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A donation was given to the Sanctuary Flower Fund in memory of Annie Laurie George on this, her birthday, March 12. May these flowers today remind us of her service with us at LUMC, her generous gifts and the many ways in which she touched others.



### **WEDS. NIGHT SUPPER**

Join us for supper at 5:30pm! Cost is \$7 adults, \$3 children under 12, family max is \$22. This week's menu (3/15) is: Lasagna (Veggie Lasagna too), Roasted Squash, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert, & Drink.

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Palm Sunday (April 2)**-all services; children will do a palm processional. Holy Communion. Egg hunt after the 11:00am services!

**Maundy Thursday (April 6)**-service with communion in the sanctuary at 6:30pm.

**Good Friday (April 7)**-service in the sanctuary at 6:30pm.

**Easter Sunday (April 9)**-sunrise service at 7:00am at the cross. Breakfast afterwards! No Sunday School. Traditional Easter service at 9:00am in the sanctuary and ANew Easter service at 11:00am in Wesley Hall. Butterfly release after the 11:00am service!

### **LABYRINTH WALK APRIL 3-7**

Join us in Wesley Hall and walk the labyrinth! A labyrinth is simply a place to walk and pray to be able to focus your mind on God. The labyrinth will be available for walking on Mon., April 3 & Tues., April 4 from 9:00am-5:00pm and then on Weds., April 5-Fri., April 7 from 9:00am-6:00pm. Please enter through the Wesley Hall doors.

### **PRESCHOOL BIBLES**

Each year, the LUMC Preschool gives their 4 year old graduating class bibles for their own. If you'd like to support our efforts and purchase a bible, they are \$11 ea. Please make your check payable to the LUMC Preschool and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you!!

### **SAM & ANNIE LAURIE GEORGE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Sam and Annie Laurie George 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, complete the application form found outside of Wesley Hall, outside of Pastor Laurie's office, or attached to this email. Return it to the church office by **Thursday, March 30**. Interviews will take place in April.

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MON., MARCH 20, 2-7PM ASBURY HALL**

Donors can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," or directly at this link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc>.

### **PRESCHOOL COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER!**

Please support the Preschool Playground Fund beginning Mon., March 6 through March 20! Order forms will be placed around the church, order from the church website, or order at this link: <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/d7df97c7-7d14-4972-8703-0d46137a480e>

### **ALPACA SHOEBOX**

For the month of March, please consider donating the following: **Underwear for boys & girls (ages 2-14), Socks (ages 2-14), Shorts & Shirts for boys, Dresses for girls, Flip Flops for all.** The collection cart is in the main hallway (look for the cute Alpacas!) Let's make 2023 another great year for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes--as we share the Love of Christ with children around the world!! If you have questions, contact Trudy Huffstetler or Vicki Boylston.

### **SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING SUN., MAY 7 @2PM-WESLEY HALL**

LUMC will be hosting the Columbia District Pastors as well as church/conference leaders for a Safe Sanctuary Training. All churches are required to be retrained and update their Safe Sanctuary Policies this year. Our church committee leaders and Safe Sanctuary Committee are asked to attend as well. The presentation will last about one and a half to two hours, then we will have leaders available to answer questions on an individual basis. Thank you for your investment in keeping our children, youth, volunteers and staff safe in our church ministries. If you have any questions see Pastor Laurie.

### **JUST EAT & SERVE-A LENTEN STUDY FOR ALL AGES!**

**Our intergenerational, All Ages and Stages Lenten Study Returns!** Meeting every Wednesday until April 6! **"Just Eat and Serve"** will be a time where we learn about what it means to live in our "Neighborhood" and serve our neighbors. **There will be a baking element just like last year too!** Everyone is welcome to join us! [Sign up here](#) and 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.

### **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

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

**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.**

Save the Date! **Our Palm Sunday Egg Hunt** will be Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> following the 11am services.