Answer: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand,



**Gifts in memory of:**

**Bill Lott**

Bradford Lott  
Woody & Brenda Manus  
Philip Neely  
Mary Ann Snow  
Wanda Blackwell  
John & Patricia Smiley  
Ginny Kurtz  
Joyce Lathrop  
Bobbie Goldin  
Mike & Terrie Morrison  
John & Joyce Bumgarner  
Wade & Alice Jackson  
Terry & Daisy Hicks

**Dolores Gatch**

Bob & Cindy Graham  
John & Patricia Smiley  
Catherine Sharpe  
Edith Harmon  
Bill & Jerrie Galardi  
Bobbie Goldin  
Ann White  
Craig & Judi Powell  
Wade & Alice Jackson  
Bobby & Jo Hecker  
Jim & Terry Smith  
Woody & Brenda Manus  
Tim Driggers  
Buddy & Lynn Brewer  
Samuel B. George  
Helena & Ralph Meetze  
Earle & Lib Brown  
Virginia Smith  
Rick & Stephanie Thain

**Bryan Haynes**

Catherine Sharpe  
Robert & Kelly Satcher

**Charlie Jackson**

Charles Gatch

**Bobby Bowers**

Richard & Marilyn Hornsby  
Marshall & Julia Johnson

**Marie Steele**

Bobbie Goldin  
Jerry & Sidney Gatch  
Theodore Dubose

**Virginia Trembley**

Sherie Kimball  
Buddy & Lynn Brewer

**Russell Johnson**

Buddy & Lynn Brewer

**Rock Gladden**

Rex & Brenda Newman  
Linda Gladden

**Edna Moore**

John & Joyce Bumgarner  
Linda Gladden

**Peggy Lott**

Wade & Alice Jackson  
Bobbie Goldin  
John & Joyce Bumgarner  
Linda Gladden  
John & Patricia Smiley  
Happ & Joyce Lathrop  
Jeff & Wanda Blackwell  
Terry & Daisy Hicks  
Rick & Stephanie Thain



**Edna Moore**

May 7, 2020

**Peggy Lott**

June 3, 2020



**Welcome**  
to  
*Our LUMC*  
**Church  
Family**

**Katie Simmons**

and children,  
Raye & Gracie  
1060 Marina Road  
Irmo, SC 29063



Thank you to my church family for all of the cards and phone calls to me and my family in response to Dolores' passing. Thank you also for the donations to the church and the Chancel Choir.

Charles Gatch

Your prayers, cards, calls, emails, texts and food were so appreciated during my recent illness and recovery.  
Thank you !

Susan Mitton

LEXINGTON UMC

# YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

**July 12- Come to the Water at Lake Murray**

**July 18- Middle School Kayaking + Lunch  
on the Saluda  
(9a-1p)**

**July 26- High School Stand-Up Paddle  
Boarding  
(2-4p)**

**Aug 2- Passing of the Torch TBD**



Lexington UMC has been honored with an overall 3rd place 2019 Church Partner Impact Award from Mission Lexington. Here is rundown of our ML impact:

Donation Amount/Rank: \$5188.50/6th

Volunteer Hours/Rank: 1212/1st

Food Lbs./Rank: 3458/3rd

Total Impact—\$19,181.50 (calculated by the sum of dollar amount donated, volunteer hours x\$8.75 per hour and food pounds donated x \$1 per pound)

We received this beautiful cross as an award:



We are so excited to get started with our 2020 School Supply Drive! Each year, families across the county come to Mission Lexington in need of assistance with school supplies. We allow the child to pick their backpack and we pack it specifically with each item from their class list to ensure each student has what they need to succeed.

Please consider donating one or many of the items needed. They can be dropped off any time at our back door,

**Monday - Friday, 10 AM to 1 PM**

**Deadline for school supplies to be given to Mission Lexington is Friday, July 31, 2020.**

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!

### **MOST NEEDED:**

**Backpacks - full size gender neutral**

**1, 2 and 3 inch Binders**

**Tab Dividers**

**Earbuds**

**Hand sanitizer**

**Clorox wipes**

**Expo markers**

**Composition notebooks - wide & college**

**Loose leaf paper - wide & college ruled**

### **ALSO NEEDED:**

**# 2 Pencils Sharpened**

**Pencil cases/pouches, erasers (cap and pink), pens, highlighters, markers, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, construction paper, Ziplocs - gallon and sandwich sizes, index cards, post it notes**

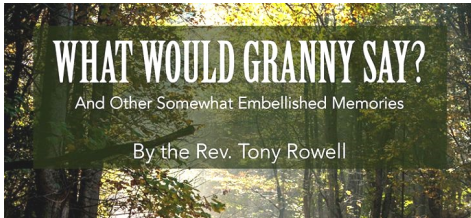
Mission  
Lexington

Drop off anytime M-F, 10am-1pm  
216 Harmon Street, Lexington

### **MOST NEEDED ITEMS:**

**Personal Hygiene Items, Canned Chicken, Tuna or Stew, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Diced Tomatoes, Soup, Rice, Oatmeal, Pasta Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Cornbread Mix, Grits**





“[What Would Granny Say? And Other Somewhat Embellished Memories](#)” is a collection of faith-based essays written over the years by Rev. Tony Rowell, Pastor at Beulah UMC in Gilbert.

For decades, Rowell—a mission trip leader, songwriter, photographer and storyteller—has made it his passion to experience, gather and share stories of the Lord at work in big ways and small. Now, a lifetime of memories is offered in one collection of 79 essays. From fishing with his granny in the Florida Panhandle to stumbling into boars and bear alike in the Carolina wilderness to ministry in Bolivia, Colombia and Latvia, Rowell weaves beauty with simplicity and good old-fashioned humor.

His photographs of both nature and people are peppered throughout, along with a healthy dose of Granny’s wisdom, prompting the title.

Rowell was born in Circleville, Ohio, and as a young child, he and his family moved up and down the East Coast from Upstate New York to Florida. His family settled in South Carolina during his teen years, which was also when he truly came to know Christ. Through music ministry and mission work, he realized his call to full-time ministry in 1993. He has served as both vice-chair and chair of the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission in South Carolina and has pastored seven churches.

Married to his high school sweetheart, Mary, they have three children and seven grandkids.

“[What Would Granny Say](#)” is available for purchase at online, [click here](#). Cost is \$15.95 (plus shipping and handling) paperback and \$6.99 eBook.

To order by mail, send a check for \$15.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling per book to Advocate, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

## COVID-19 Prayer: God of all, we turn to You

A prayer written by Bishop Ernest S. Lyght\*

**God of faith and science**, we turn to you in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, because we trust you. We trust you because you listen to our prayers. We trust you because you act in our lives and our history for our welfare. We trust you because we know you as a God of revelation in faith and science.

**God of knowledge and wisdom**, we ask that you would dwell with all the scientists who are working daily to develop an effective and safe vaccine to combat this virus. Help them to collate current knowledge and be conduits of new knowledge regarding the secrets of the COVID-19 virus. Grant them the wisdom to unlock the keys that will provide helpful COVID-19 therapies and vaccines.

**God of curiosity and wonder**, grant the scientists the inquisitiveness of George Washington Carver who combined his love of God and his love of science in his quest to unlock hidden agricultural secrets. As the God of the sweet potato, the peanut and the soybean, you enabled Carver to discover their secrets as he united faith and science, wisdom and knowledge, curiosity and wonder.

**God of all creation**, we pray for all coronavirus patients, their doctors, and their nurses. We ask that you be a fence around all healthcare workers, first responders, and their families. Expand our faith and buoy our hope as we social distance to keep others safe. Lord, teach us how to wait, for you are an on-time God!

Amen





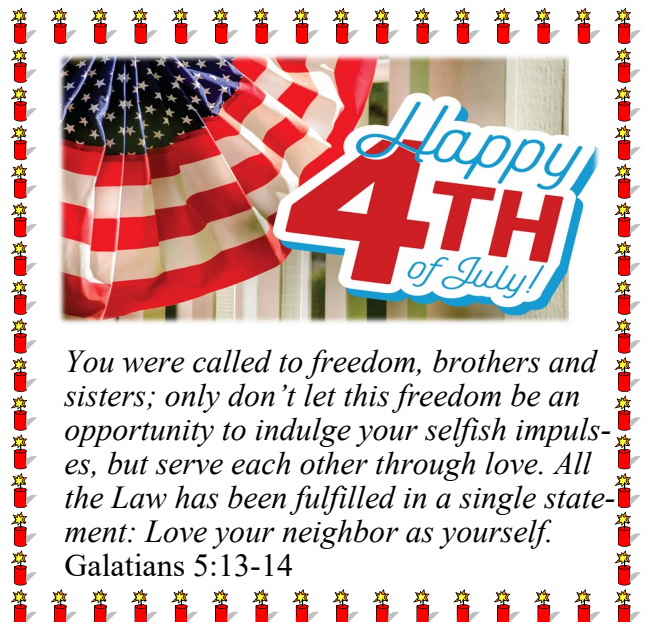
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| 7/2 Dunbar, Mac<br>Baker, Lynn<br>Duffie, Jackie   | 7/9 Myers, Karen<br>Sayers, Jeff<br>Rowe, Andy<br>Power, Brenda<br>Hicks, Terry  | 7/15 Wolfe, Shelby<br>Wooten, Randi<br>Monts, John<br>Borsum, Pat<br>Preston, Drew  | 7/23 Stewart, Craig<br>Hutson, Claire  |
| 7/3 Hook, Robert<br>Vitters, Justin<br>Church, Matthew<br>Larion, Matt<br>Oswald, Reagan<br>Oswald, Alexandria                 | 7/10 Wilkerson, Christine<br>Lyons, Joyce<br>Starling, Eliza   | 7/16 Henrickson, Jennifer<br>Norris, Bob<br>Connor, Samuel  | 7/24 Wojtylak, Tyler<br>Robinson, Ryan<br>Kruger, Bill<br>Cogswell, Grover<br>Frank, Don                     |
| 7/4 Stone, Bryan,<br>Brown, Jay<br>Segui, Evelyn<br>George, Irby<br>Lambdin, Mary Nell   | 7/11 Register, Annie<br>Herpst, Lilly<br>Bennett, Steven<br>Rainey, Cindy  | 7/17 Crosswell, Jack<br>Heminger, Larry<br>Power, Riley<br>Collum, Gretchen   | 7/25 Henrickson, Michael<br>Martin, Bill   |
| 7/5 Anderson, Tom<br>Fleming, Brooke<br>Bowers, Bobby<br>Hicks, Jeremy   | 7/12 West, Marshall<br>Pardue, Bill<br>Hornsby, Gregg<br>Rodden, Kathryn<br>Fender, Mason<br>Spence, Tracy                     | 7/18 Larion, Brooks<br>Wright, Stephen<br>Lewis, Dennis<br>Brown, Lib   | 7/26 Burner, Caitlin<br>Elvington, Fred<br>Vitters, Hayden<br>Carwell, Emily                                 |
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| 7/7 Turner, Cindy<br>Tuttle, Ashley<br>Register, Chris<br>Edens, Amy<br>Satcher, Ben, Jr.<br>Hazelton, Mary<br>Taylor, Derrick | 7/14 Corley, Delaine<br>Decell, Grady<br>Robinson, Julie<br>Medley, Peggy  | 7/20 Dyson, Elizabeth<br>Carter, Nan<br>Cunningham, Richard, Jr.<br>Lewis, Dondee<br>Blackmon, Brodrick<br>Johnson, Megan | 7/28 Pautz, Joye<br>Graham, Kimberly<br>Cafferty, Brendan  |
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|  |  |   | 7/31 Evans, Jonathan<br>Deremo, Charlyn<br>Dyson, Harold   |

This note was left in our Prayer Box that is located outside the church, keep praying for this family!

Dear Prayer Partners,

For years now I have asked for your prayers for my son and my family and today I just wanted to say thank you for all the time that you lifted my family in prayer. God has heard your prayers and my cry for help for my loved ones. My son is in a rehab program for his drug addiction and has accepted the Lord as his savior and God is doing such amazing things in my family. Chains are being broken, there is deliverance and restoration happening in the lives of my loved ones. My husband is going to church again, family relationships are being restored. God is SO good! Praise the mighty name of God our father and Jesus our Lord! My grandson has also accepted the Lord and was recently baptized! I truly can't begin to express my gratitude for your time in prayer for my family.

In Christ, Much Appreciation



*You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself.*

Galatians 5:13-14

## Lexington United Methodist Church

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We bid a fond farewell to Weston and Ken during the worship service on June 28. Following worship, the car parade was a fun way for each of us to say good bye.



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