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RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED!

If you would like to help out by answering phones and doing small tasks once or twice a month, please contact Mary Jane Teague at <u>mjtea09@sc.rr.com</u> We are always looking for someone to help out!

PECANS ARE IN!

If you have ordered pecans from the A.L. George Circle, please pick up your order during coffee time today or see Trudy Huffstetler.

ANGEL TREE

Each year LUMC participates in the Angel Tree program collecting gifts for children with incarcerated parents. We have requested to serve over 70 children this year. Volunteers are needed to call families to verify the ability to participate and the children's wish list, work the pick-up times and deliver gifts. If you are able to volunteer for any of those jobs, contact Rachel Buchanan at <u>rachbuchanan76@gmail.com</u> or 803-546-1257. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME ANGEL WISH MISSION

If you would like to sign up for a wish please contact Lori Torbett at 803-629-7126 or <u>ldtorbett@gmail.com</u>. If you would like to donate money, we will shop for you! Please label your check or envelope with Epworth Children's Home. Gifts need to be turned in UNWRAPPED to the church by 12/7. Thank you!!

MISSION LEXINGTON HOLIDAY WISH LIST

Mission Lexington is planning to provide Holiday Food Baskets for people in our community again this year. We are asking for donations of the items on their wish list. Look for plastic bins located at the church to drop off your donations for Thanksgiving by Sunday, November 13th and for Christmas by Sunday, December 11th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Holiday Basket Wish List: \$10 gift card for turkey or ham Canned sweet potatoes Canned collards/turnips Stuffing mix Cranberry sauce Cornbread mix Gravy mix or jar Brownie mix

WINTER CAMP WEDS., DEC. 21, 9AM-NOON

Join us for Art, Science, Stem, and loads of fun at Winter Camp! Dec 21st from 9 am-12 pm for **2-year-olds up to 5th grade**! The cost is only \$25/child. <u>https://lumcpreschool.shelbynextchm</u> <u>s.com/external/form/7ae9987d-b0e3-4541-</u> <u>8be6-6dc1057c4f3d</u>

ADVENT EVENTS

Advent begins on Sunday, Nov. 27. As we look forward to Advent, here are the dates and times for upcoming events:

Dec. 4-Children's Christmas Program (one 11:00am service in the sanctuary. The 8:30am service will meet as usual).

Dec. 7-*Preparing to Celebrate* party in Asbury Hall. A whole church party with ginger bread house decorating.

Dec. 11-Cantata-(one 11:00am service in the sanctuary. The 8:30am service will meet as usual).

Dec. 18-Moravian Love Feast-6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Dec. 21-Advent Spiral Walk-5:45pm-7:00pm, outside by playground for whole family.

Dec. 24-Christmas Eve services-4:30pm & 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

Dec. 25-10:00am worship in the sanctuary.

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE IN!

If you ordered Butter Braids from the preschool fundraiser, they are in the freezer with your name on them. Please pick them up when you get a chance!



CHILDREN'S CORNER

God with Us Advent Take Home Family Study will be available on the first Sunday of advent.

Dec. 4th – children's program (11 am service) There's still time for your child to participate! Join us for our next practices on Sunday mornings at 10am in the sanctuary. Our dress rehearsal will be on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:15 pm in the sanctuary. I expect it to last about an hour. All cast are asked to attend but especially everyone with a speaking role. On the day of the show, we will meet in the purple awning room (preschool library) at 10:15am. Please look for another email this week with costumes and additional information.

Dec. 7th – Preparing to Celebrate! party - How do you prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday? Come get ready with us this year in Asbury Hall! We will be decorating gingerbread houses, enjoying hot cocoa, and hearing a story. This is open to the whole church, all ages & stages; RSVP is required for supply counts. <u>Sign up</u> <u>here!</u>

Dec. 21st (winter solstice) - Winter Day camp still has a few spots left! Sign up and allow yourself those last minute prep hours for Christmas. 9-Noon

Dec. 21st (winter solstice) - Advent Spiral Walk with stations 5-7:45pm; outside near the preschool playground. Open to the whole community.

Children's Church volunteers are needed desperately. Please <u>sign up here</u>.