



**Lexington**  
United Methodist Church

September 20, 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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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**11:00AM**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

**GATHERING**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING SONG** *Glorious Day*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

**\*PRAISE SONG** *One Thing Remains*

**ACT OF PRAISE** Psalm 37:1-19 The Message

**A WORD TO THE CHILDREN**  
Lori Meyers

**\*GOSPEL LESSON #1** Luke 18:9-14

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“The Apostle’s Creed”

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick\* and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* “quick” means “alive”

\*\* “catholic” means “universal”

**\*GOSPEL LESSON #2**      Matthew 5:1-5

**WITNESS TO THE WORD:**

The Impact of Meekness

Rev. L. Kim Eanes

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*Come As You Are*

**OFFERTORY**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE**

*Christ Is Enough*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**September Worship Series**

**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 will be shared and highlighted throughout September.

**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!

This 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.

Next 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. 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Children and youth Ministries** As we gear up to resume our Sunday gatherings, we'll be outside in various locations for the foreseeable future

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

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

**LUMC Preschool News**  
**Lexington United Methodist Preschool** Ministry opened its doors to our students on September 8th. With this being an unusual year, your help is greatly needed and appreciated. You can help by providing any of the following items:

- Clorox Wipes
- Kleenex Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Copier Paper
- Construction Paper
- Large Hand Sanitizer
- Snacks such as Goldfish, Pretzels, Golden Oreo Cookies, Gummy Bears
- Financial Donation (church website select Preschool on the drop down list)

Thank you Julie Robinson for your faithful monthly donation of \$200.00. With this donation, and others, we can continue to be the face of Jesus to the students, their families, and our community.

**Cub Scout Popcorn Fundraiser**

Today, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, our Cub Scout Pack will be selling popcorn after the 9am and 11am worship 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. So please support our Scouts with your donations and/or purchases today!

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

The Red Cross Blood Drive was a success! They collected 40 units on a goal of 35! There were 39 repeat donors and 1 first time donor! The potential number of lives saved is 120!!! COVID-19 antibody results are provided up to 10 business days after donation. Donors can access their results via the Red Cross Blood Donor app on their smart phone, or online via the donor portal at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) where they made their appointment. If there are additional questions, contact donor services at 866-236-3276. LUMC's next blood drive will be on **Monday, Nov. 9** from 2-7pm. Thank you for your donation!

**Most Recent Stewardship Figures:**

Our Presence	
9:00am (Traditional)	63
11:00am (Contemporary)	26

Viewed live online (Traditional)	31
Viewed live online (Contemporary)	9
Views (Traditional)	234
Views (Contemporary)	63
Vespers	<u>12</u>
Total:	438

Our Gifts: Sept. 13, 2020	
Received:	\$14,994
Needed Weekly	\$20,616
Budget Goal to date	\$742,176
Expenses to date	\$623,057
Receipts to date	\$636,273
Over/Under (revenue vs. expenses)	\$13,216

Our Service  
Ushers: John Cooper, Rick & Stephanie Thain

**Our Calendar Sunday, September 20**  
Cub Scout Popcorn Fundraiser after ea. svc (Wesley) 9:00am  
Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)  
5:30pm Youth-Picnic at the Park (Virginia Hylton Park)  
**Monday, September 21**  
3:00pm The Gospel According to Luke (154/155) 6:30pm Worship Band Practice (Wesley Hall)  
**Tuesday, September 22**  
11:00am Staff Meeting (Asbury Hall)  
3:00pm Small Group Study-Acts (Asbury) 5:30pm Al-Anon (MC106)  
**Wednesday, September 23**  
6:30pm Vespers Service (Wesley Hall)  
7:00pm United Methodists Social Principles (Via Zoom)  
**Thursday, September 24**  
10:30am Small Group Study-Acts (Asbury Hall) 6:30pm Church Council (Wesley Hall)  
**Friday, September 25**  
7:00am Centering Prayer (MC106)  
**Sunday, September 27**  
Confirmation Sunday  
Youth-Colors Wars  
9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)

11:00am Contemporary Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)

**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.