

“Making disciples for the transformation of the World”

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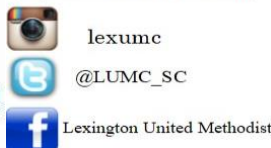
November 15, 2020

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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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING SONG** Raise a Hallelujah

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively):
L: We have come to worship God, the living God...
P: WHO CALLS PROPHETS AND TEACHERS TO BEAR WITNESS!
L: We have come to praise God, the Almighty God...
P: WHO ANSWERS THE FORCES OF HATRED AND HURT WITH THE POWER OF GRACE!
L: We have come to worship God, our all gracious God...
P: WHO CHOOSES EVEN YOU AND ME TO RECEIVE AND CARRY THE WORD OF LIFE AND HOPE!
ALL: ALL GLORY TO GOD! AMEN!

***PRAISE SONG** Search My Heart

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:1-8

PERSONAL WITNESS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP (Witness)
Dickie Gardner

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Lori Meyers

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 28:16-20

WITNESS TO THE WORD: Rev. Kim Eanes

SONG OF PRAISE

Cornerstone

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

What a Beautiful Name

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

(responsively):

L: As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

P: AS PEOPLE OF FAITH WE NOW RETURN TO THE WORLD.

L: Let us go out to share the story of faith and the story of life with the world around us.

P: WE WILL SHARE OUR FAITH IN WORD AND IN DEED, IN SPEECH AND IN ACTION.

L: As we go out to give a living witness ... as we go out to testify to God's love, active in the world, let us go knowing that God goes with us...

P: SHARING OUR LAUGHTER AND OUR HOPE, OUR FEARS AND OUR TEARS!

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN.

*Please stand as you are able

WORSHIP SERIES FOR NOVEMBER

Do you remember the vows you took when you became a United Methodist? Depending upon what year it was, you took vows promising to give your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service to the United Methodist Church. And if you took those vows in more

recent years, you also promised to give your "witness" to the UMC. We began on Sunday, October 25th,

and will continue on throughout the month of November, we will be re-examining those membership vows we took - not only in regard to what they mean personally TO us and FOR others, but also in conjunction with what those vows mean in regard to our STEWARDSHIP. Please join us for this enlightening worship series as we study the Word, listen to personal witnesses by fellow members, celebrate our vows through song, and re-commit our lives through prayer.

VESPERS

Vespers is a sunset evening prayer service. We gather every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Casual attire is encouraged. Face coverings are required & social distancing is practiced. Each service lasts about 30 minutes & includes opportunities for song, Scripture, prayer, and quiet reflection. Please join us!

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Reminder: Charge Conference will be held **TODAY**, Nov. 15th at 2:00pm in Wesley Hall.

ADVENT ZOOM STUDY COMING SOON

Join Pastor Elizabeth on Mondays at **7pm** for a 4-week Zoom Advent study on Almost Christmas! This study will be **November 23-December 14**. Make your Wesleyan heritage a part of your Christmas. In Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience, we will explore how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent and connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love,

Hope, Joy, and Peace. One chapter of the book will need to be read in preparation for each week! Check out the book here: <https://www.cokesbury.com/Almost-Christmas-1>
Questions? Email at Elizabeth@lexumcsc.com

LUMC PRESCHOOL NEWS

If you are a parent of a one year old and are interested in starting your child in Preschool, we have good news for you! We are starting this class in January 2021! The one year old students will attend each week on Mondays and Wednesdays. The monthly tuition is \$120 & there's a one-time registration fee of \$125. All church members get a 10% discount on tuition. This class is open to church members and all others in our community, so share this with your friends. Please contact Jenny Kennedy, the Preschool Director: 803-359-6838 ext. 107 or jenny@lexumcsc.com if you are interested or have questions.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Mark your calendars! The Bibles are in, and we are so excited to pass them out to your children on Sunday, **Nov. 29th** for the 2nd grade Bible ceremony.

For the month of November, the youth group will continue to meet at the church from **4:30pm till 6pm** outside near the playground. Please bring a tailgate chair. Each week we are focusing on a different mission opportunity!

As aforementioned, our LUMC Youth group was tasked to find a way to raise funds— tithe a part of money they earned on their own (ideally) from babysitting, yard work, savings, making crafts, etc. In just one week, our youth raised \$282 for Snack Sack Ministry! This will feed children 47 weekend meals in Lexington County! Way to go Youth Group! Currently, our Snack Sack Ministry feeds 400 children per weekend so donations are **always** needed! Thank you!!!

There will be no youth on Sunday, **November 29th** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday!

SAFETY FIRST!

Friendly Reminder! Please continue to wear a mask (covering your nose and

mouth) during all activities held at the church. Let's help to keep our congregation safe!

LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The LUMW are selling wooden flags and crosses. You can view them on the church website or the church Facebook page. We will be adding painted crosses on canvases very soon to the sites. The money for these items will go to LUMW missions which includes about 10 different organizations.

MISSION LEXINGTON HOLIDAY MEALS

Mission Lexington is collecting for our neighbors in crisis for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Donations will be accepted now through **Dec. 7th**. You will find donation barrels outside of Wesley Hall and the main office. Feel free to add a personal note or prayer for the family. The wish list includes: \$10 gift cards 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. Questions? Please contact Sammie Brown at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@sc.rr.com.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your assistance! We are in need of a few ushers for both our 9am and 11am worship services. The more ushers we have, the better "rotational schedule" we can practice! Ushers duties include: a verbal greeting to worshipers as they arrive; monitoring mask usage and distributing masks when needed; receiving the Sunday offering

by taking the baskets to seated worshipers. Additionally, we are in need of multi-media volunteers for both the 9am and the 11am worship services. Multi-media volunteers will be trained by current multi-media team members. And again, the more volunteers we have, the better rotational schedule we can practice! Please let Pastor Kim know if you can serve in one or both of these vital roles!

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)	84
11:00am (Contemporary)	18
Viewed live online (Traditional)	30
Viewed live online (Contemporary)	8
Views (Traditional)	175
Views (Contemporary)	51
Vespers	<u>13</u>
Total:	379

Our Gifts as of Nov. 8, 2020:

Received:	\$22,627
Needed Weekly	\$20,616
Budget Goal to date	\$907,104
Receipts to date	\$766,783
Expenses to date	\$763,587
Over/Under (revenue vs. expenses)	\$3,196

Our Service

Ushers: John Cooper, Rick & Stephanie Thain

9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
11:00am Contemporary Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
4:30pm Youth Group (outside by the playground)
5:00pm Special Worship Svc-Witnessing Into Hope
(Wesley Hall)

delivered our inventory of food for the month of November. 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.

OUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
11:00am Contemporary Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
2:00pm Charge Conference (Wesley Hall)
4:30pm Youth Group (outside by the playground)
5:00pm Special Worship Svc-Witnessing Into Hope
(Wesley Hall)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:30pm Al-Anon (MC106)
7:00pm Boy Scout Meetings (MC downstairs)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30pm Vespers Service (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 507 Den Mtgs. (MC dnwnstrs)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00am Centering Prayer (MC106)
9:00am Shepherd's Center Board Mtg. (Asbury Hall)
6:30pm Worship Band Practice (Wesley Hall)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Make Christmas Merry!

There are several opportunities for our members to brighten the Christmas season for children who are less fortunate.

The **Angel Wish** Mission is a chance to provide a gift to children at Epworth Children's Home. Lori Torbett has sent out information for ways you can participate. Please continue to review our Sunday bulletins, our weekly congregational emails, as well as our monthly newsletter for additional information on ways we can help the children at Epworth.

The **Angel Tree** Mission is a chance to provide a gift to children who have an incarcerated parent. Rachel and Matt Buchanan are coordinating the Angel Tree Mission for LUMC. Be on the lookout for information on how you can participate in the Angel Tree Mission.

Snack Sack

School is now in full swing and we are feeding 500+ students again this year. Harvest Hope has