

“Making disciples for the transformation of the World”

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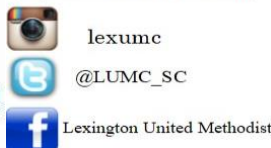
October 4, 2020

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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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

L: Welcome to this place ...
P: **WHERE CHILDREN AND SEASONED CITIZENS SIT SIDE BY SIDE.**
L: This is a place where heaven and earth embrace in peace ...
P: **WHERE GOD HAS BEEN ... WHERE GOD IS ... AND WHERE GOD ALWAYS WILL BE.**
L: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children ...
P: **WHERE WE FIND LOVE ...**
L: Where we hear the tender voice of Jesus ...
P: **AND WHERE THE SPIRIT TEACHES US NEW SONGS.**
L: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God ...
P: **WHERE WE BRING OUR HUNGER ... AND FIND FOOD ...**
L: Where we bring our brokenness ... and find healing ...
P: **WHERE WE BRING OUR VERY SELVES ... AND FIND ACCEPTANCE.**

***OPENING SONG OF PRAISE #436** The Voice of God is Calling

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 33

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Lori Meyers

GOSPEL LESSON #1 Mark 2:13-17

ANTHEM Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

***GOSPEL LESSON #2** Matthew 5:1-7

***GLORIA PATRI #70**

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER
AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY
GHOST;
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW,
AND EVER SHALL BE,
WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN. AMEN.

WITNESS TO THE WORD:

An Open Invitation
Rev. Kim Eanes

***SONG OF PRAISE #441**

What Does the Lord Require

RESPONSE TO THE WORD #882

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

**PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL
PRAYER**

**A SERVICE OF WORD
AND TABLE II**

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INVITATION
CONFESSION AND PARDON
OFFERTORY
*THE DOXOLOGY
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
THE LORD'S PRAYER
BREAKING THE BREAD
GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE #428

For the Healing of the Nations

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand as you are able

**THE BLESSINGS CONTINUE
THROUGH OCTOBER**

Throughout the month of October, LUMC will continue our worship series on Matthew 5 - The Beatitudes. In addition to learning about Jesus' lessons on living within the Kingdom of God rather than the kingdoms of this world, we will celebrate the following: Oct. 4 - World Communion Sunday; Oct. 11th - Pastor Jim brings our message on purity of heart; Oct. 18th we'll be challenged to live our lives as peacemakers; and on Oct. 25th we'll enjoy a Blessing of our Prayer Shawls. Please join us either in person or livestream!

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 Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Ministry Center. Casual attire is encouraged. Face coverings are required. And social distancing is practiced. There is no limit on participants since we are gathering in the Ministry Center. Each Wednesday service lasts about 30 minutes and includes opportunities for song, Scripture, prayer and quiet reflection. Please join us!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

The youth will meet tonight, **October 4th** at Stephanie and Rick Thain's house from **5-6:30pm**, which will include dinner. The address will be sent out via the Remind app. Wear a mask! We hope to see you then!

There has been an update to the Halloween festivities on October 25th. Instead of a Fall Festival, we will have a virtual Halloween Scavenger Hunt. This is something you will be able to do with your family in regards to your own level of precaution. You can look around your town for specific items that will be listed on the scavenger list, take pictures of the items, and send them in that night to rachael@lexumcsc.com. I will send out the list the week of the hunt.

We will still have a Trunk or Treat from **5-6pm** at the church on **Sunday Oct. 25th**. If you would like to participate by offering your trunk, please let me know so we can plan accordingly.

We will also have a paint your pumpkin contest!! You must have a painted pumpkin and turn them in by **Wednesday, October 21st** to be eligible to enter the contest. The winner will be shown and announced on **Sunday, October 25th** and will receive their choice of a \$10 Starbucks gift card or a \$10 Chick-fil-A gift card.

LUMC PRESCHOOL NEWS

With this being an unusual year, your help is still 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.

MISSION LEXINGTON

HOLIDAY MEALS FOR NEIGHBORS

It's hard to believe that 2020 is nearing its end and the holidays are right around the corner. Long before you begin roasting your turkey or hanging ornaments on the tree, Mission

Lexington is starting to serve our neighbors in crisis for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is very important to start gathering all the essentials to provide our neighbors with everything they need for a fantastic holiday meal. Our church hopes you or your small group will help to provide holiday meals for our neighbors. Donations will be accepted October 1st and will run through December 7th. You may prepack a holiday food bag or simply donate items needed. Feel free to add a personal note or prayer for the family.

You will see on the meal wish list that Mission Lexington is asking for \$10 gift certificates for turkeys and hams this year. The wish list includes: \$10 gift card for turkey or ham, canned sweet potatoes, canned collards or turnips, canned green beans, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, cornbread mix, gravy mix or jar and brownie mix. If you need additional information or have suggestions, please contact Sammie Brown at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@sc.rr.com.

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)	68
11:00am (Contemporary)	95
Viewed live online (Traditional)	26
Viewed live online (Contemporary)	8
Views (Traditional)	194
Views (Contemporary)	92
Vespers	<u>12</u>
Total:	495

Our Gifts as of Sept. 27, 2020:

Received:	\$11,485
Needed Weekly	\$20,616
Budget Goal to date	\$783,408
Expenses to date	\$647,888
Receipts to date	\$660,809
Over/Under (revenue vs. expenses)	\$12,921

Our Service

Ushers: John Cooper, Rick & Stephanie Thain

OUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

World Communion Sunday
9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
11:00am Contemporary Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
4:00pm Blessing of the Animals

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

3:00pm The Gospel According to Luke (MC106)
6:30pm Worship Band Practice (Wesley Hall)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:30pm AI-Anon (MC106)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00am Centering Prayer (MC106)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

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

A.L. George Circle Annual Pecan Sale

We are selling at a designated drive-thru and also online. Unfortunately, we're 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 & thank you for supporting the Lexington United Methodist Women.

**F.A.I.T.H. CIRCLE
HOSTING A VIRTUAL RUN!**

Get off your Zoom call, lace up your shoes, throw on your favorite LUMC shirt, and join us for a virtual 5k to get moving! We will come "together" in spirit... in our homes, neighborhoods, or parks to run or walk a 5k.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lumc-umw-move-together-for-missions-virtual-5k-tickets-121048139243>

During the week of **October 18th - 25th**, you can walk a little every day in your neighborhood or run the whole thing on your favorite trail, whatever you choose....just get moving! As you complete your run or walk, please let us know by posting a picture to our community Facebook page.

Your paid Eventbrite registration, a suggested donation of \$25 per household, will go

towards UMW missions and also make you eligible for a chance to win some fun prizes! We hope you can join us!

Snack Sack

School is back in session and we are gearing up for feeding 500+ students again this year. Harvest Hope has delivered our first inventory of food for October. Our food from Harvest Hope is prepackaged when delivered. This speeds up and limits the handling of food items. But this change also brings an increased cost! We now pay \$6 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.