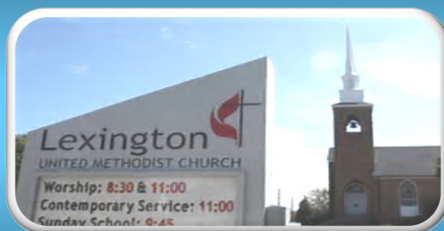




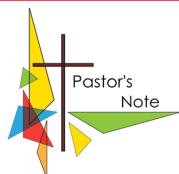
Lexington UMC
Household of Faith



Living God's Word~
Sharing God's Love

August 2020

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CHANGE IS GOOD - IF YOU WANT IT!!!

A Word
from our
Pastor

1 Happy August, LUMC Family!

A Special
Thank
You

2 With new leadership, change is inevitable, and thus I wanted to highlight some changes you may have already noticed in the life and ministry of LUMC, along with changes you may see coming in the near future!

Reset,
Restart,
& Renew

3 First off, you may have noticed some recent changes in our Sunday worship format! In "such a time as this", while we are gathering together for one service only on Sundays, it is important that we offer a variety of worship styles for those in attendance. Consequently, as you join us either in person or online, you will notice that our worship services will now offer aspects of both contemporary and traditional worship styles. We have such an abundance of awesome musical talent at LUMC, and all of the "talent bearers" are more than willing to share their gifts with us! So please be sure to share your appreciation for these worship/music leaders as often as you can!

Epworth
Backpacks

4 Additionally, after meeting with our Trustees Chair along with other LUMC ministry leaders, we have decided to begin opening the church facility up for small group gatherings. Requirements for these small group gatherings include: the wearing of masks, the practicing of social distancing, and a cap on the group of "10" participants. If you would like to host a small group gathering in the near future, please contact Connie Cooper (Trustees) and Diane Crosby (Administrator) in order to get approval for your group and subsequent scheduling of your gathering. Possibilities for small group ministries include: exercise groups, Bible Studies, card groups, prayer groups, Scouts, and Circles. If you feel comfortable gathering amidst these limited restrictions, we'd love to host you!

Aldersgate

Congrats

Snack Sack
& Blessing
Boxes

Children's
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9 And speaking of small groups ... your LUMC ministry staff will be offering some small group Bible study opportunities in the very near future! Look for more information about these groups either elsewhere in this newsletter, or in upcoming email and Facebook postings!

Cub
Scout Ice
Cream
Social

Due to the continued presence of Covid-19 within our community, LUMC will continue to offer a variety of ministries, albeit in a "somewhat restricted" manner. Some of our upcoming celebrations, like Youth Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks will of course have to be done "differently" this year, but we will STILL BE CELEBRATING them! So please join us, in the manner in which you are most comfortable!



DON'T TAKE A
VACATION
FROM CHURCH

Also, as you have probably already heard, while our office hours will remain the same, (Monday-Thursday), my hours will differ from your former Senior Pastor. I will be taking Mondays as my Sabbath Day, and thus will be available in the office Tuesdays through Fridays. Since there are no office staff available on Fridays, it will be necessary for you to make your Friday appointments with me directly. Please feel free to contact me via email or by cell phone: kim@lexumcsc.com or lkeanes@umcsc.org or 843/685-3659.

I so look forward to getting to know each and every one of you personally! In an effort to do just that, and due to the restrictions of our current health crisis, I am going to start what I call a "21st Century Circuit Rider ministry"! No, I won't be wearing a black suit nor riding a horse, but I will be "visiting your neighborhoods" on my bicycle, just to "holler a hello" from the sidewalk or front porch. So be expecting a call from me very soon! In the upcoming weeks and months ahead, I plan to be in a neighborhood near you!

Thank you all for what you do and who you are in ministry at LUMC! Thanks for "trudging along" even amidst the "changes" required during such a time as this ... thank you for your patience and your "attitude" flexibility ... and thank you for your perseverance in continuing to share the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST to a world that most definitely needs to hear it!

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up". (Galatians 6:9 NIV)

-Pastor Kim



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Although I have expressed my gratitude during worship gatherings (announcement time) as well as during our most recent Church Council meeting, just in case you haven't been present in either one of those settings, I wanted to again express my abundant thanks to the LUMC family for the diverse and abundant ways you have welcomed me into this faith community! From the time consuming and diligent work on the parsonage by the Trustees ... to the email and text messages of "hello" and "welcome" and "happy birthday" ... to the gifts of food and flowers ... to the beautiful and abundant UMW "goodie" basket, you all have made my arrival and the start of our shared ministry both a pleasure and a treasure!

As we move forward in ministry together, please remember that I am willing and eager to BE YOUR PASTOR ... which means being available to you for both your personal and ministry needs ... as well as being "all in" as we celebrate who we've been as LUMC, who we are as LUMC, and who we hope to become as we turn the page together on this next chapter "of faith adventure" which God has written for us!

There is no "home phone" at the parsonage, so I encourage you to use my cell number during non-office hours. That number is: 843/685-3659. And as a reminder, just in case you are looking for me during office hours, my schedule is Tuesday through Friday, with Monday being my day of Sabbath.

In appreciation of your grace and your graciousness -

-Pastor Kim

CALLING ALL ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE VOLUNTEERS!!!

Do you like presenting "fun-for-all activities" in new and exciting ways? Do you enjoy creating bold, eye-catching "advertisements" for "impressive" ministries? Then WE NEED YOU!

The "office wing" at LUMC displays a multiplicity of bulletin boards - bulletin boards which "tell the world" about the ministries currently being offered at LUMC. But most of those bulletin boards are empty!

I know ... I know ... we've sort of been in "shut-down" mode for several months due to the pandemic, but now as we work toward a gradual re-opening of our church facility, wouldn't it be great to re-create those bulletin boards in ways that shouted: OPEN FOR BUSINESS! THIS IS EXCITING! COME JOIN US!

So ... if you are a participant in one of the following ministry groups and you'd like to take on the task of "re-vamping" your ministry's bulletin board, please give Pastor Kim a call! It looks like there are opportunities to re-create the following ministry boards: Epworth Children's Home, Prime Timers, Stephen Ministry, and Snack Sack Ministry.

Currently, the "favorite bulletin board to beat" is the UMW board! Way to go, Mary Alice! Love the "dogs in masks"! And the "cat with attitude"!



Let's "reset, restart, and renew" our ministry hallway as we celebrate ALL that we have to offer in Christ's name, at LUMC!

Backpacks for Epworth

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BACKPACKS for EPWORTH



Each year, LUMC helps to provide backpacks for the kids at Epworth.

Currently, Epworth has 35 boys and 45 girls. The backpacks are \$55. per bag, so our fundraiser goal is to raise **\$4,400**. I would like to raise the money in the next few weeks so that I can purchase and provide to Epworth as soon as possible. If you would like to give to this cause, please provide your donation to the church and label "Epworth" or "Backpack mission".

I know most of you are aware, but Epworth Children's Home recently suffered a fire on their campus and although thankfully, no one was injured or harmed, they did lose a lot of supplies. Therefore, this mission will help even more than usual as I am sure they are working at a deficit trying to catch up from their loss. As always, thank you for all that you do to support these kids/young adults. Please let me know if you have any questions. Stay well and safe.

Blessings,
Lori Torbett
ldtorbett@gmail.com
803-629-7126

Aug. 9 is Aldersgate Special Needs Sunday

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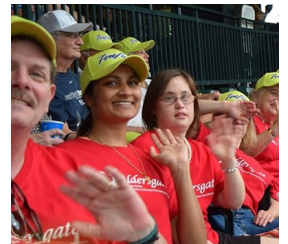
Since being at Aldersgate, Xavier is more independent. He has goals and is learning new skills. Knowing he's in a loving home while getting the attention he needs brings me comfort.
—Xavier's Aunt

Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry operates three Christian homes for adults with developmental disabilities. Residents are active in the community and are encouraged to be as independent as possible.

Aldersgate does not receive funds from apportionments. Aug. 9, 2020, is designated as Aldersgate Special Needs Sunday by the South Carolina Conference.

Your support allows us to care for our residents and homes, as well as plan for the future.

Visit aldersgatespecialneedsministry.org to make an online donation.



Congratulations Scout Troop 507!



Congratulations to Scout Troop 507! Mission Lexington has awarded our very own Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troop 507 with a plaque in their honor! The work the scouts did last year for Scouting for Food, the Race Against Hunger, US Postal Service Food drive, and the Christmas fundraiser were what put the troop over the top for 2019. Every scout in the troop played a role in this and they look forward to defending their "title" again for 2020. The folks at Mission Lexington think the world of our scouts! If you have not experienced what Scouting does in our church, consider making time to pop in when we resume. Contact John Cullum-

johncollum03@gmail.com for more info about scouting at LUMC!



Snack Sack needs your help! We won't get our food from Harvest Hope until October. We don't want the children to go hungry and still need to be able to feed them through September. Here's where you can help. You can donate money and/or food. We are collecting the following items:



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| Granola Bars | Individual Instant Oatmeal |
| Cereal Bars | Individual Grits |
| Individual Apple Sauce | Individual Boxes of Cereal |
| Fruit Cups | Raisins |
| Juice Boxes | Pudding Cups |
| Bottled Water (8oz.) | Peanut Butter Crackers |
| Ravioli (Canned Meat) | Snack Crackers |
| Ramen Noodles | |

Tax-deductible monetary donations are greatly appreciated! Please make payable to LUMC, memo: "Snack Sacks" online at lexumcsc.com/give/ or mail to:

Lexington United Methodist Church,
309 East Main St, Lexington, SC 29072

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Proverbs 22: 9

PLEASE NOTE 100% OF OUR DONATIONS ARE USED TO SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY. THERE ARE NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS WITH OUR PROGRAM.

Contact for questions or concerns:
Rick Cunningham, Coordinator
Rj_Cunningham@yahoo.com
803.414.2940 Cellphone

The Blessing Boxes are a huge success! We've spoken with our less fortunate brothers and sisters who frequent the box. They have requested the following items:

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| Feminine Hygiene Products | Socks |
| Individually Wrapped Wet Wipes
(like you get from Bbq places) | Individually Wrapped Utensils
(like you get at fast food restaurants) |
| Toothbrushes | Toothpaste |
| Dental Floss | Dental Floss |
| Gently Used Hats | |



Thank you for your continued support of this essential ministry!

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...

Matthew 25: 35



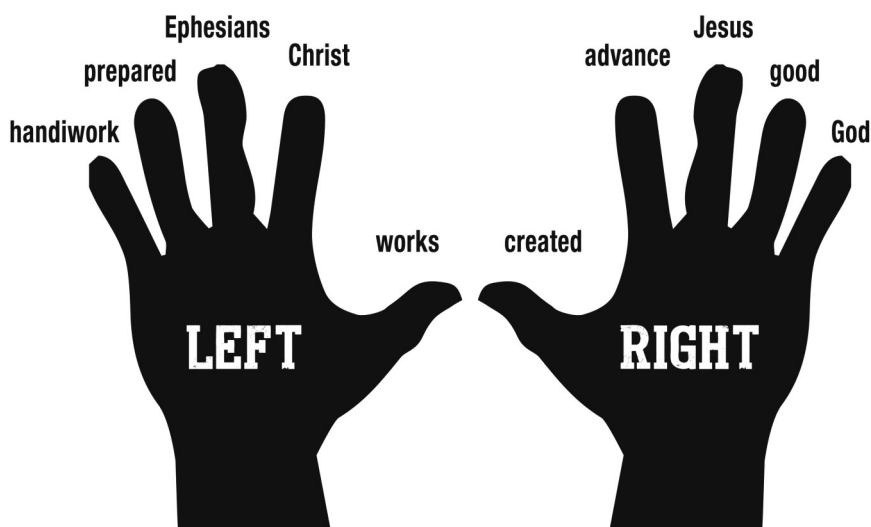
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Rachael is excited to meet the families at LUMC as the Director of Children's Ministry. She has a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from Liberty University, and taught Kindergarten at a Christian based school before moving to Lexington. Her family moved to Lexington from their home town of Pensacola, FL about 3 years ago. She and her husband, Justin, have 4 children and 2 dogs. Justin is an Air Traffic Controller at Columbia Metropolitan Airport. If they are not playing sports, you can find them somewhere on the water. She enjoys being active and is looking forward to being an active part of LUMC.



Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's _____, _____ in
 _____ L pinky _____ R thumb
 _____ to do _____,
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 for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV
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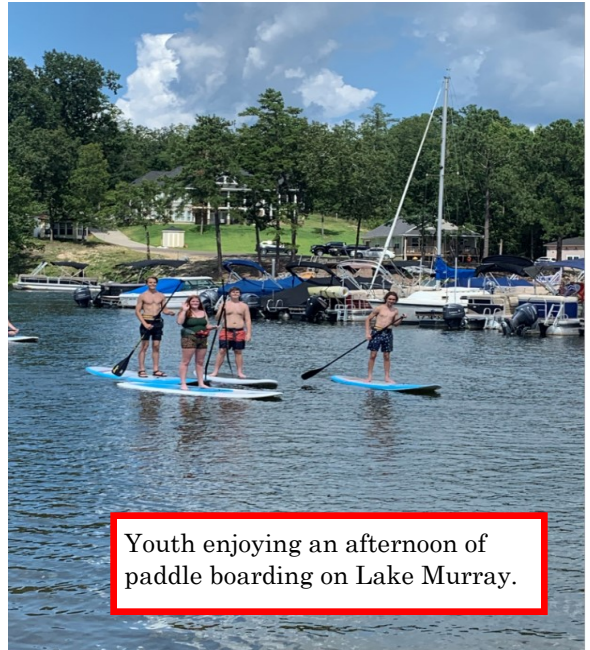
Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians

“Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape.” -Jesus (probably)



The middle schools went kayaking on the Saluda River with Canoeing for Kids one Saturday morning.

It’s been a whirlwind ride these past few months. I have enjoyed some porch visits with youth families and getting to see a few families at church. We have had limited interactions as a group over the summer, and I am not sure what the fall entails, but we will meet as a group in some way.



Youth enjoying an afternoon of paddle boarding on Lake Murray.



My priority, first and foremost, is to get the kids settled into their “new normal” for school— either the virtual academy or the hybrid model.

Then, we will come back together again after Labor Day.



We will have a hybrid version of **Youth Sunday on August 16th**. For y’all who have seen our Youth Sundays, you know how hard-working and intentional this service is, so I lament we cannot have our full fledged service, but I am proud of our youth and their willingness to adapt in this season of uncertainty.

-Elizabeth

Gifts in memory of:

Pat Bickel
Don Bickel

Bryan Haynes
Ed, Phyllis, & Ryan Andrews
Frances Dantzler

Dolores Gatch
Janice Hipp
Alvin T. Miller
Tom & Becky Inabinet

Peggy Lott
Mike & Terrie Morrison
Jim & Connie Brock
Rex & Vicki Boylston
Janice Hipp
David & Helen Begin
Tom & Becky Inabinet

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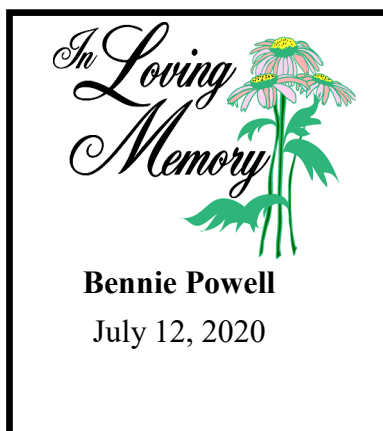
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Bennie Powell
Terry & Daisy Hicks
Wade & Alice Jackson
Woody & Brenda Manus
Paul & Gale Harman
John & Jeanette Harmon
Charles & Mary Newton
Dr. Albert & Helen Thomas
Jeff Baker
John & Joyce Bumgarner
Jack & Alice Brode

Gifts in honor of:

John Bumgarner
Julie & Phillip Mentnech

**Earl & Loretta Haynes,
Christopher, & Reagan,**
Ed, Phyllis, & Ryan
Andrews



*May
God
Bless Your
Marriage*

Congratulations to
Lane Yarborough
and
Alex McDermott
Who wed
July 11, 2020



Church Email

LUMC sends out church-wide emails almost every day. It is the way the church notifies members of the congregation about events at the church, links to the worship services and to the HOF, general announcements, and notices about hospitalizations and health issue of our members.

Internet email is not perfect and occasionally, some members of the congregation stop getting email from LUMC. It is a random thing and we do not know why it happens. If you do not receive any email from the church for several days or a week please notify David Marshall at David@Marshallgenealogy.org and we will see about fixing the problem. Remember to check your SPAM and JUNK email folders. Sometimes the messages end up there.

8/1 Ella-Kate Oswald	8/18 John Bumgarner Jr.
8/2 Sean Spence	8/19 Andy Farmer
8/3 Mary Clare Gatch	8/19 Ben Moore
8/3 Dollie Steele	8/19 Daria Myers
8/4 Sally Meise	8/19 Valerie Wilkie
8/5 Jack Baker Jr.	8/20 Rose Brodeur
8/5 John Denny	8/20 Sophia Spence
8/5 Katie Moats	8/21 Mary Brooks
8/5 Karen Sullivan	8/21 Annetta Graybill
8/5 Carlye Wiggins	8/21 Brinley Knight
8/6 Sammy Basnett	8/22 Jacob Selzer
8/6 Brittany Farence	8/24 John Cooper
8/7 Wendy Culley	8/24 Mark Harmon
8/7 Stephanie Teague	8/24 Craig Ness
8/8 Joe Hayes	8/25 Lillian Seebly
8/9 Wendy Hahne	8/26 Jenny Bumgarner
8/10 Bobby Roberts	8/26 Madeline Connor
8/11 Gresham Betcher	8/26 Ben Hipp
8/12 Crighton Buchanan	8/26 Brianna Wojtylak
8/12 Pete Edwards	8/27 Everette Johnson
8/12 Malcolm Jackson	8/27 Justin Merrell
8/12 Joanne Schirato	8/28 Carly Kirkpatrick
8/13 Chris Sayers	8/28 Liam Miller
8/14 Lauren Loadholt	8/29 Caimile Loy
8/15 Matt Goudelock	8/30 Linda Rhoten
8/15 Dave Teague	8/31 Rylee Nates
8/16 Marie Mallard	
8/16 Trey Watts III	
8/17 Earline Davis	
8/17 Chip Robbins	



Did you know that many people believe that "giving" is also a part of worshipping? The act of giving is shown in many parts of the bible. Giving to God through the church is one way to show your devotion to God.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -Matthew 6: 21.

One act of giving can be found in the gospel of Matthew: **"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." -Matthew 5: 23-24**

Even though we cannot meet in person as yet, please don't forget to worship weekly online with LUMC and support your church by sending in your offerings via USPS mail (309 East Main Street Lexington, SC 29072) or by clicking on the "Give" tab on our website at www.lexumcsc.com. Thank you!

In Psalm 54: 6, the psalmist wrote, "I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you; I will praise your name O Lord, for it is good."

THANK YOU for continuing to support LUMC! The offering this past week was:

Week #:	Week 30
Date:	7/26/2020
Received:	\$10,866.00
Need Wkly:	\$20,877.00
Need to date:	\$626,310.00
Rec. to date:	\$539,358.00
Exp. to date:	\$515,225.00
Over/Under:	\$24,133.00

Cub Scout Pack 507 Ice Cream Social

Cub Scout Pack 507
ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Sunday, August 16, 2020
1:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Virginia Hylton Park Stage Shelter
111 Maiden Lane
Lexington, SC 29072

Want to Learn about Cub Scouts?

If your son is a rising Kindergarten

Through 5th grader, we cordially invite you and your family to an ice cream social with Cub Scout Pack 507.

Meet returning and new scouts, and learn about the exciting scout program from our leadership team. We'll hand out last years' awards for the returning scouts.

1:00-1:30 Lions (rising kindergarten)
1:45-2:15 Tigers (rising 1st grade)
2:30-3:00 Wolves (rising 2nd grade)
3:15-3:45 Bears (rising 3rd grade)
4:00-4:30 Webelos (rising 4th grade)
4:45-5:15 AOL (rising 5th grade)

Additional Information:

Cubmaster—John Collum

(803) 960-3633 / pack507lumc@gmail.com

*Bring a mask to wear in the event there is not sufficient space for social distancing.



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