

MEET OUR CHURCH STAFF:

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A NOTE FROM FINANCE

Dear Congregation, we are blessed at LUMC! We're still recovering from the recent shutdowns and restrictions, but things are looking up.

Pastor Kim was a beacon during some lean times, and now Pastor Mack & Pastor Brandes will make us strong again. To accomplish our continued mission, we need your help. Right now expenses exceed receipts by \$65,000. How did this happen? We've had large, one-time expenses early 2022 such as new air conditioning system and a new handicapped door system in the Ministry Center. If you personally pledged for 2022, please make sure you're current. If you didn't pledge, prayerfully consider an offering. Let's work together to keep LUMC a strong, vibrant servant for God in the Lexington community. Thank you & God Bless. Andy Farmer, CPA
Finance Chair

CHURCH COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Church Council this Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30pm in Asbury Hall. All Council members are expected to attend.

BINGO & BBQ

SATURDAY, AUG. 6, 5-7PM

Next Sunday is the last Sunday to purchase your tickets for the BBQ & Bingo night on August 6. You may purchase after the 8:30am & 11:00am services at the desk outside of Asbury Hall, or see Linda Gladden to purchase your ticket. The ticket cost is \$10/adult and \$5/child under 12 yrs. old. Proceeds benefit UWF missions.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

The LUMC Preschool is in search of a teacher for the 2 yr. old class for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested, please contact Lindsey Warner, Preschool Director, at 864-992-9901.

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.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/db493006-e229-42f4-8818-46a95ae69f5d>

MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT, 6-7:50PM

Christmas Jars! Looking forward to seeing you at MOVIE NIGHT --tonight, Wesley Hall doors open at 5:30 pm, movie starts at 6:00 pm. You are welcome to bring a brown bag supper for your family. If you ordered a pizza, we will have it here for you. Popcorn, drinks and snacks will be available.

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!

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME GIVE "BACK" PACKS MISSION

It's time for our summer Epworth mission of giving back packs to the children of Epworth Children's Home! We are still needing \$4500 to reach our goal! Please consider donating to this great cause!

UWF

The UWF Rada Knife fundraiser will be ending on Saturday, July 30. Please contact Linda Corley to place your order or for more information-803-605-8687.

ALPACA SHOEBOX

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!!

SNACK SACK

Thank you for your support of the Snack Sack Program this school year. We need \$2,900 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.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Compassion Camp- 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!**

Do you have a rising 2nd grader? This fall they will reach a milestone in children's ministry. It's time for them to receive their very own Bible! Contact Heather@lexumcsc.com for more info! We look forward to celebrating with you and your child as they continue to wonder and grow in God. **DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1ST.**



The flowers on the altar in the traditional service are placed to the glory of God by Kathy Seeby and Angie Cunningham.