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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. https://lumcpreschool.shelbynextchm s.com/external/form/7ae9987d-b0e3-4541-8be6-6dc1057c4f3d

UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS

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-5:00pm-7:45pm, outside by playground for whole family.

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

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

Dear wonderful Church Family, Advent has arrived! This is a very special time of joy and To enhance our fellowship celebration. celebrations at Sunday Coffee Time during Advent, we need your help! This is the perfect time to share special homemade goodies, as your Christmas baking begins. We need donations of both homemade and purchased items for Coffee Time! The special goodies donated in past weeks by some of our wonderful 'food angels' have been enjoyed and appreciated! Please join in the fun and plan to donate for Coffee Time during Advent!! As we move into 2023, the Hospitality team will be working to get group signups to help keep Coffee Time going. If you have any questions, contact Hospitality Team Leader, Krista Stillwell at chicka9375@gmail.com.

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 rachbuchanan76@gmail.com or 803-546-1257. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.

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 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

Stuffing mix Cranberry sauce Cornbread mix Gravy mix or jar Brownie mix

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Many thanks to everyone who participated this year by providing items from the wish list and preparing boxes for shipment. We filled 130 boxes!!! We look forward to exceeding that number for next year's program. Watch for an announcement as to when we will start gathering items for 2023.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

God with Us Advent Take Home Family Studies are available at the receptionist's desk.

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 sign up here.

