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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

EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING-TODAY!

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. **TODAY, 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. Please make your check out to the church with Epworth in the memo section.

SALKEHATCHIE

Registration is open for Lake Murray Salkehatchie, which is happening from 15-22 July. Volunteers to help work on homes in the area must be 14 years or older. Both youth and adult volunteers are welcomed to join Pastor Mack McDowell for a week restoring quality housing to those in need. Please register at www.lexumcsc.com [Salkehatchie Summer Service - South Carolina UMC \(umcsc.org\)](http://www.lexumcsc.com). The cost per volunteer is \$250. This money helps provide the materials to repair the houses we will work on. Volunteers must pass a background check and have proof of health insurance.

ALISHA HANSEN

It is with great joy that Alisha Hansen, pastor of St. Paul UMC in Chesterfield SC, has officially been approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry for Ordination as an **Elder in the United Methodist Church** in June of 2023. The service will be held on Sunday June 4th at 7 PM at the Florence Civic Center. You are welcome to attend since we are meeting in person this year. Alisha would like to thank everyone who has supported and prayed for her over this long journey as she completed seminary, commissioning and finally being ordained as an Elder.

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!!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (NAME TO BE DETERMINED)

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! This Sunday's topic of study is:

- **May 14:** Keep Gathering

G.A.L.S.-GOD'S AMAZING LOVE SUSTAINS SUPPORT GROUP

The G.A.L.S. group will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 11:30am at the Old Mill Brew Pub. Contact Linda Gladden to make your reservation-803-359-6263.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

THANK YOU for filling children's Sunday school slots through May! Now let's get started filling up the summer! Please sign up [here](#) to help teach!

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

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.

Sign-ups for **Summer Camps** [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!

