

August 2021

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Giving time and service

Isabella Tinte is a young adult United Methodist. She actively serves her congregation – in large part because of what she experienced as a child and teen. "Growing up in the church, I've always been surrounded with so many 'ates' and 'kuyas' (older sisters and brothers)," Tinte says.

"They were my teachers at VBS. They were members of the praise and worship band. They were my leaders at Christmas Institute, a winter camp for young people where they can grow spiritually and develop leadership skills. They came to serve as my role models in life whether they realize it or not."

They are much of the reason she now serves as a member at Beacon United Methodist Church in Seattle. "Their constant presence and service in church leadership inspired me to follow their footsteps and become a role model for the next generation of youth. Today, I find myself leading worship, teaching the children at VBS and training to be a leader at Christmas Institute. I believe that leading by example – through our actions – is how we leave our mark on the world and how we can inspire others to continue the faith."

When asked to serve on a church committee, volunteer for an event or lead a mission opportunity, how likely are we to say "yes" to these opportunities? Do we view the giving of our time and talents through the church as opportunities to live out our discipleship? Are these times to make real our membership vows and our understanding of who we are in relationship to God, to one another and to the world?

Whether you live at a frenetic pace, overextending yourself to the point of exhaustion, or the type who is most comfortable budgeting your time, one thing is certain: As Christians, we are called to be good stewards, balancing the resources given to us by God. "A life of discipleship requires all three things – time, talent, treasure," says Kelly West Figueroa-Ray, a United Methodist doctoral candidate in religious studies at the University of Virginia. "Devoting these to the church is part of a full life of discipleship. Discipleship is not a hobby, but a way of life."

Many people say they want to make the world a better place today and for future generations. They live out that desire by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, supporting GoFundMe projects or providing scholarships for young people to go to church camps and leadership events – and by serving through the congregations of which they are part. The call to serve Christ as a member of the church carries with it commitments lived out by serving God and neighbor.

Generosity, Missouri Bishop Robert Schnase says, is an aspect of character, extending beyond the act of giving financially. It is not a spiritual attribute someone acquires apart from the actual practice of giving. It becomes discernable through action.

As leaders inspire more and more of their congregation to give of their time and talents, they will see disciples being made, the world being transformed – more and more young people like Isabella Tinte following their example.

*Sophia Agtarap, [Giving time and service | The United Methodist Church \(umc.org\)](#)
April 13.2017*

CALLING ONE AND ALL TO SERVICE—

Ways you can SERVE

We are so excited about YOUR response to our recent request for volunteers in a variety of capacities! So many individuals have responded to the call to fill the usher position at our Traditional worship services! Our next step is to compile our list of names and compose a rotational schedule of our volunteers. If you would still

like to get on board in this service capacity, please contact Pastor Kim for service at the 8:30am or 11am Traditional worship celebrations, or Pastor Jim for the 11am Contemporary worship celebration.



We are still in great need of **Sound Booth Operators**. In this capacity you will be trained by one of our current volunteers, and then called upon to serve in the Sound Booth, either as an assistant or as a substitute - your choice! We are still in need of additional people to learn the Sound/Video Boards in Wesley Hall. As well, we need volunteers to run the sound and/or livestream for the 11am and/or the 8:30am Traditional Sunday gatherings. Please contact Pastor Kim or Pastor Jim if you are available to learn a new skill and help LUMC out in these ways!

We need **YOU** to help make children's activities happen for our children.


Contact heather@lexumcsc.com to find out where to serve, or if you have any questions about these opportunities, or any children's activities.

OR sign up here by clicking on these links to:

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



COMING FRIDAY AUGUST 27TH



Rehoboth UMC
6911 Two Notch Rd
Columbia, SC

7:00 PM Covered Dish
8:00 PM Worship

We ask those that are not vaccinated to wear mask for the safety of others.

Hosting Church

Schedule

Safety Request

We hope you will join with us to HELP IGNITE our kickoff for the 2022 Spring Walks.

www.rumcsc.com | 803-788-2220

Churches needed for future Gatherings, (Sept - Feb.)



MIDLANDS OF EMMAUS SPRING WALKS

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through Christian disciples and leadership.

Men's Walk: March 3-7, 2022
Women's Walk: March 10-14, 2022

- Walks are limited to 45 participants each.
- Walk dates are contingent on Camp Reopening/Covid

More information available at our monthly Gatherings or by visiting our website at www.midlandsemmaus.com.

Emmaus In-person Gathering

You are invited to attend the Emmaus monthly gathering.

If you haven't attended a walk, you may want to attend the supper and worship to get to know a few of the kind, loving people who have.

If you have attended a walk, you are always welcome and invited to attend.

Spring Walks are coming up.

If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Lynn Silvey—

lynnsilvey@gmail.com

Or Cherrie Bowers

bowerscherie1@gmail.com

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: \$448,954
Expenses to date: \$505,045
Over/Under
(revenue vs. expenses)
--\$56,091

James says: *Every Good Gift Comes from God.* (James 1:17). Where and how have you been blessed this summer? Our church has offered many ministry gifts—through Worship, Sunday School, Children and Youth activities. Many more ministry gifts will come this Fall with Scouts, Shepherd's Center, Bible studies and many other activities. These gifts can go on—to the Glory of God—if we support them through our Time, Talents, Service, Witness and our Gifts. In prayer, search your heart, and find a way to continue to support our ministries at LUMC!

Mission Lexington School Supply Drive

Needed Items

Back Packs(all ages) Kleenex Clorox Wipes Expo Markers

Pencils Colored Pencils Tab Dividers Kids Scissors

Markers Index Cards Highlighters

Post it Notes Snack and Quart size bags

Drop off M-F 9a-3pm before Aug 6th
216 Harmon Street - Lexington
803-957-6656 | missionlexingtonsc.org

Mission
Lexington

Please note the
deadline date for
collecting school
supply stuff—

August 6.

Please put in the
carts in the hallway,
outside Wesley Hall,
or

deliver to
Mission
Lexington

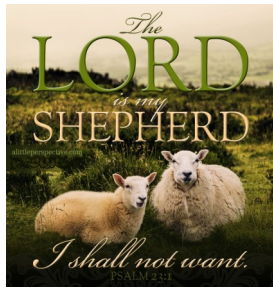


"Thanks to all our friends at Lexington United Methodist Church who had us over to create Kindness Magnets and then surprised us with donations to our Food Bank."

—Mission Lexington

Study Opportunities

SPENDING THE SUMMER WITH THE SHEPHERD



Every one of us longs for someone to protect us and care for us ... someone to guide us when we are unsure of the next steps ... someone to provide rest for us when we are worn out ... someone to walk with us when the valley is dark. God is the Good Shepherd whose companionship provides the comfort and the confidence we need in all circumstances. No matter in what circumstance we may find ourselves, we are always safe with the Good Shepherd.

You are invited to join Pastor Kim as she leads a **six week** in depth Bible study on the familiar **Psalm 23**. Beginning Wednesday, August 4 we will gather each week to examine every single verse of Psalm 23 for the purposes of reminding ourselves of God's complete love and care for us. This study will be offered every Wednesday, with two separate but identical sessions being available - **Wednesday at 10:30am or Wednesday at 6:30pm**. Plan on meeting in Rm. 154/155. Please contact Pastor Kim with questions or if you'd like more information. lkeanes@umcsc.org

NEED A LITTLE SUMMER SCHOOL CREDIT?

Are you interested in familiarizing or re-familiarizing yourself with our United Methodist history? Would you like to learn some interesting factoids you may have never known about our United Methodist heritage? Would you like to learn or relearn the way in which the United Methodist church is structured? Or maybe you just want to hear a couple of pieces of juicy facts about the originators of our denomination?



Beginning on **Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30pm**, you are invited to join Pastor Kim for a fun and informative class entitled United Methodist 101. This class is produced by United Methodist Communications, and it includes brief videos, short quizzes, question and answer sessions, and multiple opportunities for discussion. The class will run a total of four weeks, beginning August 3, jumping over Tuesday, August 24 due to our regularly scheduled quarterly Church Council meeting, and then concluding on Tuesday, August 31. We will meet in the Parlor.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Kim



During the summertime, the Midweek Vespers worship services will be held once a month – on the **third Wednesday, August 18**.

All are invited to join us for this 30 minute service of song, scripture, and prayer.

August—Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Youth Group Meeting-Passing of the Torch 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Service-with Children's Church 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Worship Service-with Children's Church	2 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Caring Connections Team	3 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Al-Anon 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM UM 101 Class	4 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM Men's Weds. AM Group 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Walking Warriors 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Youth Open Gym & Planning (with lunch) 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Psalm 23 Study 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Psalm 23 Study	5 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Line Dancing 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Senior Card Playing	6 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Centering Prayer 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Worship Band Practice	7
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15 Youth Sunday & Blessing of the Book-bags 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Service-with Children's Church 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Worship Service-with Children's Church 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Private event-Bridal Shower 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Cub Scout Ice Cream Social	16 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class	17 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Al-Anon 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM UM 101 Class	18 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM Men's Weds. AM Group 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Shepherd Center Mailing 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Psalm 23 Study 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Psalm 23 Study 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM Vespers Service 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	19 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Line Dancing 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Senior Card Playing	20 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Centering Prayer 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Worship Band Practice	21 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM UMW BBQ & Bingo
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Member News



Gifts & Memorials

In MEMORY OF:

Robert & Grace Hicks
Wade & Alice Jackson

Lois Samellas
Chris & Marsha Samellas

Albert Thomas
Dr. Marion Caughman

Josephine DeBruhl
Berniece Phillips

Brenda Newman
Linda Gladden
Bill & Sally Adkins
Sheri Kimball
Helen Thomas
Rex & Vicki Boylston
Corky & Nancy Newman
Courtney Brooks
Terry Hancock
Cindy Baker
Caroline Bryson
Susan Shumpert
Nelle Matthews
Marcia Mincey
John & Joyce Bumgarner
Cynthia Satcher
Craig & Judi Powell
Deepal & Meg Eliatamby
Ginny Kurtz
Berniece Phillips
Charles Gatch
Edith Harmon



Welcome!

Harper Paige Backman
daughter of
Adam & Morgan Backman
June 16, 2021

Grandparents:
Danny & Michelle Backman
Barbara Addington



Thank to my church family for your calls, cards, visits, food, and prayers during Brenda's long illness and following her death. It is very much appreciated.

Rex Newman



Dear Lexington UMC family and friends,

Words cannot begin to express the appreciation and gratitude Kendall and I have toward the United Methodist Women of LUMC, and those that came to support the upcoming birth of our baby girl. We were stunned at the amount of love and care that was put into the baby shower and the endless number of gifts that were waiting for us as we walked into Asbury Hall. I kid you not, when Kendall and I got home Sunday evening, the back two tires gave a sigh of relief as we unpacked the gifts that were stuffed into our Subaru hatchback.

Allow me to earnestly say that your generosity and hospitality to us is a testament to the vitality and beating heart that is Lexington United Methodist Church, and to which our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, teaches us to have toward all he brings our way in our ongoing journey of faith. The love and togetherness that was displayed to us and for our little girl on Sunday was to me, and I hope to all who attended, an

example of what it means to be a church family of friends and neighbors. And what a blessing from God it is to now know you all and to know that our daughter will be surrounded by so much love and kindness. Kendall and I cannot wait to share our bundle of joy with her new friends and neighbors, her church family very soon. Please continue to pray for us, for Kendall to have a smooth delivery, and for our little girl to be healthy and strong, as her birthday, God only knows when, quickly approaches. Again, words cannot express our love to you all.

With much love and sincere thanks, Kendall and Jim

Pickle Ball anyone?

The Basics:

- A fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.
- Played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net.
- Played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes.
- Played as doubles or singles.
- Can be enjoyed by all ages and skill levels

This is a game that can be played in Wesley Hall. There are 4 people on a team. A small ball is hit over a low net with a pickle ball paddle, which is smaller than a tennis racket.



We can have a league with teams for all ages, from teenagers to seniors in their eighties. If there is some interest, we will purchase the needed equipment and get started. This would be a fun league, easy game to learn, and we can get out to get some exercise. Please contact Trudy Huffstetler at thuffstetler@aol.com or 803-920-4999, and let her know if you are interested.



Layout

A pickleball court is the same size as a doubles badminton court and measures 20×44 feet. In pickleball, the same court is used for both singles and doubles play. The net height is 36 inches at the sidelines and 34 inches in the middle. The court is striped similar to a tennis court with right and left service courts and a 7-foot non-volley zone in front of the net (referred to as the “kitchen”). Courts can be constructed specifically for pickleball or they can be converted using existing tennis or badminton courts.

Brief History

Pickleball was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle, Washington. Three dads – Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum — whose kids were bored with their usual summertime activities — are credited for creating game. Pickleball has evolved from original handmade equipment and simple rules into a popular sport throughout the US and Canada.





WALKING WARRIORS GROUP IS GROWING!

Our **WALKING WARRIORS** group is continuing to stride along! We are enjoying great fellowship and interesting conversation as we learn about each other, hear one another's stories, and "keep moving forward" in our weekly exercise goals. There are currently 9 Walking Warriors participating in our gatherings, with 4-5 walkers on any given day. We continue to meet every Wednesday and Friday at 7:30am at the Gibson Road Soccer Complex, and we walk anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour, depending upon one's stamina level. Our time together begins with a brief devotion.

As reported in last month's HOF, several of the broken sidewalk areas on our route have now been repaired, and hence this route is safe and includes a relatively low strenuous level. There are slight inclines along the way, accompanied by several level straight-aways. We make a point of "mixing up" the direction of our route in order to allow for a little diversity. There are benches and restrooms littered throughout the route as well.

If you have questions or are in need of more information, please contact Pastor Kim. Please feel free to join us any of these mornings - we meet at the large Picnic Shelter in the middle parking lot of the Complex.

Good News Bears Softball Team



If you'd like to be a part of LUMC's Co-ed Softball Team, "The Good News Bears," sign up on our website, <https://lexumcsc.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/3669c19b-0a63-4f2d-a262-58bceba423c>

or contact Pastor Jim. **The roster will remain open for additional players for the first 4 weeks of league play and is open to ages 15 and older.** Our first game begins **Thursday August 5**, and will be every Thursday for 10 weeks. For more info go to Lexington County Recreation website. This is a great way to build relationships with other churches in the area and have fun together as a church family. Hope to see you out on the field!

August 21, 5—7 pm

BBQ Dinner and bake sale

BBQ dinner will be served in take-out boxes.

You can carry your food to Wesley Hall to eat and play bingo.



is free for all ages to play!

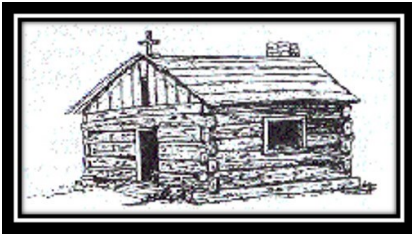
Dinner: Pulled Pork by Love Handells BBQ and fixin's

Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children

Tickets on sale Sundays, beginning August 8

or find a FAITH Circle member

All proceeds from the dinner, bake sale, and auction will benefit these UMW supported missions: Bethlehem Center, Mission Lexington, Epworth Foster Care, Killingsworth Home, Wallace Family Life, Epworth Children's Home, LaVie Pregnancy Care Center, Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter



If Our Walls Could Talk...

In a recent sermon, Pastor Jim stimulated our thoughts by asking: if the walls of LUMC could talk to each other—and to us—what would they say? This was an interesting question for a church with over 170 years of history! Pastor Jim shared a few thoughts on what memories may be captured within our walls. Also, on our ‘CELEBRATE!’ Heritage Sunday on June 6, we heard from several members who shared their personal reflections on years past within the walls of LUMC. Here are a few more history ‘highlights’ that reflect the character of LUMC:

LUMC has been blessed with the presence of **50 faithful ministers** over the years! Each of them, including our current ministry staff, have brought their own special gifts, talents, and spiritual guidance to our church.

The first pastor appointed to Lexington Methodist was Rev. David Derrick, who was appointed in 1850. Prior to this official appointment, however, Rev. Thomas Rall was recorded as the first native Lexington Methodist preacher. He had been known as the ‘wicked’ owner of a local tavern, but converted to the Methodist faith and dedicated his life to preaching.

The 1st church building was a log cabin. The 2nd church was a wooden structure with a graceful steeple. The 3rd church sanctuary, built in 1910, was a brick building and the first one to have actual pews. There was a double aisle—men sat on one side of the church, while women sat on the other.

After major planning and fundraising efforts, followed by a rapid 6-month construction project, the 4th church sanctuary was consecrated in January 1949. This sanctuary (with several expansions and renovations) is still our place of worship today.

In the 1940s, Mrs. Mary Hazelton began playing the piano for a joyful congregation. She expanded her gifts to the church, when she began to also play the new church organ. She shared her beloved musical gifts for over 30 years—and we are blessed to hear her music on special occasions even today!

In the 1950s and 1960s, Lexington Methodist was a steadily growing church. Many of the church organizations and programs established during those years have continued and evolved into those that we participate in today. These include: Chancel/Junior Choirs; Acolytes; Women’s Society of Christian Service (now United Methodist Women); Methodist Men; MYF (now UMYouth); Scouting; Altar Guild; Friendly Workers; and Morning Out for Moms (now our Preschool).

In 1975, Charles Gatch became the first professional choir director to join church staff. The Gatch family has shared their amazing musical talents over the years, as they continue to do today, with Jerry Gatch as our current choir director.

A major expansion of the sanctuary was initiated in 1979. The first worship service in the enlarged and beautifully renovated sanctuary was held in December 1981. Two members of the enthusiastic building committee—Jim Walsh and Sammie George-- are still enjoying the fruits of their past efforts today!

In the mid-1980s, LUMC had a strong focus on meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the less fortunate in our community. During this period, the church joined hands with the Lexington Interfaith Community (LICS) program. Our participation has continued over the years, and we are still very active in the program, now known as Mission Lexington.

These are just a few of the treasures of our LUMC heritage! Stay tuned for further glimpses into our past, as well as our more recent history...And continue to pray for LUMC as we move into a strong and vibrant future!!

Vicki Boylston



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

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 if you have any questions about these opportunities, or any children's activities.

OR sign up here by clicking on these links to:

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



Sunday, August 15

Start the 2021-22 year off with a blessing and a prayer for a first-class, healthy school year!

All ages and stages—teachers, too; bring your bookbags

Blessings at all services.



First Day of School

in District 1:

August 17



ACOLYTE TRAINING

All children, rising 3rd grade and up, are invited to an acolyte training and refresher on **Sunday, August 8** at 9:45am in the sanctuary.

If you have questions, contact Heather Connor at heather@lexumcsc.com.



August 22, 2021 is Back-to-Sunday School day for the **children and youth!** It is also Promotion Sunday. Students will report to their new classrooms to begin Sunday School once again! Your teachers are looking forward to see each of you!

In addition, these 2nd graders will receive their Bibles during worship services.:

Elizabeth Reese Cittham
 Brooks Thomas Yeh
 Jackson Robert Handell
 Mary Dawkins Merrell
 Gresham Smith Betcher
 Ava Leigh Blume
 Mazlyn Kisira Davis
 Jace Taylor Craig
 Evelyn Marie Cullop
 Ella Grace Maxwell
 Alexandria Claire Oswald
 Reagan Rose Oswald

Congratulations on this big step in your spiritual journey!



Senior Adult Ministries
Lexington
 United Methodist Church

The LUMC Seniors have resumed their weekly card playing - every Thursday from 2pm until 4pm! **Doors open at 1:45pm.** All games will be played in Asbury Hall. Masks are needed, if you have not been vaccinated.

Shepherd's Center Lexington will once again meet for classes this fall, after missing all of last year! We are excited to resume classes in September. The brochures will be mailed out at the end of August, which lists the classes offered with descriptions. If you are not on the mailing list to receive a brochure, and would like to receive one, please email Susan Mitton-swmitton@gmail.com-with your Name, address, phone number(s) , and email address. She will get you on the mailing list.

There will also be brochures available around the church.

LUMC YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

AUGUST

SUN, 8/1: PASSING OF THE TORCH

WED, 8/4: OPEN GYM + PLANNING FOR YOUTH SUNDAY (10-12, INCLUDES LUNCH)

SUN, 8/15: YOUTH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP



SUN, 8/22: SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Youth Sunday is right around the corner! We hope to see you August 15th at the 8:30am and 11am Traditional Services to celebrate with our Youth in their leadership of the Christian faith and worship! Anew enjoyed hearing the Sr. High Youth shared their experience at Hinton on July 18.

July was the Middle School Youth's turn to visit Hinton Rural Life Center to work on a home, and other mission projects.





Lexington

United Methodist Church

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July 28, 2021

Dear LUMC family,

After much prayer and discernment, it is with a heavy heart that I write to you that God is calling me to serve somewhere else. I have accepted a job as the Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults at the American Church in Paris. My last day at LUMC will be Sunday, September 12, and my final sermon will be Sunday, August 29. It is very bittersweet news to share the news of my departure after almost a year and a half of very unusual and difficult ministry. It has been nothing short of a privilege to have been the youth pastor for five years to the most wonderful teenagers and families. It has also been a joy to share in so many other areas of ministry, as a clergy person with this church family.

In early October, I will move to Paris, France to begin the journey of serving God in a new and exciting way. The American Church in Paris (ACP) is an interdenominational and international Christian community whose mission is to bear witness by word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, to provide a place of English-language worship in the American Protestant tradition, and to engage in ministries and services that enrich the lives of residents and visitors in Paris. While the context will look vastly different, many of my responsibilities will look the same as they did here at the church. I will lead the youth and young adults in Bible studies, mission opportunities, and fellowship opportunities.

Thank you to so many of you who have welcomed the youth to your homes, cooked meals, donated to our fundraisers, been confirmation mentors, chaperoned retreats, taught Sunday School, volunteered for youth group, and engaged the youth in the hallways.

I will do everything I possibly can to ensure a smooth and effective transition. Thank you, in advance, for the ways in which you will support the youth group during the transition time. Your prayers are greatly appreciated for both the youth group, but also for me, as I transition in to this new season of ministry.

Personally, you have been my faith family while I have been away from my nuclear family, and I forever be grateful for the ways you have loved and embraced me. LUMC has brought so much joy into my life. I cherish all of the friendships that I have with you. I look forward to welcoming you to Paris over the next years! Thank you for the ways in which you have supported me and the youth ministry at Lexington United Methodist Church. You'll never know just how much each one of you means to me.

Peace,

Elizabeth Murray

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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

8/1 Ella-Kate Oswald Rosemary Riles	8/8 Jared Davison Joe Hayes Leigh Lowery	Trey Watts, III Lauren Johnson Jacob Rogers	8/22 Jacob Selzer
8/2 Sean Spence	8/9 Wendy Hahne	8/17 Earline Davis	8/23 Henry Starling
8/3 Mary Clare Gatch Emily Conrad	8/10 Bobby Roberts Justine Wilson Carly Coleman	Tyler Wiggins Julia Collum Chip Robbins	8/24 John Cooper Frank Edwards Craig Ness Joel Kumar Ronald Rudd
8/4 Sally Meise Colt Britner	8/11 Katie Gatch Gresham Betcher Sarah Trezoglou	8/18 John Bumgarner John Armstrong	8/26 Tilley Bull Daisy Hicks Ben Hipp
8/5 Joshua Walsh Beth McDonald Karen Sullivan Carlye Wiggins Thomas Akers John Denny Katie Moats Jim Caulder, Jr. Jack Baker, Jr. Matt Moser Rowan Chandler	8/12 Danny Goist Joanne Schirato Crighton Buchanan Nancy Poston Pete Edwards Payson Decell Malcolm Jackson	8/19 Rachel Murdaugh Valerie Wilkie Brian Johns Brent Yarborough Robin Ciarcia Andy Farmer Daria Myers Ben Moore Cindy Vance	8/26 Jenny Bumgarner Jameson Chandler Cindy McDonald Madeline Connor Brianna Wojtylak
8/6 Jeff Anderson Sammy Basnett Brittany Farence Chase Crouch, III Andi Gore	8/13 Fred Kelly 8/13 Chris Sayers 8/14 Ginger Kibler Lauren Loadholt Brenda Podewil	8/20 Bill Roberts Sophia Spence Lesley Yeh Jessie Armstrong	8/27 Connie Cooper Pat Murphy, Sr. Everette Johnson Justin Merrell
8/7 Wendy Culley Tracy Driggers Stephanie Teague	8/15 Dave Teague Matt Goudelock 8/16 Marie Mallard	8/21 Dawn Felder Mary Brooks Annetta Graybill	8/28 Carly Kirkpatrick Zachary Knight Liam Miller 8/30 Witt Coleman, III 8/31 Benjy Rikard Jennifer Cammann Rylee Nates

INDOOR YARD SALE

**To benefit the Preschool and
Children's Department of LUMC**



Saturday, Aug 14th
from 9am-12pm
in the Gym at Lexington
United Methodist Church.



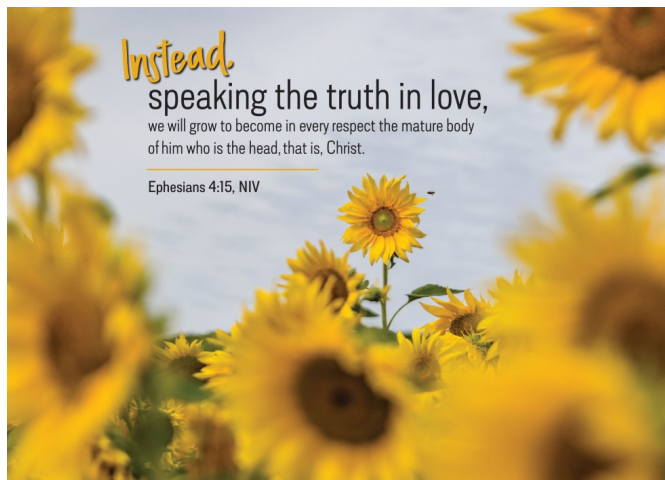
Cash only, all items are priced to sale.

If you have items to donate, please bring them to church. Donations need to be put in the children's hall, last classroom on the left prior to the sale; or put in the gym on Thursday, August 12, 9 am--3 pm

For questions or more information, contact Heather Conner or Lindsey Warner, 359-6838

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