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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.

PRESCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

The LUMC preschool is in need of 2 teachers for the 2023/2024 school year to help fill positions in the 3's class. If you are interested, contact Lindsey Warner, Preschool Director, at lindsey@lexumcsc.com

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (NAME TO BE DETERMINED)

Join us as we meet in MC005 (located downstairs in the ministry center) for a Sunday School class that is being revitalized. This class is for adults who are looking to grow in their faith through a small group Bible study focused class with fellowship and community among each other. All are welcome and invited to join us. Contact Kaitlyn, Todd, Katy or Kevin Handell for more information. We hope you will come join us! Upcoming topics of study include....

- **April 23:** Fellowship With Each Other
- **April 30:** Love One Another
- **May 7:** No Sunday School - One 10 am Worship Service
- **May 14:** Keep Gathering

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As you may have seen in the bulletin, we are hosting the district pastors, church leaders and the District Superintendent on May 7 at 2pm for a Safe Sanctuary training. We are in need of a few hosts to greet folks and sign them in. We are not serving any food, but we have been asked to serve coffee and water. Please let Pastor Laurie know if you are able to help for an hour or so.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council will meet on Weds., May 3 at 6pm in room MC009. All council members are encouraged to attend.

EMMAUS GATHERING FRIDAY, APRIL 28 @ 7PM

We are excited to host the Emmaus Gathering on Friday, April 28th. You all are invited to join us! We meet at 7pm sharing a pot luck dinner then worship. Come and see what it is all about!

UMW FESTIVAL OF TABLES

The UMW Festival of Tables scheduled for May 6 has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. It will be rescheduled for 2024. Thank you to all who volunteered to help and attend.

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.shelbnextchms.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 sundaes celebration** will be Wednesday, May 17th from 6-7pm. More details to come!

-Sign-ups for **Summer Camps** have begun! [Check out what's available here and sign up today!](#) 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!