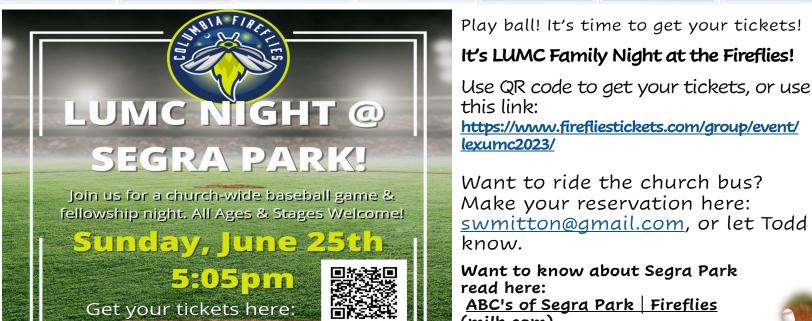
United Methodists vow to faithfully participate in the church's ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness.

# Lexington United Methodist Church Household of Faith

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love



# 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 and what happened at the Annual Conference, held June 4-8. Childcare will be provided.



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Blessings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! I am so glad that some folks are **PASTOR** considering registering to be a part of our

Lake Murray Salkehatchie Camp! I am going, and hope to have a large crowd of our church participants. We will be housed at Union United Methodist Church in Irmo, which is located at 7582 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC. Union UMC has hosted the Lake Murray Salkehatchie Camp participants for the last 13 years, since the very beginning. I invite anyone who is at least 14 years old and capable of doing the work, to go online and register and go through the process. Part of the online process is a questionnaire sheet that asks what experience and skills you may have to help with the work of a house project. If you feel you have no Salkehatchie-related special skills, don't worry. Part of the Salkehatchie experience is learn-

ing how to do things in a home. The best skill you can bring is the willingness to get dirty and sweaty doing work alongside others every day for a week.

You can contact me with any questions. If there are any folks wanting to join us who are not able to pay the \$250 registration fee, our LUMC church has a generous and caring member who has offered to pay the cost if there is financial hardship. The dates again are July 15—22. This will be the first time in three years that Lake Murray Salkehatchie Camp will be able

to meet, so I am very excited to be back up and going to Salkehatchie this year, and I hope you all will join me!

> God bless you all, Mack McDowell





Changes

#### Looking ahead for July & August—

July 2- 8:30 am Traditional (Sanctuary); 11:00 am Traditional (Sanctuary), No ANew

July 16- One 10:00 am service only in Wesley Hall (no 8:30 or 11:00am services, no Sunday School)

Aug 6- 8:30 am Traditional (Sanctuary); 11:00 am ANew (Wesley Hall); No Traditional Youth Sunday with Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> graders receive their Bibles Blessing of the Bookbags



#### **Tuesday Evening Worship**

Join in: June 13 and June 20 at 6:30pm on Tuesday evening in the sanctuary for a traditional worship service! Associate Pastor Rev. Laurie Brandes will preach and lead the service. You are invited to attend, especially if you missed Sunday worship.

Dress is casual !



# **Church Updates**

#### **From Trustees:**



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.

Connie Cooper, Trustee Chair



The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) met on May 2nd at the request of the District Superintendent, Rev. Fran Elrod. The District Superintendent informed the committee that Pastor Laurie will be moving to a new assignment at the end of June. It seems that strong leaders are in high demand within the United Methodist Church. On behalf of

the SPRC, I want to acknowledge the great job that Pastor Laurie has been providing and continues to provide to our church. The SPRC will work with the District Superintendent to make sure that Pastor Mack has the staff support he needs to minister to our congregation and that we continue to support and grow the Contemporary worship service.

#### New Choir Director

After a long process, the SPRC is ready to begin interviews in search of a new Choir Director. The SPRC wants to thank Jerry Gatch for continuing to serve as our Choir Director as we go through the selection process. Hopefully, the SPRC will have some good news for you soon.

Bill Dunnagan, SPRC chair



The new class has formed and is off to a great start and has a name: **True Believers** & **Disciples**. A good number have shown up and there is plenty of room for you to join in on Sunday morning.

Sunday School Class The class meets Sunday mornings at 10 am in classroom MC005 (downstairs in the Ministry Center). This adult Sunday School 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. Upcoming topic's of study include:

- June 4: Build Each Other Up
- June 11: Clothed in Christlikeness
- June 18: Humble and Hospitable



Youth helped spread mulch around the playground In April

# **Preschool News**

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**, there is an option under the **Give Now** tab on our website for you to do so!

You may also donate on Sunday with your check earmarked "Playground". Thank you for supporting LUMC's Preschool!

## Director Change—

We are very thankful and extremely blessed to have had **Lindsey Warner** leading our LUM Preschool over the last few years. Under Lindsey's leadership, and with the support of Church staff, leadership and the Preschool Board, we have balanced the budget, established new safety protocols, and raised funds toward improvement of the playground and preschool wing.

It is with heavy hearts that we must inform you that Lindsey will be resigning from her position this summer. She will be taking a position working with special education students at the school her kids will attend in the fall. With our deepest appreciation, we want to wish Lindsey the best on her new journey. She will always remain a member of the LUMC family.

We are very fortunate to have found Mrs. Sunshine Tucker who is ready and eager to assume the position of Director of the Preschool. Please join the LUMC Staff, Leadership, and the LUMCP Board in welcoming Mrs. Sunshine and we are sure everyone will give her the same love and support you have always so generously provided Lindsey.

Julie Robinson Director, LUMC Preschool Board



#### **Congratulations to our 2023 graduates**

Blake Beckum - Lexington High School Crighton Buchanan - River Bluff High School Kate Crotzer - Lexington High School Bailey Gunter - Lexington High School Jack Gurgigno - River Bluff High School Samantha Stilwell - Lexington High School John Walsh - Lexington High School



Blake

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Crighton



Kate

Cameron Beckum - Wofford College Peter Gurgigno - Midlands Tech James Walsh - USC Aiken Jennifer Cammann Converse University, Ed Specialist



Samantha



John



Jack & Peter



Cameron



James



Jennifer



# Find *your* way to serve.

Whether you want to volunteer your time or have financial gifts to donate, we're equipped to match your contributions to those who can benefit most. Answer the call at <u>www.missionlexingtonsc.org.</u>

216 Harmon St, Lexington



We need your help to furnish food for the LUMC Blessing Box. The Box is empty or has a very limited food supply most days.

Please bring: canned vegetables/fruits canned meats individual servings of grits/oatmeal/pop tarts any non-perishable food item Toothpaste bath soap mouth wash personal hygiene products pets supplies/food

Please put your food directly in the Blessing Box or use the cart inside the church near the church offices.



Requested items for June are:

- Drawstring backpacks
- Small purses/bags
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Caps/hats/visors (all sizes)





# 2023 Children's Summer Camps @ LUMC



# SUMMER DAY CAMPS

### 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! **Deadline to sign up for Creation Care Camp is June 5th, so don't delay, we are going to have a blast!** 

# 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!

Sign-ups are open with lots of spots left for our **Creation Care Camp: Mind, Body, Spirit, GO! (rising 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders)** and our July drop-off event: **Water, Water, Everywhere! (3k-5<sup>th</sup> grade)** 

If you'd like to volunteer, please let me know: <u>heather@lexumcsc.com</u>, 4 volunteers needed.



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Children's Ministry Lexington 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.

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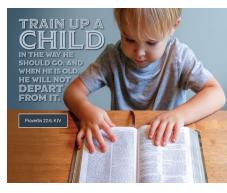
Please sign up <u>here</u> to help teach Children's Sunday school. Children sing with Ms. Lessie and then separate into two classrooms.

Safe Sanctuary states there needs to be two adults in the classroom. Won't you be one of those adults?

June and July dates still need teachers. If reading paper copy, contact Heather.



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



# Do you have a rising 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>heather@lexumcsc.com</u> by July 1st.



Be on the lookout in your mailboxes! An exciting **SUMMER** 

mailer is coming your way. PLUS, if you complete the challenge inside you will earn prizes too. Stay connect to God and your church family this summer with exciting activities and songs you can enjoy whether you're at camp, on vacation, or hanging out in your back yard. Whatever the summer brings, grow with God along the way!













6/1 Alex Gatch Brooke Inabinet Gary Stinecipher Tim Rogers Aria Stewart

6/2 Jessica Cooper Shirley Gregory **Rachel Gaines Williams Ben Brandes** Randy Locklier Collin Conrad Addy Fender Jake Carroll 6/3 Sandy Groves Nick Cook Lucy Young Darlene Cogswell Heather Corley Nick Doub 6/4 Ann Baugh Cindy Graham

- Scott O'Neal 6/5 Carlene Bozard Emily Reynolds Rachel Buchanan Sally Edwards
- 6/6 Kim Baugh Larisa Daly Jamie Spillers
- 6/7 Dylan Roberts Kathryn Spence Dee Hucks Jace Craig Emma Segui
  6/8 Vivian Rivers

James Walsh Mary Alice Bechtler Shannon Osborne Andrew Reynolds 6/9 Teresa Brown Trudy Huffstetler Diane Crosby Ben Masters 6/10 Mary Ann Marsh Scott Cogswell Jack Goldsmith Angie Scoates Mary Scott O'Neal 6/11 Jessica Moore Ashley Sansone 6/12 Judy Wolfe 6/13 Suedella Rhoten Sidney Gatch Joseph Ness 6/14 Michael Cunningham Dee Eskridge Angela Melton 6/15 Jordan Edwards Jay Martin Jr. Henry Cullop Natalie-Ann Melton 6/16 Anna Gatch Mark Kelly

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  6/17 Jackson Elliott Leann Swearingen Thomas Reynolds
  6/18 Megan Quattlebaum Ed Richardson
- 6/19 Olivia Koss Bryson Thain Greg Smith

Katie Brasche 6/20 Sammie George II Jody Jackson 6/21 Jason Dunnagan Melody Brown Harold Taylor 6/22 Kimberly Lightle Alicia Keisler Marcia Wood **Rick Masters** 6/23 Sally Taylor **Delaney Schilling** Kalyn Cogswell Adelvn Larion 6/24 Jean Barbour LuAnne Renwick Cooper Johnson Adam Templin Jack Gurgigno Ken Wahl Michael Blackwell 6/25 Nathan Leonard 6/26 Sandi Owens Camryn Cagney Mary Edwards 6/27 Nicholas Sullivan Cori Fouch-Doub 6/28 Dan Parker Sr. Keelyn Davis 6/29 Rex Boylston Mark Fleming Ann Kelly **Emily Leaphart** Bob Graham Sr. Chase Collum Sarah Elvington Lily Armstrong 6/30 David Marshall Sr. Shirley Jordan



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