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WELCOME TO WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

On March 1, 1987, Congress designated March as Women's History Month. The theme for this year 2023 is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Story." March 8 is specifically noted as International Women's Day. We look to that day to celebrate women's achievements and to remind us of women's accomplishments throughout the years. It allows us to reflect on the trailblazing women who led the way for change. The colors used to commemorate Women's History Month are purple, green and white. Purple signifies justice and dignity, green symbolizes hope and white represents purity.

PRIME TIMERS

You are invited to join Prime Timers for lunch Tuesday, March 7 at Nick's House of Pizza Restaurant, 1082 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia. Please contact Sammie Brown at 803-351-0784 or email sbrown8885@sc.rr.com to make your reservation.

Are you a Prime Timer? This is a senior adult ministry at our church loosely defined as seniors age 50 or older for people who enjoy eating out together, usually the first Tuesday each month, and playing cards Thursday afternoons at 2:00. We sometimes take day trips and partner for classes and expanded activities with Shepherd's Center of Lexington that meet at our church. Need more information? Give Sammie a call.

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.

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!!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MON., MARCH 20, 2-7PM 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>.

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.

WELCOME BRAUER DOWD

Today in the ANew service, we welcome Brauer Dowd, one of the lead summer staff at Asbury Hills. She is going to update us on opportunities at our three United Methodist Camps, and how

your family, group or you can be involved this year in this wonderful ministry!



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-2nd grade, and 3rd -5th 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 2nd following the 11am services.



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 (3/8) is: Grilled Ham, Potato Salad, Roasted Cabbage, Corn on the Cob, Salad Bar, Dessert, & Drink.