

Lexington United Methodist Church
Household of Faith
 Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

December
2022

Inside this month:



Advent is a season of waiting,
expecting, and hoping.

Beginning four Sundays prior to Christmas and ending on Christmas Eve, Advent helps us prepare for the coming, or "advent" of the Christ child into our world—God Incarnate. Praise God! Make time to worship together with your church family:

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Worship Schedule:

November 27--First Sunday of Advent, regular 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services

December 4— Children's Christmas Program—11 am (one 11 service in Sanctuary, 8:30 meet as usual)

December 11—Cantata-*Season of Wonder*, by Martin —11am service in Sanctuary (one 11 service, 8:30 meet as usual)

December 18—Moravian Love Feast —6:30 pm in Sanctuary

December 24—Christmas Eve Services—4:30 pm and 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

December 25—10 am worship in Sanctuary, one service

January 1— 10 am worship in Wesley Hall, one service

Read more here: [What is Advent about?](#)



Blessings to you, brothers and sisters in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! There have been some very wonderful happenings in your household of faith. The Holy Spirit has been moving with increased worship and attendance, and your outreach to the community remains very strong.

We have one area that needs to grow though, and that is our **investment of stewardship**. Right now, your church is considerably behind in our tithing and giving to fill the requirements of the budget. This shortage has been brought to my attention, and church leaders have

asked me to address it with you. Tithing is very important to the church because we cannot pay our bills and meet our mission and ministry commitments for the Lord without it. So I am simply asking your help and remember to give each Sunday. Please prayerfully look to what the Lord speaks to you about your giving.

God bless you all,
Mack McDowell



Church Family Celebration— (this means *everyone!*)

Preparing to Celebrate!

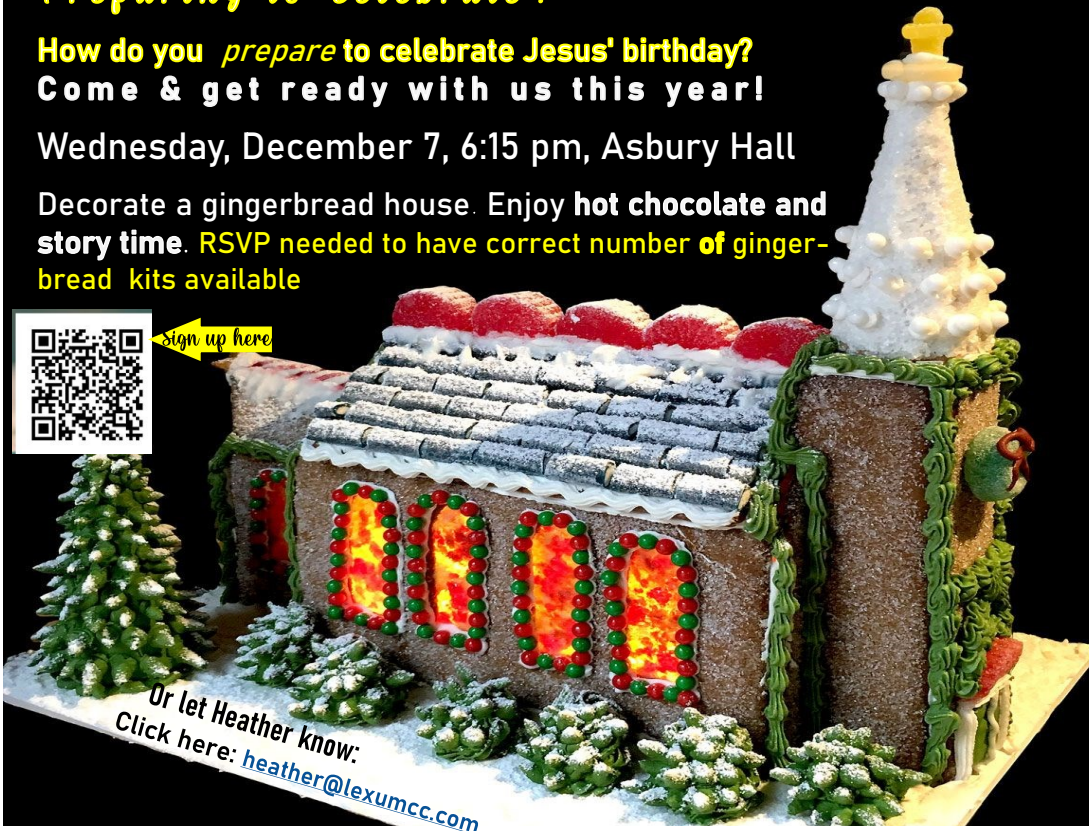
**How do you *prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday?*
Come & get ready with us this year!**

Wednesday, December 7, 6:15 pm, Asbury Hall

Decorate a gingerbread house. Enjoy hot chocolate and story time. **RSVP needed to have correct number of gingerbread kits available**



Sign up here



Or let Heather know:
Click here: heather@lexumcc.com



Living God's Word-
Sharing God's Love

Lexington Reaching Everyone—

The LRE team meets every Monday night at 7 pm in the Parlor.

This team's mission is to contact those who visit our church on Sunday mornings.

They also visit bereaved members, and the suffering.

They pray over all before they visit, and after returning.

The LRE team is an important part of our church witness; and is living out our LUMC mission statement to *Live God's Word and Share God's Love*.

Would you like to join this team and give of your time?

They are always looking for help with visitation! Just show up on Monday evening!



THE SPIRAL WALK WILL BE OUTSIDE BY THE PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Advent Spiral Walk

PREPARING FOR THE
COMING OF CHRIST

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 21ST

5-7:45PM SPIRAL
WALK OPEN

A SPIRAL WALK IS A CALM, QUIET WALKING PATH
SIMILAR TO A LABYRINTH, JUST SIMPLIFIED. YOU ARE
INVITED TO VISIT THE REFLECTION STATIONS AND
ENJOY THE CANDLELIT SPIRAL WALK WITH US.



Each year LUMC participates in the Angel Tree program by collecting gifts for children with incarcerated parents. We have requested to serve over 70 children this year. As of 11/27, there were about 7 tags left for gifts to be purchased. The tags are in the “connector” room. **Gifts need to be returned by 12/11.** Make sure Rachel knows which tag you took.

Volunteers are needed to work the pick-up times and deliver gifts. If you are able to volunteer for any of those jobs, contact Rachel Buchanan at rachbuchanan76@gmail.com 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 ldtorbett@gmail.com

Gifts need to be turned in UNWRAPPED to the church by **12/7.**

If you would like to donate money, we will shop for you! Please label your check or envelope with Epworth Children's Home. Thank you!!



We hope all of you are working on filling your jars and have begun thinking about who might need a jar of Christmas Blessings this year. Maybe it’s a worker at your favorite fast-food restaurant, many of whom are making minimum wage. Or a co-worker who could use a little extra help this year, especially at Christmas. Or a neighbor who’s going through some tough times. We know times are tough for everyone, and maybe especially for the “working poor”, those who work hard but just can’t quite make ends meet or have had unexpected emergencies pop up. Listen to those around you. Ask friends if they know someone who could use a little help.

The church will have copies of the book “Christmas Jars” available for you to pick up and include with your jar so that the recipient will know about our ministry. You can pick up a copy of the book from the Church Office any time after December 1. Add your jar to a gift bag with the book and brighten up someone’s Christmas with a totally unexpected blessing!

Receiving this Christmas jar made me realize that I am not alone. I know that He sees my struggles, He hears my prayers and that He put angels on my path to let know that He is there. I just needed to open my spiritual eyes to see and my heart to feel that He is there for me. Every time, I tell this story to someone I still feel the same way I felt that day I received my Christmas Jar.—from web site

Mission Lexington was founded by local churches more than 40 years ago, and today we are so grateful for the Lexington churches who continue to support our mission.



Thank you [Lexington United Methodist Church SC](#) for partnering with us and making sure our neighbors in crisis have a meal for Thanksgiving.

150 lbs of food & \$130 in gift cards

Sammie Brown delivering
Picture courtesy of Mission Lex /FB

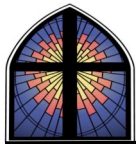
Christmas Gifts Needed



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INFANTS 0-12 MONTHS	STOCKING STUFFERS	TEENS
Teethers Sippy Cups Bathtub Toys Light & Sound Toys Board Books Rattles Push/Pull Toys <i>No Clothing Please!</i>	Plastic Animals Deodorant Nail Polish Coloring Books Lotions Lip Balm Brushes Small Toys Small Footballs <i>Stockings needed, too!</i>	Footballs & Basketballs Cologne/Perfume Sets Makeup Sets Soft Blankets Bodywash Sets (AXE) Hats and Gloves Fuzzy Socks Ear Buds LED Lights Gift Cards
Drop off at the Donation Center 216 Harmon Street, Lexington, SC 29072 Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm Deadline: December 10		Board Games & Puzzles FOR ALL AGES!



Children's Ministry
Lexington
United Methodist Church

LUMC promises to surround our children with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. Our intention is to minister to the needs of all children and provide them with a caring community where all may be nurtured in a dignified and loving manner.

Children's Christmas Program December 4, 11 am



WOW! is a short Christmas play that faithfully tells the story of Jesus' birth in a contemporary style.

There are 5 hymns throughout that allow participation by the whole audience.

LUM Preschool and LUMC Kids
WINTER CAMP

December 21st
9am-12pm
2yrs old-5th grade
\$25 per child



Join us for a fun morning of winter-themed art, science, and games!

Register at
www.lexumcsc.com




We need children to ring the bell at the start of both the 8:30am and 11am traditional services. Email Heather (above) and let her know if your child is interested!

Acolytes, we need you in both the 8:30am and 11am services. Want to become an Acolyte? Email Ms. Heather at heather@lexumcsc.com. Acolyte training will be December 11 after the 11 am services.

Sign up
to **Acolyte**
here




Will you help just one Sunday a month with Children's Church? We desperately need volunteers during the 11am worship hour. Heather will lead the lesson; two people are needed in the classroom each Sunday. [Sign up here.](#)



December Events:



December 4 5 - 6:30 pm **LUMC Wesley Hall**
Join us on Sunday, December 4 for a Christmas Game Night! We will play tons of Christmas games, give away lots of prizes, and have a lot of fun! Make sure to come join us!



LUMC Youth Christmas Party

December 11 5 - 6:30 pm **LUMC Wesley Hall**
The Christmas Party is back! Bring a gift for the gift exchange (worth \$5 to \$15) and then get ready for Christmas Bag Bonanza, a game of chance where you don't know what prize you will end up with!



Moravian Love Feast

Moravian Love Feast **December 18 6 pm**
Join us for our annual Moravian Love Feast! Youth, Children and other Adults serve as the primary servers during this service, so if you are interested in helping, please contact Katy Handell at kevinandkatyhandell@gmail.com



[Winter Retreat Registration](#)

[Click here for Youth Newsletter](#)
on LUMC webpage

Parent Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help provide snacks / be an adult at Youth Group on Sunday nights! If you can volunteer your time, please click on the link below!

[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

DECEMBER

Birthdays

12/1 Tracy Rowe	Craig Powell	Kathy Seeby
Kris Cato	Jim Athey	Donna Bashline
12/2 Carolyn Johnson	Trish Palmer	12/24 Donald Bickel
Matt Maxwell	Maddie Masters	Joseph Whetstone
12/4 Cindy Bowman	Emma Masters	Luanne Brabham
Sutton Sinclair	Kristen Richardson-Frick	12/25 Ron Hutson
12/5 Angie Cunningham	12/13 Stephanie Loadholt	Lily Laffin
Deryl Macaulay	Charlie Robbins Jr.	12/26 Cam Hakim
Sammie Brown	12/14 Michael Jack	Zoe Trezise Ayers
Terri Pierce	12/15 Cameron Rainey	Jackson Goldsmith
12/6 Bruce Fogle	Ann Childers	Mack Blume
Ginny Kurtz	Lois Stuber	William Vernon
Barbara Bodie	Deanna McGee	12/27 Barry Keith
Nicole Hayes	Bill Bodie	Don Myers
Vivian Robbins	12/16 Melanie Anderson	Treislyn Davis
Brad Montgomery	Vicki Boylston	Penny Wilson
12/7 Meghan Field	David Brown	Jill Kunkle
Frank Seeby Jr.	Steve Burnett	12/28 Kimball Harrison Jr.
Kathryn Duffie	Hannah Gourley	Levy Rogers Jr.
Denny Everette	12/17 Kitty Spence	Sarah DeBerry McKnight
MyKenzie Britner	12/18 Sandra Brabham	Taylor Stevenson
Elsy Coleman	Matthew Bowman	Lorri Johnson
Lillian June Lowery	Kevin McGee	12/29 Mike Gregory
12/8 Todd Taylor	Cameron Smith	Sutton Betcher
David Reynolds II	Eric Owens	12/30 Mary Corley
Gralynn Roberts	Elijah Stewart	Ken Parnell
Michael Logan	12/19 Edens Baker	Colin Martin
12/9 Cody Turner	Adam Britner	Briggs Johnson
12/10 Alison Davison	12/20 Vonnie Folk	12/31 Pat Smiley
Debra Lyles	Cliff Rivers Jr.	
Todd Brandes	Eddie Beckum	
Candance Craig	12/21 Douglas Crossman	
12/11 Jack Young	Jenny Culler	
12/12 Donna Dunnagan	12/22 Ann Cimburke	
	12/23 Ruth Murphy	

Gifts & Memorials

In HONOR OF:

Rick Thain
Tim & Ann Chandler

Danny Young
Tim & Ann Chandler

Rev. Patricia Mayfield
Jim & Jennifer
Mayfield

In MEMORY OF:

Sandra Anderson
Mary Ann Green
Ginny Kurtz
Carolyn Campbell
Tim & Ann Chandler
Jim & Connie Brock
Rex & Vicki Boylston

Nancy Mack
Cynthia Satcher
Margie & George Ivey, Jr.
Donald & Karen Rissmeyer
Dana Lott Tucker

Bobbie Goldin
Carolyn Campbell

Albert Thomas
Carolyn Campbell

Earl Sanford
Carolyn Campbell

John Bashline
George & Luanne Renwick

Jim Walsh
Tim & Ann Chandler

Bob Ackerman
Jim & Connie Brock

Jim Walsh
Dana Lott Tucker





Sam & Amy Dabbs
 (Zara, Jax & Eli)
 211 Farmington Ct.
 Lexington, 29072
 Joined 11/20/22

Rob & Lori Rose
 231 White Knoll Rd.
 W. Columbia, 29170
 Joined 10/23/22

Todd Handell

Robert 'Mack' & Cheryl McManus

2022 Confirmands

Jack Bradley Baker, Jr
 Madeline Grace Connor
 Ransom Michael Nates
 Jackson Christopher Register

Here are 14 reasons we are thankful in 2022. The 14 people listed below made a commitment to joined LUMC in 2022. We are grateful for them and for their talents they are sharing with our church.

This is a great time to remind all of us of the membership vows we took when we joined—



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>December</p>				<p>1</p> <p>10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 11:00am - 11:30am Preschool Chapel 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards 6:30pm - 7:30pm Pack 507-Den Meetings</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Band Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:30am - 4:00pm Private Event-Family Reunion</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time 9:45am - 10:45am Adult Sunday School 9:45am - 10:45am Children's SS Meet 10:00am - 10:45am Youth Sunday School 11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Service- Children's Christmas Program 3:00pm - 5:00pm Divorce Care</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm - 7:30pm LRE-Lexington Reaching Everyone</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am - 10:30am Staff Meeting 11:30am - 1:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon 5:30pm - 6:30pm AI-Anon 6:30pm - 7:30pm Tuesday Evening Service 6:45pm - 8:15pm Boy Scout Troop 507 Meetings 7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom with Pastor Mack</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Churchwide Preparing to Celebrate Party 6:30am - 7:30am Men's Weds. AM Group 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 7:00pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 5:00pm - 8:00pm UMW Foster Child Event for Epworth 6:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Band Practice</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time 9:45am - 10:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am - 10:45am Youth Sunday School 11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Service-Cantata 3:00pm - 5:00pm Divorce Care 5:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Christmas Party</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm - 7:30pm LRE-Lexington Reaching Everyone</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am - 1:00pm Cards R Us card making 10:00am - 10:30am Staff Meeting 11:30am - 2:00pm Suzanna Wesley Christmas Lunch 5:30pm - 6:30pm AI-Anon 6:30pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Troop 2375-Leah Smith 6:30pm - 7:30pm Tuesday Evening Service 6:45pm - 8:15pm Boy Scout Troop 507 Meetings 7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom with Pastor Mack</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30am - 7:30am Men's Weds. AM Group 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 11:00am - 12:00pm Preschool Board Meeting 11:00am - 11:30am Preschool Chapel 7:00pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice Quester—off site</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 11:00am - 11:30am Preschool Chapel 11:00am - 12:00pm Preschool Parent Party 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards 6:30pm - 7:30pm Pack 507-Den/Pack Meetings</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Band Practice</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time 9:45am - 10:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am - 10:45am Youth Sunday School 11:00am - 12:00pm Contemporary Worship Service-with Children's Church 11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Service-with Children's Church 6:30pm - 7:30pm Moravian Love Feast</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm - 7:30pm LRE-Lexington Reaching Everyone</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am - 10:30am Staff Meeting 5:30pm - 6:30pm AI-Anon 6:30pm - 7:30pm Tuesday Evening Service 7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom with Pastor Mack</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Churchwide Advent Spiral Walk 6:30am - 7:30am Men's Weds. AM Group 9:00am - 12:00pm Winter Camp-Preschool, Children, & Youth 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 7:00pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Band Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve 4:30pm - 5:30pm Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm - 8:00pm Christmas Eve Service</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day 10:00am - 11:00am Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Christmas Holiday-CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm - 7:30pm LRE-Lexington Reaching Everyone</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am - 10:30am Staff Meeting 10:30am - 12:00pm Suzanna Wesley Circle 5:30pm - 6:30pm AI-Anon 7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom with Pastor Mack</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30am - 7:30am Men's Weds. AM Group 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 7:00pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Band Practice</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Jan 1.—one service 10 am</p>

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