

## Lexington United Methodist Church

# Household of Faith

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

## Special Sunday on September 10-

One Combined Worship Service—10 am (no Sunday School, no 8:30 or 11:00am services)
Service in Wesley Hall



This will be followed by a pot luck brunch. Bring your favorite dish to share—breakfast casserole, quiche, muffins, cinnamon rolls., fruit—you get the idea! The church will provide a cereal bar.

Please RSVP using the QR code

If you cannot scan the QR code, RSVP to Todd-todd@lexumcsc.com or Heather-

<u>heather@lexumcsc.com</u> with Family Name and the number attending





#### Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, Sept. 11

2:00pm-7:00pm

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Monday, Sept. 11 from 2-7pm in Asbury Hall. Donors can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," or directly at this link: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc. Please give blood!

#### September 2023

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Blessings to you, brothers and sisters in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! You are a community of great faith and hope, and I continue to enjoy being with you all! God has blessed your church in many ways. Recently some newer attendees asked me a few questions about the Apostles' Creed that we share each Sunday in our traditional services. We say, every week, that we believe in the holy catholic church. Note that "catholic" is lowercase. We mean the entire church of Christians throughout the world, not just one group. The entire body of believers made holy by Christ's sacrifice in our place on the cross, that entire body is sent by Christ into the world. All Christians, we mean, are called

into being and gathered by God through the redeeming and reconciling acts of God through Jesus Christ. We see this clearly in the inerrant Word of God's scripture, in 1 Peter2:9-10, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

One of our challenges in the times of our church today, is to maintain our distinctive identity as God's people, and one of those attributes we now possess, thanks be to God, is mercy. Let us share that mercy with everyone we meet this month and beyond. As we prepare to share Holy Communion service together in all our services at the beginning of this month, let us continue to be a unique chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession that declare with great joy the praises of Him who called us all out of the darkness, and into the wonderful light of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless you with as a vibrant congregation full of willing volunteers, with great outreach programs, and generous hearts for all of God's people.

God bless you all, Mack McDowell



Did you miss the last fun Karaoke night?

Don't miss this one!

Hoping for a repeat of some stellar performances!

Mark your calendars!





eaves are falling, and the 6th annual

# Holiday Market is calling--

October 21, 2023 9am—2 pm

Bake Sale sponsored by United Methodist Women

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs available

Proceeds will be used for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry, Snack Sack Ministry, and the LUMC playground

**BECKY PARKER PBJ CREATIONS** - Upcycled jewelry TERRI GRUBBS SIMPLY DIMPLE ART -mixed media, coasters, kitchen items **HEIDI BLACK FAITHFUL FOODS** – SC made foods **GLENDA'S GLASSWORKS** – stained glass PENNY'S QUILTS & GIFTS – rope bowls, quilted kitchen pot holders **RC CREATIONS** – Wood carved Santa/ ornaments DECELL'S TOBACCWOODS CREATIONS - rustic home décor JASON WILLIAMS LIMITLESS METAL - metal art **HALEY BEE BOUTIQUE** – apparel and gifts JBI RESIN ART – hand poured epoxy serving trays charcuterie boards **JAMES MILLER** – wood turned items AMY GRAHAM PARKLANE JEWELRY – jewelry **CINDY GRAHAM** – antiques NANCY TUTEN ART – prints, note cards handmade **CAROL LEE CAROLINA SWEETLEE** – wreaths MARIE MULLENDER THE MAILROOM – college apparel **ERICA RODGERS WHO ARE YOU DESIGNS** – gift items LORI YARBOROUGH GENERAL STORE – handmade wooden reindeer. soy candles, soaps

**UMW** – decorative items

VALERIE DELLER – wood painted door décor **THIRTY-ONE** – totes, canvas bags LISA WEST LJW DESIGNS – recycled items and holiday items MIMS RUST ARTISTS FOR AFRICA – hand made beads from paper SANDRA SUAREZ SC WILDFLOURS – handmade children's clothes A BUSHEL & A PECK – oyster shell napkin rings, trinket dishes, etc. **JESSICA RAY** - Style and Grace Boutique - gifts, women's clothes

MAGNOLIAS PLUS BOUTIQUE - woman's clothes, Lipsense JENNIFER SMITH HAND TAYLORED - handmade jewelry

#### **Evacuation Bags**



It's hurricane season—and those along the coast often have to leave their homes for safer grounds. This is especially hard on senior citizens who live in a residential home.

On the LUMC Youth 2023 summer mission trip our LUMC youth worked at The Palms Retirement Community in Mt. Pleasant.

One need they learned about was for each resident to have an Evacuation Bag that can be packed up at a moments notice. On Sunday September 17 during the Children/Youth meeting time, they will be packing evacuation bags to send to the residents of The Palms.

#### Your help is needed—

You can visit this Amazon site to purchase items:

Amazon.com

Or

You may donate \$\$ to purchase bags and/or supply kits by going here:

<u>lexumcsc.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/7bfe1d9a-b122-44dd-91c5-a4066db9344e</u>

Bags are \$5 each and supply kits are \$10 each

Please help our youth and children be a bless-ing to the seniors at The Palms.

Their goal is to pack 200 bags!



#### **Native American Elder Baskets**

The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in filling boxes for elder Native Americans. The boxes will be placed outside Pastor Mac's Office on **September 1**. **We will collect until September 30**. The items in the boxes will be delivered to the Native Americans in October.

Many Native Americans suffer from food insecurity (hunger) and lack of healthy food access. With the increase in prices of food and personal care products over the last year the need for help continues. Please consider helping with this situation by placing some of the following items in the boxes. Money may also be donated which will be used to buy Walmart gift cards.

These cards will be used by the SCUMC Native American Committee to purchase items needed to complete the boxes.

Canned Meats
Boxed Mac and Cheese
Laundry Detergent
Shampoo, Body Lotion

Canned Vegetables
Canned or Jarred tomato Sauce
Dish Detergent to be used at sink
Bathroom Tissue

Dried Beans and Rice and Potatoes Evaporated and Powdered Milk Bars of Bath Soap Paper Towels Canned Fruit and fruit cups Peanut Butter Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes



Many United Methodist congregations and some conferences have made special fundraising appeals for Maui, reflecting the severity of the overall situation — and the fact that Lahaina United Methodist Church's sanctuary and the homes of most members were lost to the fires.

UMCOR, which has made an initial \$10,000 solidarity grant for work on Maui, also commented on the rush of donations: "UMCOR is grateful for the ways in which individuals, churches and conferences have shared updates and collected offerings within their communities in the aftermath of the Maui wildfires," said Katherine (Katie) Hills Uzoka, director of international disaster response. "The funds will allow UMCOR to continue supporting local response and recovery efforts."

Getting overall totals for giving to the United Methodist Committee on Relief and the California-Pacific

Conference's targeted efforts for Maui will take a while, but the early United Methodist response has lifted the spirits of Pastor John Crewe, who leads the Lahaina church. "It's given me the assurance that we'll be able to rebuild," he said, noting that his church has already received more than \$75,000 in relief and recovery donations

Donate here: Join UMCOR in support for Hawaii - Global Ministries (umcmission.org)





Lexington United Methodist Women invite you to join in the conversation on October 1 at 2 pm in Asbury Hall.

A guest speaker from LaVie Pregnancy Care Center will be the guest speaker.

Mission spotlights are: LaVie and Epworth Foster Care

Hostess for this meeting is the Joy Circle



Thanks to everyone who supported the **BBQ**, **Bingo and Auction night!** It was a great, fun night and \$5500 was raised for these missions: Bethlehem Center, Mission Lexington, Epworth Foster Care, Killingsworth Home, Wallace Family Life, Epworth Children's Home, LaVie Pregnancy Care Center, Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter





Mission Lexington is having a **Children's Winter Coat Drive**.

If you have any slightly used winter coats, please drop them by Mission Lexington at 216 Harmon St., Lexington. They are open Tuesday-Friday 9am-2pm.

#### CURRENT MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Mission Lexington

Pasta Sauce\* Soup Bar Soap

Peanut Butter Cereal Shampoo

Jelly\* Instant Potatoes Conditioner

Cat Food Deodorant

Plastic Bags Toothpaste

ADDRESS:

216 HARMON STREET LEXINGTON, SC 29072

\*(NO GLASS)

DONATION CENTER HOURS TUESDAY - SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 2:45 PM Mission Lexington

Please consider donating food, toys or your time as we head into the holiday season

Collecting & Packing Holiday
Food Bags
November - December
Christmas toy distribution week
December 11th-14th
call 803.785.6900 or
info@missionlexingtonsc.org



The annual soup fundraiser to raise money for shoebox postage is on Sunday, September 17. People can pick up their soup during coffee time, or contact Trudy Huffstetler to arrange a soup pickup time if Sunday is not convenient. If anyone would like to donate soup, please contact Trudy. If you would like to preorder soup, please contact Trudy: Email <a href="mailto:thuffstetler@aol.com">thuffstetler@aol.com</a> or phone is 803-920-4999. Quarts are \$10 each, a few pints for \$5.



We need to help keep the Blessing Box filled!

Please bring the following items:

Canned vegetables/fruit,

canned meats,

individual servings of grits/oatmeal,

Pop Tarts,

non-perishable food item

Please put your donations directly in the Blessing Box or place them in the cart that is in the hallway outside the church offices.



Requested items for September are:

- Fishing kits
- Art/Craft kits
- Marbles
- Jump ropes
- Playing cards
- © Caps/hats/visors (all sizes)





The Shepherd's Center of Lexington believes that retirement opens a door to a new chapter of life. Like other Shepherd's Centers around the country, we are nonprofit and non-denominational, partnering with all faiths. We are a volunteer organization governed by a Board of Directors and we share a common mission to empower older adults to participate in lifelong-learning opportunities.

The Fall Session of Shepherd's Center of Lexington starts September 21 for 6 weeks on Thursdays.

If you did not get a booklet in the mail, please pick one up outside Asbury Hall or Wesley Hall and sign up today!

There are a variety of class offerings this session including American Revolutionary War in SC, Apple iPhone Basics, Beginning Knitting, Group Crossword Puzzle, Line Dancing, Health Care, TED Talks, We like Rocks!, Intermediate Knitting, Boosting Brain Waves for Improved Memory, Fall Gardening for Spring Flowers, French Language and Experiences, Historic South Carolina Ghosts, Jazzercise Read. Think. Talk! Book Discussion, Using your Apple Watch, The Art of Quilling, Chair Yoga, Financial Planning, Fun & Games, Let's Go to the Movies, Let's Talk Medicare, The Life and Times of Abraham, Origami Christmas







Sunday, October 1 - Christmas program practice begins, 10 am in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 3 - Children's Christmas Program: The Mysterious Animal



Sunday, October 29 from 5-7 pm will be Trunk or Treat

Be on the lookout for additional info, trunk signups, and candy donation options soon!







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.



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?

Acolytes are needed, please Sign up here.

Or here:



September dates still need teachers. If reading paper copy, contact Heather or Is your child interested in use QR code:

Let Heather know so that she can get them trained!

being an acolyte?





# Sunday Evening adult volunteers are needed! Please let Heather know if you are willing to assist.

Sunday, September 17 will be our first night of Children's programming from 5-6:30 pm.

This night will look a bit different than most though because we will join with the youth and all the grownups to enjoy a pizza dinner from 5-5:30 pm.

Following dinner, grownups will join Todd and Heather for a meeting while children & youth are with volunteers.

We will all come back together to assemble our outreach project: evacuation bags for the residents in Mt. Pleasant where the youth served this summer.





### **Youth Group Fall Kickoff** Sept. 17

5:00 pm Pizza Dinner for All 5:30 pm **Games / Parent Meeting** 6:00 pm **Service Project** 



**Extreme Bingo** / Sundae Serve Sept. 24 5 to 6:30 pm

**HUNT FOR THE BLUE GNU** 



3:30 TO 6:30 PM

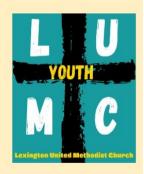




Lexington UMC



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- The 10th @ 10 am One Worship Service Join us for ONE Worship Service at 10 am. Followed by a Pot Luck Brunch w/ Games, Scavenger Hunt, and more! Come to the Water @ Dickie's Lake House - 4:30 to 7 pm We had to reschedule it from the summer but come on out for our last Come to the Water of the Year! Hamburger/Hot Dog Dinner will be served!
- Youth Group Fall Kickoff 5 to 6:30 pm Our First Sunday Night of the Fall! Join us for Pizza Dinner at 5, followed by games and a Parent Meeting at 5:30; and then we will do a service project together!
- Youth Group Extreme Bingo / Sundae Serve 5 to 6:30 pm Help us make posters for the upcoming Holiday Market! Then afterwards join in on the most extreme bingo yet, followed by Ice Cream! Giving away incredible prizes!



9/1 Danielle Dunnagan Tim Chandler Copeland Pitts Valerie Knight Leah Smith

9/2 Harold Young Don McCracken Mary Scott Handell

9/3 Sam Cimburke Robin Thompson Chantz Fogle Trip Miller III

9/4 Michele Backman



Christine Workman Joan Floyd

9/6 Nancy Azzara Betty Fant Phil Yeh

9/7 Kim Edwards
Russell Lybrand
Miyoung Paik
Alex Young
Michael Slapnik
Gabrielle Sinclair
Charles Taylor
Tommie Taylor

9/8 Susan Mitton Mary Jane Teague Brittany Rowe Pascal Pitts Jr. Jessica Carroll 9/9 Stacy Shealy

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9/10 Nancy Sinclair Andrew Hanson

9/11 Jorene Goldin



Gina Johnson Cal Stevenson Jr. Maggie Moser Daniel Fouche

9/12 Benjamin Connor

9/13 Cathy Johnson Jason Torbett Chrissy Wilson

9/14 Katie Bowman Mindy Goist Kay Hutson Joseph West Braelyn Davis Shanti Moore

9/15 Evelyn Corderman
Liam Stilwell
Paisley Buchanan
Nathan Stone
Elaine Hahne

9/16 Adam Connor

9/17 Elaine Elliott Beth Carter 9/18 George Brickle

9/19 Bryan Smith Nancy Caulder

9/20 Marshal McGee Brandon Corley Dyson Carroll

9/21 Mary Parnell Katie Martin Elizabeth Roland

9/22 Betty Pardue Claudia Waits Rachelle Rogers Rayna Brandes Cole Decell Rob Rose

9/23 Irma Van Scoy Diane Coleman Kim Hawkins

/24 Jennifer Templin John Cafferty Sam Dabbs

9/25 Lynn Silvey Charles Polk Megan Currier Mark Wilson Merle Mabe

9/26 Stephanie Thain Marlee Metts

9/27 Ann Lever Nelle Matthews Katherine Merrell

9/28 Sandy Agee Robin Andrews Tanya Gardner Callie Krantz

9/29 Lou Ellen Decell Judy Hayes Carol Shealy Zack Altenberg Mike Morrison Jack Collum

9/30 Katie Swearingen
Britt Welch
Katy Handell
Laura Beckham
Ron Deeds



Welcome

Church
Family

Robert & Pam Curtis daughter, Sadie Curtis 132 Montrose Drive Lexington, SC 29072



Thank you, from my heart, to all the dear people who have sent me cards or have called during my recovery for a reverse right shoulder replacement. It's been real!

Bobbie Athey

John and Joyce Bumgarner want to thank those of you who sent cards and/or brought them food when John was recently having some health issues. They also greatly appreciated all your thoughts and prayers. John is doing much better now.



#### In MEMORY OF:

**Bernice Mitton**Cynthia Satcher

**Butch Phillips**Mary Hazelton

Lois Vanderstelt Cherie Bowers Mary Hazelton

In HONOR OF:

**Daisy Hicks**Susan Matthews

Mary Alice Betchler Susan Matthews

**Terry & Daisy Hicks**George & Luanne Renwick



Grandparents Day September 10





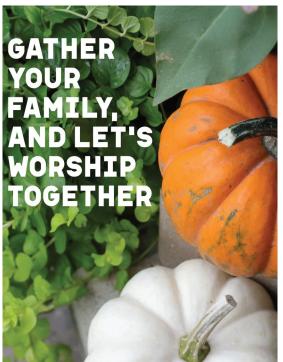
GRANDPARENTS,
I SUPPORT MY
CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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