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BLESSING BOX UPDATE

We are low on food for our Blessing Box. Please donate any of these items: Canned meats, canned fruits or vegetables, instant oatmeal or grits, cheese or saltine crackers, individually packed cereal, Pop-Tarts, cereal bars and Ramen noodles. Bring the food to church and leave in the donation carts in the foyer of the Ministry Center. We have numerous families that depend on our food on a daily basis. We thank you for your support of this vital Ministry.

HERE FOR YOU

We don't have to look very far either in the news headlines we read on our computer screens and/or the news reports we hear over our television speakers, to become aware of the drastic toll the ongoing coronavirus pandemic is taking on the mental and emotional health of so many individuals.

Remote learning, social isolation, constant anxiety over health issues, boredom, lack of hope - all of these issues and so many more are valid reasons for people to feel depressed, discouraged, and possibly even in total despair!

Do you need to talk? Please know that, as your pastor, I am easily available to you and I am very willing to listen. And while I may not be a "licensed" therapist, I do have a seminary degree in pastoral care and counseling (my Master's Thesis was in this very arena).

So if you are looking for someone who is open to listening; if you are in need of a spiritual guide to offer a word of hope and promise; and/or if you simply need to "vent" to someone else beyond the circle of your closest friends and family members, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am here for you. I am available to you. And I can offer a confidential setting for us to talk. Please feel free to call me and we'll make time to talk. Pastor Kim - 843/685-3659.

SMALL GROUPS

A Shake Up of Your Lenten Season on **Mondays** beginning **February 22nd**.

A Lenten Study of Jesus' Last Words on **Thursdays**, beginning **February 18th**.

Both of these 6 week studies are led by Pastor Kim. Due to continued safety and health concerns amidst the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, these studies will be made available

virtually only. Each week's lessons will be posted **every Monday**, beginning **February 22nd**, and **every Thursday**, beginning **February 18th** and will be available for you to view at your leisure throughout the entire Lenten season. For inquiries or further questions, please contact Pastor Kim.

Starting on **Ash Wednesday February 17th**, Pastor Jim will be leading a small group Lenten study on the **Apostles' Creed**. This will be a six week virtual Zoom study from **10 to 11am every Wednesday** morning.

Pastor Elizabeth will be teaching a 5-week Lenten study on **Monday** nights at **7pm** from **February 22nd** until **March 29th** (no class March 8th). This will be a contemplative study guided by the book, **Walking in the Wilderness** by Beth Richardson. Purchase of the book is not mandatory, but it can complement the study as a daily companion.

KIDZWAY (PREK - 3RD)

This week's video is about Moses and the Burning Bush and we get to sing with Ms. Lessie! Check it out here:

<https://youtu.be/A8mIWS2jIAY>

Saturday, February 27th from 10am-11:30am we will have our KidzWay Playdate on the LUMC Preschool playground.

Our weekly YouTube videos will continue on Sunday mornings; offering a short lesson that is also the lesson we are doing in-person in Children's Church at **9am**. I hope you can join us! We are doing some fun and exciting things!

BREAKOUT (4TH/5TH GRADE)

Friday, February 26th from 3:45-5pm we will have our Breakout Meet Up at the church, outside, near the preschool playground. Remember to bring back your filled snowman for Arc of the Midlands!

Our YouTube videos are for you too! Take time to do the wondering questions together with your family. Read the scripture that goes with the story and take time to grow with God in 2021.

Breakout families! Don't forget to take our quick survey here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTETRWPfFU2yqWkNxc8sXg7I4xMXBEhJH9fpcZUiuJZTAw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Our Breakout Zoom meetings continue for February at **6:30pm**. Note that we will **NOT** have a zoom meeting on February 17th, Ash Wednesday, as we hope you will participate in either the drive thru imposition of ashes or the service at 6:30pm in Wesley Hall.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will meet every Sunday afternoon from **4:30-6pm** outside by the playground. Bring a tailgate chair, your mask, and your bible! Weather-permitting, we will be at the Red Bank baseball fields today, February 14th.

SNACK SACK UPDATE

Last week for Souper Bowl of Caring, we raised \$975, which feeds 162 students of Lexington School District 1 this week. Thank you for your generosity.

VESPERS

This is a reminder that there is no Vespers service this week due to the Ash Wednesday services. We will resume next week on Feb. 24th at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY

On **Wednesday, February 17th**, from **5-6pm**, you are invited to participate in a drive through Ash Wednesday service. Then, at **6:30pm**, you are invited to a full Ash Wednesday Service in the LUMC Ministry Center. We hope you'll join us for whichever service makes you feel most comfortable.