### MEET OUR CHURCH STAFF:

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# TUESDAY EVENING SERVICE & ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Evening service and Zoom Bible Study will be cancelled throughout December and will resume on Jan. 9. Pastor Mack is taking a much needed break!

### DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Dec. 31-9am Sunday School 10am ONE worship service (Gym)

# **BLESSING BOX NEEDS:**

Vienna sausages, tuna packets, canned spaghetti. Thank you for your donations!

# CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed on Jan. 1 for the New Year holiday. May everyone have a safe, healthy, & blessed New Year!

## HOMECOMING!

Sept. 7, 2025: LUMC's 175th anniversary will be here before we know it! We will celebrate with a homecoming! Mark your calendars so that you don't miss it!

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS 2024**

If your student is in 8th grade or above and hasn't completed confirmation class, then now is the time to sign up. Classes will begin late January and confirmation Sunday will take place early May. If your student wants to participate, or you want to learn more about the confirmation process, email Todd at todd@lexumcsc.com.

### POINSETTIAS

How blessed we have been to have such beautiful poinsettias to add more bright colors to our worship services! Our poinsettia tree was filled, and we even had more to place around our worship areas. Thank you to each of you who provided those many in memory and honor of loved ones for our worship times. We still have several which have not been picked up. They are patiently waiting in Asbury Hall to go to their new home. If you placed one in memory of someone, please take it home with you to have in memory. If you were honored by having one placed in your name, please enjoy that beauty in your home.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY, JAN. 22

Start the New Year off with a new tradition! The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, Jan. 22 from 2-7pm in Asbury Hall. Donors can sign up online at <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc". Donors will get a coupon for a FREE Pizza Hut personal pan pizza and also be entered in a drawing to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas! More info visit <u>www.Rcblood.org/SuperBowl</u>

#### NAMETAGS

To help our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Meegian Gossard, get to know everyone, we have created nametags for those who have been attending church. They will be placed on the board in the connector room by Rev. Gossard's first Sunday (Jan. 7). Please stop by and pick up your nametag when you are able. The nametag list was made from recent attendance records so if you do not see a nametag for yourself, please let Diane Crosby know and she will make sure that you get one. Thank you!

## **New Associate Pastor**

As the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) chair, I wanted to take a pass along some great news to the congregation. As many of you are aware, the SPRC has been searching unsuccessfully for several months for an assistant to help Pastor Mack in ministering to our congregation. Our District Superintendent (DS), Fran Elrod, was aware of our difficulty in finding the right person for our church. The DS requested to meet with the SPRC via Zoom last Wednesday evening. During the meeting, the DS informed the SPRC that an Associate Pastor, Rev. Meegian Gossard, would be available for appointment starting in January. Pastor Gossard is an ordained elder and is currently serving as an Associate Pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Blythewood, SC. The SPRC is very excited to bring you this news. What a great Christmas present for our congregation! We hope that everyone will extend a big LUMC welcome when Pastor Gossard joins our church staff in January.

Thank you for being such a warm and loving congregation!

Bill Dunnagan LUMC SPRC Chair

# LUNCH & LEARN

Shiloh UMC at 1000 Spring Hill Road in Gilbert invites you to a Lunch & Learn featuring Joe Pinner, former WIS-TV personality. His topic will be Highlights from Mr. Knozit and WIS-TV. This event will take place on Thursday, Jan. 4 from noon-1pm and is \$15. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 2 at (803) 206-3400.

# LUMW WINTER TEA

Join the us! Sunday afternoon, January 7, from 2:00 until 4:00 in Asbury Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend!

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Helpers are needed on Sunday nights for Children's Ministry, <u>please sign up here.</u> Let's fill the new year calendar! Note: Our first meeting of the new year will be January 21st. See our topics attached.

**Children's Sunday school teachers are needed.** <u>Please sign up here</u>. Let's get our January and February dates filled!

Acolytes needed. Please sign up here.

