

“Making disciples for the transformation of the World”

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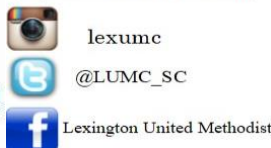
October 18, 2020

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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING SONG**

Every Beat

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(Please repeat the following to your neighbors seated next to you):
Neighbor 1: Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in His name and share in His peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Neighbor 2: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

***PRAISE SONG**

Down

Lay Me

***A READING FROM THE PSALMS** (responsively):

(based on Psalm 122)

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
P: WE ARE HERE TO GIVE THANKS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!
L: We are here to pray for peace - may all who love the Lord prosper!
P: MAY PEACE BE WITHIN THESE WALLS - AND SECURITY WITHIN THIS PLACE!
L: For the sake of our relatives and friends, I will say ... "Peace be within you!"
P: FOR THE SAKE OF OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, WE WILL SAY ... "PEACE BE WITHIN YOU!"
L: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, we will seek good.
P: FOR THE SAKE OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD OUR GOD, WE WILL SEEK PEACE.

***A PRAYER FOR UNITY AND PEACE**

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

Lori Meyers

A LITANY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

(responsively):

L: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen in all Christians, faith in Christ, the Savior of the world.

P: LISTEN TO US, O LORD.

L: Let us ask the Lord to sustain and guide Christians with His gifts along the way to full unity.

P: LISTEN TO US, O LORD.

L: Let us ask the Lord for the gift of unity and peace for the world.

P: LISTEN TO US, O LORD.

L: Let us pray ... we ask You, O Lord, for the gifts of Your Spirit. Enable us to discern the whole Truth, and grant that we may share with others the blessings You have put at our disposal. Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us Your Spirit, to lead to full unity, Your sons and daughters in full generosity, and in obedience to Your will. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: AMEN

A LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 5:1-9

WITNESS TO THE WORD:

Peacemakers ... Are We?

Rev. Kim Eanes

SONG OF PRAISE

All Creatures

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE Cannons

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** (responsively):

L: From the rising of the sun until its' setting ...

P: GOD OF PEACE, GOD OF JUSTICE, GOD OF INFINITE MERCY ... REMEMBER YOUR PEOPLE.

L: From the bleakness of war to the lavish warmth of peace ...

P: GOD OF PEACE, GOD OF JUSTICE, GOD OF INFINITE MERCY ... REMEMBER YOUR PEOPLE.

L: From the peace of eternity to the pain of the present moment ...

P: GOD OF PEACE, GOD OF JUSTICE, GOD OF INFINITE MERCY ... REMEMBER YOUR PEOPLE.

L: We turn to You God, asking that You enfold our planet in Your justice, Your peace, and Your truth. Enlighten the minds of those making decisions ... melt the hearts of those inflicting cruelty upon others ... and strengthen the resolve of all who pray for peace and unity.

P: AND MAY GOD BLESS US ... AND ALL PEOPLES WHO SHARE OUR PLANET ... AND MAY GOD HOLD OUR WORLD AND ALL ITS' PEOPLE IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND. AMEN.

*Please stand as you are able

BLESSINGS CONTINUE THRU 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. 4th was World Communion Sunday; Oct. 11th, Pastor Jim brought 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. 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 & quiet reflection. Please join us!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Tonight, **October 18th**, youth group will be split up by age and gender. All the details were sent out by Elizabeth in an email.

We are continuing to prepare for our Fall activities. The scavenger hunt items will go out on **Monday, October 19th** and you will have two weeks to find 10 items around town.

Mark your calendars for **October 21st**, this is when your picture should be emailed in for the pumpkin painting contest. We will announce the winners in service next **Sunday, October 25th**. The winner will receive their choice of a \$10. Menchie's or Starbucks card! All ages through CM and Youth are encouraged to participate. There will be a Youth winner and a CM winner.

Trunk or Treat will be **Sunday, October 25th** from **5-6pm** in the back parking lot of the church. Come dressed in your costume and enjoy receiving treats from decorated trunks. IF you would like to provide a trunk for the trunk or treat, please email me at rachael@lexumcsc.com to

sign up. I am so grateful for those of you who have already volunteered your trunks. **We need about 8 more trunks** to make this successful so please consider attending if possible.

Trunks, you will provide your own candy and only you will handle the candy. The candy will need to be passed out and not grabbed out by trick or treaters. This way there will be less contamination between guests. Also, we will have supplemental candy and blue pumpkin items if needed. If you would like to donate candy, there is a bin by the entrance to the gym, and a bin by the main entrance to the offices.

LUMC PRESCHOOL NEWS

The **Butter Braid Fundraiser begins today, October 18th** and ends **Tuesday, November 3rd**. You can order and pay online by going to the Church website at www.lexumcsc.com and click on outreach and then Preschool.

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, and/or Financial Donations (church website select Preschool from the drop down). Thank you for supporting this important ministry of the church.

HELP WANTED!

Due to the upcoming departure of our Children's Ministry Director Rachael as she heads to Florida to care for an ailing family member, LUMC finds its' self once again in a search for a new Children's Ministries Director. We are hoping to have this position filled by December 1st just in time for the start of the Advent season. If you are interested in applying for this position and/or you know of someone who might be a good candidate, please contact Tim Chandler, SPRC Chair or Jessica Moore, Search Committee Leader. If you don't know of anyone to recommend for our LUMC Children's Ministries position, please at least pray for a swift and blessed search to fill this vital ministry role!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we move forward in providing more worship opportunities at LUMC, we need you!

If you are interested in serving as an usher/greeter for the 9am Traditional Worship 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 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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, November 9th 2-7pm in Asbury Hall. Visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment, (Code: lexingtonumc) or please call: 1-800-RED CROSS. You may also walk-in. Thank you for your donation!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available outside of Wesley Hall and the main office. This ministry is sponsored by the Samaritan's Purse organization. It provides a great opportunity for us to Live God's Word and Share God's Love with children in need around the world. It's as simple as packing shoeboxes with small gifts that will delight children and bring them hope. And with the Coronavirus pandemic, now more than ever, children need to feel love and hope. The label for each box can be found inside and should be attached to the filled boxes. Please enclose a check for \$9 for shipping, and return it to the church by **Tuesday, November 10th**. Thank you!

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)	69
11:00am (Contemporary)	14
Viewed live online (Traditional)	40
Viewed live online (Contemporary)	13
Views (Traditional)	218
Views (Contemporary)	71
Vespers	<u>12</u>
Total:	437

Our Gifts as of Oct. 11, 2020:

Received:	\$11,028
Needed Weekly	\$20,616
Budget Goal to date	\$824,640
Expenses to date	\$687,525
Receipts to date	\$691,104
Over/Under (revenue vs. expenses)	\$3,579

Our Service

Ushers: John Cooper, Rick & Stephanie Thain

OUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
 10:00am Preschool Butter Braid Fundraiser (Wesley)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
 Youth Group (details sent out via email)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

11:00am Staff Meeting (Asbury Hall)
 3:00pm Small Group Study-Acts (MC106)
 5:30pm Al-Anon (MC106)
 6:30pm Nominations Committee Mtg. (Asbury Hall)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:30pm Vespers Service (Wesley Hall)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

6:15pm Girl Scout Troop 2207-Lisa Gaherty(209)

6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 1688-Amy Durso(204)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00am Centering Prayer (MC106)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

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

10:00am Preschool Butter Braid Fundraiser (Wesley)

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

5:00pm Trunk or Treat (Playground Parking Lot)

A.L. George Circle Annual Pecan Sale

We are selling at a designated drive-thru and also online. Unfortunately, we're having 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. Thank you for supporting the LUMC Women.

F.A.I.T.H. CIRCLE 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's back in session and we are feeding 500+ students again this year. Harvest Hope has delivered our first inventory of food for October. The food comes 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.