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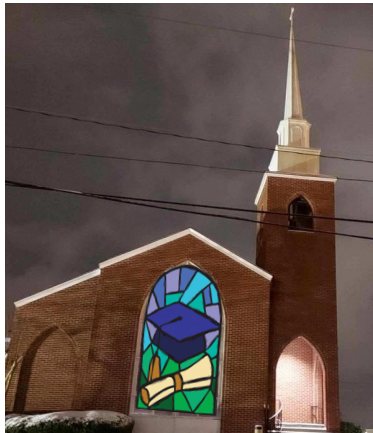
Lexington United Methodist Church

Household of Faith

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

May 2023
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On May 21st you are invited to a celebratory brunch during the Sunday School hour



We are celebrating **Heritage Sunday** and **Graduate Sunday** for the Class of **2023!**

Everyone is invited to the Brunch. We need you to RSVP using the QR code or the link below so we can make sure to have enough food.

If you have a graduate, please also 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!

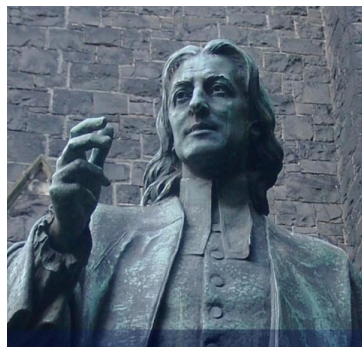
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A Love Offering will be collected to help offset the cost of the Brunch.



May 21- 8:30 worship in Sanctuary, One 11am service in Wesley Hall

HERITAGE SUNDAY is observed on the **Third Sunday of May**



John Wesley

(to correspond with **Aldersgate Day**, May 24). This day calls The United Methodist Church to honor its heritage by committing itself to the continuing call of God known and spread by Charles and John Wesley, along with others the early Methodist movement reached and with whose denominations we are all joined as The United Methodist Church.

Lexington United Methodist Church is quickly approaching our 175th anniversary, which will be celebrated in 2025! With humble beginnings in a small log building, our Church has experienced many changes over the years. Through all the changes, we have become a strong family of faith. As we look forward to our 175th year, it is a good time to reflect on the significance of our heritage in shaping who we are today.

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Blessings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! You are a community of great faith and hope, and it was very exciting to experience Holy Week and Easter with you all in April! God has blessed your church in many ways, including a vibrant congregation, willing volunteers, great outreach programs, wonderful work with children and youth, and generous hearts for Jesus and all of God's people.

The attendance at our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services was amazing. Our 7am outside Sunrise service with Holy Communion had 44 worshippers even though it was 44 degrees outside. Our 9am Traditional Easter service with Holy Communion had 213 worshippers, and our 11am Contemporary Easter service with Holy Communion had 94 worshippers. To have 351 attending in total on Easter morning is a huge blessing that we are so grateful to see! I have seen so much being accomplished by you all in what will soon be our first year that I've been with you. I'm so grateful to all the staff and volunteers who worked together to make our mission and ministry so fruitful!

I thank you for all that you are doing as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Your church has a wonderful vision to continue fulfilling your mission. That vision is rooted in the acronym "SEE" which has three parts: stewardship, engagement, and education. You have worded it this way: "We will generously and lovingly share our fiscal and physical gifts (Stewardship); We will come together to joyfully serve God, inspire, and accompany one another in our spiritual journey (Engagement); We will intentionally study scripture and communicate effectively to lead others to Christ (Education).

I have seen you doing all those visionary elements together and praise God for the Lord's blessing in our work together. The early church that we read of in the book of Acts certainly prioritized so much of what we think is important at LUMC. You have not allowed yourselves to be overly distracted by changes and outside events, which is quite remarkable. I think that is a very good indicator of a blessed future for our mission and vision as ministers of Christ. Please continue to generously give your time, talents and tithes to your church to continue the work of Jesus in your community.

God bless you all,
Mack McDowell



Worship Schedule Changes

May 7- One 10am service only in Sanctuary.

(no 8:30 or 11am services, no Sunday School)

Confirmation Sunday with Communion

May 21- One 11am service in Wesley Hall (8:30 meet as usual)

Graduate Sunday/Heritage Sunday (see p.1)

Tuesday Night :

Tuesday Night Worship will meet on May 2, 16, 23





New Sunday School Class

Join us on May 14 as we meet in MC005 (located downstairs in the Ministry Center) to help revitalize a Sunday School class. 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!

The Church Council

will meet on Wednesday., May 3 at 6pm in room **MC009**.

All council members are needed and encouraged to attend.

Informational Meeting With District Superintendent

June 21 @ 7:15pm in Wesley Hall

Rev. Fran Elrod will meet with us to answer questions about what is happening across the district and across the state with the disaffiliation process as it related to the Annual Conference, held June 4-8.

Play ball!

It's LUMC Family Night at the Fireflies!

Want to ride the church bus? Make your reservation here: swmitton@gmail.com, or let Todd know.

Use QR code to get your tickets, or use this link:

<https://www.fireflietickets.com/group/event/lexumc2023/>

Want to know about Segra Park read here:

[ABC's of Segra Park | Fireflies \(milb.com\)](#)

**LUMC NIGHT @
SEGRA PARK!**

Join us for a church-wide baseball game & fellowship night. All Ages & Stages Welcome!

Sunday, June 25th
5:05pm

Get your tickets here: 



May 14- Mother's Day/Epworth Offering

Did you Know? By the Numbers:

191- Number of children who lived at Epworth last year, each one from our own communities in SC.

265- Number of children served through Epworth's Foster Care Program

100%- Of your Mother's Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. Mother's Day is your opportunity to support Epworth's ministry.

Epworth Children's Home has been a ministry of our church for more than 127 years. They are not an apportioned item by the SC Conference, which means they receive no funding from the conference other than our offerings. They rely heavily on the donations received from our Mother's Day offering to provide direct care for the children residing at Epworth, as well as for the children and families receiving care and support in Epworth's variety of ministries, from the babies in the Family Care Center to the young adults in Independent Living.

When a child is connected with Epworth, they have experienced a great deal of loss. For Epworth, it isn't enough to answer God's call to care for the least of these by simply providing room and board. They go above and beyond offering the children tutoring to get them caught up at school; counseling to help them heal emotionally; quality medical care, knowing that many of the children have never seen a doctor or dentist. Epworth also offers spiritual formation and guidance that encourages true healing through Christ. Epworth Children's Home ensures the children are surrounded by loving Christian adults so they can break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame and replace it with a life of self-respect, responsibility, and productivity.

Please remember your donation on May 14!

May 28 is Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost mosaic Image by Holger Schué from Pixabay 1500

On **Pentecost Sunday**, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in [Acts 2](#) describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the [birthday of the Christian church](#). Pentecost for Christians culminates the

celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day.

The color historically associated with Pentecost is red. **Red** is a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3).

The [Season after Pentecost](#) is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.



BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE WORKSHOP
May 7, 2pm
 Hosted by Lexington UMC
 For Pastors, Church Council Chairs,
 Trustee Reps., children or youth workers
 You will:

Be reminded of the best practices when working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

Receive assistance with revising policies that need updating.

Gain tools for a church to draft a new policy if needed.

Ask questions about Safe Sanctuaries and our new Cyber Care policy

Schedule Safe Sanctuaries training for your church.

On May 7th at 2pm in 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.

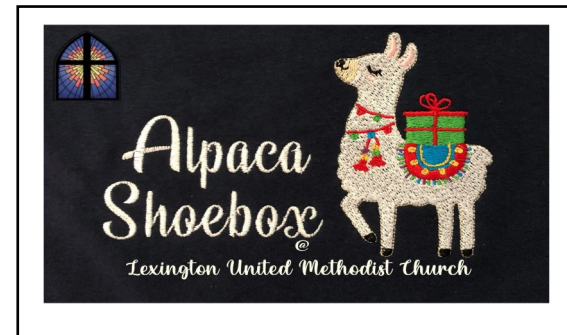
Volunteers are needed to welcome and check-in the pastors and guests. Contact Pastor Laurie if you can help.

WERE HIRING!

Do you love working with kids?

Lexington United Methodist
 Preschool is looking to grow our team
 for the 23-24 school year!

Please contact Lindsey by
 email at
lindsey@lexumcsc.com



It's time to collect shoebox items for the shoeboxes. Requested items for May are:

- ♥ Clothes lines and clothes pins
- ♥ Soccer Balls (deflated & with pumps)
- ♥ Dolls
- ♥ Stuffed Animals
- ♥ Picture Books
- ♥ Small Toy Cars/Trucks
- ♥ Hand Puppets



2023 Children's Summer Camps @ LUMC



Creation Care Camp →

Rising 1st-3rd graders
June 26-29 (9am-12pm) ← **Let's Move Camp**

Rising 4th-6th graders
June 26-29 (9am-12pm)

Ages 3 years-6th grade
July 14 (6pm-8pm) ← **Water Water Everywhere**

Registration open now!

Save the Dates!



The Preschool camps are filled.

Here are the elementary camps dates and times:

Rising 1st-3rd grade:

June 26 -29 - **Let's Move!** (9 am—12 pm) \$55-

Campers will learn the importance of keeping our body, mind, and spirit healthy. Campers will enjoy visits from Amazing Athletes, learn some yoga, and so much more!

Rising 4th-6th grade:

June 26-29—**Creation Care Camp: Mind, Body, Spirit, GO!**
(9 am—12 pm) \$55

Campers will learn the importance of wellness in our own bodies as well as taking care of others around us. Campers will experience Amazing Athletes, learn some yoga, plus other community visitors. A T-shirt is included in the cost. Sign-ups close June 2nd!

Ages 3- Rising 6th grade:

July 14 (6-8 pm)

Drop-off event: **Water, Water, Everywhere!**

Come have fun with all things water!

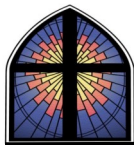
You will get **WET** so come ready for praising God and water play!

Registration is now open, scan QR code to register!

Or [click here to sign up!](#)

If reading print copy, use QR code or check with Heather.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with summer events, please let Heather know: heather@lexumcsc.com



LUMC promises to surround our children with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. Our intention is to minister to the needs of all children and provide them with a caring community where all may be nurtured in a dignified and loving manner.




Children's Sunday school teachers really needed—
please help fill up the spring/summer calendar.

There are 2 children's Sunday school classes:
3k-2nd grade, and 3rd -5th grade
Children sing from 10-10:15am with Ms. Lessie, then go to classes.

Please sign up [here](#) to teach/assist with Sunday school.

If reading print copy, contact Heather to sign up



End-of-the-school-year
Ice cream Sundae Celebration

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!

Are you able to volunteer during the event (youth as well!)?
Contact heather@lexumcsc.com



Acolytes are needed,
please [Sign up here.](#)

Is your child interested in being an acolyte? Let Heather know she can get them trained!

MAY Youth Events!

6TH GRADE PREVIEW NIGHT

**SUNDAY, MAY 7
5 - 6:30 PM**

All rising 6th graders
are invited to come check
out youth group
As a preview! All students
invited to join us!

POOL PARTY

MAY 21ST
4 PM - 7 PM

@THE REGISTERS

6-12TH GRADERS

**2023
Mission
Trip**

**Charleston,
SC**

**L U
M C
YOUTH**

**July 23
- July 28**

**All Students
6th - 12th**

Sign-Ups Deadline May 7

**May 21st
Celebration Sunday**

**Heritage / Class of 2023
Graduate Sunday
Churchwide Brunch @ 9:45 am**

**RSVP
Here**

Worship Schedule
8:30 am (Sanctuary)
11:00 am (Wesley Hall)

**Lexington
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MAY Birthdays

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|------|--|--|---|
| 5/1 | David Rhoten
Jerry Wojtylak
Patty Mayfield | Patrick Lowery
5/12 Harvey Harmon III
Tucker Johnson
Peggy Abercrombie | 5/21 Hampton Pitts |
| 5/2 | Bethany Wessel
Ruth Grimsly | 5/13 Kaitlin Edwards
Walid Hakim
David Marshall Jr.
Carmen Preston
Samuel Brandes
Heather Chittam
Walker D'Amico | 5/22 Elizabeth Ann Lambdin
Colt Kirkpatrick
Harry Cato
Rylie D'Amico |
| 5/3 | Melissa Epting
Wilson Lepp
Linda Roshto
Bob Lambdin
Gaye Leonard
Dylan Hayson | 5/14 Brooks Edwards
Brian Harmon
Kimberly Decell
Hannah Polk
William Lightle
Tanner Keith
Kaylin Samples
Ella Maxwell
Lola Carroll
Ainsley Kunkle | 5/23 Chris Haynes
Logan Pool
Linton Phillips |
| 5/5 | Jennie Church
Pam Hatfield
Austin D'Amico
Hollis Chittam | 5/15 Diane Moseley
Lessie Polk
Caleb Spence
Steve DeBerry | 5/24 Nancy Edmonds
Andrew Stevenson |
| 5/6 | Teresa Turner
Adam Chittam | 5/16 Barbara Addington
Jeffrey Byess | 5/25 Ruth Arant
Lorri Yarborough
Robby Young
Henry Nichols
Tom Dowtin |
| 5/7 | Doug Beaty
Matt Owens
William Phillips
Gracen Oswald
Owen Maxwell
Janet Mabe
Janice Black
Abby Kunkle | 5/17 Richard Rodden
Noel Myers
Adan Myers | 5/26 Kathryn Blackmon |
| 5/8 | Carrie Schilling
Jesse Sullivan
Elizabeth West
Ron Vanderstelt
Donna McKenna | 5/18 Lilly Johnson | 5/27 Wade Reynolds
Mia Willis
Elena Smith
Heather Ford |
| 5/9 | Vicky Jackson | 5/19 Grady Decell
Emily Betcher
Eli Dabbs | 5/29 Robyn Childers
Mike Mitton
Jimmy Walsh Jr.
Jacob Wilson
Michael Keisler
Robert Waterfield
Wells Carter |
| 5/10 | Traci Stinecipher
Troy Loadholt
Juddy Decell | 5/20 Barbara West
Barry Schilling
Thomas Trezise Jr.
Adam Graybill
Candy Brennan | 5/30 Earle Brown
Laura Pappas
Bonny McCarty
Jax Dabbs |
| 511 | Cathy Cagney | | 5/31 Ashleigh Brown
Sharon Maxwell
Sam Merrell
Dennis Meyers |



Kaitlyn Handell

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Lexington, SC 29072

Ruth Grimsley

105 Cabot Bay Drive
Lexington, SC 29072



Donna Palmieri

April 25, 2023

Gifts & Memorials

In MEMORY OF:

Alice Wallace
Cherie Bowers

Anne Beal

Jim & Bobbie Athey

In HONOR OF:

John & Joyce Bumgarner

Carolyn Metcalf

*May
God
Bless
your
Marriage*

Congratulations to

Cori Fouch

&

Nick Doub

who wed

April 9, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class	2 9:00am 10:30am Preschool Graduation Pictures 10:00am -10:30am Staff Meeting 11:30am - 1:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon 2:00pm - 3:00pm LRE- 5:30pm - 6:30pm Al-Anon 6:00pm - 7:00pm SPRC Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Tuesday Service 7:00pm - 8:00pm Troop 507	3 6:30am - 7:30am Men's Weds. 10:30 11:30am Exercise Class 11:00am - 11:30am Preschool Chapel 6:00pm - 7:00pm Church Council Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir	4 10:00am - 2:00pm Shepherd's Center Classes 11:00am - 11:30am Preschool Chapel 2:00pm - 4:30 Prime Timers Cards	5 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Band Practice
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