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## CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer is a small group that meets each Friday morning at 7:00 am. The group welcomes all those who are interested in a meditative way to pray to our Lord. The session involves candlelight, Bible readings, and prayer. If you would like to join the group or need more information, contact Joyce Clark 803-359-3463.
The Midweek Vespers service will continue throughout the month of May on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
However, during the summertime, the services will be offered once a month -specifically on the third Wednesday of each of the months of June, July, and August. Those dates are: June 16, July 21, and August 18.

## Sharing and Caring for Our Children

There is nothing more precious than our children. At their baptisms we, as the community of Christ, share these words:
Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these children now before you in your care?
Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these children with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.
Volunteers and helpers are needed to help with our children's ministries. You have the opportunity to surround our children with a community of love and trust; and demonstrate to them the giving of our time, talents and service. Please see page 7 and 9 to learn about these opportunities.
And if you are Safe Sanctuary trained and qualified, be sure to sign up with Heather!


Please continue to support your church ministries by sending in your offerings via USPS mail (309 East Main Street, 29072) or by clicking the "Give" tab in online giving at www.lexumesc.com

Received: \$16,377
Needed Weekly \$20,622
Budget Goal to date \$350,574
Receipts to date $\$ 256,495$
Expenses to date $\$ 298,838$ Over/Under
(revenue vs. expenses) - $\$ 42,343$

## EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY!

Mother's day is May 9, and it's a day that brings up a variety of emotions for all of us. For the children at Epworth Children's Home, these emotions are front and center as they go through this time of year without their mothers. It is our role as Methodists to make sure that on Mother's Day and every day, the children at Epworth have everything they need to be loved and grow up happy and healthy. Epworth is our ministry.

Epworth Children's Home has been a ministry of our church for more than 125 years. They are not an apportioned item by the SC Conference, which means they receive no funding from the conference other than our offerings. They rely heavily on the donations received from our Mother's Day offering to provide direct care for the children residing at Epworth. When a child arrives at Epworth they have experienced a great deal of loss.

It is a place that we can be proud to support. We, as United Methodists, offer children at Epworth safety and security by surrounding them with loving, Christian adults such as educational tutors, counselors, pastors, mentors, and cottage parents. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference; this is our opportunity to support this ministry. As you prayerfully consider the gift God is calling you to share with Epworth on Mother's Day, please remember the children at Epworth and give generously.


Did you know?
196
Number of children who lived at Epworth last year, each one from our own communities in SC.

Number of children served through Epworth's Foster Care Program

## 100\%

Of your Mother's Day Offering
provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. Mother's Day is your opportunity to support

The First Thursday of May

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

## HOW TO PRAY FOR AMERICA -

Pray for your leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity.

Federal Government-
Consider praying for our President, Vice President, Cabinet Members, Congressional Leaders, Supreme Court Justices

State Government-
Consider praying for your Governor, Executive Leaders, Legislative Leaders, Judicial Leaders

Local Government-
Consider praying for your Mayor, City Counsel, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Judges, County Officials

## Sound Booth Volunteers Needed



We are looking for volunteers who are willing to work on a rotating schedule in the Sound Booth. We need at least one volunteer to run lights, video, sound, and livestream for the 10 am Contemporary and the 11:15 am Traditional worship services, both in Wesley Hall.

In order to serve, you would be trained by one of our current volunteers, which would also include a couple of "observation" sessions.

Please contact Pastor Kim. Craig Ness, Ronnie Gibson or Tanya Gardner if you would like to serve in this way!


## Phone Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to answer phones Monday-Thursday from 11:45 am$1: 45 \mathrm{pm}$. Also, we need someone to do the same during our staff meetings each Tuesday from 9:45am-11:45am. The church is becoming busier each day as we "open back up". Please help us and volunteer!
Contact dcrosby@lexumcsc.com if you are interested. Thank you!

## KILLINGSWXRTH <br> transforming women




## Blood Drive

Lexington United Methodist Church
309 East Main Street Lexington, SC 29072 - In the Fellowship Hall
All donations continue to be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Plasma from antibody-positive donations may help current coronavirus patients in need.

Already received the COVID-19 vaccine? In most cases, there is no deferral time.

## Monday, May $17^{\text {th }}$ 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

All donors get a $\$ 5$ Amazon e-gift card via e-mail!
Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org Use Sponsor Code: lexingtonumc

Save time by starting your pre-donation reading and health history questions online at www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass the same day of your donation.

For more information contact Bamey Brewer at (803) 238-4395
Blood types O, A- and B- ask about a Power Red donation!
Now offering Sickle Cell Trait Screening! Donations from self-identified African American donors are screened for Hemoglobin S, a key indicator of the sickle cell trait, free of charge.

Blessing Box Ministry


We support two Blessing Boxes: One is on the church wall facing Fort St. and the other is at White Knoll High School. Both are in need of replenishing! Food suggestions include: individual-fruit cups, cereals, cereal bars, raisin boxes, snack crackers, canned meats, vegetables, boxes of mac \& cheese, bottled water, Ramen noodles.
We attempted to fill the boxes three times per week but ran out of supplies. We have cut back filling the boxes to twice per week.
You are invited to bring your donations to the church. Empty carts are located in the entryway of the Ministry Center and in the hallway near the Church Office. Thank you for your support.
Questions or more info.? Contact Rick Cunningham at 803/414-2940.

## SNACK SACK UPDATE FOR MAY



We are near the end of the school year. Your donations allow this ministry to continue to feed hungry children. We have been feeding an average of 350 students per week during the school year. School ends on June 9th.
We need your help to pay our Harvest Hope invoices. We need approximately $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 0 0 0}$ to clear out our invoices.

Last summer, we continued giving Snack Sack meals to students at Congaree Woods Elementary. We fed 150 students each week for 12 weeks. This summer, their School District will take over this process. We will shut down Snack Sack for a rest period for the first time in 18 months.
Covid 19 has made us change our handling processes and our delivery process. We have spent more money this school year and have fed less children.
Thank you greatly for your support.
Rick Cunningham, Coordinator for Snack Sack

## Mission <br> $\infty$ <br> Lexington

Glorifying God by serving our neighbors in crisis!
Unprecedented moments of crisis can affect anyone, at any time. None of us are exempt. And the compassion that comes from a neighbor's helping hand is often the road that leads to recovery. Donations help keep Mission Lexington helping our neighbors! Monetary donations are welcomed as well as items for the store and food items for the pantry:

| Store |  |
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| ITEMS WE DO ACCEPT | ITEMS WE DO NOT ACCEPT |
| NEW and Gently | Cribs |
| Used: | Car Seats |
| Clothing | Older Mattresses |
| Shoes | Older TVs and Computer |
| Purses | Monitors |
| Household Goods | VHS Tapes |
| Furniture | Tires |
| (Working) Large | Printers |
| Appliances | Large/Executive Desks |
| Gently Used | Pianos |
| Matresses | Ceiling Fans/Light Fixtures |
| Please DO NOT unload items without a staff member present | Broken, Damaged, Dirty, or Torn Furniture and |
| Thank you for your cooperation! | Appliances |



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Ages: $\quad 1$ year old and walking -5 years old

## Online Enrollment: Use QR Code for registration



Or on our website: https://www.lexumcsc.com/lumc-preschool/


Space is limited, being enrolled in the preschool is not a requirement to come.


## We still have limited spots left for the 2021-2022 school year!

All LUMC members receive a $10 \%$ discount on tuition!
Click here to register online.

Tours are available by: emailing Lindsey at lindsey@lexumcsc.com or calling the preschool office at 803-359-6839 ext. 107.

## Monthly Tuition Fees 2021-2022:

2 day 1's: Mon/Wed or Tue/Thur \$125/month (must be $1 \&$ walking by 9/1/21)
4 day 1's: Mon-Thur $\$ 175 /$ month (must be $1 \&$ walking by $9 / 1 / 21$ )

2 day 2 's and $21 / 2$ 's: Mon/Wed or Tue/Thur $\$ 125$ month (must be 2 by $9 / 1 / 21$ )
4 day 2 's and $21 / 2$ 's: Mon-Thur $\$ 175 /$ month (must be 2 by $9 / 1 / 21$ )

3's classes are full for the fall. Contact Lindsey to be added to the waitlist.
4 day 4 's: Mon-Thur $\$ 175 /$ month (must be 4 by $9 / 1 / 21$ )
5 day 4's: Mon-Fri \$200/month (must be 4 by 9/1/21

We are always in need of disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, copy paper, fruit snacks, goldfish, and cheese crackers if you would like to drop them by the office! Or you can always donate something to us from our Amazon Wish List!


Acolytes, we are so blessed to welcome your very important role back to the worship services. Please sign up here.
Note that this is for those who have already completed acolyte training; for those students now old enough to join in this role, be on the lookout for a new acolyte training in the future!

Good News, families! Children's Church is now being offered for both the $\mathbf{1 0}$ am and 11:15 am services.
That means we need volunteers! Please sign up here. Ms. Heather will lead the lessons in children's church and one other adult is needed to help to be in compliance of safe sanctuary guidelines. This includes grandparents, aunts, uncles and other Safe Sanctuary approved adults!


## MORE GOOD NEWS:

We would like to offer our Nursery Care for our youngest family members during all three of our Sunday worship services. If you have a couple of extra loving hands to help, please contact Heather at: Heather@lexumcsc.com. This is a paid position. Thanks.

## Coloring Page-print this page and have fun!



## Children and Family Spring and Summer Activities:



Saturday, June 19th, 2-4pm \$15 per person, children 7 and under share board with adult at no cost


LUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE!

## INTERACTIVE FAMILY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

JULY 28TH-JULY 30TH 6:30PM-8PM IN WESLEY HALL PLUS
SATURDAY, JULY 31ST SPLASH DAY CELEBRATION AT CARACTOR PARK

Sign up \&
t-shirt purchase link coming soon!


## JUNE 28TH-JULY IST 9AM-NOON

OPEN TO CURRENT LUMC BREAKOUT KIDZ (4TH/5TH GRADE)

> CAMP WILL INCLUDE:
> DAILY DEVOTION, CRAFTS/EXPERIMENTS, COMMUNITY VISITORS, REC/GAMES AND A LITE SNACK


Creation Camp Registration QR code:


## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PLEASE CONTACT
HEATHER:
heather@lexumcsc.com
To volunteer before, or during Creation Care Camp

## Family Night at the Fireflies!

Enjoy an awesome Sunday with Friends and Family on May 16.
Tickets are located in left field line in the beautiful Home Run Porch.
Your Fireflies hat can also be picked up in the Pavilion area! MASK POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED.
Order tickets here: Streamline Ticketing (firefliestickets.com)
Segra Park is now CASHLESS but exchange of cash into a Fireflies gift card can be made at Guest Services. Parking will be $\$ 5$. CARD ONLY. Children Two \& under are free.
Segra Park is a CLEAR BAG POLICY Venue.
Directions to the Ballpark from I-20 W: Take I-26 to I-126 East towards Columbia. . . I-126 turns into Elmwood Avenue. . . Make a left onto Bull Street. . . Take the next right onto Freed Drive. . . The ballpark is located up the hill.
Segra Park's gates open one hour prior to the scheduled game time, unless otherwise advertised.


Dear LUMC Congregation,
We just wanted to write and personally thank all of you for welcoming us so warmly into the LUMC family 5 years ago.
LUMC has made Lexington feel like home to us, and we will miss you all dearly. Thank you for all the prayers, love, and support over these past few years. We are moving to Aiken so not too far.... so hopefully can come back and visit!

Wishing God's best for all of you!<br>With love,<br>The Willis Family<br>(Billy, Elle, Mia \& Evie)

[^0]It's a long road--continued prayers are appreciated.
Thank you so much for caring for us, we love you all.
Mike \& Susan Mitton

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| 5/2 Bethany Anderson | $5 / 10$ Traci Stinecipher |
| 5/3 Melissa Epting | Troy Loadholt |
| Wilson Lepp | Juddy Decell |
| Linda Roshto | Bailey Gunter |
| 5/4 Bob Lambdin | 5/11 Cathy Cagney |
| Gaye Leonard | Patrick Lowery |
| Violet Rish | 5/12 Harvey Harmon III |
| Dylan Hayson | Tucker Johnson |
| 5/5 Jennie Church | Peggy Abercrombie |
| Pam Hatfield | 5/13 Kaitlin Edwards |
| Austin D'Amico | Walid Hakim |
| Hollis Chittam | 5/13 David Marshall Jr. |
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| Jonathan Field | Samuel Brandes |
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| 5/7 Doug Beaty | Walker D'Amico |
| Matt Owens | 5/14 Brooks Edwards |
| William Phillips | Brian Harmon |
| Gracen Oswald | Kimberly Decell |
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| 5/8 Carrie Schilling | Kaylin Samples |
| Jesse Sullivan | John Bashline |
| Elizabeth West | Ella Maxwell |
| Ron Vanderstelt | Lola Carroll |

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Lessie Polk
Caleb Spence
Steve DeBerry
5/16 Barbara Addington
Jeffrey Byess
5/17 Richard Rodden
Noel Myers
Adan Myers
5/18 Lilly Johnson
5/19 Grady Decell
Bethany Braund
Emily Betcher
5/20 Barbara West
Barry Schilling
Thomas Trezise Jr.
Adam Graybill
Candy Brennan
5/21 Jeff Culler
Trey DeBruhl III
Nathan Laisure
Hampton Pitts
5/22 Elizabeth Lambdin
Belinda Finley
Colt Kirkpatrick
Harry Cato
Andrea Robinson
Rylie D'Amico
Katie Coleman

5/23 Chris Haynes Logan Pool Linton Phillips
5/24 Nancy Edmonds
Andrew Stevenson
5/25 Ruth Arant
Lorri Yarborough
Meredith Reynolds
Robby Young
5/26 Kathryn Blackmon
5/27 Wade Reynolds
Mia Willis
Elena Smith
Heather Ford
5/29 Robyn Childers
Mike Mitton
Jimmy Walsh Jr
Jacob Wilson
Michael Keisler
Robert Waterfield
Wells Carter
5/30 Earle Brown
Laura Pappas
Bonny McCarty
5/31 Ashleigh Brown Sharon Maxwell Sam Merrell Dennis Meyers

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| Gifts in memory of: |  |
| Frank Macaulay | Dr. Albert Thomas |
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| Bobbie Goldin | Mary Schlee |
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| John \& Connie Cooper | Jim \& Connie Brock |
| Tom \& Peggy Camp | Larry \& Pam Hayes |
| Jim \& Shirley Gregory |  |

Dr. Albert P. Thomas
April 10, 2021

## Gifts in honor of:

John \& Joyce Bumgarner
Marnie \& Patty Hook

Congratulations to Jay Martin who was honored with the Sertoma Service Award. He received the Service Appreciation plaque in appreciation for his 38 years of service, both here and in Myrtle Beach.

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[^0]:    Your prayers, cards and other acts of kindness and love-food, texts, emails- sure make this path we are traveling much easier to bear.

