

## Lexington United Methodist Church

## Household of Faith

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

## GOD MADE HIM WHO HAD NO SIN be sin for us, <br>  <br> 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)


## 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.

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 \& 4-9am-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



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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18

8K \& 1-mile Fun Run

## REGISTER TODAY!

Irah.org

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 tshirt.
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 10.00 am . 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



Give blood.

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## Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, March 20 from 2-7pm 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?


It's time to collect shoebox items for the children's shoeboxes. Requested items for March are boy's and girl's underwear-ages 214. 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 Thursday, March 30, 2023.

## 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

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\text { Last Wednesday night supper is March } 29 .
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COME, FEED YOUR TUMMY AND FEED YOUR SOUL!


Ages 1-5:
June 5-8-Zoo Camp ( $9 \mathrm{am}-12 \mathrm{pm}$ ) $\$ 85$ - 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 ( $9 \mathrm{am}-12 \mathrm{pm}$ ) \$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) \$85Campers 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! ( $9 \mathrm{am}-12 \mathrm{pm}$ ) $\$ 55$ - 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! ( $6-8 \mathrm{pm}$ ) \$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.


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


- Join us for Sunday School
- Teach? Click here


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 11 am 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, $3 \mathrm{k}-$ $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade, and $3 \mathrm{rd}-5^{\text {th }}$ 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.


## 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 $\mathbf{B i}$ ble?
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.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday <br> 6:30am - 7:30am Men's Weds. AM 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 11:00am - 12:00pm Preschool Board <br> 5:15pm - 6:15pm Weds. Night Supper <br> 6:15pm - 7:15pm Galatians <br> 6:15pm - 7:15pm Informational Meeting <br> 6:15pm - 7:15pm Just East \& Serve <br> 6:15pm - 7:15pm Trustworthy <br> 7:00pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice | ${ }^{2}$ Thursday <br> 10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards <br> 6:30pm - 7:30pm Pack 507-Den Meetings | ${ }^{3}$ Friday <br> 9:00am - 11:00am Shepherd's Center Board Meeting <br> 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class <br> 6:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Band <br> Practice | 4 |
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