United Methodists vow to faithfully participate in the church's ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness.

#### Lexington United Methodist Church

# Household of Faith

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love



40days OFLENT

We are in the middle of Lent, a time of reflection as we look towards the cross of Good Friday, and the good news of Easter Sunday.

How are you spending your time reflecting? How are you connecting with our benevolent God? There is no one recommended way. Instead, you are encouraged to find your own method of confronting your sinfulness, remembering your mortality, and giving thanks for the gift of salvation you receive through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You might find this website's suggestions helpful, chick on the link to learn more:

40 Days of Lent: Find your own spiritual path (umc.org)

# FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS 6 WEEK LENTEN STUDY BEGINNING MARCH 1 WEDNESDAYS, 6:15 PM EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND— CHILDREN THROUGH ADULTS

#### **Intergenerational Lenten Study Returns!**

Starting Wednesday, March 1. Meeting every Wednesday through April 6! "Just Eat and Serve" —we will discover what it means to live in our "Neighborhood" and serve our neighbors. There will be a baking element just like last year!

All are welcome to join us! Click to Sign up here.

Make sure you check each date that you are planning to attend. Each week the lessons are independent of each other. So even if you can't attend all 6 weeks, sign up to join us when you are available.

#### March 2023

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#### Wednesday Nights

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As you move through Lent and look towards Holy Week which begins April 2 through 8, prayerfully consider your walk with God.



A labyrinth is simply a place to walk and pray. There is nothing mystical about it. It gives you the freedom to walk and focus your mind on God.

A labyrinth contains a single walking path to the center and then back out again. It has many turns but, unlike mazes, does not have dead ends.

One way to pray a labyrinth is to worship and praise God as you walk to the center, then pray intercessory prayer for people and concerns as you walk back to the outside.

**Prayer stations** and the **Labyrinth** are ways to let you focus on what God may be saying to you in the moment. Hours for the labyrinth during Holy Week are: Monday, Tuesday, April 3 & 4— 9 am-5 pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, April 5,6,7—9 am-6 pm. Labyrinth will be located in Wesley Hall.



Watch the LUMC Labyrinth video here: LUMC Labyrinth

# Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday Worship
All services
Children will do a palm
processional
Egg Hunt
after 11am services



Maundy Thursday Worship Communion—6:30pm in the Sanctuary





Good Friday Service 6:30pm in the Sanctuary



Easter Services
Sunrise Service 7:00am
9:00am service in Sanctuary
No Sunday School
11:00am services in Wesley Hall

Easter Sunday—Butterfly release after 11am service



It is time to order the Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary and the Ministry Center. The deadline for orders is Thursday March 23.

Order from this link

or use QR code:



If you use the *Adult Bible Studies* in your Sunday School class then you recognize the reminder about Wesley's covenant prayer, which was included in the "**Living for Others**" lesson from the first Sunday of Lent.

The author of that lesson, Taylor Mills reminds us that living God's call is not an invitation to do something more, but to do something different. God expects us to drop what we are doing in this world, leave behind our varied love (of things), take up our cross and follow Jesus. That is why we study Scripture and pray **together** and offer God our worship. Mills reminds us that life tends to distract us from what is important and infects us with spiritual amnesia.

He implores that the next time God calls, instead of employing stalling tactics or citing excuses, try saying instead: "Lord, I don't see how I can do what you're asking. I'm not good about translating your love into my acts. But Lord, let me remember and pray John Wesley's prayer:

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth. Let it also be made in heaven, Amen.



Tuesday Night Service continues each Tuesday night in March at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

There will not be a Tuesday night service on April 4. Come and walk the Labyrinth.

#### **Other worship notes:**

On March 26 at 11am there is one service in the Sanctuary. 8:30 will meet as usual

No Sunday School Easter Sunday

**May 7 is Confirmation Sunday** 

#### Mission Lexington Announces LRAH #Eracehunger



Have a heart for running? Or maybe you just like to make a difference in your community. Participating in Lexington's Race Against Hunger will satisfy both desires.

All funds raised go to the Mission Lexington food pantry and help end food insecurity for our Lexington County neighbors in crisis.

**Register before March 1st** for early bird prices and a guaranteed t-shirt.

8K: \$30 // 1-mile Fun Run: \$20

Click here to register



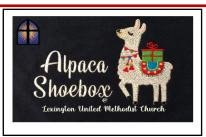
**Snack Sack** needs additional volunteers to pack food for our 500 students. We pack on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am. Then deliver to our 7 schools on Tuesday and Wednesday. Nothing heavy to lift, just load 12 items into a small plastic bag, then tie a knot in the bag and load the bag for delivery.

Contact Rick Cunningham at: Rj cunningham@yahoo.com or 803.414.2940



#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Monday, March 20 from 2-7pm in Asbury Hall. Donors can sign up online at <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a> with Sponsor Code "lexingtonume," or directly at this link: <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results">https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results</a>?



It's time to collect shoebox items for the children's shoeboxes. Requested items for March are boy's and girl's underwear—ages 2-14. Boy's and girl's socks, varying sizes. Flip flops, shorts and shirts for boys and dresses for girls. Find the cart in the hallway with the cute Alpacas on it and place your items there.





#### Sam and Annie Laurie George Scholarship

This scholarship is given annually to a deserving student who attends Columbia College, Wofford College, or Spartanburg Methodist College. He/she must be a member or relative of a member of Lexington United Methodist Church.

If interested, please complete the application form. This can be found outside Wesley Hall or located outside of Pastor Laurie's office. Return it to the office by 5:00pm on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>March 30</u>, <u>2023</u>.

### Wednesday Nights continue through March 29

Begin your Wednesdays with a yummy meal and good fellowship—supper begins at 5:30pm. Adults \$7, Children \$3, Family total of \$22.

After supper adults may attend the Wednesday Night Informational Sessions based on the Fruits of the Spirits in MC005 beginning at 6:15pm. The Eat and Serve Study for kids and adults begins March 1. See page 1 for information and sign-up link



Mar. 1—Kindness - Epworth - Lori Torbett, Rev. Laurie Brandes & Rev. Kathy James

Mar. 8- Joy—Operation Shoe boxes -Vicki Boylston & Trudy Huffstetler

Mar. 15— Goodness- Upcoming Mission trips - Terrie Morrison, & Youth Leaders

Mar. 22—Gentleness - Snack Sack - Rick Cunningham & Vimarie Jibaja

Mar. 29—Salkehatchie

Last Wednesday night supper is March 29.

COME, FEED YOUR TUMMY AND FEED YOUR SOUL!

## 2023 Children's Summer Camps @ LUMC



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Ages 1-5

June 5-8 (9am-12pm)

June 26-29 (9am-12pm)

July 10-13 (9am-12pm)

Rising 1st-3rd graders

June 26-29 (9am-12pm)

Let's Move

Creation Care

Camp

Rising 4th-6th graders
June 26-29 (9am-12pm)

Ages 3 years—6th grade
July 14 (6pm—8pm)

Water Water

Everywhere



Registration opens March 1

Save the Dates!

#### **Ages 1-5:**

**June 5-8 -Zoo Camp** (9 am-12 pm) \$85 - Join us for a ROARING good time! Campers will learn about the different zoo animals God has made. We even have some fun live animal encounters planned!

June 26-29- Sports Camp (9 am-12 pm) \$85 - Campers will learn the importance of using sports to stay healthy. We will have a visit from the Public Library, Amazing Athletes, and a Wiggles Class for our younger friends!

**July 10-13 - Beach Camp** (9 am-12 pm) \$85 - Campers will learn about the ecosystem of the Beach! We will have a visit from the Public Library and enjoy fun outdoor tables and water walls to explore.

#### Rising 1st-3rd grade:

June 26 -29 - **Let's Move!** (9 am-12 pm) \$55- Campers will learn the importance of keeping our body, mind, and spirit healthy. Campers will enjoy visits from Amazing Athletes, learn some yoga, and so much more!

#### Rising 4th-6th grade:

June 26-29 Creation Care Camp: Mind, Body, Spirit, GO! (9 am-12 pm) \$55- Campers will learn the importance of wellness in our own body as well as taking care of others around us. Campers will experience: Amazing Athletes, learn some yoga, plus other community visitors.

#### **Ages 3- Rising 6th grade:**

July 14th Water, Water, Everywhere! (6-8 pm) \$25-Come have fun with all things water!

Registration is now open, scan QR code to register!

Or click here to sign up!



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.



Have you noticed?

You may have noticed a change in the way we offer "fidget items" and activities for children to use during the worship services. There are baskets at the end of each pew in the traditional service that have crayons, fidget toys, children's Bibles, and an interactive sheet to follow along in worship. The "I Wonder..."

side of the sheet can be turned in on the children's bulletin board if you or your child would like to share your service wonderings.

In the ANew service, there is a basket of fidget toys and crayons to use while in the service. Children can find them when they enter Wesley Hall. There is also an interactive sheet to follow along and wonder. We hope this allows the children to better participate in worship along with us.

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, or sign up here to read scripture...we'd love to have their help and involvement in addition to all our grown-ups.



Deuteronomy 31:12

Gather everyonemen, women, children, and the immigrants who live in your citiesin order that they hear it, learn it, and revere the Lord your God, carefully doing all the words of this Instruction



During the Sunday school hour, from 10-10:15am the Children's Choir is meeting with Ms. Lessie. The children will be singing in the March 12 11am traditional service.

The children are doing a Lenten Sunday school series called: Journey with Jesus. Each week there is a difference theme: Experience, Encounter, Serve, Respond, Community.



The children will do a Palm Processional on Palm Sunday at the 11am traditional service.

Children's Sunday school teachers are needed; please help fill up the winter/spring calendar. There are 2 children's Sunday school classes, 3k-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and 3rd -5<sup>th</sup> grade; we sing from 10-10:15 am with Ms. Lessie then go to our classes. Please sign up here to teach/assist with Sunday school.





#### **Support the Preschool Playground Fund with our Cookie Dough Fundraiser**

Fundraiser starts on March 6th and runs through March 20th. Order forms will be placed around the church, or you can order online from the church website!



#### Buy a Bible for a Student

**LUMC Preschool wants to give each 4 year** old a Bible for graduation!

Will you support our efforts by purchasing a Bible? Each Bible costs \$11

Please make check payable to **LUMC Preschool** and mark it Bibles and place in the church treasury box, or put in offering plate.







Scan for our Monthly Newsletter



- 5 Youth Group 6 to 6:30 pm LUMC Wesley Hall Even though Todd is gone, Youth Group is still on! Meet for a Special Guest Speaker/Leader for all of youth group!
- 12 St. Patty's Youth Group 5 to 6:30 LUMC Wesley Hall Come out and test your luck at youth group on this night that will include a scavenger hunt and tons of tun!
- Open Gym / Sundae Serve 4 to 6:30 pm LUMC Wesley Hall Open Gym is available from 4 to 5 pm followed by our Sundae Serve from 5 to 6:30 pm! Come join us!
- Confirmation Retreat Hinton Rural Life Center

  Be in prayer for our confirmation students and leaders as they head out on their retreat!







Adult Volunteers Needed: It's time to sign up to volunteer your time on Sunday Nights and bring a snack for the youth group to share! If you can give 1.5 hours of your time, please sign up at this link:

Sunday Night Adult Volunteers







3/1	Kevin Hicks
	Bryan Mitton
3/2	Rick Cunningham
	Drew Gatch
	John Stewart
	Hope Wilson
	Stuart Ford
3/3	Tim Murphy Jr.
	John Altenberg
3/4	Delinda Hicks
	Beth Wilson
	Sam Owens
	Cheyenne Epting
	Zachary Akers
	Alexa Myers
	Lindsey Warner
3/5	Will Harmon
	Jimmy Spence
	Jay Swearingen
	Graham Polk
3/6	Loretta Jackson
	Fern Garrison
3/7	Cherie Bowers
	Carole Thomas
3/8	Buddy Brewer
	Laurie Wojtylak
	Alexis Watts
3/9	Karen Gladden
	Amanda Schilling
	Colin Thain
	Colin Johnson
	Rachel Moore

# **Birthdaus**

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3/10	Becky Falls		Collin Myers
	John Bowman	3/24	Jake Whetstone
	Jackson Register		Katie Vitters
3/11	Nicholas Schirato		Terrie Morrison
	Brennon Carter		John Conrad
3/12	Rachel Sinclair	3/25	Hannah Workman
3/13	Ronnie Elliott		Nicolas Conrad
3/14	Virginia Smith		Emerson Roshto
	Lila Crosswell	3/26	Kenneth Kruger
	Matthew Jibaja		Ann Chandler
3/15	Helen Rivers		Brad Baker
	Pat Roberts		George Butler
	Brenda Young	3/27	Wyatt Boylston III
	Ethan Osborne	3/28	Loretta Haynes
3/16	Stephanie Phillips		Joseph Street
	Taylor Cook		William Osborne
	Ken Robbins Jr.		Nancy Rizzo
3/17	Ed Deremo		Jeannie Ridgeway
	Allan Spence Jr.		Chad Coleman
3/18	John Moore	3/29	Staci D'Amico
	Todd Loy		Linda Corley
	Susan Robinson		Kara Farmer
3/19	Chandler Keith		Miranda Graybill
	Maggie Cafferty	3/30	Brenda Manus
3/20	Nick Schilling		John McCormack
3/21	Oren Falls Jr.		Krista Stilwell
	Donna Kirkpatrick		Josh Moore
	Jessica Slapnik		Cameron Register
3/22	Layla Groves	3/31	Joyce Clark
3/23	Lou Spence		Breana Chavis





Thank you, Jerry Gatch for faithfully participat~ ing in the church's ministries sharing your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service by devotedly directing the choir for 30 years and sharing your expertise and talent.



#### In MEMORY OF:

#### **Renee Spears** Open Door SS Class

#### **Janet Smith** Mike & Terrie Morrison Joy Circle

#### **Russell Spence**

Helen Thomas Terry & Daisy Hicks Lex. Co. Master in Equity Court Staff

#### **Carol Mims**

Helen Thomas

#### **Rex Newman**

Linda Gladden Clay & Lynne Fisher Helen Thomas Cynthia Satcher John & Joyce Bumgarne Sue Shumpert Virl Caughman Deepal & Meg Eliatamby

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