



Lexington
United Methodist Church

September 13, 2020

Weekly Worship Opportunities:

9am – Traditional Sunday Service (Wesley Hall)

11am – Contemporary Sunday Service (Wesley Hall)

6:30pm – Wednesday Vespers (Wesley Hall)

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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

11:00am

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Gathering

Greeting and Announcements

*Opening Song Your Love Awakens Me

*Call to Worship (responsively)

*Praise Song Your Grace Is Enough

Act of Praise Psalm 23

A Word to the Children Lori Meyers

Old Testament Lesson Job 1:1-5; 13-22

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-4

Witness to the Word: Embraced By the One Most Dear Rev. Kim Eanes

Song of Praise My Heart Is Yours (I Surrender All)

Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song of Praise Sinking Deep

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Please stand as you are able

will be shared and highlighted throughout September.

Today, **Sept. 13th**, as part of our Sunday morning experience, we will have the opportunity to “give from our hearts” as we acknowledge & celebrate Epworth Children’s Home Work Day Offering. Due to the pandemic and the fact that we were not worshiping in person in May, we were unable to honor Epworth’s Mother’s Day offering. So, if you are able, please come prepared to give generously to Epworth!

Next Sunday, **Sept. 20th**, our study focus in worship will be Matthew 5: 5. During our time together, we will reflect upon “what makes us content” in this life, and how we can find even more contentment with what

God provides for our lives. Please join us for this full service of gratitude for God’s Word, for prayer, as well as for the opportunity to praise Christ as we raise our voices in song.

On Sunday, **Sept. 27th**, we will celebrate Confirmation Sunday for our 2019-2020 Confirmands! Once again, due to the pandemic and the fact that we were unable to worship together live, we had to forego our Confirmation Sunday traditionally held in May. Consequently, you are invited to join us on Sept. 27th as we celebrate our Confirmation students and extend them a grace-filled welcome as they become full members of LUMC.

We hope to see you “in person” or virtually for this upcoming month of worship and praise celebrations at Lexington UMC!

Vespers

Vespers is a sunset evening prayer service in the Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Eastern

Catholic, Anglican, & Lutheran liturgies of the canonical hours. The word comes from the Greek, hespera, & the Latin, vesper, meaning "evening". It is also referred to in the Anglican tradition as evening prayer or evensong. The term, used to describe evening services, is also used in some Protestant denominations.

We gather for Vespers every Wed. evening at 6:30pm in the Ministry Center. Casual attire is encouraged. Face coverings will be required. And social distancing will be practiced. There will be no limit on participants as we will be gathering in the Ministry Center.

Each Wed. service will last about 30 minutes and include opportunities for song, Scripture, prayer, & quiet reflection. Please join us!

September Worship Series

Last Sunday, **Sept. 6th**, we began a new worship series on The Beatitudes! Be sure to "brush up" on your reading of Matthew 5, so that you can be familiar with the Scripture selections that which

Children and youth Ministries

Youth group will resume Sunday meetings starting today, Sept. 13th. We’ll be outside in various locations for the foreseeable future. Today we’ll be at Mr. Dickie’s for a 1:30pm Lake Day. Address sent out via Remind app.

Children & youth are doing our Sunday school series on the **Beatitudes**. They are being sent out via email.

Our retreat at Lake J was canceled. My plan is to have **as much stuff outside** as possible and masks required inside.

Confirmation retreat is STILL the same weekend. It will be **Friday-Saturday, Sept.**

18-19. We will be local— at LUMC and around the midlands. It will be roughly 68p on Friday and plan for all day on Saturday (like 9-5 type deal).

Confirmation Sunday is **Sept. 27!** Our confirmands have had an unusual experience so please continue to be in prayer for them.

LUMC Preschool News

It’s back to school time for Lexington United Methodist Preschool. With this being an unusual year, your help is greatly needed and appreciated. You can help by donating: Clorox Wipes, Kleenex Tissues, Paper Towels, Copier Paper, Construction Paper, Large Hand Sanitizer, & Snacks (such as Goldfish, Pretzels, Golden Oreo Cookies, and Gummy Bears). Financial donations to help sponsor a teacher (online select “Preschool” or notate the check). Lastly, you can volunteer to read to a class. Thank you from Jenny, our teachers, and all the smiling faces of our Preschool students!

Cub Scout Popcorn Fundraiser

On Sept. 20th, our Cub Scout Pack will be selling popcorn after each of the Services. This is an important fundraiser for the Cub Scouts as it funds activities like Pinewood Derby and the individual awards they earn during the year. Remember your checkbook or cash and support our Cub Scouts!

Church Email

LUMC sends out church-wide emails almost daily. It's the way the church notifies members of the congregation about events, links to worship services and to the HOF, general announcements, and notices about hospitalizations and health issues of our members. Email is not perfect and occasionally, some members of the congregation stop receiving them from

LUMC. It's a random thing and we don't know why this happens. If you don't receive any email from the church for several days or a week, please notify David Marshall at

David@Marshallgenealogy.org and we'll see about fixing the problem. Remember to check your SPAM and JUNK email folders, our messages may be there.

Most Recent Stewardship Figures:

Our Presence

9:00am (Traditional)	55	11:00am	
(Contemporary)	32	Viewed live	
online:			<u>104</u>
Total:			191

Our Gifts: Sept. 6, 2020

Received:	\$16,789
Needed Weekly	\$20,877
Budget Goal to date	\$751,572
Expenses to date	\$604,919
Receipts to date	\$621,279
Over/Under (revenue vs. expenses)	\$16,360

Our Service

Ushers: John Cooper, Rick & Stephanie Thain

Our Calendar Sunday, September 13

Epworth Work Day/ Mother's Day Offering
9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
11:00am Contemporary Svc. (Wesley Hall)
1:30pm Youth-Lake Day at Mr. Dickie's (offsite)

Monday, September 14

2:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive
3:00pm The Gospel According to Luke (154)
6:30pm Worship Band Practice (Wesley Hall)

Tuesday, September 15

11:00am Staff Meeting (Asbury Hall)
3:00pm Small Group Study-Acts (Asbury)
5:30pm Al-Anon (MC106)
6:30pm Finance Meeting (Asbury Hall)
7:00pm Boyscout Meetings (MC downstairs)

Wednesday, September 16

6:30pm Vespers Service (Wesley Hall)
7:00pm United Methodists Social Principles (Via Zoom)

Thursday, September 17

10:30am Small Group Study-Acts (Asbury Hall)
6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 507 Den Mtgs (Dwnstrs)

Friday, September 18

7:00am Centering Prayer (MC106)
9:00am Shepherd's Center Board (Asbury Hall) 6:00pm
Confirmation Retreat (TBD)

Saturday, September 19

9:00am Confirmation Retreat TBD)

Sunday, September 20

Cub Scout Popcorn Fundraiser after ea. svc (Wesley)
9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
11:00am Contemporary Svc. (Wesley Hall)
5:30pm Youth-Picnic at the Park (Virginia Hylton Park)

Lexington UMW

Thus far, we've been unable to raise any money for our missions due to COVID-19.

We're going to be painting flags and crosses to sell either at a church drive-thru or online. We

will have crosses painted on canvases & wooden flags and crosses, too.

As the weather gets cooler, we will sponsor a Soup Sale. More details to follow.

Next month, we will sponsor a Virtual Walk/Run (which will be held online).

You can still look forward to our A.L. George Circle annual Pecan Sale at the beginning of October. We will be selling at a designated drive-thru and also online. Unfortunately, we are going to have to go up to \$11.00 a bag this year. We have not had an increase in over 5 years, so we are forced to do it this year to make any money for our missions. Stay tuned and thank you for supporting the Lexington United Methodist Women.

Snack Sack

School is back and we are gearing up for feeding 500 plus students again this school year. Harvest Hope will deliver our first inventory of food on Sept. 28th for feeding in October. Our food from Harvest Hope will be prepackaged when delivered. This will speed up and limit the handling of the food items. But, this change comes with a price increase for this convenience. We will pay \$6.00 per student per week for the Harvest Hope food. We expect 32 weeks of feeding, starting with 500 students for an approximate cost of \$96,000. These numbers will change based on student counts. We thank you for your continued support of our Snack Sack Ministry this school year.