



A WORD FROM PASTOR MACK



Blessings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! We have been blessed to see the results of our United Methodist Church South Carolina Annual Conference witnessed by all six of our Lay Delegates. From June 9-12, Pastor Meegian and I attended the Annual Conference at the Greenville Convention Center, along with Lessie Polk, Susan Mitton, Maddie Connor, Earle Mayfield, Jack Walsh, and Lynn Silvey. We were blessed to hear some wonderful sermons from talented proclaimers, including our own Resident Bishop, L. Jonathan Holston, along with Rev. Doctor Martin Luther Quick and Rev. Morgan Byars.

Important business was acted upon, including the departure of 112 churches from our statewide conference. The Annual Conference elected its officers for the next four years. The standing rules involving years of service and numbers of people required on conference boards and agencies were slightly modified to accommodate a smaller pool of available applicants, now that the overall conference size is smaller. A resolution was passed forgiving about \$3.3 million in debt owed for direct billing charges by churches experiencing hardship. The Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A) offered a reduced budget of \$11.7 million for 2025.

A significant amount of time and debate was devoted to several motions involving proposals to impose a moratorium on the use of the paragraph 2549 in the Book of Discipline to allow UMC churches to separate from the denomination over differences in views of sexuality. By Wednesday morning the motions were all withdrawn, and there remains no sunset on the use of paragraph 2549 for churches to separate for those reasons. UMC churches can continue the process to separate from the United Methodist Denomination if their reasons comply with the UMC South Carolina Bishop's allowances for differences over sexuality.

Your Lay Delegates who attended with Pastor Meegian and I, briefed each LUMC worship service on the major points of the Annual Conference. I appreciate what you all do in LUMC, as you too labor to spread the life-giving message of the Gospel. May God continue to bless our church and our efforts for Jesus!

God bless you all,

Rev. Mack McDowell

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Church News

Worship Assistants Needed

Are you looking for a way to more faithfully serve your church and its ongoing ministries? We are looking for scripture readers and ushers in both Traditional Worship Services and scripture readers, candle lighters, and communion helpers in our Anew Contemporary Worship Service. Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate through their presence and service. Scan the QR codes or click the links to help with our [Traditional Worship Services](#) or [Anew Contemporary Worship Service](#).



Never be lacking in zeal,
but keep your spiritual
fervor, serving the Lord.

- *Romans 12:11* -



Coffee Time Refreshments

Thank you to the Delos Corderman Fellowship and True Believers & Disciples (TBD) classes for providing refreshments for Coffee Time before Sunday School in June! We are still in need of a host for Coffee Time in July. If your class or group is able to help with one or more weeks, please contact **Wendi Walsh** at 803-622-7053.



BBQ & Bingo

Saturday, August 10th – 5 to 7:30 PM

Adults: \$12 | Children (12 & Under): \$8

Dinner, a bake sale, and the most fun evening playing Bingo! Dinner includes pulled pork provided by Love Handells BBQ and all the fixins! Bingo is free for all ages. All proceeds will benefit local mission organizations supported by the Lexington United Methodist Women. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to purchase your tickets for this family-friendly event!



THE HOUSEHOLD of Faith

Do you have content you would like included in the Household of Faith?

Please contact Kaitlyn Handell at obrien.kaitlynm@gmail.com or 864-752-5627 by July 19th with any information you wish to be included in the July issue of the Household of Faith.



Lexington Blowfish Baseball Game

On Saturday, June 15th, LUMC took over the ballpark for Star Wars night at the Lexington Blowfish. The group had a great time racing pods, eating endless hotdogs, watching fireworks, and enjoying fellowship with one another.



Preschool Announcements

2024-2025 Preschool Registration - Spots Still Available



Lexington United Methodist Preschool still has some openings for the 2024-2025 school year beginning Monday, August 26th. Members of LUMC receive a 10% discount on monthly tuition. A non-refundable \$125 registration fee is due at time of registration. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to register online. If you have any questions, contact the church office and ask for Preschool Director, Sunshine Tucker.



Now Hiring Teachers for 2024-2025 School Year

The LUMC Preschool is in need of one more teacher for the 2024/2025 school year to help in the one-year-old class. If you'd like to join the team, please contact our Preschool Director, Sunshine Tucker at sunshine@lexumcsc.com or by calling the church office.



Children's Ministry

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 they may be nurtured in a dignified and loving manner. For all the latest info regarding upcoming events, visit lexumcsc.com/childrens-ministry.

Nursery (infant - 2k)

Nursery services are offered for infants and toddlers during the Sunday School period (beginning at 9:45 AM) through the end of the 11AM services. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Connor.

Sunday School (3k - 5th)

The LUMC Children's Ministry offers Sunday School programming for children from 3k through 5th grade. Gather at the purple awning room at 9:45 for music time with Ms. Lessie followed by a Bible lesson and other activities. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Connor.

LESSON TOPICS

July 7th	Psalm 48 Wrapped in God's Love
July 14th	Psalm 24 You Are Welcome Here
July 21st	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Compassion
July 28th	John 6:1-21 Breath of Love



Summer in the Park

Once a month during the summer, the LUMC Children's Ministry will offer a Summer in the Park gathering at local Lexington parks. Children can bring a picnic (and a parent) for a short lesson, playtime, and fellowship. Friends are welcome!

July 25th	Caractor Park – 5 to 6:30 PM
Aug 18th	Corley Street Park – 5 to 6:30 PM



2nd Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, August 11th – All Services

Save the date for this special milestone as rising 2nd graders receive their very own Bible! If you have a rising 2nd grader, please email heather@lexumcsc.com with your student's name how you'd like it to appear on their Bible and which service you will be attending (8:30 or 11 AM Traditional; 11 AM Contemporary).

Do you enjoy sharing God's love with little ones?

To support this growing age group, we are looking to hire two nursery workers for Sunday mornings and occasional other opportunities. If you are interested in applying, please email either Diane, drosby@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.



The Big Idea at Creation Care Camp

God created the heavens and the earth, and the idea kept growing with the LUMC Children's Ministry! The children had a blast at Creation Care Camp learning about God's creation through interactive crafts and activities and engaging community guests.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteers are needed to help support our Children's Ministry programs. Click the titles or scan the QR codes to sign up.

Sunday School
Adults with Safe
Sanctuary Training



Acolytes
for Traditional
Services





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, scan the QR code to view the [monthly youth newsletter](#) or visit lexumcsc.com/student-ministry.



Lake Day at the Brewers' Lake House

Sunday, July 14th – 4 to 7 PM | [Brewers' Lake House](#)

The youth are invited to the Brewer's Lake House for some fun at the lake! Take a ride on a tube or just enjoy some swimming! Dinner will be served.



Youth Mission Trip

Sunday, July 21st – Friday, July 26th | [Rocky Mount, VA](#)

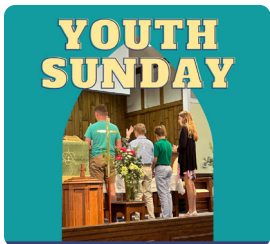
A group of youth leave for Rocky Mount, VA, on Sunday, July 21st where they will serve children at Henry Fork Service Center. Keep this group in your prayers as they serve as the hands and feet of Christ.



Passing of the Torch

Sunday, July 28th – 4 to 7 PM | [John Stewart's Home](#)

Youth are invited to participate in this annual tradition of honoring our seniors who pass the torch to the youth who follow behind them. Youth will meet at John Stewart's house and enjoy dinner and time in the pool.



Youth Sunday – Helpers Needed

Sunday, August 4th – 8:30 AM Traditional & 11 AM Combined Service

Each year on the 1st Sunday in August, the LUMC Youth take over both services. From reading scripture to serving Communion, youth are needed to fill a variety of roles in both services. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to register your student to help!



Fun at Carowinds!

The youth had a blast riding rollercoasters and cooling off in the water park at Carowinds in June!



Adult Ministries

Prime Timers Lunch



Tuesday, July 2nd, 11:30 AM | Shealy's BBQ, Batesburg-Leesville

Prime Timers is a ministry at Lexington United Methodist Church for persons 50 years of age and older as well as for others who enjoy participating in these activities. The group will gather for lunch and a time of fellowship at Shealy's BBQ in Batesburg-Leesville on Tuesday, July 2nd. Please contact **Sammie Brown** at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@sc.rr.com to make your reservation.

100th Birthday Celebration for Mary Hazelton

Saturday, July 6th – 2 to 4 PM | Wesley Hall

Mary Hazelton will turn 100 years old on July 7th. Help us celebrate with a drop-in birthday party on Saturday, July 6th from 2 to 4 PM in Wesley Hall. No gifts please, but cards are welcomed. If you are unable to attend and would like to send a card, please mail to the church office at 309 East Main Street, Attn: Mary Hazelton.



G.A.L.S. Widow's Support Group Lunch

Tuesday, July 16th – 11:30 AM | Country Club of Lexington, 1066 Barr Road

God's Amazing Love Sustains (G.A.L.S.) is a support group for widows. The support group meets the third Tuesday of every month at a local restaurant for lunch and a time of fellowship. For July, the group will gather at Country Club of Lexington on Barr Road. For questions or to RSVP, contact **Linda Gladden** at 803-920-0114.



The Shepherd's Center of Lexington's mission is to provide older adults (55+) with opportunities to be engaged with each other and their community.

Volunteer of the Year

Shepherd's Center honored **Mike Mitton** as their Volunteer of the Year at the Annual Meeting & Volunteer Luncheon in June. Congratulations to Mike Mitton, who is also a committed volunteer at LUMC! Thank you for all you do!



Travel Abroad with Shepherd's Center

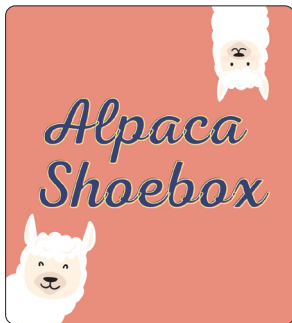
Shepherd's Center is organizing two international travel opportunities for spring 2025 - a [Holland & Belgium River Cruise](#) and a [Back Roads Tour of Spain & Portugal](#). For more information, click the links above or scan the QR codes.

We would like to have those who are interested registered by July 30. please be sure to use the code that is listed on the information flyers. A per-person deposit is due at registration to reserve your spot.



Outreach Opportunities

Alpaca Shoebox



Throughout the year we collect items to fill Alpaca Shoeboxes for **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child mission**. Please place items on the collection cart outside Pastor Mack's office. You can also support this ministry through a monetary donation to the church by designating "Alpaca Shoebox" in the memo line. Monetary donations are used to cover postage/handling expenses and to purchase additional items. If you have any questions, please contact **Sandy Knight** at sfknight58@gmail.com.

JULY COLLECTION ITEMS:

- Soap Dishes
- Hair Brushes & Combs
- Hand Wash Towels
- Jewelry
- Sand Toys
- Inflatable Beach Balls



Blessing Box

There are many people in our community who benefit from items placed in the Blessing Box. We need your help keeping it filled so we continue to bless all God's children. Consider adding a few items to your cart on your next trip to the grocery store!

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- Vienna Sausages
- Tuna Packets
- Canned Spaghetti
- Lentils & Beans
- Protein bars
- Fruit Cups

The **LUMC Children's Ministry** has also taken on the project of providing bottled water in a cooler out by the blessing box to keep people cool for the hot SC summer. Check out their posters around the halls and please consider donating a case of water to help the community this summer. Please place donated water in the kitchen for the kids to add to the cooler on Sundays. Contact Heather Connor with any questions.



Habitat for Humanity Work Day

LUMC along with seven congregations across Richland and Lexington County have joined together to help build a home in West Columbia as part of Habitat for Humanity's #FaithBuild. In June, a group from LUMC gathered to help in the build. Special thanks to Diane Crosby, LUMC Administrator, for providing lunch to the hard-working crew!



Epworth Children's Home Give BACK(Packs) Mission

Epworth Children's Home provides a backpack to each child that comes into their home and those children take that backpack with them when they get placed into a permanent home or reunited with their family. Lexington United Methodist Church has made Give BACK(Packs) our summer Epworth mission. Epworth is needing to purchase 120 backpacks for the 70 girls and 50 boys in their care. With a cost of \$60 per backpack, our goal is to raise \$7,200 to purchase the needed backpacks each year. Monetary donations will be collected during July and then a bulk order of backpacks will be purchased from JanSport and presented to Epworth in August.

To support this mission, cash or check donations (made out to LUMC and with Backpack Mission or Epworth in the memo line) can be placed in the offering plate or given to the church office. If you have any questions, call or text [Lori Torbett](tel:803-629-7126) at 803-629-7126.



Mission Lexington serves as the hub of care for those in crisis in Lexington County. To learn more about the many services Mission Lexington offers, visit us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) or at our offices at 216 Harmon Street in downtown Lexington. **Our Mission, in the spirit of Matthew 25:40: "Glorifying God by serving our neighbors in crisis."**

Thank You for Your Donations!

Many thanks to LUMC for your continued generous donations to Mission Lexington. We were able to take a trunk load of items to the food pantry and thrift store in June.



Sock Drive Collection

Mission Lexington provides socks to the people they serve and their inventory is low right now. To help with this need, LUMC will be having a sock drive during the month of July. Please bring NEW socks for men, women, or children, and put them in the cart in the church hallway. Your donations are appreciated!



Memorials, Honorariums & Birthdays

MEMORIALS

Barbara Robbins

Mary Hazelton
Cherie Bowers

Donna Mazloom

Rex & Vicki Boylston

John Bumgarner

Rex & Vicki Boylston

Lucille Stines

A.L. George Circle

Sammie George

Joel & Donna Smith

HONORARIUMS

Ann Decell

Rex & Vicki Boylston

Joyce Clark

Rex & Vicki Boylston

Linton Phillips

Rex & Vicki Boylston

NEW MEMBERS

Rick & Nan Cain

120 Ridgecrest Drive
Lexington, SC 29072

Derek Buzhardt

4032 Hwy. 378
Leesville, SC 29070

BIRTHS

Harper Jo Gatch

Born June 7th to proud parents Alex and Jennifer Gatch, grandparents Jerry and Sidney Gatch, and great grandparent Charles Gatch Jr.

BIRTHDAYS

7/1

Brian Yarborough
Jillian Laisure 7/14
Carter Goldsmith
Ashley Evans
Jefrey Stone

7/2

Jackie Duffie
Lynn Baker
Mac Dunbar 7/15

7/3

Robert Hook
Matthew Church
Justin Vitters
Matt Larion
Reagan Oswald
Claire Oswald 7/16

7/4

Irby George
Mary Nell Lambdin 7/17
Tayllor Vetter
Bryan Stone, Sr. 7/18

7/5

Brooke Backenson
Jeremy Hicks
Tom Anderson

7/6

Paul Schirato

7/7

Gene Epting 7/19
Mary Hazelton
Derrick Taylor
Cindy Turner 7/20
Chris Register

7/8

Hayden Lewis
John Walsh
Todd Handell
Sandy Knight

7/9

Terry Hicks 7/21
Brenda Power
Andy Rowe Jr.
Jeff Sayers
Karen Myers 7/22

7/10

Christine Young
Joyce Lyons
Eliza Starling 7/23

7/11

Cindy Rainey 7/24
Janice Gonzalez
Lilly Herpst
Annie Register

7/12

Marshall West
Bill Pardue
Gregg Hornsby 7/25
Kathryn Rodden
Tracy Spence
Mason Fender

7/13

Sarah Fender 7/26
Candy Walsh
Nina Howard
Madelyn Helriegel

Brian D'Amico 7/27
Ella Stilwell
Cam Patterson

Grady Decell 7/28
Julie Robinson
Jackson Koss

Marie Harrell 7/29
Peggy Medley
Tracy Athey

Pat Borsum
Drew Preston III 7/30
Shelby Wolfe

Randi Wooten
William Nichols 7/31
Wanda Huffman

Jennifer Henrickson
Samuel Connor

Gretchen Collum
Jack Crosswell

Lib Brown
Dennis Lewis
Elijah Collier
Chloe Rae Collier
Brooks Larion

Mary Ann Green
Holden Hook
Lindsay Weathers

Brodrick Blackmon
Megan Johnson
Richard Cunningham Jr.
Dondee Lewis
Nan Carter
Celeste Brown

Susan Cafferty 7/21
Mark Leonard
Laura Shuler
Huntley Crouch

Erin Thompson 7/22
Jennifer Locklier
Whitney Williams

Craig Stewart

Ryan Robinson 7/24
Grover Cogswell Jr.
Frank Rizzo
Tyler Wojtylak
Cory Robinson
Don Frank

Michael Henrickson 7/25
Bill Martin
Levi Weathers

Fred Elvington 7/26
Caitlin Burner
Charlie Laffin
Hayden Vitters

Hanna Walsh
Liam Smith
Karen Waterfield

Caroline Brewer
Brendan Cafferty
Charlotte Trezoglou

Abi Swearingen
Eden Stinecipher
Eric Blume
Carolee Workman

Joe Williams
Brendan Daly
Lauren Corley

Jonathan Evans



Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p>Click here or scan the QR code for the most current event calendar.</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 7:00pm -8:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am -11:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am -12:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon 5:30pm -6:30pm Al-Anon 7:00pm -8:00pm Zoom with Pastor Mack</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00am -7:00am Men's AM Group 10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 6:00pm -8:00pm Worship Band Practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:00pm -4:00pm Birthday Party Drop-In for Mary Hazelton 7:00pm -8:00pm AA Meeting</p>
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2 Corinthians 12:9-10 ...but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.