



Lexington United Methodist Church Household of Faith

Living God's Word~Sharing God's Love



November 2021
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During the month of November we are always reminded of our *Thankfulness!* We share our time with our friends and family. We count our blessings—our blessings include our church and our community.

In our early days, witnessing was the focus as the circuit-riding ministers brought people to Christ, and to our church. By the 1940's a new LUMC

building, including room for Sunday school was needed, and permission was given to build. However, (from Church History) *“money was tight and there were no church funds. The Finance Committee had to literally come up with the money to meet the monthly construction bills. Never has such dedication, such cooperation, such enthusiasm, such sacrifice been seen as that exhibited.”*

Whenever the “chips” have been down, our church family has pulled together; continued to make our church stronger; and found ways to support the needs in our community. In 1997, when the church steeple was replaced after the 1994 tornado, Mrs. A.L. George stated she has celebrated many occasions at the church, including baptisms and weddings. Looking towards the future, she stated *“we have great aspirations for the next generation here, that is why we're putting the steeple up.”*

As we look to our future and build on our 170 year history, we will be reminded through Advent how to Worship fully, Spend less, Give More, and Love all.



On **November 21** we are going to celebrate our church community's *Generous Past* and look forward to our *Abundant Future* through worship and a luncheon celebration.

Lunch will be yummy, catered by Hudsons that includes BBQ and chicken.

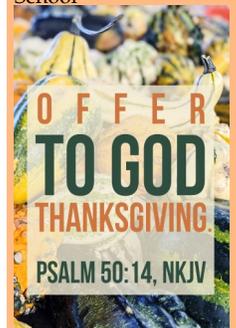
A short program will follow lunch —celebrating and our *PAST, PRESENT* (including recognizing our new members) and our *FUTURE*

Luncheon tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under. They may be purchased after the 8:30am service and before and after the 11am worship services on October 31, November 7, 14, and in the church office.

Please plan to join in this Worshipful and festive day as we move towards *Thankfulness!*
And the Advent Season



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It is through our church that we have a conduit to praise God from whom all blessings flow, and where we can² bless others. During this *Season of Thankfulness*, as we move towards *Advent*, we want to offer our support of missions we have generously continue to assist throughout the years.

Mission Lexington—Robin Bowers shared, on October 24, that last year they were able to help over 3500 families enjoy a nice holiday meal, and she shared how we can help make the holidays better for families this year by providing food to fill holiday baskets. Barrels are at the church for you to place your food donations, or there will be grocery bags for you to fill with a whole meal. Please bring your canned goods, or filled bags by December 5.



HOLIDAY BASKET
WISH LIST

\$10 GIFT CARD FOR TURKEY OR HAM
CANNED SWEET POTATOES
CANNED COLLARDS/TURNIPS
CANNED GREEN BEANS
STUFFING MIX
CRANBERRY SAUCE
CORN BREAD MIX
GRAVY MIX OR JAR
BROWNIE MIX

Drop Off Mon-Thurs. 10am-1pm
At Our Donation Door
216 Harmon Street, Lexington,
SC 29072
Questions? Email
lauren@missionlexingtonsc.org

Christmas with Epworth —Lori Torbett shared on October 31 how we can make the Holidays brighter for the children of Epworth Children’s Home. “CHRISTMAS WITH EPWORTH” provides gifts for the children to open on Christmas morning—gifts that bring smiles and excitement! These are both personal gifts and cottage gifts that the children can enjoy together.



This mission giving is working the same: If you would like a “wish”, email or text/call Lori and she will give you an item to purchase (you are committing to that particular item). She can give assistance on where to purchase, if you need help. You can also choose to donate money, and she can purchase items for you. However you wish to participate is so very much appreciated!

Epworth Children's Home can always count on our church to help give these kids a great Christmas and this year will be no different! Please let Lori know as soon as possible if you would like a wish, or if you plan to donate for us to shop for you! Once she hears from you, she will begin signing up for wishes! Gifts need to be turned into the church UNWRAPPED by December 5th. Lori Torbett, 803-629-7126, Ldtorbett@gmail.com

Angel Tree—Rachel Buchanan will share on November 14, and coordinate this ministry. Incarceration can strain family ties to the breaking point. Prison Fellowship Angel Tree provides an opportunity for local congregations to extend the hope of the Gospel and enfold Angel Tree families into church life through delivering Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents, sending kids to summer camp, facilitating one-day sports camps, and more. Look for the familiar tree with the angels gift requests on the tree.



Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes will be ready for pick-up and filling soon. Please open your hearts and prayerfully consider supporting this special ministry. The Shoeboxes bring Christmas joy and hope to kids around the world who are greatly in need. Details coming soon.





*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.*

The time leading up to Christmas is known as “Advent”. It might jar some to learn that Advent only kind of partially has anything to do with Christmas.

It is a time of heavy anticipation. It focuses on waiting for a big occurrence. But the anticipated occurrence or event is not actually fully realized on Christmas. During Advent we’re anticipating the full realization of something that began at the first Christmas (when Jesus Christ was born*) but isn’t yet fully realized. Technically Christmas begins on December 25.* Everything leading up to that date is Advent. And it’s important to note that distinction so we can be fully mindful of the hope that faith speaks into our human experience. (From UMC website)

Advent Begins November 28! Look for an Advent devotional delivered to your mailbox! There are daily devotionals to share as a family.



As a part of the Advent season, poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary and in Wesley Hall on Sunday, December 12. You may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Worship Service. (Reminder: If a poinsettia was placed in your honor, it is yours to take home.) Plants may be purchased for \$12.00.

Please complete the order form below, print this page out, and drop it in the offering plate along with your payment. You may also bring or mail your form & payment to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Lexington United Methodist Church and earmarked "poinsettia."

OR you can order on the church website by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/yzad7k6n>

OR use this QR code to get to the order form:



Deadline to order is Sunday, November 14th.

Poinsettia Order Form

***** Please Print. Circle either In Memory or In Honor *****

*****Please either Sanctuary or Wesley Hall*****

Your Name _____

Your Daytime Phone Number _____

Place my poinsettias in: Sanctuary, Wesley Hall (one)

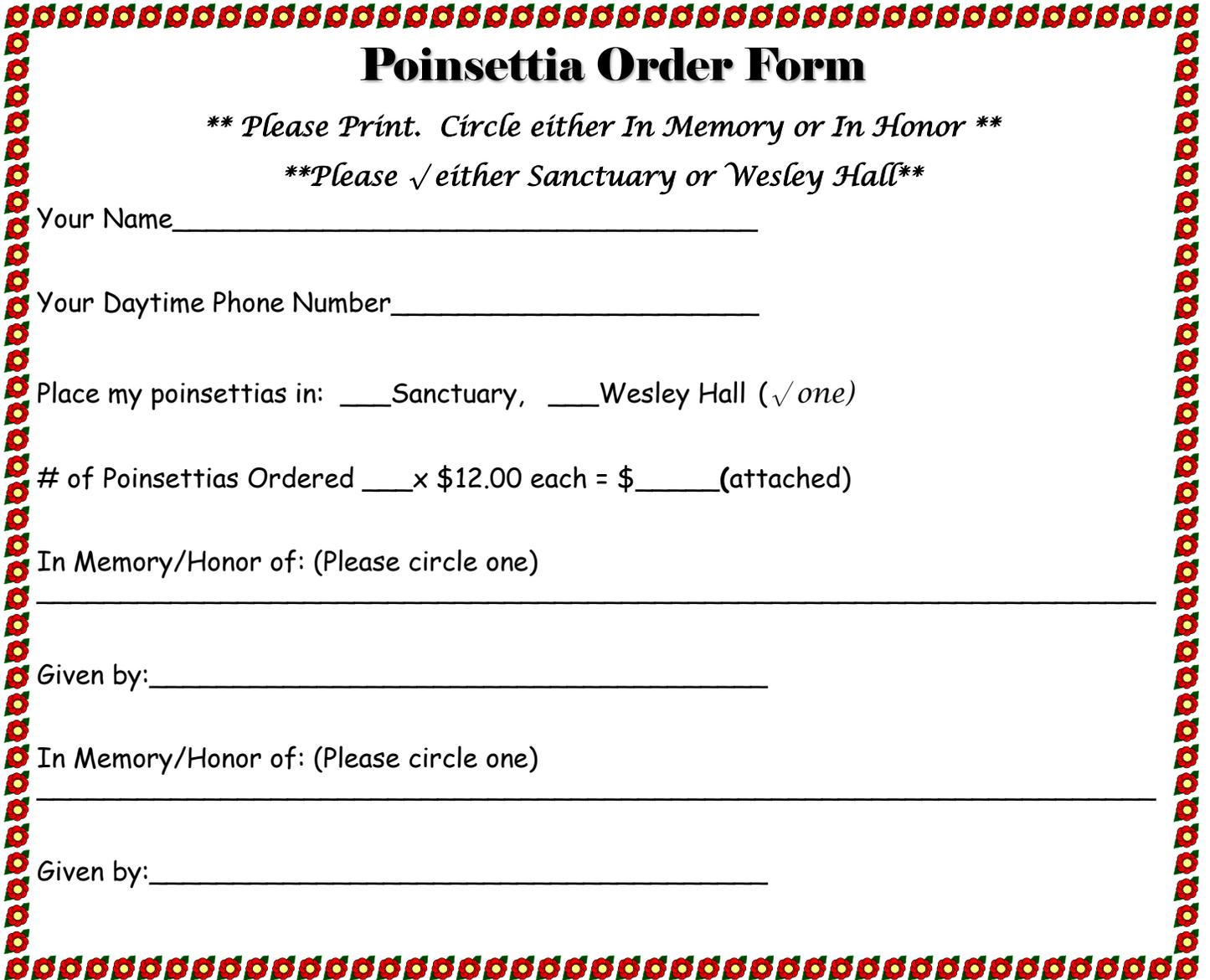
of Poinsettias Ordered ____ x \$12.00 each = \$_____ (attached)

In Memory/Honor of: (Please circle one)

Given by: _____

In Memory/Honor of: (Please circle one)

Given by: _____



Gifts & Memorials



MEMBER NEWS



THANK you.

Thank you for the prayers and concerns for my daughter-in-law, Tracy Phillips, during her illness. They are very much appreciated.
 –Berniece Phillips

Thank you for supporting the Holiday Market. \$7322 was raised, which will go toward a principle payment for debt reduction of the Ministry Center.

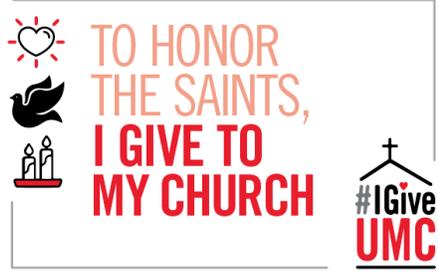
In MEMORY OF:

Lois Wing
 Open Door SS Class
 Mike & Terrie Morrison

Earl Sanford
 Randy & Barbara Hartsoe
 Grady & Marty Sanford
 Jim & Connie Brock
 Helen Thomas
 Buddy & Lynn Brewer
 Mary Hazelton
 William Crutchfield
 Mary Ann Green
 Larry & Pam Hayes
 Wade & Alice Jackson
 Bob & Cindy Graham
 Terry & Daisy Hicks
 Wilford & Becky Falls
 Grayson Meetze
 Jim & Nancy Caulder
 Ginny Kurtz
 Norman & Marilyn Boyd
 John & Beth Altenberg
 Nancy Vassar
 Kaydee Rumph
 Jeannie Ridgeway
 Joyce Adams
 Cynthia Satcher
 Cherie Bowers
 Wesleyan Disciple SS Class
 Ashley Oaks HOA
 John & Joyce Bumgarner
 Woody & Brenda Manus
 Tony & Linda Franklin
 Dick & Martha Thompson
 Margaret Kennedy
 Delos Corderman Fellowship Class
 Newberry Memorial Hospital
 Phil & Debbie Dooley

ALLSAINTSSUNDAY - AN HISTORICAL CELEBRATION
 Historically, the Church has confessed a belief in the "communion of saints"; which includes not only living believers, but also all who have gone before us. When we celebrate Holy Communion, we experience the communion of saints, feasting with believers past, present, and future. The author of Hebrews, Chapter 12 reminds us that these saints ... "a great cloud of witnesses" ... surrounds us and cheers us on.
 On All Saints Sunday, United Methodists publicly remember and honor those who have passed away. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, many congregations light candles, ring bells of remembrance, and call the names of those lost in the previous year, as a way of honoring the impact their lives had on us.
 On Sunday, November 7, Lexington UMC will be remembering and honoring the following saints, who have gone on to the Church Triumphant within the 2020-2021 year:

- Rose Marie Brodeur
- Medro "Bud" Brodeur
- Christopher Edmonds
- Bobbie Goldin
- Florence Hornsby
- Marilyn Hornsby
- Joan Kruger
- Frank Macaulay
- Sam McCuen
- Blaine Newman
- Brenda Newman
- Lee Powell
- Reta Richardson
- Earl Sanford
- Ella Scoggins
- Albert Thomas
- Lois Wing





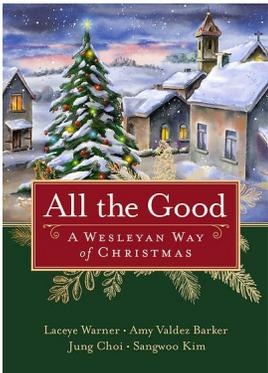
Have you been around on Wednesday Nights recently? 5
Each Wednesday night offers a different spiritual and worship experience. It is strongly recommended that you bring your mask. All activities are social distanced.



1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm, Wesley Hall - Interactive Family Worship Experience with Heather. Families of all ages and stages are invited to come and hear a Bible story, and share games and crafts.

2nd Wednesdays of the month, 6:30-7:00pm, Sanctuary, Vespers Service. This worship experience is a reflective time of liturgy, Scripture reading, song, and intercessory prayer. Our next Vespers gathering is October 13!

4th Wednesdays of the month, 6:30-7:00pm, Wesley Hall, Prayer and Praise Service. Experience liturgical readings, brief multi-media messages, Scripture readings, prayer, and contemporary Christian song selections; all to re-focus on the purpose for our living - to glorify God. Our next gathering is October 27.



ALL THE GOOD - A WESLEYAN STUDY FOR ADVENT

The season of Advent invites us to anticipate, receive, and respond to God's amazing love embodied in Jesus Christ. This new study offered throughout our 2021 Advent season is geared to help us anticipate, receive, and respond to God's love in ... A WESLEYAN WAY! (this is a new study, different from the *Almost Christmas* study that was done on 2019.)

So what does THAT mean ...

Well, for John Wesley, the marks of Methodism were not religious opinions or doctrinal commitments. Rather, they were acts of receiving God's love in Christ Jesus, and responding by practicing love through holiness of heart and life. Drawing from practices encouraged by disciples throughout Christian tradition, Wesley emphasized practices of piety and mercy, or good works, which often are referred to as means of grace.

In this weekly Advent study, we will walk through the four weeks of Advent by reflecting upon Biblical passages and Wesleyan themes, in light of various means of grace.

Our four chapters will explore themes of:

- * practicing Advent (preparing the way)
- * practicing prayer
- * practicing mercy and care for others
- * practicing God's mission to the world

As we make our way through this study, we will focus on two questions in each session:

- * what would it mean for us to understand ourselves as fully loved and fully accepted by God?
- * what does it mean to accept God's grace in Jesus Christ and to live in response to this love and grace?

Each study participant should plan on bringing a Bible to each session.

Two identical sessions will be offered for this study at two different time slots, for your convenience:

- * every Tuesday at 4pm (no class on 12/21 due to the Advent Spiral Walk). Study dates are 11/30, 12/7 & 12/14.
- * every Wednesday at 10am. Study dates are 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 & 12/22.

October Happenings Kid's Events



Over 600 attended the Trunk or Treat



What's Up on Wednesday Nights?

November 3: Moses & Miriam Celebrate



The families of children (KidsWay and Breakout) and youth are invited from 6:15-7:15pm the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** to participate in an Interactive Worship Experience. This is an opportunity for all ages to share in a Bible lesson, games, and more:

The November 17 devotional will be hiking/nature themed, and we will be decorating our own walking sticks.



Sign up to be a [Nursery Volunteer here](#).
*Volunteers and children will continue to be required to wear a mask since the children in this age group cannot yet be vaccinated



Sign up to [Acolyte here](#)

The children have been practicing their lines on Sunday mornings at 10 am, with rehearsal at 10:15 in the Sanctuary.

What happens when kids show up to perform a traditional Christmas Pageant...in their Halloween costumes?! It's up to their fill-in director to improvise her way through the story of Jesus' birth in a hilarious and heartfelt way that connects biblical figures with modern day superheroes, and more. In the end, everyone learns that perhaps being a little bit "mixed-up" is something we can all rejoice in.

The program will be Sunday, December 5 at 11am in the SANCTUARY.

There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 4, at 10am, in the Sanctuary.



Now is the Time to Register! This event was a fun, online event last year! Two of our very own members are modeling for the fashion part of the Gala. Tune in to see who....



The Killingsworth Stay at Home Gala.
November 11 at 7pm, via zoom and live streaming

Register here— **REGISTRATION IS FREE**

Dress up, turn on your camera and join us for an evening of fun as we celebrate the ministry of Killingsworth home.

The Gala is “Home for the Holidays, Again” . This signature event is an opportunity to raise funds to continue to provide services to the women of Killingsworth

This year will feature:
Fashion Show featuring our emcee Daundy Mercer Plank
Special Guest Artist – saxophonist Darius Starks

Resident Spotlight Donor Spotlight Door Prizes

Please give generously to support women, children and youth through the World Thank Offering!

thank you!

Lexington United Methodist Women
World Thank Offering: Embracing Change, Sharing Grace
Saturday, November 20th at 10am , Asbury Hall

Frances Majors Circle will have the program
Susanna Wesley and Agnes Rogers Circles will be the hostesses

The World Thank Offering, giving freely and abundantly in response to God's goodness has been the way of life for United Methodist Women for almost 150 years.

Scenes from Blessing of the Pets



Sunday School



Youth Sunday School is back!

Youth Sunday School is back in session—join your friends at 10am in the Youth room for refreshments and study the Word.

Adults, don't have a Sunday School home? Join in one of the classes that are currently meeting—007, 009, 003, 205, Asbury Hall; or talk to the Pastors to create a new class.

Adults and Youth, make Sunday School a new habit every Sunday to refresh your soul and your mind! Masks are strongly recommended for everyone until covid dies down.

Children's Sunday School currently meeting during Children's Church time.

During the Sunday School hour (10am) children are rehearsing in the Sanctuary for the Christmas play.

New Youth Pastor!

Begins his journey

Nov. 1



Hello everyone! My name is Todd Handell and I am the new youth pastor at Lexington UMC! I am so excited about starting this journey with you all as we grow together in our relationships with Christ. But also wanted to take this opportunity to share more about me so you can get to know me better. I was born and raised in Spartanburg, SC where I spent the entirety of my childhood. I am a lifelong United Methodist and grew up at Bethel UMC, where I was an active member of the youth group. My own youth group experiences significantly shaped my life and are a big reason why I am in youth ministry today. I'm very thankful to my parents for instilling Christian values in me early and raising me in the church.

I graduated from Dorman High School in 2009 and then went off to Erskine college where I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education in 2013. But I also spent two summers as a youth ministry intern during my college years, which were significant experiences for me and definitely pushed me towards ministry as a vocation. I taught Special Education for 1 year in Charleston, SC before answering God's call into youth ministry and headed back to Bethel UMC in 2014 to serve as the youth pastor. Then I transitioned to Southern Pines UMC in 2018 where I have served until my move to LUMC. I also just recently finished my Masters of Arts in Ministry from Asbury Theological Seminary in August 2021. In my ministry, I love the opportunity to build relationships with students to help them grow in their own walk with Christ and teaching them to love Jesus and create their own personal relationship with Him.

When I'm not doing ministry, you can find me watching my favorite sports teams on TV (Georgia Tech, Carolina Panthers, Charlotte Hornets, Atlanta Braves). Don't worry, I pull for the Gamecocks too! I also just love spending time with people and my friends and family. Many of you probably already know my brother Kevin Handell and his wife, Katy and their kids Mary Scott and Jackson. They have been members at LUMC for 14 years. I also have another older brother named Brian who I love dearly along with my parents, Bob and Linda. I'm thankful to be back in SC to be closer to all my family. I'm also a foodie and would love the opportunity to get to know many of you over a meal at your favorite local restaurant for Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner. So feel free to reach out so that we can connect. I'm excited to be at LUMC and work with not only the youth but also everyone as a Body of Christ. I look forward to our time together!

Todd sent a video introduction, here it is, in case you missed it: <https://youtu.be/8jLm7App-CA>

LUMC YOUTH FALL SCHEDULE

Meet 4:30—6 pm @ LUMC unless otherwise noted

Sunday—11/7 Lexington Ghost Tour 5:30pm
(meet @ Amphitheater, \$5 adults, \$2 kids)

Sunday—11/14 Bonfire + S'mores 6—7:30pm
(Thain's House)

Sunday—11/21 Youth @ MSN Wesley Foundation, USC
6—7:30 pm, dinner included

Sunday—11/28 No Youth—Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday—12/5—Fun Night

Sunday—12/12—Christmas Party

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| <p>Find the church calendar on church web site here:</p> <p>Calendar Lexington United Methodist Church</p> | <p>1</p> <p>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soccer Shots</p> | <p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Prime Timers Lunch 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM AI-Anon 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Troop 507 Boy Scout Meetings</p> | <p>3</p> <p>6:30 AM - 7:30 AM Men's Weds. AM Group 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Traditional Music Team Meeting 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Family Fellowship Night 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice</p> | <p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Line Dancing 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Senior Card Playing</p> | <p>5 10 6</p> <p>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</p> |
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In a social media post prior to departing Lexington for her renewal leave, Rev. Elizabeth Murray shared a sentiment from Winnie the Pooh: *“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”* Many of us here at LUMC share similar emotions—it is hard to say ‘goodbye’, but we are better for having been blessed by Elizabeth’s presence and ministry over the past five years.

I had a special opportunity to sit down for some quiet moments with Elizabeth on her last weekend in Lexington. At that point, she had moved out of her home here, which made her move—to faraway Paris, France—even more of a reality. As she looked forward to her future journey, she shared some thoughts on her anticipated life in Paris, as well as some of her memories from her time at LUMC.

Elizabeth will live in housing provided by the American Church, where she will be leading the youth ministry. Her ministry will include both youth (ages 11-18) and young adults (ages 18-30). The youth and young adult groups are very active in spending time together and sharing experiences. Elizabeth is excited that the American University is located right next door to the Church, which will provide regular opportunities for connecting with the students.

As she prepares for the years ahead by studying the French language and culture, Rev. Elizabeth is looking forward to new experiences. Most of all, she joyfully anticipates the opportunity to build up the youth program with a ‘system’ of TLC (tender loving care), patterned after her ministry at LUMC. The Church provides a Thanksgiving meal for the University students, which will be an early opportunity for her to engage with the students. She also looks forward to a picnic in front of the Eiffel Tower, where she will enjoy food from the street market!

One major experience that Elizabeth looks forward to is a trip to Taizé, France with the youth. We are acquainted with Taizé worship at LUMC, as we have incorporated some of the worship styles and music into our services. In France, however, this is a very serious pilgrimage. It is required that groups of youth be a part of the pilgrimage, during which they have personal worship experiences and become closer to God. During a full week from Sunday to Sunday, the youth experience a life setting that is totally opposite from the contemporary lifestyle with which they are familiar. They are away from all distractions, including media, as they worship, connect with God, and engage with each other.

As she looked forward to her new life and ministry in Paris, Elizabeth reflected on some of the things she will miss most. She will truly miss hanging out in the youth room with LUMC kids—especially since COVID has prevented this type of fellowship for much of the past 2 years. ‘Come to the Water’ has been an awesome experience, where she and the kids have had lots of fun play time, along with special times of worship. Elizabeth knows that she will greatly miss the experience of leading our youth through Confirmation. She has been instrumental in the development of a new Conference-wide Confirmation retreat, and she is sad to miss experiencing it with LUMC Confirmants in the years ahead. And...she says she will actually miss the fun (and sometimes terrifying!) experiences driving the Church bus. She especially loved the old bus, in which she used the on-board microphone to act as a ‘tour bus’ driver!

When asked to share some of the ‘highlights’ of the past 5 years, Elizabeth named a few that came to mind—both serious and humorous! Though she mentioned specific individuals, she was quick to point out that there were many, many special highlights and experiences with other un-named people—they were just too numerous to count! A special moment was seeing Addie Hendrix win and receive the Youth Harry Denman Evangelism Award at the SC United Methodist Annual Conference. She also was thrilled to watch Brandon Corley run for River Bluff High School in the cross-country state championships. It was a great experience for her and the youth to surprise Thomas Walsh to hear him preach at the Wesley Foundation at UofSC. Other highlights included the mission trip to Honduras with Cameron Beckum and the special experience of having Emily Montgomery as a student intern at LUMC.

On a lighter note, Elizabeth enjoyed watching John Walsh’s hair grow over the years. She has fond memories of the church bus breaking down on the way to her very first Confirmation retreat with LUMC youth, with the group being rescued by the Torbetts. Last, but not least, Elizabeth laughed out loud as she wondered how many ‘heart attacks’ and ‘breakdowns’ she experienced with Rick Cunningham over the years in his involvement with her and the youth??!!

Rev. Elizabeth left on her flight to Paris on October 27. As she settles into her new residence and ministry, we will be reflecting on her time with us at LUMC. We send with her our gratitude, along with many thoughts, prayers and well wishes. We know that she will be very effective in sharing her many gifts and talents with those in Paris, France. Au revoir, Elizabeth! You will be missed!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 11/1 Wayne Robinson Jack Walsh Tammy Wiggins Catie Cagney Sawyer Crosswell Henry Crosswell Gabriel Conrad | 11/9 Shannon Cooper Kirby Keith Parnell Will Spence Edie Goldsmith | William Crouch Davis Cammann | 11/27 Amy Graham Gaylon Scoates Sydney Field George Armstrong |
| 11/2 Lauren Johnson Justin Felder Seth Altenberg Carter Evans Margie Drexelius | 11/11 Aaron Fleming Rhett Manus Meredith Koss Peyton Homer | 11/18 David Teague Cam Beckum Heather Connor Mazlyn Davis | 11/28 Jim Brock Lane McDermott Susan Brickle Mary Rogers |
| 11/3 Kathy Sayers Holly Bragdon | 11/12 Pat Hayes Luther Duffie Matt Buchanan Keith McCawley Joyce Adams | 11/19 Donna Palmieri 11/20 Russell Spence Carolyn Horn Bobbie Athey Jarrett Coleman Molly Wilson Stephen Starling | 11/29 Sharie Cato Billy Willis |
| 11/4 Alice Jackson Ralph McGee Shawn Stewart Peyton Schnee Memphis McGee Grayson Roshto Raye Simmons | 11/13 Frank Stevenson Reggie Corley Sarah Rolf Josh Watts | 11/21 Danielle Johnson Colby Kirkpatrick Kaley Carter Alexis Wojtylak | 11/30 Jimmy Gatch Taylor McCormack Mike Thomas Logan Lewis Gene Brown Reilly Cafferty Praveen Aggarwal Alexander Watts |
| 11/5 Lina Gregg Alden Earl Shuler Preston Sansone | 11/14 Kim Dunbar Morgan McGee Kristi Cartwright Frank Hahne | 11/22 Ronnie Gibson Jenni Denny Austin Wicker Frank Sansone | |
| 11/6 Meg Roberts Rick Thain Edward Coleman Annaclare Coleman | 11/15 Eddie Cato Celeste Helriegel Thomas Henrickson | 11/23 Michelle Frye Patrick Rodden Wyatt Wilson Myra Kumar | |
| 11/7 Chip Mallard Dixon Brooks Jr. T.J. Knight | 11/16 Jim Arant Amy Lauren Huber Doug Weitzel Shelley Coleman Willie Fender Gardner Chittam | 11/24 Alisha Hansen Ty Coleman | |
| 11/8 Rhonda Snelgrove | 11/17 Clyde Smith Winston Harrison | 11/25 Krista Leonard Shirley Ford 11/26 Rex Newman Beau Harmon Christopher Reynolds | |



Daylight Savings Time

ends November 7!

Sleep in, and then take this opportunity to get ready and come on to church, in person!



Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Monday, November 8th from 2-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donors can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," or go directly to this

link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc>. Our goal for donations is 41 units so we hope to sign up roughly 50 donors.

The Red Cross needs to collect 10,000 additional blood products each week over the next month to overcome the current shortage and meet the needs of patients in hospitals across the country. While it is clear that the pandemic continues to weigh heavily on people's lives, the Red Cross asks the public to remember that donating blood is essential. Please give blood!

There is a new incentive! Each person who give blood will be automatically registered for:

A 10-day trip for two to Hawaii, courtesy of Amazon Prime Video. The trip includes round-trip airfare for two, hotel accommodations for nine nights, meals, \$1,000 gift card for expenses and on-trip transportation with four stops from Honolulu to Maui through Trafalgar tours. PLUS a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, thanks to our partners at Amazon.

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Pre-orders will be taken until

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Extras will be ordered but in limited supply



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or at the church office.

Delivery is scheduled for Nov 18th from 9am-12pm. Any orders not picked up will be placed in the Freezer for pick up on Sunday, Nov 20th after the services.

The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

The primary responsibilities of the charge conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church.

Please note: **THE LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2021 AT NOON IN WESLEY HALL.**

And one last thing ... members of the charge conference shall be persons of genuine Christian character who love the Church, are morally disciplined, are committed to the mandate of inclusiveness in the life of the Church, are loyal to the ethical standards of The United Methodist Church set forth in the Social Principles, and are competent to administer its affairs. It shall include youth members chosen according to the same standards as adults. All shall be professing members of the local church, except where central conference legislation provides otherwise. The pastor shall be the administrative officer, and as such shall be an ex officio member of all conferences, boards, councils, commissions, committees, and task forces, unless restricted by the Discipline.

We hope to see you on Sunday, November 14th - at Noon - in Wesley Hall!

Do you have a natural gift for electronics, sound, or video equipment?

Or maybe you just have a strong desire to learn, along with a passion to serve the Body of Christ?



There are many opportunities for you to serve in the Multi-Media Ministry of LUMC! We are looking for those who desire to continue to learn; who are team players; and most of all who are committed to this ministry arena. This does not mean that you have to start out knowing anything about A/V! Just have a learning attitude and a willingness to be directed! Volunteers will be trained for any/all specific technological skill or knowledge required for the ministry responsibilities ... so the only prerequisite is a willingness to learn along with a comfort in handling and using technological devices and equipment.

Needed roles include: video camera operators; audio engineer; Propresenter setup; content provider; graphic designer. Volunteers are needed for all three Sunday worship services, as well as special events throughout the week.

If you are interested in finding out more and discovering whether or not you are a match for our team, please attend our MULTI MEDIA TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT SESSION on Sunday, November 21, 4pm. Adults and youth are invited to attend. We'll meet in the sanctuary!

LUMC's multi-media ministry's mission is to glorify God by ensuring that His Word and our praise and song to Him is seen and heard clearly and without distraction or interference within our local church and throughout the world as it is broadcasted and distributed on media with the highest video, audio, and production quality available.

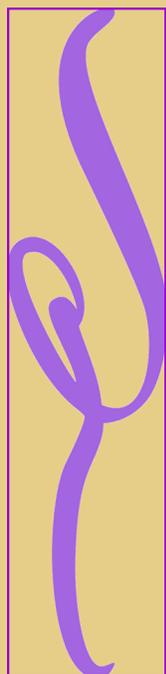
Although our multi-media ministry covers all of LUMC's needs that have to do with audio and video technology, the most requested and needed functions of this ministry include:

- * broadcasting live audio and video to the worship centers and via the internet
- * recording audio and video during regular church services and special events
- * audio and video editing of recorded services and other special events for archive, broadcast, and production

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