



“Making disciples for the transformation of the World”

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Lexington United Methodist

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SONG

Holy is The Lord God Almighty

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

L: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

P: **BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO OBSERVE GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.**

L: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

P: **JOYFUL ARE THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH PRAISE.**

L: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

P: **WE COME TO WORSHIP THE ONE WHO LEADS US IN THE WAYS OF LIFE.**

ALL: AMEN.

*PRAISE SONG

Reckless Love

*PSALTER READING:

Psalm 96
(See insert)

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

Lori Meyers

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 2:13-22

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love

Lexington
United Methodist Church

September 27, 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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and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

The pastor and others, place hands on the shoulder of each person being confirmed, the pastor says to each:

(Name), the Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and by His spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Reception into the United Methodist Church

To the candidates:

As members of Christ’s universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

Reception into the Local Congregation

Pastor:

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

Commendation and Welcome

Pastor:

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to you love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Pastor:

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace.

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 5:1 -6

WITNESS TO THE WORD:

Rev. Elizabeth Murray

SONG OF PRAISE

Word of God Speak

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

Good Good Father

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*Please stand as you are able

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!

Last Sunday, **Sept. 20th**, our study focus in worship was 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.

Today, **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!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

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

Mark your calendars for the Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat that will be held on **Oct. 25th** from **5:00-7:30pm**. Games will be held in Wesley Hall, and Trunk or Treat will follow in the parking lot behind the church. This is going to be a family fun event filled with fun, food, and fellowship. If you'd like to help, there are many opportunities including:

- Baking a cake for the cake walk
- Decorating your car for Trunk Or Treat

- Bringing in candy and placing it in the bucket by the entrance
- Decorating the gym for the festival
- Creating fun games and activities
- Helping to sanitize between each game and contest
- Supervising events and activities
- Painting a pumpkin for the Pumpkin Painting contest

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 from the drop down)

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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we move forward in providing more Sunday worship opportunities at LUMC, we need your help!

If you are interested in serving as an usher/greeter for the 9am Traditional Worship Service or the 11AM Contemporary Worship Service, please let Pastor Kim know! Ushers duties would include: greeting people verbally upon arrival, making sure masks are worn and/or provided upon entry to the Ministry Center, and receiving the offering by passing around the basket (touched only by the usher) to seated worshippers.

If you are interested in serving as a Multi-media volunteer for the 9AM Traditional Worship service or the 11AM Contemporary Worship Service please let Pastor Kim know! Multi-media volunteers would be trained by our current multi-media team, and then serve on a rotational basis for the Sunday service you select (i.e. 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9AM). If you are interested in being a part of this vital ministry team, please let Pastor Kim know a.s.a.p.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to our newest member: Sarah Trezoglou with husband, Jonathan, and children, Hayden & Charlotte. Sarah joined LUMC last Sunday at the traditional service by transfer of membership from Christian Life Assembly in Columbia.

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.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Our</u>
<i>Ushers:</i>	John Cooper, Rick & Stephanie Thain

OUR CALENDAR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Confirmation Sunday

9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)

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

4:30pm Youth-Kickball Tournament (Red Bank Sports Complex)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

3:00pm The Gospel According to Luke (154/155)

6:30pm Worship Band Practice (Wesley Hall)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

11:00am Staff Meeting (Asbury Hall)

3:00pm Small Group Study-Acts (Asbury)

5:30pm Al-Anon (MC106)

7:00pm Boyscout Meetings (MC downstairs)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

6:30pm Vespers Service (Wesley Hall)

7:00pm United Methodists Social Principles (Via Zoom)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:30am Small Group Study-Acts (Asbury Hall)

6:30pm Cub Scout Pack507 Den Meetings (Entire
dwnstairs MC no youth room or snack sack rm)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00am Centering Prayer (MC106)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

World Communion Sunday

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

Most Recent Stewardship Figures:

Our Presence

9:00am (Traditional)	93
11:00am (Contemporary)	38
Viewed live online (Traditional)	29
Viewed live online (Contemporary)	8
Views (Traditional)	154
Views (Contemporary)	86
Vespers	<u>12</u>
Total:	438

Our Gifts as of Sept. 20, 2020:

Received:	\$13,051
Needed Weekly	\$20,616
Budget Goal to date	\$762,792
Expenses to date	\$646,867
Receipts to date	\$649,324
Over/Under (revenue vs. expenses)	\$2,457

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.