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BINGO & BBQ SATURDAY, AUG. 6, 5-7PM

Get ready for Bingo & BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 6 in Wesley Hall! Tickets are on sale NOW! \$10/adult and \$5 children 12 and under. Pulled pork by Love Handells BBQ and fixin's. Bingo is free for all ages to play! There will be a bake sale and silent auction featuring fun baskets. See Linda Gladden for tickets. Mark your calendars and don't miss out!!! All proceeds from the dinner, bake sale, and auction will benefit UWF missions.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY, JULY 11 FROM 2-7PM ASBURY HALL

WE NEED BLOOD! Donors will get a free Red Cross tote bag! Donors can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," or directly at this link: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc.

Our goal for donations is 35 units, so we hope to sign up at least 40 donors. Please make your appointment today!

SAVE THE DATE! KAYAKING

There will be a church wide kayaking trip on Saturday, August 27 at 10am on the Saluda River! Join us as we paddle the beautiful section of the Saluda River with Canoeing for Kids! The trip begins at their boathouse and will last for 2-3 hours. The cost is \$40/person. See Pastor Laurie if you have any questions! Sign up here: https://lexumcsc.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/db493006-e229-42f4-8818-46a95ae69f5d

MOVIE NIGHT SUNDAY, JULY 24, 6-7:50PM

Kick off Compassion Week and enjoy a special movie about sharing the Christmas spirit! Join us in Wesley Hall for "Christmas Jars" based on the bestselling novel by Jason F. Wright. Doors open at 5:30pm. Bring a brown bag supper or we'll order you a pizza! See today's insert for more info and to sign up! You may also sign up for pizza on our website!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME IS BACK!

Coffee Fellowship Time is back!! Join your church family for fellowship in Asbury Hall, immediately following the 8:30 am worship service EACH SUNDAY. Light refreshments will be served. Please wear your LUMC name tags, as Pastor Mack gets to know us!

SNACK SACK

Thank you for your support of the Snack Sack Program this school year. We need \$5,800 more to pay our May invoice for Harvest Hope. Please consider donating additional money to help pay off this debt. We will start the next school year's program in late September. Contact Rick with questions or comments.

<u>Rj_cunningham@yahoo.com</u> 803.414.2940

BLESSING BOX

We need help keeping enough food on hand to fill the Blessing Box each week. Currently, the box is filled on Tuesday and Thursday. Some items are: bottled water, any kind of canned beans, corn, string beans or peas (with pop tops). Also needed are boxes of mac and cheese, canned meats, Vienna sausages, chicken or ham. Canned fruits, applesauce, peaches, etc. Individual packs of grits, oatmeal or cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars or fruit bars. Food donations for the Blessing Box are needed daily to feed our needy families in Lexington. Monetary donations are also accepted. Thank you! Rick Cunningham



ALPACA SHOEBOX

THANK YOU, LUMC, for your generous donations of socks & underwear for our new Alpaca Shoebox project! For the month of July, we are requesting donations of bar soap, toothbrushes, toothbrush cover (top of brush kind) (NO toothpaste), combs & brushes, child nail clippers. Thank you again for your participation in our expanded efforts to fill shoeboxes this year. Many children will be blessed by your generosity!!

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME GIVE "BACK" PACKS MISSION

It's time to begin our summer Epworth mission of giving back packs to the children of Epworth Children's Home! See today's insert for more information!

CHURCHWIDE STANDUP PADDLE BOARDING SUNDAY, JULY 17 4-6PM

Join in with our church family for an afternoon of paddle boarding! \$15/paddleboarder. Children 7 yrs. and younger share a board with an adult for free. Join us at California Republic SUP 3072 Hwy #378 Leesville, SC 29070. Sign up by scanning the QR code below:



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Compassion Camp has **CHANGED!** Dates have changed so that this event is a Sunday & Wednesday event for all! On Sunday, July 24, 31, & Aug. 7, a Youth skit video will be played during the Children's Video Moment then we will have a Lovingkindness practice. At 10:00am we will meet in the connector room for a Compassion in Action project. On Wednesday, July 27 & Aug. 3, we will gather at 6:30pm in Wesley Hall where we will see our Bible story skit, share in yoga & movement, and our lovingkindness practice. No sign ups are needed, just your participation! Please see the attached flyers for themes for each day! We can't wait to get started with **Compassion Camp!**