



Lexington

United Methodist Church

December 6, 2020

Weekly Worship Opportunities:

**9am – Traditional Sunday Service
(Wesley Hall)**

**11am – Contemporary Sunday
Service (Wesley Hall)**

**6:30pm – Wednesday Vespers
(Sanctuary)**

Church Office: 803-359-6838



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“Making disciples for the transformation of
the World”

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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 through giving us the season of Advent - a season full of renewed hope, peace, joy, and love! 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 on the HOPE 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. Please also put at least one of our Christmas Eve services on your calendar! We will gather that evening for Communion and Candlelight at 4pm, 6pm and 8pm.

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!

ADVENT ZOOM STUDY

Join Pastor Elizabeth on Mondays at **7pm** for a 4-week Zoom Advent study on Almost Christmas! This study began **Nov. 23rd** and goes through **Dec. 14th**. 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

NEW ADVENT STUDIES COMING!

Pastor Kim will be providing three Advent studies/devotions throughout this season, all of which will be offered for your viewing pleasure via pre-recording and a follow up post on our website.

On **Tuesdays**, you are invited to "tune in" to a Study entitled: "Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes". This "approximately 20 minute study" is a unique approach for participants to reflect upon the meaning of Christmas through the lens of the four Gospels. Every **Thursday**, you are invited to "tune in" to a second Study entitled: "Awaiting the Already". This "approximately 20 minute" study highlights a different character(s) out of each Gospel every week, while simultaneously uncovering Advent's tension between the past and the future. Finally, every **Friday**, you are invited to "tune in" to a devotion titled "Imagining A New World". This experience will highlight brief 5-minute devotions based upon Advent lectionary texts which will offer words of vision, courage, and inspiration as we move through this challenging time of "Christmas amidst a pandemic". Weekly links to these studies/devotions will be sent to you via email. And of course, these studies/devotions will also be available on the LUMC website. Please join us!

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

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.

CARING CONNECTIONS

The Caring Connections Team at LUMC is an outreach program which has the joy of sending out cards/notes to shut-ins, those in assisted living, military, get well, sympathy, cheer and new members.

If you have a loved one you would like for us to send a card to, please let us know. Also, if you already have someone on our list that has had an address change, please let us know that as well. We have found that military addresses change often. We do not want anyone to be forgotten.

Please send the name, address and birth date to ssbrabham@icloud.com or call: 803-359-109.

Most Recent Stewardship Figures:

<u>Our Presence</u>	
9:00am (Traditional)	64
11:00am (Contemporary)	38
Viewed live online (Traditional)	25
Viewed live online (Contemporary)	5
Views (Traditional)	142
Views (Contemporary)	72
Vespers	<u>no service</u>
Total:	346

Our Gifts as of Nov. 29, 2020:	
Received:	\$17,568
Needed Weekly	\$20,616
Budget Goal to date	\$968,952
Receipts to date	\$804,326
Expenses to date	\$806,817
Over/Under (revenue vs. expenses)	-\$2,491

Our Service
Ushers: John Cooper, Rick & Stephanie Thain

OUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
11:00am Contemporary Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
6:00pm Happy Birthday Jesus Drive-In Movie (Playground Park/Lot)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7
7:00pm Almost Christmas Advent Study (on Zoom)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8
Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes Virtual Study
5:30pm Al-Anon (MC106)
11:00am Suzanna Wesley Circle Christmas Luncheon (Asbury)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9
2:00pm Angel Tree Pkg. Pickup (Main Hallway)
6:00pm Angel Tree Pkg. Pickup (Main Hallway)
6:30pm Vespers Service (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10
Awaiting the Already Virtual Study
10:00am Line Dancing (Wesley Hall)
6:15pm Girl Scout Troop 2207-Lisa Caherty (Rm. 209)
6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 1688-Amy Durso (Rm. 204)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
Imagining A New World Virtual Devotion
7:00am Centering Prayer (MC106)
6:30pm Worship Band Practice

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
9:00am Traditional Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)
11:00am Contemporary Worship Svc. (Wesley Hall)

Make Christmas Merry!

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 this **Tuesday, December 8th**. Thank you in advance for your help with this outreach ministry!

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.

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.