

## **MEET OUR CHURCH STAFF:**

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## **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

### **(NAME TO BE DETERMINED)**

We had a great first meeting last week with this new class and are looking forward to meeting again this coming Sunday, April 30! All are invited to join us as we meet in MC005 (located downstairs in the ministry center) for an adult Sunday School class. This class is for people who are looking to grow in their faith through small group Bible study along 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 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!**

We are in need of a few hosts to greet folks and sign them in for our Safe Sanctuary Training on May 7. 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 about an hour or so.

## **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY-MAY 7**

May 7 is Confirmation Sunday! We will celebrate this landmark day with ONE 10am service with communion in the sanctuary. Please join us as we welcome our newest members to the Lexington United Methodist family!

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

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

## **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>

## **ALPACA SHOEBOX**

For the month of **May**, please consider donating the following: clothes lines, clothes pins, soccer balls (deflated & with pumps), dolls, stuffed animals, picture books, small toy cars/trucks, hand puppets. 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!!

## **PRIME TIMERS**

Prime Timers will have lunch next Tuesday, May 2 at Antai Asian Restaurant, 5084 Sunset Blvd at 11:30 AM. Please contact Sammie Brown at [sbrown8885@sc.rr.com](mailto:sbrown8885@sc.rr.com) or 803-351-0784 to make your reservation.

## **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

Sunday School teachers needed! Children sing with Ms. Lessie for the first 15 minutes of class and then the lesson is all prepared for you to teach, it's fun, and engaging, PLUS the children often surprise you with wonderful nuggets of knowledge. **Please sign up [here](#)**

**Acolytes** are needed please [Sign up here](#). Is your child interested in acolyting? Let me know so we can get them trained. [Heather@lexumcsc.com](mailto:Heather@lexumcsc.com)

Our end-of-the-school-year **ice cream sundaes celebration** will be Wednesday, May 17th from 6-7 pm in Wesley Hall. Children and their grown-ups are invited to join us for delicious DIY ice cream sundaes and a bit of bounce house fun! Able to volunteer during the event (youth as well!)? Contact [heather@lexumcsc.com](mailto:heather@lexumcsc.com).

Sign-ups for **Summer Camps** [Check out what's available here and sign up today!](#) This includes our rising 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Creation Care Camp. This year's theme is Mind, Body, Spirit, GO! And our 1st-3<sup>rd</sup> 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!



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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](mailto:lindsey@lexumcsc.com)