

MEET OUR CHURCH STAFF:

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FAITHFUL STEP FORWARD

Join Pastor Mack on Wednesday night after supper in Wesley Hall as he explains the process of a "Faithful Step Forward". This is the process by which the UMC has adopted to help congregations discern their future. So that we can make sure that we will have enough seating, please register here:

<https://lexumcsc.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/6ca63d88-7778-40a5-8e82-79909ab39f3c>

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration will be open for the 23-24 school year to LUMC members on Jan 22nd. All Registration is online and all information can be found on the church website under the preschool tab or you can just click this link to go directly there: <https://lexumcsc.com/lumc-preschool/>

CHRISTMAS JARS

It's time to start collecting your loose change or bills for the Christmas Jars ministry for 2023. We've heard wonderful stories of members sharing their filled jars with people in our community. If you didn't get your jar filled last year, just add to it for this year. Any jar will work, but if you don't have one, we will have a limited supply available on a table in the kitchen area.

LRE GROUP

"LEXINGTON REACHING EVERYONE"

The LRE team is "Living God's Word and Sharing God's Love" by reaching out to church visitors and members who have not been attending church, maybe because of mobility issues or health concerns. The LRE team meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00pm in the parlor. If you would like to be a part of this team, please just show up or you can contact Julie Robinson for more information: jgr5214@gmail.com

NOT GETTING OUR EMAILS?

If you have not been receiving our announcement or prayer emails, please add noreply@shelbnextchms.com to your address book. This will keep your computer from thinking that our address is spam. If you are still having trouble, please contact David Marshall at David@marshallgenealogy.org. We want to keep you informed!

LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the Date for this year's Women's Retreat to be held March 24-26 in the beautiful hills of South Carolina at Asbury Hills Camp & Conference Center. Our theme this year will be **Beautiful Feet**. Make plans to join us as we learn to follow what the Lord is calling our feet to do as we look at ourselves and our circumstances, apply God's Word to our life and spread it to others.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY, JAN. 23; 2-7PM

Meet in Asbury Hall. Donors can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," or directly at this link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc>.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our offering envelope company has been far behind in their mailings due to staffing and supply issues. They have resolved those issues but in order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, they are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your January envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. They deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused our church family. Please use the white envelopes that are located in the pews and on the tables outside of Wesley Hall until the new envelopes come in. Thank you for supporting LUMC!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

It's so wonderful to have more children and youth participating with us in worship services. If your child or youth is interested in reading scripture, ushering, special music, etc. Please reach out to heather@lexumcsc.com, we'd love to have their help and involvement in addition to all our wonderful grown-ups.

Acolytes are needed please [Sign up here](#).

Share the Love event for all ages and stages: Join us Wednesday, February 1st following the supper at 6:15pm for an at-your-own-pace 4-station outreach and micro-lesson all about love.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council members are requested to attend a meeting on Tuesday, January 24th, at 6:00 in Asbury Hall.

WEDS. NIGHT SUPPER

Suppers will resume on Weds., Jan. 25. Join us at 5:30pm! Cost is \$7 adults, \$3 children under 12, family max is \$22. Children and Youth activities will begin and Adult studies are in the works. Come and enjoy fellowship with your church family! The Jan 25th menu will be: Baked Ziti with Roasted Squash, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert, & Drink.

