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The flowers placed on the altar in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of my parents, Gregg & Dorothy Jean Monts by Mike & Wanda Branch. A donation has been made to the Sanctuary Flower Fund for this arrangement.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING WITH DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, REV. FRAN ELROD

Save the date! June 21 @ 7:15pm in Wesley Hall. Rev. Fran Elrod will meet with us about the disaffiliation process as it related to the Annual Conference that will be held June 4-8.

UMW FESTIVAL OF TABLES

DATE CHANGE! The original date of May 6 has been changed! Please be on the lookout for more info coming soon!

ALPACA SHOEBOX

For the month of April, please consider donating the following: Plastic Cups/Water Bottles with Tops, Bandanas/Lightweight Scarves, Hair Accessories, Sunglasses, Compact Mirrors. 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.

LUMC YOUTH FUNDRAISER -DINNER AND DESSERT AUCTION WED. APRIL 26 5:30 TO 7 PM

Tickets on sale TODAY! Buy online or at the main entrance desk after the worship services! \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (10 and under). Enjoy a spaghetti dinner followed by a live auction for homemade desserts! Are you a baker? Donate a dessert to the cause!

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EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING SUNDAY, MAY 14

Most of the children served by Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. On Sunday, May 14, we will participate in the Annual Mother's Day Offering to benefit Epworth's Children's Home. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY-MAY 21 10AM CHURCH-WIDE BRUNCH

On May 21st, we will have a celebratory brunch during the Sunday School hour that the entire church is invited to! We will be celebrating Heritage Sunday as well as Graduate Sunday for the Class of 2023! Everyone is invited to Brunch and a Love Offering will be collected there. But we still need you to RSVP using this link so we can make sure to have enough food. As well as if you have a graduate, please use this link to submit your graduate's information. Graduates and their immediate families attend the brunch for free! Contact Todd if you have any questions! https://lexumcsc.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/86adb81d-bd3e-45fa-8c4a-4d2e5878f96e

CAMPS & RETREATS SUNDAY APRIL 30

April 30 is Camp and Retreat Sunday across our conference! Wear your favorite camp t shirt to church! We will also receive an offering for this ministry as we gear up to serve more than a thousand children and youth at our three SC United Methodist camps. Many families have applied for financial assistance this year, and your gift will enable as many children as possible to benefit from our wonderful camp ministries. Asbury Hills was recently named by Newsweek magazine as one of the best summer camps in the United States!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

-Our end of the school year **ice cream sundae celebration** will be Wednesday, May 17th from 6-7pm. More details to come!

-Acolytes are needed please Sign up here.

-Sign-ups for **Summer Camps** have begun! <u>Check out what's available here and sign up today!</u>

This includes our rising 4th - 6th grade Creation Care Camp. This year's theme is Mind, Body, Spirit, GO! And our 1st-3rd grade Let's Move Camp. Can't do day camps? Check out July's Water, Water, Everywhere evening event, it's going to be a SPLASH!

-Children's Sunday school teachers are needed; please help fill up the winter/spring calendar. There are 2 children's Sunday school classes, $3k-2^{nd}$ grade, and $3rd-5^{th}$ 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.