



Lexington UMC
Household of Faith



Living God's Word~
Sharing God's Love

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Dear LUMC family -

This past Sunday, June 27, marked the one year anniversary since we began our shared ministry at LUMC. It has been an exciting, challenging, uplifting, frustrating, blessed year as we have served God and one another together. It's been a privilege to get to know so many of you so much better over the past three months simply because I can finally see your smiles! The welcome and acceptance which LUMC has shown to me has been so very much appreciated, and most certainly, without your consistent prayers and support over these past 12 months, serving as your Pastor would have been a next to impossible task.

Looking over the events of this past year reminds us of how much we have already done together ... and how much still remains! Despite the challenges of an ongoing pandemic, we have been busy with the tasks of serving as Christ's hands and feet! Over the past twelve months, we have experienced together: two Confirmation celebrations, multiple Children's Ministry celebrations, a Back to School celebration, an All Saints Celebration, a Charge Conference celebration, a month long Advent season celebration culminating in multiple celebrations of Christ's birth, a New Year/New Member celebration, a season long celebration of Lent, multiple Resurrection Day celebrations, a 171st Church Anniversary celebration, along with a Graduation celebration! Did you notice the common theme running through that litany of this past year's ministry history - it's **CELEBRATION!** And yes, indeed, even in the midst of all of the setbacks, restrictions, and changes brought on by both a global pandemic as well as a pastoral transition, we have been able to share in abundant celebration as a family of faith. I hope you all feel that way as well - and I appreciate those of you who have been "all in" through your participation in those beautiful celebrations.

The first year of a time of shared ministry is often a time of learning. The Pastor(s) is learning the congregation in her/his attempt to recognize the spiritual needs that are present. Likewise, the congregation is learning the Pastor(s) and her/his family, especially the pastor's leadership practices, gifts for ministry, and preaching style. Just as importantly, I hope it is also true that our LUMC congregation is learning to trust your Pastor(s).

Having spent this past year learning one another (as well as doing a lot of great ministry together), I look forward to the coming year being one in which we continue to grow in our knowledge of and love for one another, while simultaneously reaching out in our neighborhoods and around the world with the good news proclamation of the Gospel! I truly believe that God is using His Word to continue to grow us spiritually in our love for Him and for one another. And I pray that God will keep every single one of us faithful to who He has called us to be, and what He has called us to do.

In personal appreciation and in Christ's love -

Pastor Kim



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**What shall I
return
to the
LORD
for all His
goodness
to me ?
Psalm 116:12**



Church Finance needs:

Needed Weekly \$20,622

Receipts to date: \$409,648

Expenses to date: \$448,531

Over/Under
(revenue vs. expenses)
-\$38,883

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORKS AND
YOUR GENEROSITY ... PLEASE!!!!**

I hope you share as much excitement as I do about the many worthwhile ministries that we have been able to RE-START most recently at Lexington UMC! Several of our Adult Sunday School classes are back in session! We have an Exercise Class that meets three days a week. There's a Line Dancing Group that gathers every

Thursday morning. Our early rising Men's Group is now back to sharing breakfast again every Wednesday morning. Our Chancel Choir is "singing their hearts out" every Sunday morning at 11am in the LUMC sanctuary. And just today, I saw an email informing us that the LUMC Senior Card Sharks will start gathering again every Thursday afternoon to play Canasta and Bridge! And these most recent highlighted activities don't even include all of the ministries we already re-started back in May!

There are many reasons for these strong signs of life in our congregation, but one significant factor has been the financial commitment we have made to fully fund the "ongoing life of our church". Money its self is most definitely a lifeless thing, but when put to use by dedicated Christian people, great things can happen - and they will continue to happen, God willing!

In faith that there are yet more ways our LUMC congregation can be a channel of God's love, I want to encourage you to remember the church in your financial stewardship even throughout the summer months as you are traveling, vacationing, and celebrating the joy of fellowship with family and friends. Meeting our church budget will be a challenging stretch for us as we continue to evaluate the toll a "year of pandemic" has made on our lives and the economy. But through intentional prayer and disciplined stewardship our God of abundant faithfulness will continue to provide the means and the resources for us to consistently respond to the privileged call of Christ Jesus to be His hands and feet in this world.

In appreciation for your continued faithfulness -Pastor Kim and the LUMC Finance Committee

WALKING WARRIORS CONTINUE TO MAKE THEIR "ROUNDS"



Time for some fresh air, to get your heart pumping, and to exercise your muscles...

Our walking group - the **Walking Warriors**, is growing! We currently have 9 participants who join us on one or both of our weekly gatherings - every Wednesday and Friday at 7:30am at the Gibson Road Soccer Complex. We meet at the "middle" parking lot next to the Picnic Shelter.

Our route around the soccer fields has recently been improved! Several of the broken sidewalk areas have been leveled out and repaired. The overall route has slight inclines, several straight-a-ways, and a few detour options for diversity! There are also several benches and restrooms along the way!

Every Wednesday and Friday we begin with a brief devotion offered by Pastor Kim.

Our group then breaks up into "subgroups" depending upon the pace of the participants.

We walk for 60 minutes - but feel free to join us for just a section of that time block if you prefer!

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Pastor Kim. Sign up with Pastor Kim via text or call - 843/685-3659. Hope to see you there!



Vespers

During the summertime, the Midweek Vespers worship services will be held once a month – specifically on the **third Wednesday** of each of the months of July, and August. Those dates are: **July 21, and August 18**. All are invited to join us for this 30 minute service of song, scripture, and prayer.



It is Not Too Late to Join the Galatians Study ...

Christians today are wringing their hands over the church's declining influence, even as we become stuck in defending and protecting the church's traditions.

So is there a way through this dilemma?

Perhaps we can find some answers in Paul's letter to the church in Galatia. According to theologian Elaine Heath, Galatians can help us Christians navigate the rapid culture shifts in which we find ourselves. We can learn from Paul how to be open to the Holy Spirit who gifts and calls people to apostolic, prophetic, and evangelistic ministry that looks very different from what we in the inherited American church are used to.

Are you ready to make a difference by being different? Rather than polarizing ourselves between the traditional church and the other emerging forms of church, we can learn from Paul to honor the revelation (literally, the revealing) of Jesus Christ wherever that happens, especially among marginalized people who Jesus calls "the least of these".

Our Wednesday Pentecost Study will continue through the month of July, on the following dates: July 21, July 28; as well as into August on the 4th and the 11th.

Our remaining topics include: When Systems Change, Responding to Anxiety in the System, Guided by the Spirit, and Fulfilling the Law of Christ. We meet in the LUMC sanctuary every Wednesday at 10:30am.



Remember where you faithfully served before the pandemic???

As we continue to offer more and more ministry opportunities in our post-pandemic restart, we are looking for past, present, and future volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities!

Now Recruiting!

In **WORSHIP**, we are looking for additional **ushers and greeters**. We would most certainly like to set up a brand new rotation of volunteers for all three of our Sunday morning worship services. Of course, the great thing about a rotational schedule, is it means you only have to volunteer occasionally ... not every single Sunday!

Please contact Pastor Kim if you would like to serve as an usher and/or a greeter for either of the two Traditional Worship services.

We also need a new Usher Coordinator for the 8:30am Traditional Worship time slot.

And you are invited to reach out to Pastor Jim, if you are willing to serve as an usher and/or greeter for our 11am ANew service.

Also for **WORSHIP**, we are hoping to recruit a few more **Sound Booth Operators**. We would like to secure and train a few "subs" for those Sundays when our Sound Booth operators need or desire to be gone. Again this means that you wouldn't have to fulfill these duties every Sunday - we are asking only that you be available to "fill in" when one of our regular Sunday team members is gone. Please contact Pastor Kim or Craig Ness if you'd like to volunteer in the Sound Booth for either of the Traditional worship services (8:30am is the only one which is live streamed). And please contact Pastor Jim, Tanya Gardner, or Ronnie Gibson if you're interested in helping us out for the ANew service.



Member News



We honor and
remember our
members and
friends this
month



Jameson Dean McGill
son of
Mark & Kristiana McGill
June 28, 2021

Grandparents:
Jim & Jennie McGill

Gifts & Memorials

In MEMORY OF:

Ella Scogins
Helen Thomas

Carolyn Hicks
Buddy & Lynn Brewer
Terry & Daisy Hicks

James "Rock" Gladden
Rex & Brenda Newman
Linda Gladden

Scott Miller
Mary Ann Green
Craig & Judi Powell

Lois Samellas
Christopher & Laura Wilson

Paula Kafitz
Buddy & Lynn Brewer

Albert Thomas
Linda Gladden
John & Sarah Tindal
Glenda Boozer
Kenneth Baldwin, Jr.
Ed & Reve Richardson
Marcia Mincey
Jim & Connie Brock
Bob & Cindy Graham
Wauleska Taylor
Charles Gatch
Jean Lefler
Tony & Jo Anne Ellis
Helen Rivers
Helen Thomas
Si & Betsy Amick
Martha Batson

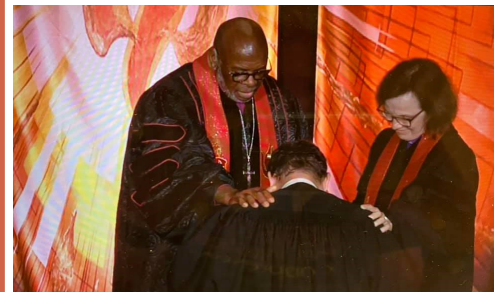
Charles Johnson
Cynthia Satcher
Buddy & Lynn Brewer

Teresa Sammons
Jim & Mary Ann Adams

In HONOR OF:

Emily Montgomery
Herb & Gail Ferguson

Commissioning Service, June 6 Rev. Jim Rogers



Staff-Parish Chair Tim Chandler
presenting Rev. Rogers with a Bible
from the church.





Children's Ministry
Lexington
United Methodist Church

At LUMC we promise to surround our children with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others.

Looking for a way to support LUMC Children's Ministry?

Summer is full of exciting opportunities AND Fall will be here soon!

We need **YOU** to help make it happen for our children.

Contact heather@lexumcsc.com to find out where to serve

OR sign up here to:

- ☞ [Volunteer for Fall Sunday School](#)
- ☞ [Help with children's church](#)
- ☞ [Acolyte](#)
- ☞ [become a Nursery Volunteer](#)

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

coming soon!

Water, Water, Everywhere is an intergenerational, interactive worship experience that will take place in Wesley Hall (the gym) July 28, 29, and 30, 6:30--8pm. Plus, we will have a splash day on July 31st at Caractor Park on Hendrix Street at 10am.

Whether you are young, young at heart, or just want to feel young you don't want to miss this!

We will begin each night with worship, share in an interactive Bible storytelling, follow along with Ms. Marie for some science projects and crafts, and close our evening with song; a word from Water Mission and a prayer. Even if you can only attend some of the evenings, please join us as we grow in spirit together.



This is an intergenerational opportunity...come build community with us!

Sign Up: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formId=9720ccc9-cbfe-4d01-b3a5-7deb0e9ff114&custom-templates=null>

or here:

Register by July 5th in order to get a T-shirt!

Questions? Contact Heather

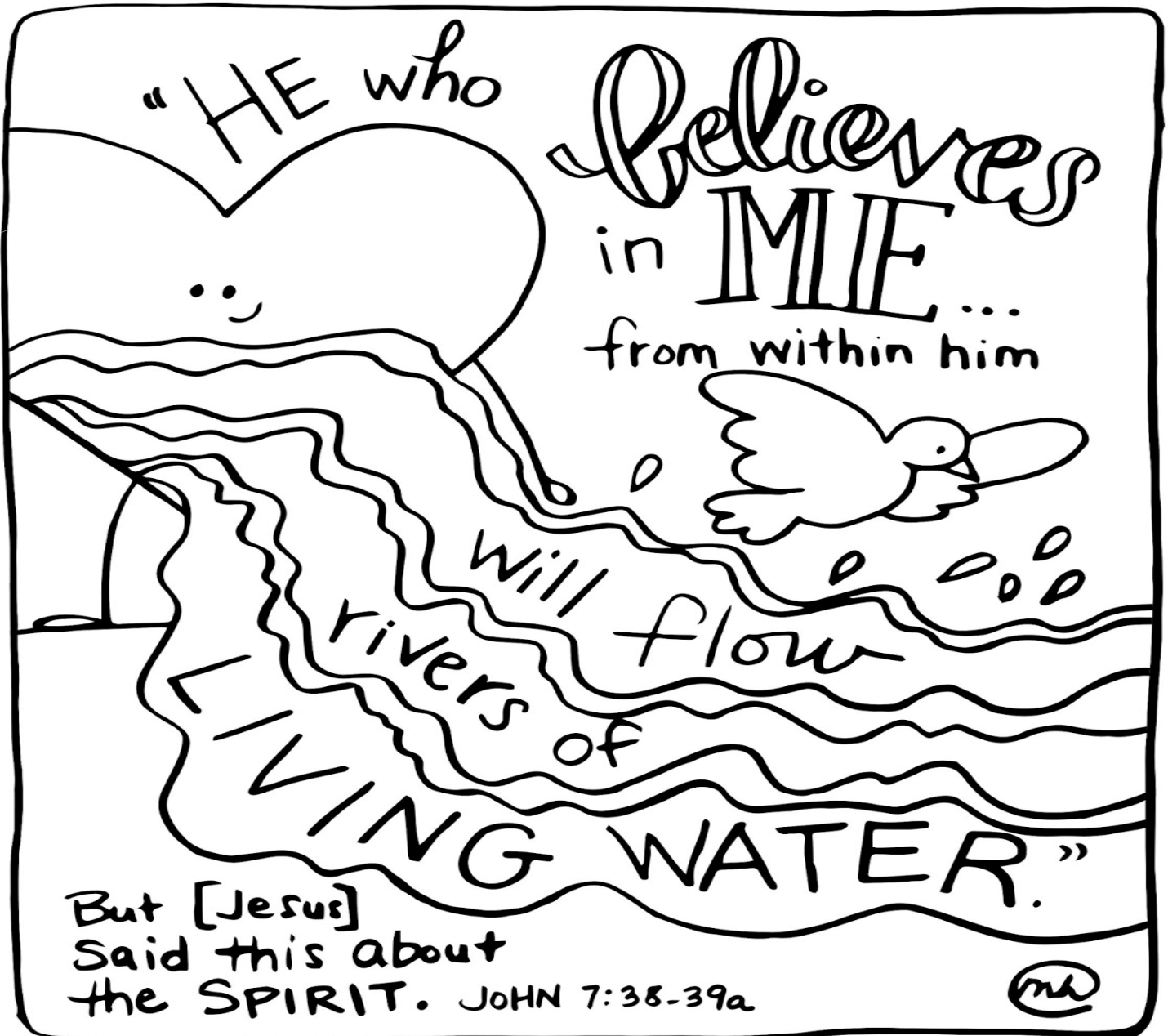




Annual Children's Ministry Stepping Stone Project!

If you are like me you probably have these keepsakes in your garden, seeing how much your child(ren) have grown over the years. Join us this year and continue the tradition!

Donations to offset cost will be accepted. **Friday, July 16th**, [sign up here!](#) !



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LUMC YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE JULY

SUN, 7/11: COME TO THE WATER @ GOLDEN HILLS POOL

TUES, 7/13: @ TRANSMISSION ARCADE (5-8P) **HIGH SCHOOL**

WED, 7/14: BUBBLE SOCCER (10A-12P) **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

SUN, 7/25: COME TO THE WATER @ TBA (MIDDLE SCHOOL);

HIGH SCHOOL CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC PADDLE BOARDING (2-4P)

If you have a **rising 6th grader** and you have not heard from Pastor Elizabeth yet about the transition in to youth group, please email her at elizabeth@lexumcsc.com.

Our senior high youth went to Hayesville, NC on a mission trip. Good work!





7/1 Janice McGee Brian Yarborough Carter Goldsmith Ashley Evans Jerry Poston Jefrey Stone	7/9 Terry Hicks Brenda Power Andy Rowe Jr. Jeff Sayers Karen Myers	Shelby Wolfe Randi Wooten William Nichols	Frank Rizzo Tyler Wojtylak Don Frank Hailey Jasuta
7/2 Jackie Duffie Lynn Baker Mac Dunbar	7/10 Christine Young Wilkerson Eliza Starling	7/16 Jennifer Henrickson Bob Norris	7/25 Michael Henrickson Paul Hartmann Bill Martin
7/3 Robert Hook Matthew Church Justin Vitters Matt Larion Claire Oswald Reagan Oswald	7/11 Cindy Rainey Janice Gonzalez Lilly Herpst Annie Register	7/17 Gretchen Collum Jack Crosswell 7/18 Lib Brown Dennis Lewis Elijah Collier Chloe Collier Brooks Larion	7/26 Fred Elvington Caitlin Burner Charlie Laffin Hayden Vitters Emily Carwell
7/4 Irby George Mary Nell Lambdin Bryan Stone Sr.	7/12 Marshall West 7/12 Bill Pardue Gregg Hornsby Kathryn Rodden Tracy Spence Troy Forster Mason Fender	7/19 Mary Ann Green Holden Hook 7/20 Richard Cunningham Jr. Brodrick Blackmon Megan Johnson Dondee Lewis Nan Carter Celeste Brown	7/27 Hanna Walsh Liam Smith Wesley Bumgarner Karen Waterfield
7/5 Brooke Backenson Jeremy Hicks Tom Anderson	7/13 Sarah Fender Candy Walsh Nina Howard Madelyn Helriegel	7/21 Susan Cafferty Mark Leonard Terry Cheatham Laura Shuler Huntley Crouch	7/28 Caroline Brewer Brendan Cafferty Kimberly Graham Charlotte Trezoglou
7/6 Paul Schirato	Brian D'Amico Ella Stilwell Cam Patterson	7/22 Erin Thompson Jennifer Locklier	7/29 Abi Swearingen Eden Stinecipher Davis Wicker Henry Rish Eric Blume Carolee Workman
7/7 Gene Epting Mary Hazelton Derrick Taylor Ben Satcher Sr. Cindy Turner Ashley Tuttle Chris Register Rev. Kim Eanes	7/14 Grady Decell Julie Robinson Jackson Koss Peggy Medley Tracy Athey	7/22 Whitney Williams 7/23 Craig Stewart Claire Hutson Swanson	7/30 Joe Williams Brendan Daly Lauren Corley Tommy Frank
7/8 Hayden Lewis John Walsh Anne Marie Hendrix	7/15 Pat Borsum Drew Preston III	7/24 Ryan Robinson Grover Cogswell Jr.	7/31 Jonathan Evans



The Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast group gather at 6:31am on Wednesdays. They begin with breakfast followed by sharing of prayer concerns (and praises); and conclude with a bible study, and there are some excellent study leaders! They wrap up by 7:30am, but you are encouraged to attend, even if for a portion of time (arrive after 6:31 or leave before 7:30). They will not meet on July 7 or September 8 and will take several weeks off during the holidays.



If you would like to sign up to have flowers placed in the sanctuary, please do so on the flower chart that is on the wall outside of the main office.



Thank you so very much for reaching out with calls, visits, cards, food, and memorials from our wonderful friends. Your thoughtfulness means a lot at this sad time.
Blessings, Helen Thomas

Many thanks to our church family for all of the prayers, cards, and concerns during Wade's illness.
We appreciate them so much.
Wade & Alice Jackson

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