

“Making disciples for the transformation of the World”

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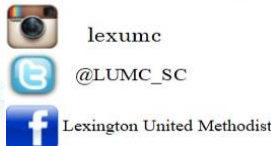
November 22, 2020

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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CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST

11:00AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING SONG**

Alive

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively):

L: Lift up the gates of your soul - open the closed doors of your mind -
P: **THAT THE KING OF GLORY MAY COME IN!**
L: Who is this king of glory?
P: **THE GOD OF COUNTLESS HOSTS - THIS IS THE KING OF GLORY!**

***PRAISE SONG**

The Lion and the Lamb

A LESSON FROM THE PSALMS:

Psalm 24

PERSONAL WITNESS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP (Gifts)

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

Lori Meyers

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 12:38-44

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Giving Our Best Possible
Rev. Kim Eanes

SONG OF PRAISE

Your Promises

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

The Blessing

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*Please stand as you are able

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Hope, Peace, Joy, Love - Do you believe in these words anymore? Do you trust in these promises still? 2020 most certainly has been a challenging, exhausting, discouraging year for us all! But thanks be to God, our Christian faith brings us a brand new year with the upcoming season of Advent - a season full of renewed hope, peace, joy, and love! Beginning Sunday, November 29th, you are invited to join us either live or virtually for each worship celebration of the Advent season. Throughout the Sundays of Advent, in the midst of beautiful and symbolic decorations we've come to know and love at LUMC this time of year, we will remember, reflect on, and renew the promises of our faith in which God calls us to believe despite whatever chaos is going on in the world around us! On Advent #1, we will concentrate upon the HOPE that God always provides; on Advent #2 we will reflect upon the PEACE which God always brings; on Advent #3 we will highlight the JOY which God always makes possible in our lives; and on Advent #4 we will celebrate the LOVE which God continues to share with us through the ever-present gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. Stay tuned in coming weeks for details

of the culmination of our Advent Worship Series - our Christmas Eve services.

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!

SAFETY FIRST!

Friendly Reminder! Masks (covering your nose and mouth), are required while participating in all activities held on the church grounds. Let's help to keep our congregation safe!

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 Sun. **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—tithing 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 47 children 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!

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)	72
11:00am (Contemporary)	25
Viewed live online (Traditional)	32
Viewed live online (Contemporary)	10
Views (Traditional)	160
Views (Contemporary)	52
Vespers	17
Total:	368

Our Gifts as of Nov. 15, 2020:

Received:	\$6,350
Needed Weekly	\$20,616
Budget Goal to date	\$927,720
Receipts to date	\$773,133
Expenses to date	\$785,345
Over/Under (revenue vs. expenses)	-\$12,212

Our Service

Ushers: John Cooper, Rick & Stephanie Thain

OUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 7:00pm Advent Study (on Zoom)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 5:30pm Al-Anon (MC106)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 9:00am Christmas Decorating (Wesley Hall, et al)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- Thanksgiving Holiday-Offices Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- Thanksgiving Holiday-Offices Closed
- 9:00am Christmas Decorating (Wesley Hall, et al)
- 11:00am Eagle Ceremony (Wesley Hall)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 9:00am Christmas Decorating (Wesley Hall, et al)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

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

5:00pm Special Svc.-Witnessing Into Hope (Wesley)

Please participate in one, two, or all three of these opportunities.

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. The deadline for monetary donations is today, November 22nd. For those bringing wishes (unwrapped toys) to the church, need to do so by Sunday, Dec. 6th. Thank you!

The **Angel Tree** Mission is a chance to provide a gift to children who have an incarcerated parent. Rachel and Matt Buchanan are the coordinators for LUMC. The tree is up in the foyer between Asbury and Wesley Hall (where it always is). If you take an angel, make sure you fill out the sheet. There is a \$20 limit per child and wrapped gifts are due back to the church by Tuesday, December 8th. Thank you in advance for your help with this program!

Samaritan's Purse **Shoobox** Mission is coming to a close soon! Shooboxes can still be picked up at the church and filled with items for a child of a specific age and then returned to church - but the deadline is **this Tuesday, November 24th**. So please get your Mission gifts in soon! Thank you!

Snack Sack

School is now in full swing and we are feeding 500+ students again this year. Harvest Hope has delivered our inventory of food for 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.