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While the observance is commonly referred to as a Week of Prayer, it lasts eight full days. The number eight is important in the Christian understanding of salvation history. The resurrection of Jesus on Sunday marks that day as the "eighth day of creation" and the first of the new creation. Many baptismal pools and fonts have eight sides because in baptism we are buried with Christ in his death and raised with him to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4). The eight days of prayer across all of our churches reflects our confidence in our Risen Lord to make us one. The theme of the observance for 2022 is "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him." –UMC.org

THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER

Shepherd's Center plans to reopen with a Winter/Spring session March 3 - April 7. Registration numbers will be limited to allow for social distancing. Class booklets will be available the first week of February.

CARING CONNECTIONS

Many things have changed in the last two years because of the pandemic. One thing that should not change, however, is our outreach to those who are home bound, in assisted living, and those serving in the military. The Caring Connections Team has provided this outreach for many years. If you have a loved one or know anyone who could use a smile, please email Sandra Brabham at ssbrabham@icloud.com or call her at 803-359-1093.

FEELING "CHOSEN"?

There is still time to sign up for The Chosen! If you have not already heard about it, The Chosen is a drama based on the life of Jesus, and it is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus. The series' hopefully distinguishes its self by offering a perspective on Jesus' life through the eyes of those who met him and lived life with him. A team-taught Small Group Study will be offered highlighting The Chosen. Two identical

sessions will be offered at two different times for your scheduling convenience. These sessions will be offered on Mondays (4pm) and Fridays (10am) of each week. The introductory sessions have already happened but you may still join us for the regular study gatherings. Regular study gatherings will begin on Monday, January 24th at 4pm and Friday, January 28th at 10am. Please consult the January HOF for links to view The Chosen series. Viewing of The Chosen series is required prior to Study participation. Please contact David Marshall-803-553-3709 or Pastor Kim-843-685-3659 for further information.

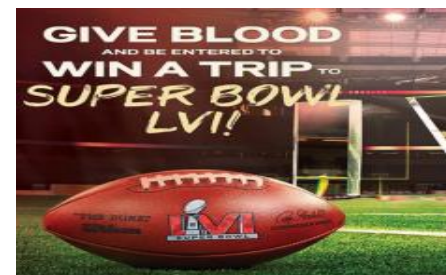
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, JAN. 24

2:00-7:00PM

Donors can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," or go straight 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. Donors are automatically entered to win a 2022 Super Bowl getaway in Los Angeles including tickets to Super Bowl LVI, the official NFL Tailgate, round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations AND a \$500 gift card for expenses!

Some of the common questions we have right now are if folks can donate after a COVID vaccine/booster or the flu shot and the answer is "yes!" Folks can also donate after having COVID as long as they are not experiencing symptoms the day of the drive, are supposed to be in quarantine, or if they are waiting on a pending test.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Thank you to everyone who helped pack 20 Birthday Boxes for Mission Lexington. These will be delivered to them early next week to distribute. Remember that we can all make a difference and bring a bit of light into the darkness for others. Way to go LUMC Children!

February 2nd – "Don't Hope in Groundhogs!" The Beatitudes & finding strength in God alone. 6:15pm in Wesley Hall

February 9th – Breakout Kidz (4th/5th graders) meetup for National Pizza Day! 6:15pm in Wesley Hall with Pizza from Nicky's Pizzeria on Main Street (Adult volunteers needed!) Sign up coming soon!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will meet in the same room we meet for children's church for the time being. Nursery is now open for both the Sunday school hour and the 11am service time. NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED! **If you are interested in helping with Sunday school please [sign up here](#), children's church [sign up here](#), and to help with nursery, [click here](#).** Volunteers, we need you! We are hopeful to start having 3k-2nd and 3rd – 5th meet in two groups vs one but are in need of adult guides! Youth 15+ are able to assist in guiding a children's group when paired with an adult. Contact heather@lexumcsc.com or 919.906.0096 and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Each month we have a new faith word for Children's ministry. Our word for January is **Journey**. We will be talking all about Jesus' journey from the temple as a young boy, to his baptism, temptation, and more! We hope you will come **JOURNEY** with us.

We're on the web:

<http://www.lexumcsc.com>



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ECUMENICAL SUNDAY IS TODAY

Jan. 18-25 marks the [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#). This annual observance, sponsored jointly by the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity since 1968, invites all Christians everywhere to remember one another in prayer and strengthen the bonds of love and mutual mission we share in Jesus Christ.