#### MEET OUR CHURCH STAFF:

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#### **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.

#### **PUMPKIN STEMS**

When you are through with your jack-o-lanterns, pumpkin pie making, and fall decorations, please save the stems before disposing of your pumpkins. We will dry them out and use them for church decorating and to make items for next year's Holiday Market. Thanks! The stems can be put in the container on the credenza behind the reception desk.

#### **CARING CONNECTIONS**

Caring Connections is a committee that has been a part of LUMC for many years. The members of this committee send get well cards, sympathy cards, cheer cards, and military cards among others. We keep an updated list of names of shut-ins and those in assisted living in addition to those who have lost loved ones and those serving in the military. These cards mean so much to those we send them to. If you have a loved one who you would like for us to put on our card list, please email their name and address to Sandra Brabham at ssbrabham@icloud.com.

# MISSION LEXINGTON HOLIDAY BASKETS

Mission Lexington is collecting food for holiday baskets. They are asking for donations of canned sweet potatoes, canned collards or turnip greens, canned cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing mix, boxed cornbread mix, gravy mix packet, brownie mix, and \$10 gift card for turkey or ham. Please put donated items (except for gift cards, which should be put in the Administrator's drop box) in the Mission Lexington cart in the church hallway and they will be delivered to Mission Lexington. Thank you for your support!

#### **ANGEL TREE MINISTRY**

We are looking for a few Angels to buy Christmas gifts for children whose parents are incarcerated. We will have 70 Angel Gift tags and that have been placed on the Angel Tree in Asbury Hall. As you take an Angel Tag, please add your name & phone # in the Gift Notebook beside the tree beside the Tag # of the Angel you selected (Tag # is on the Angel's wing).

Please attach the Angel tag to the <u>wrapped</u> gift and bring the gift to the church by Sunday, Dec.  $10^{th}$ . If you would like to deliver the gift for the child you selected, please contact Sandy Knight. We are also looking for Driver Angels to deliver the remaining gifts the week of December  $17^{th}$ . Questions- contact Wanda Pettus at 803-447-8945 or Sandy Knight 703-901-4664.

#### **BLESSING OF THE SHOEBOXES**

As Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection week approaches, we are ready! Our 150 boxes are packed and ready to go. Before they are sent off, however, we want to have a time of prayer and blessing of our Shoeboxes. TODAY, groups of Shoeboxes will be placed in the Sanctuary and Wesley Hall. Pastor Mack and Brenda Dunn, ANew worship leader, will lead us in prayer and the blessing during the worship services. Thanks again for your support of this project. Please pray for the children who will receive our gifts, specifically that their hearts will be open and that they will realize how much God loves them!!

# EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME ANGEL WISH MISSION

Epworth Children's Home Angel Wish Mission. To sign up for a "wish" please email Lori Torbett at <a href="ldtorbett@gmail.com">ldtorbett@gmail.com</a> or text/call her at 803-629-7126. You can donate to the church and we will shop for you! Please label your donation to "Epworth" or "Angel Wish". Please <a href="do NOT wrap your item">do NOT wrap your item</a> and turn it into the church no later than December 10th. Thank you for your continued generosity and providing the kids at Epworth with a wonderful Christmas!

### BLESSING BOX VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

We are in need of someone to coordinate our Blessing Box Ministry. Tasks would include filling the box periodically from donated items and letting the congregation know when supplies are low. If you are interested and willing to coordinate this ministry, contact Mike or Terrie Morrison (tmmatusc@gmail.com or 803-957-2089).

### THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who gave blood last Monday! There were 31 donors; 29 units were collected; and 87 potential number of lives saved!! Our next blood drive will be on January 22, 2024!

#### **PRIME TIMERS**

Annual Christmas Luncheon: Prime Timers will have the annual Christmas luncheon again this year at Lexington Country Club on December 5. Please make your reservation by contacting Linda Gladden, making your menu selection, and paying for the meal no later than November 28. Each of the three menu choices are being offered for \$18. This is always a wonderful event so make your plans now. See Linda at coffee time on Sundays.

Day Trip to Alabama Theatre: On December 14, a trip is planned to travel to North Myrtle Beach to see the Christmas matinee show. The minimum number of people needed for the group rate is 20. Charles Gatch has planned an exciting trip. The total cost per person is \$40. You will be responsible for your meals. Please contact Sammie Brown at <a href="mailto:sbrown8885@sc.rr.com">sbrown8885@sc.rr.com</a> or 803-351-0784 to make your reservation. We need to know <a href="mailto:now">now</a> if you are interested and payment by Thursday, November 30.

#### CHILDREN'S CORNER

-So exciting! Our children's ministry is growing and we are looking to hire 2 nursery workers, particularly for the 9:45-Noon time frame on Sunday mornings but occasionally for additional dates when available. So, if you enjoy spending time with little ones sharing God's love through play and are interested in applying, please email either Diane, dcrosby@lexumcsc.com, or Heather, heather@lexumcsc.com. All persons must meet safe sanctuary requirements and complete safe sanctuary training, if not already current on their training.

-This Sunday evening from 5-6:30 pm children WILL have programming and we will be exploring Serving the Lord, Walking with God.