



Lexington United Methodist Church
Household of Faith
 Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

December
2023



Advent is a season of waiting, expecting, and hoping. Beginning the four Sundays prior to Christmas and ending on Christmas Eve, Advent helps us prepare for the coming, or "Advent" of the Christ child into our world— God Incarnate. Praise God!

Make time to worship with your church family:

LUMC Advent Worship Schedule

December 3—9am Sunday School

10am ONE worship in Sanctuary

Children's Christmas Play—



December 10—9am Sunday School

10am ONE worship in Wesley

6:30pm—Moravian Love Feast in Sanctuary

December 17—9am Sunday School

10am ONE worship in Sanctuary

Christmas Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir

December 24—Christmas Eve—9am Sunday School

10am ONE worship in Sanctuary

4:30 or 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
in Sanctuary

December 31—New Year's Eve—



9am Sunday School

10am ONE worship in Wesley

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Blessings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! There have been some very wonderful happenings in your household of faith throughout the year of 2023! I have been very blessed and happy to share in all that we have done together in the mission and ministry of Jesus! And now, in our last month of this year we are looking forward to wonderful Christmas festivities as a church, including our Children's Pageant, Christmas Cantata, Moravian Love Feast, and Christmas Eve services.

So I want to take this opportunity to thank you for letting me worship alongside you as your pastor. The Lord has truly gifted me to share in all that you do, and there is no other place I would rather be, than right here with each one of you. You have continued blessing the community as hands and feet of Jesus Christ, and I look forward to our fellowship together. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a very blessed New Year. May God continue to smile upon our church and community in all that we do together!

God bless you all,
Mack McDowell

Advent Event
December 10
11am,
following worship
in the Connector
Drop in, enjoy a snack,
& decorate a onesie!

Bring essential baby items to donate. These will be donated to Samaritan's Well, Lexington Transitional Shelter for women & children

Volunteers for the party planning/prep and snacks are needed for this event. Please contact Heather to help:
Heather@lexumcsc.com

There will be onesies available for decorating as a part of this event. These are going to be gifted, along with the baby items collected to Samaritan's Well, Lexington:
[Samaritan's Well | christcentral \(christcentralministries.org\)](http://Samaritan's Well | christcentral (christcentralministries.org))

*The hope is that this event helps emphasize the importance of Advent as a time of preparation and getting ready...
much like a new mother prepares for the coming little one!*



The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.

Although its origins in the early church are closely interconnected with the origins of the Lord's Supper, the two services became quite distinct and *should not be confused with each other*.

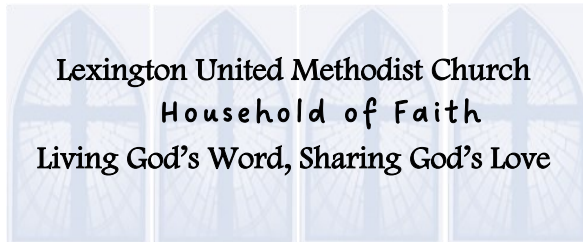
The modern history of the Love Feast began when Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians in Germany introduced a service of sharing food, prayer, religious conversation, and hymns in 1727.

John Wesley first experienced it among the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia.

The Lexington UMC tradition of the Love Feast was brought to our church in the 1980s by Carol and Dick Ferrington. It has been celebrated during the Advent Season ever since with lessons, carols and beautiful music presented by the choir. It also includes the sharing of buns and coffee. Plan to attend this special service **December 10, 6:30pm** in the Sanctuary.

If you would like to help with this service please contact Katy Handell—

kevinandkatiehandell@gmail.com



It has been my joy and privilege to put together and edit our church newsletter each month for many years. **It is a vital link of information for our staff, our mission connections and our programs to you from our church.** *You* need to take time to read what is happening in your church. Email and social media cannot detail what is happening in your household of faith. This newsletter does just that.

Kaitlyn Handell will be taking over the responsibility of producing the newsletter beginning in January. She brings her expertise and knowledge and will continue to produce a great pipeline of information for you. Her email is: obrien.kaitlynm@gmail.com. Please continue to share with her all of the information that is happening in the church!

Susan Mitton

Spiral Walk
December 21
5:30--7:30pm
Wesley Hall

What is a Spiral Walk?

It is a small, calm and quiet walk on a spiral path which gives you time to reflect on Jesus bringing His light into the world, finding light in the darkness, as you walk through the path and back out.

Visit the reflection stations as you move to the spiral candlelight walk.

Drop in anytime between 5:30—7:30pm



We hope all of you are working on filling your jars and have thought about who might need a jar of Christmas Blessings this year. Maybe it's a worker at your favorite fast-food restaurant, many of whom are making minimum wage. Or a co-worker who could use a little extra help this year, especially at Christmas. Or a neighbor who's going through some tough times. We know times are tough for some, and especially for the "working poor", those who work hard but just can't quite make ends meet or have had unexpected emergencies pop up. Listen to those around you. Ask friends if they know someone who could use a little help.

The church will have copies of the book "Christmas Jars" available for you to pick up and include with your jar so that the recipient will know about our ministry. You can pick up a copy of the book from the Church Office any time after December 1. Add your jar to a gift bag with the book and brighten up someone's Christmas with a totally unexpected blessing!

THANK
you.

To my beloved church family,
Thank you so much for all of the prayers, cards, calls, and visits during Wade's long journey. It was always a pleasure to see your smiling faces and to know that my church family has been praying for us.

Love and Blessings, Alice Jackson



Help keep the Blessing Box filled!

Please put items directly into Blessing Box, or in cart in the hallway.

Please bring the following items:

Canned vegetables/fruit, (pop tops would be good)

canned meats,

individual servings of grits/oatmeal,

Pop Tarts,

Any non-perishable food item



Thanks LUMC Preschool for helping to fill our Blessing Box cart! You have created blessings for many people!



Thank you, LUMC for responding to the call for Holiday Meal kits for Mission Lexington. Mary Alice reports that her car was full of food to deliver before Thanksgiving. In addition to food there were \$300 in gift cards donated.

Thank you for caring for your neighbor!



Christmas Gifts Needed



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Drop off at the Donation Center

216 Harmon Street, Lexington, SC 29072

Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm

Deadline: December 8th

Thank you!



Thank you to Lynn Brewer for coordinating and encouraging LUMC to give and support the outreach of the SC Annual Conference Native American Committee's Elder Basket mission to the native tribes in our state. Your many canned good and the gift cards are going a long way to make up the Elder Baskets. Because of your quick response we will be getting them delivered earlier this year. I have enjoyed working with your church and developing a warm relationship with Lynn. Thank you for your years of generous support. These baskets help extend our recipients finances during the holiday season by meeting the basic needs of our Native American Elders and their families.

Peace & Blessings,

Lee Anne Lamar



Epworth Children's Home Angel Wish Mission: To sign up for a "wish" please email Lori Torbett at ldtorbett@gmail.com 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 do NOT wrap your item 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!



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 the Connector. 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 wrapped gift and bring the gift to the church by Sunday, **December 10th** .

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 17th . Questions- contact Wanda Pettus at 803-447-8945 or Sandy Knight 703-901- 4664.



KidzWay (3k - 2nd) & Breakout (3rd - 5th)
Sundays – 5 to 6:30 PM

Children meet for KidzWay & Breakout for a time of play, creativity, wonder, and growing together in God. Parents are asked to drop off children at the playground. Snack will be provided.



Dec. 3—Jingle Jammies Movie Night
5 to 7 PM

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jammies for a viewing of *The Star* movie. Pizza & snacks provided. Please RSVP here by scanning the QR code to help us plan for food.



Dec. 17--Gingerbread House Decorating – 5 PM

Children and their grownup are invited to decorate a gingerbread house to take home. Please RSVP here by scanning the QR code to ensure we purchase enough supplies. Or click [Heather](#) to email to let her know you are coming to these events.



Children's Christmas Program

Dress Rehearsal: Sat., Dec. 2nd – 9:30am

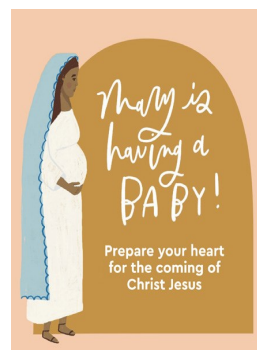
Final Rehearsal: Sunday, Dec. 3rd – 9am

Performance: Sunday, Dec. 3rd – 10am Sanctuary



Dec. 10— NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING
Moravian Love Feast – 6:30 PM

Children are invited to attend the Moravian Love Feast and worship with their families.



Mary's Baby Shower

Sunday, December 10th – 11 AM, after service in the Connector

To prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, children, along with the entire congregation, are invited to Mary's Baby Shower and encouraged to bring a gift for baby Jesus. All items will be donated to Samaritan's Well transitional shelter for women and children in Lexington. Drop in for a snack and to decorate a onesie!

Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to help support our Children's Ministry programs. Sign up to help at the links to the right:

KidzWay & Breakout
Adults with Safe Sanctuary Training



Acolytes
for Traditional Services





Youth Ministry



The Youth Ministry at Lexington United Methodist Church seeks to serve all students in grades 6th through 12th grade. For all the latest info regarding upcoming events, visit lexumcsc.com/student-ministry or scan the QR code to view the monthly youth newsletter.

Christmas Game Night Sunday, December 3, 5—7pm

Youth will meet with the children for a pizza dinner and then break out for a night full of Christmas games.



Moravian Love Feast Sunday, December 10th – 6:30 PM

The church is in need of youth volunteers to serve at the Moravian Love Feast. If you are able to help, contact Katy Handell: kevinandkatiehandell@gmail.com

Youth Christmas Party

Friday, December 15th – 5 to 7 PM

It's all fun and games for the youth Christmas party! Youth will test their luck in games of chance for Todd's infamous Christmas Bag Bonanza and exchange gifts for the White Elephant Gift Exchange. Sign up to bring a dish for the potluck at the link in the youth newsletter.



Winter Retreat

"D.U.D."

Doing Unknown Destinations

Friday, January 26th to Saturday, January 27th

For the 2024 Winter Retreat, the youth aren't going anywhere!

They are Doing Unknown Destinations (D.U.D.) with surprise activities all around Lexington, SC. This is going to be one Dazzling, Unique, Delightful D.U.D. of a youth retreat! Cost will be \$50 per student.

Sign up to attend at the link in the youth newsletter



12/1 Tracy Rowe
Kris Cato
12/2 Carolyn Johnson
Matt Maxwell
12/4 Cindy Bowman
Sutton Sinclair
12/5 Angie Cunningham
Deryl Barr
Sammie Brown
12/6 Bruce Fogle
Ginny Kurtz
Barbara Bodie
Nicole Hayes
Vivian Robbins
Brad Montgomery
12/7 Meghan Field
Louis DeBruhl Jr.
Frank Seeby Jr.
Kathryn Duffie
Everette Denny
MyKenzie Britner
12/8 Todd Taylor
David Reynolds II
Michael Logan
12/10 Alison Davison
Debra Lyles
Todd Brandes
Candance Craig
12/11 Jack Young
Brice Parnell
Olivia O'Neal
Idris Kuku
12/12 Donna Dunnagan
Craig Powell
Trish Palmer

Maddie Masters
Emma Masters
Kristen Richardson Frick
12/13 Stephanie Loadholt
Charlie Robbins Jr.
12/15 Cameron Rainey
Ann Childers
Deanna McGee
Bill Bodie
12/16 Melanie Anderson
Vicki Boylston
David Brown
Steve Burnett
Hannah Gourley
12/17 Kitty Spence
Kirk Lehman
12/18 Sandra Brabham
Matthew Bowman
Kevin McGee
Cameron Smith
Eric Owens
Elijah Stewart
12/19 Edens Baker
Adam Britner
12/20 Vonnie Folk
Cliff Rivers Jr.
Edie Beckum
12/21 Douglas Crossman
12/22 Ann Cimburke
Sandra Young
12/23 Ruth Murphy
Kathy Seeby
Donna Bashline
12/24 Donald Bickel
Joseph Whetstone
Luanne Brabham
12/25 Ron Hutson
Lily Laffin
12/26 Cam Hakim

Zoe Trezise Ayers
Jackson Goldsmith
Mack Blume
William Vernon
12/27 Barry Keith
Don Myers
Treislyn Davis
Penny Wilson
Jill Kunkle
12/28 Levy Rogers Jr.
Sarah McKnight
Taylor Stevenson
Lorri Johnson
12/29 Mike Gregory
Sutton Betcher
12/30 Mary Corley
Ken Parnell
Colin Martin
Briggs Johnson
Conner O'Neal
12/31 Pat Smiley



In MEMORY OF:

David Teague
Jim & Connie Brock
Mr. & Mrs. William Salley
Ellen Shaw
Terry & Daisy Hicks

Jean Barbour
Jim & Connie Brock
John & Joyce Bumgarner
Delos Corderman/
Fellowship Class
Larry & Pam Hayes
Irene Starr
Terry & Daisy Hicks
Nelle Matthews
Diane Dunbar
Jay & Connie Martin

Cynthia Satcher
Jim & Connie Brock
Melody Brown & Family
Warren & Susan Herndon
Scott Yarborough
Les BonAmi
Pat Bynum
Greg & Melanie Webb
Claude & Kay Eison
Baxter & Sally Donaldson
Rotary Club of Lexington
Eddie & Louise Mitchum
Kathy Trammell
Eddie & Gigi Huckabee
Mary Hazelton
Helen Thomas
John & Joyce Bumgarner
Delos Corderman/
Fellowship Class
Linton Phillips
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bynum
Edith Harmon

Renee Meighan
Bret & DJ Harris
Erica Walters
Rhonda Banks
Scott & Leslie Callison
Marcia Mincey
George & Luanne Renwick
Mitch & Cathy Gardner
Patricia Rawl
Ginny Kurtz
Diane Stone
Frances Byers
Lisa Shealy
Phillip Aman
Jerry & Sydney Gatch
Carolyn Campbell

May Ackerman
Ginny Kurtz
Linda Gladden
John & Harriet Moore
Paul & Susan Grier
Helen Thomas
Al & Pat Borsum

Jim Athey
Bob & Cindy Graham
Helen Thomas
Carolyn Campbell
Nelle Matthews

Wade Jackson
Helen Thomas

In HONOR OF:

John & Connie Cooper
The Shepherd's Center
of Lexington

In
Loving
MEMORY

May Ackerman
November 3, 2023

Jim Athey
November 10, 2023

Wade Jackson
November 13, 2023

**Welcome
to
Our
Church
Family**



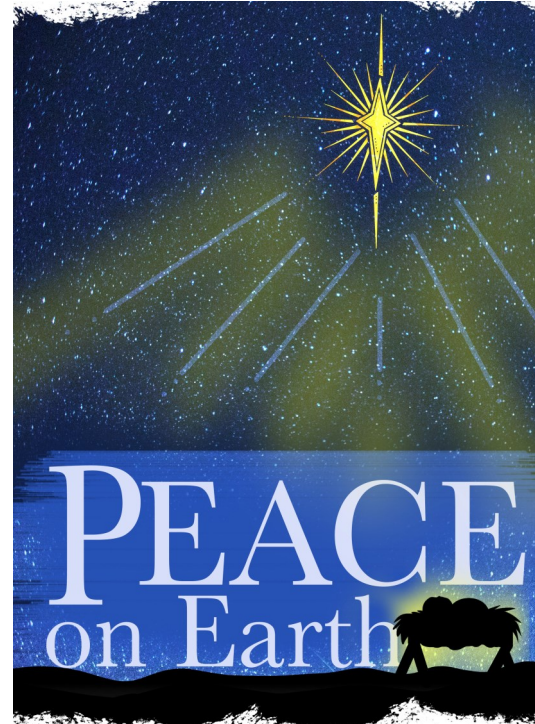
Eric Murdock
401 Patio Drive
Columbia, SC 29212

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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