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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 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 am-12 pm for **2-year-olds up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade**! The cost is only \$25/child. <a href="https://lumcpreschool.shelbynextchm">https://lumcpreschool.shelbynextchm</a> <a href="mailto:s.com/external/form/7ae9987d-b0e3-4541-8be6-6dc1057c4f3d">https://lumcpreschool.shelbynextchm</a> <a href="mailto:s.com/external/form/fae9887d-b0e3-4541-8be6-6dc1057c4f3d">https://lumcpreschool.shelbynextchm</a> <a href="mailto:s.com/external/form/fae9887d-b0e3-4541-8be6-6dc1057c4f3d">https://lumcpreschool.shelbynextchm</a> <a href="mailto:s.com/external/form/fae9887d-b0e3-4541-8be6-6dc1057c4f3d">https://lumcpreschool.shelbynextchm</a> <a href="mailto:s.com/external/form/fae9887d-b0e3-4541-8be6-6dc1057c4f3d">https://lumcpreschool.shelbynextchm</a> <a href="mailto:s.com/external/form/fae9887d-b0e3-4541-8be6-6dc1057c4f3d">https://lumcpreschool.shelbynextchm</a> <a href="mailto:s.com/external/form/fae9887d-b0e3-4541-8be6-6dc1057c4f3d">https://lumcpreschool.shelbynextchm</a> <a href="mailto:s.com/external/form/fae9887d-b0e3887d-b0e3887d-b0e3887d-b0e3887d-b0e3887d-b0e

#### **UPCOMING ADVENT 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-5:00pm-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 celebration. To enhance our fellowship 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 <a href="mailto:rachbuchanan76@gmail.com">rachbuchanan76@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="ldtorbett@gmail.com">ldtorbett@gmail.com</a>. 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 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

## 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 TODAY!

**Dec. 4th** – children's program (11 am service) 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 at 6:15pm 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. Sign up here!

**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>.