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

April 2023

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Birthdays 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 Calendar God. A labyrinth contains a single walking path to the center and then Children back out again. It has many turns but, unlike mazes, does not have Children dead ends. Summer Activities One way to pray a labyrinth is to worship and praise God as you walk Dinner & Dessert 🛕 to the center, then pray intercessory prayer for people and concerns as Fundraiser you walk back to the outside. **Prayer stations** and the **Labyrinth** are Festival of

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 Weslev Hall. Enter through the Wesley Hall doors.

Watch the LUMC Labyrinth video here: Labyrinth video



Palm Sunday Worship Traditional services children will do a palm processional Hunt after 11am services (p.7)



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



Good Friday Worship 6:30pm in the Sanctuary



Easter Sunday—Butterfly release after 11am service



Easter Worship Sunrise Service 7:00am 9:00am service in Sanctuary No Sunday School

> 11:00am service in Wesley Hall





Blessings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ!

Our church intends to participate in the Lake Murray Salkehatchie from 15-22 July 2023

Salkehatchie Summer Service is an in-state mission opportunity for youth aged 14 and older and adults. Teams repair homes of families needing help. No previous experience is needed. From Saturday to Saturday, volunteers experience more than just a week of hard work. Their dedication and love help families feel comfortable and secure in their homes.

Since 1978, Salkehatchie has been more than a church outreach program, volunteer group, or just another summer youth camp. By the numbers—200 homes updated every summer by volunteers; 63,000 campers have participated over the past 40 years; \$1 million spent on construction and other supplies each summer; 6,000 families helped since Salkehatchie began.

Salkehatchie Summer Service is a servant ministry throughout locations in South Carolina where youth and adults come together to serve the community. These volunteers, who come from different walks of life, come together to help those who are in need. By helping people help themselves provides all participants the opportunities to grow in their walk with Christ. Salkehatchie Summer Service is a Limited Liability Company under the program of the South Carolina Conference Board of Global Ministries and is overseen by a Board of Managers.

When workers commit themselves to service, they are making a covenant with God to put their own needs and desires aside. They do this by sharing their talents, love, and concern with our sisters and brothers in Christ. They work on homes where real people live. People who are created by God, that need love, a sense of ownership, an avenue for creativity, and a desire to belong.

Specific jobs you might be asked to undertake are repairing a leaky roof, putting up sheetrock, painting (inside and outside), replacing broken windows and doors, rebuilding porches, rebuilding bathrooms, digging, and stabilizing floors and walls. The work will vary slightly at each site, depending on climate and need. These services are offered at no charge to the families. We do not mean to give the impression that the ministry is all discipline and hard work! These are included, but the ministry is exciting, creative, and something to be remembered as deeply meaningful and richly rewarding experience. The spirit is the important thing. To have a wholesome, creative and loving relationship with other people is a tremendous significance in the overall success of the ministry. One can have the pleasure of knowing that there is not made-work! Whatever one is asked to do — is something which needs doing.

Registration fees alone do not cover all our costs. Salkehatchie Summer Service also depends on donations from individuals, classes, and churches. Material donations such as lumber, paint, caulking, plywood, linoleum, paneling, nails, etc., may be brought directly to camp and reported as a donation.

If you need assistance registering for camp or more information please contact us by email us at salkehatchie@umcsc.org or by phone at 803-691-6606.

More information about a camp may be found here: Salkehatchie-Information-for-volunteers.pdf (umcsc.org)

Other Salkehatchie information may be found here: Salkehatchie Summer Service - South Carolina UMC (umcsc.org)



I would like to thank the church members who donated funds for Bibles. We were able to purchase one for every 4 year old graduating!



Thank you Youth spreading 50 bags of mulch and cleaning up the playground ! Job well done.

Lindsey Warner, Preschool Director

Church Family—I want to thank you for the cards, food and memorials sent in memory of my mom, Virginia Goff. Prayer has been especially appreciated for the last 3 /12 years. Mom often gave of her time, talents, and donations to her church, even at 101. May God bless each of you. Janice Hipp

My sincere and profound thanks to everyone who personally expressed their sympathy to me, sent cards, emails, and text messages these past weeks. Many of you have walked with us from Maggie's birth and through the weeks before her passing. Maggie was a very special granddaughter, and I will miss her greatly. She was interred in the Mausoleum at Greenlawn Cemetery within a few feet of her grandmother, Betsy. They had a special relationship. David Marshall



- April 2- Rev Kristen Richardson-Frick preaching at ANew, 11am (other services as usual)
- April 9- see page 1 for Easter Worship times and places (no Sunday School)
- April 16- One 10am service only in Wesley Hall (no 8:30 or 11am services, no Sunday School)
- May 7- One 10am service only in Sanctuary. (no 8:30 or 11am services, no Sunday School) Confirmation Sunday with Communion
- May 21- One 11am service in Wesley Hall (8:30 as usual)
  - Graduate Sunday/Heritage Sunday



#### 2nd Annual Youth Dinner & Dessert Auction

It's back and better than ever! After last years successful dinner and dessert auction which brought home over \$1600 towards youth summer missions, we are giving it a go for another year! Can you help us break \$2000 this year?

Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 pm, which includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a drink. Around 6:15 pm we will start the live Auction for various homemade desserts from our church members.

#### Are you a baker? Donate a dessert to this cause! The Auction will be a success with your donation!

Buy tickets online or at the main entrance desk after the worship services!

\$10 per adult, \$5 per child (10 and under). Purchase here or use QR code

## **Good News from the Trustees**

Have you noticed how much brighter Asbury Hall is? We want to thank Terry Hicks and members of his family for their hard work in converting the lights in Asbury Hall to LED. Terry will also be working on the lights in the hallways around the Church offices. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Terry.

#### **Other exciting news:**

Dominion Energy has a program whereby the company will handle the installation of, and pay for businesses to convert to LED lighting up to a maximum of \$6,000 per account per year. LUMC qualifies for this program and since we have two accounts that support our Church location, we can receive a credit of \$12,000. We asked Dominion to provide a quote for replacing the lighting in Wesley Hall since many of the fixtures are burned out due to worn out ballasts and these ballasts are no longer available. The cost to convert the lights to LED is approximately \$15,800. With the Dominion Energy credit, and a generous donation from a member of our congregation, these lights will be converted in the near future at no cost to the Church. We are waiting for Dominion to schedule the installation. What a Blessing!

**Thanks to the Trustees who work hard to maintain our building.** There is always something that needs a repair and we are grateful to those who are serving on the Trustee Committee for their faithful service.

Did you know there is a HEPA filter on the air handler in the Sanctuary? This was installed to clean the air during the height of the pandemic.



## Festival of Tables

May 6, 2023 Doors open at 11am, Meal at 11:45am Tickets-\$15, children under 10-\$10 Tickets on sale beginning April 16 after church services Call Terrie Morrison 803-727-7356 or

Katy Handell (803-917-9864) for ticket information

Menu: Ham and Swiss or Veggie Quiche, Salad, Sweet Corn Muffin and a Dessert Bar

Proceeds benefit these missions: Bethlehem Center, Epworth Home, Epworth Foster Care, Killingsworth Home, LaVie Crisis Pregnancy Center, Wallace Family Life, NK.Perry Children's Sheller

Table hosts and decorators needed: If you would like to

decorate and host a table, please contact Mary Alice Bechtler at: mabechtler@hotmail.com



BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE WORKSHOP May 7, 2pm Hosted by Lexington UMC For Pastors, Church Council Chairs, Trustee Reps., children or youth workers You will: Be reminded of the best practices when

Be reminded of the best practices when working with children, youth, and vul-

nerable adults.

**Receive assistance** with revising policies that need updating.

Gain tools for a church to draft a new policy if needed.

**Ask questions** about Safe Sanctuaries and our new Cyber Care policy

**Schedule** Safe Sanctuaries training for your church.

On May 7th at 2pm in 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.

Volunteers are needed to welcome and check-in the pastors and guests. Contact Pastor Laurie if you can help.



April 20 starts the spring session of Shepherd's Center of Lexington. This session is 5 weeks. There are a variety of classes for seniors to expand the mind, exercise the body and feed the soul. The class descriptions and registration form can be found on the home page of the Shepherd's Center website which you can find here: <u>Home - The Shepherd's</u> <u>Center of Lexington, SC (sclex.org)</u> During the Winter Session 1300 items were collected and \$100 donated for the Snack Sack program.





## Rock 4 Habitat!

Central SC Habitat for Humanity will host its first benefit concert featuring local acts.

Join us for a fun Sunday afternoon—come enjoy a beautiful day in downtown Lexington, bring your friends, family, and pets to hear some awesome music.

Bands Performing:

The Reggie Sullivan Band, Admiral Radio, The Runout

Tickets: \$20 advance, \$25 at door All proceeds support Central SC Habitat for Humanity. Click on <u>THIS LINK</u> for tickets

# ROCK HABITAT

APRIL 16, 2023 | 4PM-8PM Icehouse Amphitheater | Lexington |



MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS | BEER

\$20 IN ADVANCE | \$25 AT THE DOOR



All proceeds from the concert will benefit Central SC Habitat for Humanity

## 2023 Children's Summer Camps @ LUMC





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)

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Creation Care

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

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

Water Water Everuwhere



## **Registration opens March 1**

Check out what's available by clicking here and sign up today!



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Dates

and enjoy fun outdoor tables and water walls to explore.

Ages 1-5:

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

our younger friends!

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!

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

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

## **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!



Children's Ministry Lexington United Methodist Church

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.



Children's Sunday school teachers needed; please help fill up the spring/summer 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 10-10:15am with Ms. Lessie, then go to our classes.

Please sign up <u>here</u> to teach/assist with Sunday school.



## Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 2nd following the II am services Near the preschool playground Egg Hunts for: Early Walkers/Crawlers Preschoolers Elementary (K-5th)



# Children's End of the School Year Ice Cream Sundae Celebration! Wednesday, May 17th





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- 4/1 Laura Beck Chris Thain Alice Gibson Zara Dabbs
  4/2 Al Borsum
- 4/2 Al BorsullRachel Blume4/3 Rebecca Hawkins
- 4/3 Refecca Hawkins Hunter Hook Hazel Moser
- 4/4 Janice Hipp Boyd Jackson Michelle Welch
- 4/5 Joey Parsons II
- 4/6 Cody Hawkins Connie Reynolds Elliott Schilling Sara Ford
- 4/7 Eddie Hicks Michael Hook Benjamin Yarborough
- 4/8 Robbie Lyles Ali Hornsby Kathy DeBerry Tyler Reynolds
- 4/9 Clay Roberts Bruce Gahm Alex Dunbar Sally Herpst
- 4/10 Margaret Rhoten Jennifer Cullop
- 4/12 Reve' Richardson Warren Scoggins Lucy Herpst Kent Wolfe Alex Chavis

4/13 Russell Chandler II Renee Grav 4/14 Woody Manus Kristen Kirby 4/15 Donna Gaines Janice Eskridge Erin Blume 4/16 Vemon Trey Russell III Dan Smith Ashley Beck Abigail Beck 4/17 Maddy Akers Brenda Dunn 4/18 Stacey Martin 4/19 Lewis George David Howard Christina Duffie John Mills 4/20 Miles McGee Evie Cullop Jennifer Montgomery Camp Carter 4/21 Isabelle Farmer Rusty Koss Aaron Lawrence 4/22 Becky Parker Hannah Vitters BeckyGoudelock 4/23 Laurel Evans Braddock Watts Lauren Blackwell Chuck Brennan 4/24 Jeremy Young Corey Workman 4/25 Robin Rivers Cole Stilwell Ransom Nates

**Beth Dowtin** 

- 4/26 Jack Hornsby John Collum Paul Harrell
- 4/27 Wade Jackson Amber Marshall Ollie James Williams Carolyn Campbell
- 4/28 Danny Backman Diane Dunbar Bryan McCarty Sari Ness Barbara Anderson Scott Armstrong
- 4/29 Billie Hudson Jeremy Slapnik
- 4/30 Chris Groves Anne Huntley Crouch



Karen Corey February 23, 2023



Cori Fouche Nick Doub with children John Luke Fouche Daniel Fouche 740 Boiling Springs Rd Lexington, SC 29073



In MEMORY OF: Marjorie G. Michael Kathryn Williams

Bobby Bowers Carolyn Campbell

Alice Wallace Carolyn Campbell

**Jim Walsh** Jack Walsh Family

Karen Corey Meghan Fields Buddy & Lynn Brewer John & Connie Cooper Frances Major Circle Mike & Terrie Morrison



Wade & Alice Jackson Cherie Bowers D. Cordeman Fellowship Class John & Joyce Bumgarner Cynthia Satcher Mike & Terrie Morrison Ginny Kurtz Buddy & Lynn Brewer

Virginia Goff Helen Thomas Buddy & Lynn Brewer

**Rex Newman** Buddy & Lynn Brewer

**Renee Spears** Buddy & Lynn Brewer

**Russell Spence** Cherie Bowers

Maggie Cafferty Open Door SS Class Helen Thomas John & Connie Cooper-Larry & Pam Hayes Wade & Alice Jackso Cynthia Satcher Mike & Terrie Morrison Buddy & Lynn Brewer Ginny Kurtz

In HONOR OF: Joyce Bumgarner Phillip & Julie Mentnech



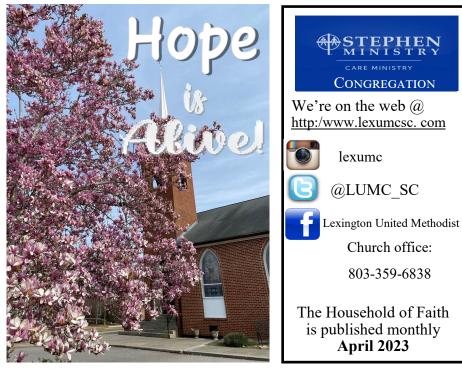
Congratulations to Todd Handell & Kaitlyn O'Brien who wed March 4, 2023

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| 2 PALM SUNDAY<br>8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Service<br>9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time<br>9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School for All Ages<br>11:00am - 12:00pm Contemporary Worship Service-with<br>Children's Church<br>11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Service-with Chil-<br>dren's Church<br>12:00pm - Easter Egg Hunt after the 11:00am service<br>9 EASTER SUNDAY<br>7:00am - 8:00am Sunrise Service<br>7:45am - 8:45am Breakfast<br>9:00am - 10:00am Traditional Easter Worship /Communion<br>9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time<br>11:00am - 12:00pm Contemporary Easter Worship with<br>Communion<br>12:00pm - Butterfly Release after the 11:00am service | 3<br>9:00am - 5:00pm Labyrinth Walk<br>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class<br>10<br>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class<br>4:00pm - 8:30pm Volleyball Game | 4 9:00am - 5:00pm Labyrinth Walk<br>10:00am - 10:30am Staff Meeting<br>11:30am - 1:30pm Prime Timers<br>Luncheon<br>2:00pm - 3:00pm LRE-Lexington<br>Reaching Everyone<br>5:30pm - 6:30pm Al-Anon<br>7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom with Pastor<br>Mack<br>11 10:00am - 1:00pm Cards R Us<br>10:00am - 10:30am Staff Meeting<br>2:00pm - 3:00pm LRE-Lexington<br>Reaching Everyone<br>5:30pm - 6:30pm Al-Anon | 5   | 6<br>MAUNDY THURSDAY<br>9:00am - 6:00pm Labyrinth Walk<br>10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing<br>2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers<br>Cards<br>6:30pm - 7:30pm Maundy Thurs-<br>day Service with Communion<br>13<br>10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing<br>2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers | 7<br>GOOD FRIDAY<br>9:00am - 6:00pm Labyrinth Walk<br>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class<br>6:30pm - 7:30pm Good Friday<br>Service<br>6:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Band<br>Practice<br>14<br>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class<br>6:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Band<br>Practice | 1<br>*   |
| 16<br>9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time<br>10:00am - 11:00am Combined Worship Service-with Chil-<br>dren's Church<br>3:45pm - 4:45pm Confirmation Class<br>4:00pm - 5:00pm Youth Open Gym<br>5:00pm - 6:30pm Youth Group  | 17<br>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class<br>4:00pm - 8:30pm Volleyball Game  | 7:00pm - 8:00pm Troop 507<br>18 10:00am - 10:30am Staff<br>Meeting<br>2:00pm - 3:00pm LRE-Lexington<br>Reaching Everyone<br>5:30pm - 6:30pm Al-Anon<br>6:30pm - 7:30pm Tuesday Service<br>7:00pm - 8:00pm Troop 507<br>7:30pm - 8:30pm Questers Group   | 19 6:30am - 7:30am Men's Weds.<br>AM<br>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class<br>11:00am - 11:30am Presc Chapel<br>6:15pm - 7:15pm UMM Meeting<br>7:00pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir<br>Practice  | 20 10:00am - 2:00pm Shepherd's<br>Center Classes<br>11:00am - 11:30am Preschool<br>Chapel<br>2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers<br>Cards   | 21 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise<br>Class<br>6:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Band<br>Practice   | 22   |
| 23<br>8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Service<br>9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time<br>9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School for All Ages<br>11:00am - 12:00pm Contemporary Worship Service-with<br>Children's Church<br>11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Service<br>3:45pm - 4:45pm Confirmation Class<br>5:00pm - 6:30pm Parent/Student Night @ Youth Group  | 24<br>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class<br>4:00pm - 8:30pm Volleyball   | 10:30am - 12:00pm Suzanna<br>Wesley Circle<br>2:00pm - 3:00pm LRE-Lexington<br>Reaching Everyone<br>5:30pm - 6:30pm Al-Anon   | 26<br>6:30am - 7:30am Men's Weds. AM<br>Group<br>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class<br>5:30pm - 7:00pm Spaghetti Dinner<br>& Dessert Auction<br>7:00pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir<br>Practice | 27 10:00am - 2:00pm Shepherd's<br>Center Classes<br>2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers<br>Cards<br>6:15pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Troop<br>#2207<br>6:30pm - 7:30pm Pack 507-Den<br>Meetings   | 28<br>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class<br>6:00pm - 8:30pm Emmaus Com-<br>munity Gathering<br>6:00pm - 7:15pm Private Event-<br>Baby Shower<br>7:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Band<br>Practice   | 29<br>8:00am - 10:00am Preschool<br>Mom's Breakfast  |
| 30<br>8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Service<br>9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time<br>9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School for All Ages<br>11:00am - 12:00pm Contemporary Worship Service-with<br>Children's Church<br>11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Service<br>3:45pm - 4:45pm Confirmation Class<br>4:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Sundae Serve-Soccer Superheroes   |  |   |   |  |  | May 6<br>11:00am - 2:00pm LUMW Festival<br>of Tables |

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Return Service Requested



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