

MEET OUR CHURCH STAFF:

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The flowers on the altar in the traditional service are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert & Grace Hicks by the Robert Hicks Family. A donation has been made to the Sanctuary Flower Fund for this arrangement.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Please remember, honor, and celebrate those who have served and are still serving our country. God bless America!

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 Faithful Way Forward process as it related to the Annual Conference that will be held June 4-8.

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 [Salkehatchie Summer Service - South Carolina UMC \(umcsc.org\)](http://Salkehatchie Summer Service - South Carolina UMC (umcsc.org)) 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. 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.

ALPACA SHOEBOX

For the month of **June**, please consider donating the following: drawstring backpacks, small purses/bags, flashlights and extra batteries, caps/hats/visors. 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!!



LUMC IS GOING TO THE BALLPARK!

Join us for another churchwide outing to Seagra Park to watch the Fireflies play: Sunday, June 25th, first pitch at 5:05pm. Scan the QR attached or [click here](#) to purchase your tickets. Meet us there or take the bus! Contact Susan Mitton to ride the church bus to the game: swmitton@gmail.com

PARSONAGE SALE

At the November Charge Conference held at Lexington United Methodist Church a proposal for the sale of the Church parsonage was put to the voting members. The proposal was passed by a unanimous vote. The property was placed on the market and an acceptable offer was received in late March. The sale was closed on May 5th with our Senior Pastor and two members of the Board of Trustees in attendance. The sale of this property provided the Church with the opportunity to retire the remaining debt on the Church Ministry Center; a debit that has substantially contributed to the financial challenges LUMC has faced in the last few years. And it was a real Blessing to know that the couple (Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy) who purchased the parsonage love it as much as our congregation has over the last 40-plus years. Mrs. Kennedy said that the minute she stepped through the front door she knew this was exactly what they were looking for. It reminded her of her Pastor's home where she spent very special times as a youth growing up in her Church. We pray that this home brings them as much happiness as we know it has our Pastors over the years.

PLAYGROUND

The LUMC Preschool has raised enough funds to be able to put \$20k away towards a **new playground!** This is an outstanding accomplishment! Estimates for a new playground have come in from \$30k-\$60k depending on the equipment chosen. If you'd like to donate to the Playground fund, an option under the Give Now tab on our website has been added for you to do so. You may also donate on Sunday with your check earmarked "Playground". Thank you for supporting LUMC's Preschool!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

-Please sign up [here](#) to help teach Children's Sunday school. All June dates (4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th) are still needing teachers.

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

-Is your child a rising 2nd grader? If so an important milestone in their church life is coming in August! They will receive their very own Bible with their name on it. Please email your child's name as you would like it to appear on their Bible to heather@lexumcsc.com by July 1st.

-Summer Camps sign-ups are open with lots of spots left for our **Creation Care Camp: Mind, Body, Spirit, GO!** (rising 4th to 6th graders) deadline to sign up is June 5 and our July drop-off event: **Water, Water, Everywhere!** (3k-5th grade) If you'd like to volunteer, please let me know: heather@lexumcsc.com, 4 volunteers needed. **Deadline to sign up is JUNE 5!!!**