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CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be CLOSED on Monday, September 4 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Have a happy & safe Labor Day!

TUESDAY EVENING SERVICE

Join us each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in the sanctuary for a traditional worship service! Senior Pastor, Rev. Mack McDowell, will preach and lead the service. You are invited to attend especially if you missed Sunday worship! Dress is casual.

KARAOKE NIGHT!

Mark Thursday, Oct. 26 on your calendars! The anticipated return of Karaoke Night will take place in Wesley Hall at 6:30pm! Additional details will be announced soon!

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 <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," or directly at this link: <u>https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/driveresults?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc</u>. Please give blood!

Holiday Market Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Holiday Market happening on Saturday, October 21 from 9am-2pm in Wesley Hall!! Lots of vendors are scheduled with all sorts of items! Bake sale by the United Methodist Women! Hamburgers & Hot Dogs will be available! You won't want to miss this!!!



YOU'RE INVITED!!

On Sept. 10 there will be ONLY ONE worship service at 10:00am in Wesley Hall. This will be a COMBINED service. No 8:30am service. Afterward, join us for a potluck brunch and SCAVENGER HUNT. The church will provide a cereal bar and you are asked to bring a dish to share! Please RSVP at the QR code above or call Todd or Heather!

ALPACA SHOEBOX

For the month of **September**, please consider donating the following: fishing kits, cooking sets, marbles, jump ropes, playing cards, arts/crafts. 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!!

MISSION LEXINGTON

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 always in need of Food Pantry Items as well! They are open Tuesday-Friday 9am-2pm. Thank you in advance!!

Prime Timers

You are invited to join Prime Timers for lunch next Tuesday, September 5, at the Mediterranean Café, 327 West Main Street in Lexington at 11:30 AM. Please contact Sammie Brown at 803-351-0784 or <u>sbrown8885@sc.rr.com</u> to make your reservation.

SOUP FUNDRAISER-SEPT. 17

We will be having our annual soup fundraiser to raise money for shoebox postage on Sunday, September 17th. People can pick up during coffee time or contact me. If anyone would like to donate soup, please contact me and if anyone would like to preorder soup, please contact me. My email is <u>thuffstetler@aol.com</u> or phone is 803-920-4999. The quarts are \$10 each and we will have some pints for sale for \$5. I will be at the church on most weekdays and can arrange pickup if Sunday soup is for not convenient. Thanks, Trudy

LEXINGTON UMW

Attention all women of the church, please join us on Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 in Asbury Hall for some light refreshments and fellowship as we listen to a speaker from LaVie Pregnancy Center. Please come out and meet other women of the church, and learn more about one of our spotlight missions!

JERRY GATCH LOVE OFFERING

We are collecting a love offering for Dr. Jerry Gatch for his 30+ years of service as our Choir Director! Dr. Gatch's last day as Choir Director will be on Sunday, Sept. 17. Please mark your checks for the Jerry Gatch Love Offering (before Monday, Sept. 11) or give online at our website under "Special Collections". Thank you!!

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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Sunday, September 17th 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, children, and all their grownups to enjoy a pizza dinner from 5-5:30 pm. Then grownups will join Todd and me for a meeting while children & youth are with volunteers. Then 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. <u>Sponsor a bag here</u>.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, October 29th from 5-7 pm will be our Annual Trunk or Treat. Be on the lookout for additional info, trunk signups, and candy donation options soon!