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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

TODAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

Please welcome our newest members to the LUMC family!

Austin D'Amico

Braelyn Davis

Wells Carter

Lauren Corley

Jack Crosswell

Sara Ford

Hannah Vitters

EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY

OFFERING

NEXT 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.

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.

THANK YOU!

Because of all of your help in baking desserts and attending our Dinner and Dessert Auction, we were able to raise over \$2500 towards Youth Missions! We are so thankful for your outpouring of support towards the Youth Ministry of this church and we are already looking forward to doing this event again next Spring!

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING TODAY @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.

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!!

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!**