



THE HOUSEHOLD *of Faith*

A WORD FROM PASTOR MACK

Blessings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! We have an exciting event coming up in the future! In 2025, Lexington United Methodist Church will be 175 years old. Our 175th Anniversary Homecoming will be held in Wesley Hall on Sunday, September 7, 2025. Our theme is: "Serving God as a Family for 175 Plus Years." We have been meeting as a committee for about a year to prepare, and will meet again on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 5pm in Asbury Hall. We hope a lot of you will come to help us plan!

We are considering using Hudson's as our caterer in 2025, but desserts and special dishes can be brought in for the homecoming, please! We are trying to prepare a history booklet, so your old photos, news clipping, and anecdotes are being sought. Please come join us on August 13, whether you have been at the previous meetings or not! 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

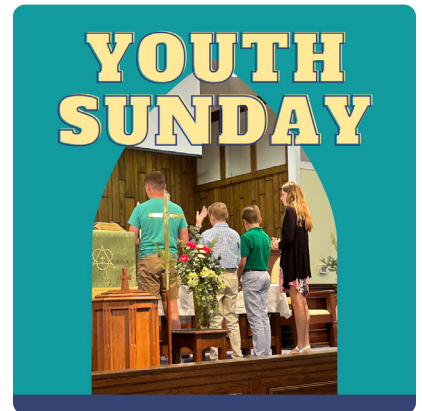
Youth Sunday & Blessing of the Bookbags

Sunday, August 4th

8:30 AM Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

11:00 AM Combined Worship | Wesley Hall

For Youth Sunday, the LUMC Youth will be taking over both services, from reading scripture to serving Communion. Join us for this special service to see our youth in action and hear about their mission trip to the Henry Fork Center in Rocky Mount, VA. It is also Blessing of the Bookbags Sunday – all students, teachers & support staff are invited to bring their school bags for a special blessing as we prepare for the new school year.



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!



Ministry Fair

Sunday, August 25th – 9:30 to 10 AM | Wesley Hall

Come check out the LUMC Ministry Fair during Coffee Time! This is a great opportunity to explore the various ministries our church offers while finding ways to get involved and serve within our church community. Interested in helping organize the Ministry Fair? Contact [Heather Connor](#).

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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 August 19th with any information you wish to be included in the next issue of the Household of Faith.



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

Coffee Time before the Sunday School hour is a great time for fellowship and fosters community within our church. Please help us keep this going by considering being a host for refreshments during this time. If your class or group is able to help with one or more weeks in August or later in the year, please contact **Wendi Walsh** at 803-622-7053.

HISTORY OF HYMNS: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Excerpt from umcdiscipleship.org — Samuel John Stone (1839–1900), then a newly ordained curate at New Windsor Parish Church, wrote "The Church's One Foundation" in 1866 as a direct lyrical commentary to a controversy in the Church of South Africa, part of the Anglican Communion. The controversy was between Bishop John William Colenso of Natal (an early apologist for the new theory of source criticism) and Bishop Robert Gray of Cape Town (apologist for traditional means of dating and tracing authorship in scripture). Stone's text was a tribute to Gray's view.

Stone's version was later adapted by United Methodist seminary professor and liturgical scholar Laurence Hull Stookey (1937–2016) and first appeared in *The Upper Room Worshipbook* (1983), then in *The United Methodist Hymnal* (UMH) following the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. This was a critical conference concerning the hymnody of the church. The United Methodist Hymnal was adopted at this conference as well as a mandate concerning significantly altered texts, requiring both the original and the altered text to be placed side-by-side. This mandate created space for Stookey's adaptation, considered to be an "inclusive, ecumenical, and nonsexist" version of the original. This was the only instance in which the mandate of the General Conference was implemented (Young, 1993, p. 629).

Original text by Samuel J. Stone *The United Methodist Hymnal, 546*

The Church's One Foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From Heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride,
With His Own Blood He brought her
And for her life He died.



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

Aug 4th	No Lesson – Donut Party in MC005
Aug 11th	Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Imago Dei
Aug 18th	Ephesians 5:15-20 Joyful Noise
Aug 25th	Psalms 84 Brave, Safe Space



Summer in the Park

During the summer, the LUMC Children's Ministry will offer a Summer in the Park gathering at local Lexington parks for story and play! Don't miss this chance to enjoy the outdoors; this is a whole family event. Friends are welcome!

- Aug 4th Caractor Park – 5 to 6:30 PM
- Aug 18th Corley Street Park – 5 to 6:30 PM



Donut Party

Sunday, August 4th – 10 to 10:45 AM | MC005/07 Classrooms

Children, youth and parents are invited to join us during the Sunday school hour in room MC005 downstairs in the Ministry Center for donuts and to learn more about Sunday school opportunities. Join in on the fun!



2nd Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, August 11th – All Worship 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).



Back to School Splash

Sunday, August 11th – 2 to 4 PM | Golden Hills Pool

Cool off and have a splashing good time at Golden Hills Pool! This event is for children and youth to enjoy some fun in the sun as the school year begins.





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.



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Lake Day at Dickie's Lake House

Sunday, August 4th – 4 to 7 PM | Dickie Gardner's Lake House

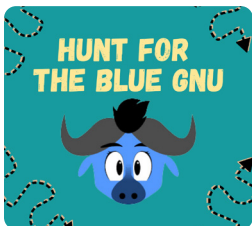
The youth are invited to Dickie's Lake House for some fun in the sun at the lake! Catch a ride on the boat, kayak or just enjoy some swimming! Dinner will be served.



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Hunt for the Blue Gnu

Sunday, August 18th – 3:30 to 6:30 PM | Drop off & Pickup at Church

It's the greatest scavenger hunt you've ever played! Youth will split up into teams and adults will drive them around the city looking for clues! Once you find all the clues, solve the riddle to find the Blue Gnu! We will wind down with dinner at the Blue Gnu's house before bringing students back to the church for pickup!



Messy Mania

Sunday, August 25th – 5 to 7 PM | Rear Parking Lot at Church

Youth are getting messy for Messy Mania (think paint wars) in the rear parking lot of the church. Come prepared for a night full of fun and wear clothes you don't mind getting messy (or ruined) because you will not go home without some stains! Shoes are required too!



Fall "Kick" Off

Sunday, September 15th – 4:30 to 6:30 PM | Moores' Home

The Fall is here and it's time to "Kick" things off with a bang. All Youth, Children, and their Parents are invited to join us at the home of Jake and Missy Moore for a kickball game followed by dinner! Please RSVP by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code to help us prepare for food.

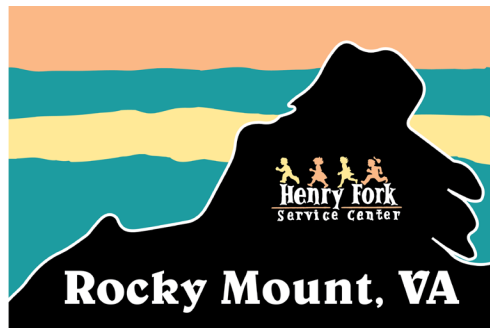


Thank You to the Brewers for Hosting Lake Day!



Youth Mission Trip to Rocky Mount, Virginia

In July, the LUMC Youth traveled to Rocky Mount, VA where they shared the love of Christ with children at Henry Fork Service Center. They played games, went hiking, taught Bible stories, and swam at the lake! Come hear more about the youth mission trip on Youth Sunday, on August 4th at both worship services.



Adult Ministries

Prime Timers Lunch



Tuesday, August 6th – 11:30 AM | El Jimador, 5343 Sunset Blvd
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 El Jimador Mexican Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard on Tuesday, August 6th. Please contact **Sammie Brown** at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@sc.rr.com to make your reservation.

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

Tuesday, August 20th – 11:30 AM | Bellis House of Pizza

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 August, the group will gather at Bellis House of Pizza. 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 by offering a variety of social, service, and life-long learning activities.



Adventures in Learning Fall Session

6-Week Session on Thursdays Beginning Sept. 26th | Lexington United Methodist Church

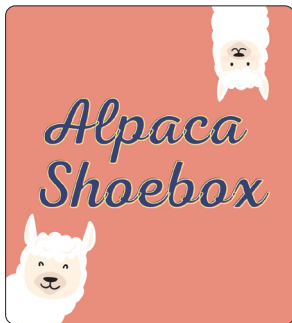
Adventures in Learning offers college-type classes and cultural enrichment for senior adults. The fall session will begin September 26 and run through October 31. There are fun and educational classes planned this fall including a Shag class, Wild Women of the West, Lawless Lexington and other favorites.

Senior adults are encouraged to try out one, or more, classes. Registration booklets will be mailed in August, and will be available on the [Shepherd's Center website at www.sclcx.org](http://www.sclcx.org). Hope to see you there!



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.

AUGUST ITEMS:

- Pencil Sharpeners
- Erasers
- Pens
- Rulers
- Playing Cards
- Toy Cars/Trucks
- Small Puzzles
- Stuffed Animals



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.



Snack Sack Gearing Up for New School Year

The new school year is starting soon and Snack Sack will have 660 students to feed each week of the school year. These students are in 10 schools across Lexington Districts One, Two and Three and our mission is to ensure they have food to eat at home over weekends and holidays. Snack Sack's annual operating costs range from \$45,000 to \$60,000. We have about \$16,000 in our fund and Palmetto Gourmet Foods in Saluda, SC will continue to provide food donations of ramen noodles, but additional monetary donations are needed to ensure we start the school year strong. This ministry would not be possible without the generous donations and volunteers from this congregation and many others. Please consider making a donation to support this important ministry! If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact [Rick Cunningham](#).



Memorials, Honorariums & Birthdays

MEMORIALS

John Bumgarner
Horizon Farm Credit

HONORARIUMS

Mary Hazelton
Joyce Bumgarner

Mike Mitton
The Shepherd's Center

BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Ella-Kate Oswald
Rosemary Riles

8/2 Sean Spence

8/3 Mary Clare Gatch
Emily Homer Conrad

8/4 Colt Burton Britner
Johnsie Smith

8/5 Joshua Walsh
Karen Sullivan
Carlye Wiggins
Thomas Akers
John Denny
Katie Moats
Jim Caulder Jr
Jack Baker Jr.
Matt Moser
Rowan Elizabeth Chandler

8/6 Jeff Anderson
Sammy Basnett
Brittany Farence
Chase Crouch III
Andi Gore

8/7 Wendy Culley
Stephanie Teague

8/8 Jared Davison
Joe Hayes

8/9 Wendy Hahne
Mack McDowell

8/10 Bobby Roberts
Justine Wilson

8/11 Katie Gatch
Gresham Betcher
Sarah Trezoglou

8/12 Danny Goist

Joanne Schirato
Crighton Buchanan
Nancy Poston
Pete Edwards
Payson Decel
Malcolm Jackson

8/13 Fred Kelly
Chris Sayers

8/14 Ginger Kibler
Lauren Loadholt
Brenda Podewil

8/15 Dave Teague
Matt Goudelock

8/16 Marie Mallard
Trey Watts III
Lauren Johnson
Jacob Rogers

8/17 Joel Fortenberry
Tyler Wiggins
Julia Collum
Chip Robbins
Sunshine Tucker

8/18 John Armstrong

8/19 Rachel Murdaugh
Brian Johns
Brent Yarborough
Robin Rudolph Ciarcia
Andy Farmer
Daria Myers
Ben Moore
Cindy Vance

8/20 Bill Roberts
Sophia Spence
Jessie Armstrong

8/21 Dawn Felder
Mary Brooks
Annetta Graybill
Brinley Knight

8/22 Jacob Selzer
Linda Franklin

8/23 Henry Starling
8/24 John Cooper
Craig Ness
Joel Kumar

8/26 Daisy Hicks
Ben Hipp
Jameson Chandler
Madeline Connor
Brianna Wojtylak
Laura Clayton

8/27 Connie Cooper
Pat Murphy Sr.
Everette Johnson
Renee Loy
Justin Merrell

8/28 Carly Kirkpatrick
Zachary Knight
Liam Miller

8/29 Caimile Loy

8/30 Witt Coleman III

8/31 Benjy Rikard
Jennifer Cammann
Rylee Nates
Drew Lehman

Mary Hazelton Celebrates her 100th Birthday!

Mary Hazelton celebrated her 100th birthday on July 7th and enjoyed being surrounded by many family and friends for her party on July 6th. Thank you to all who attended or sent cards in celebration of Mary who has been a faithful member of LUMC for 90 years!

Happy Birthday Mary!



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>10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Youth Sunday & Blessing of the Book Bags 8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Svc 9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time 9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School for All Ages + Donut Social for Children, Youth, & Parents 11:00am - 12:00pm Combined Worship Svc 12:30pm - 1:30pm Music Planning Meeting 4:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Group-Lake Day @ the Gardner's Home</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 2:00pm - 3:00pm Caring Connections 6:30pm - 7:30pm Context Bible Study 7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am - 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am - 12:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon 5:30pm - 6:30pm Al-Anon 6:30pm - 7:30pm Tuesday Evening Svc 7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom with Pastor Mack</p>	<p>7</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>8</p> <p>10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:00pm - 7:30pm UMW Bingo & BBQ 7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Presentation of 2nd Grade Bibles 8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Svc 9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time 9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00am - 12:00pm Contemporary Worship Svc 11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Svc 2:00pm - 4:00pm Summer Pool Party for Children & Youth 5:30pm - 6:15pm Pack 507 Ice Cream Social</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm - 7:30pm Context Bible Study 7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am - 11:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm - 6:00pm 175th Anniversary/ Homecoming Planning Mtg. 5:30pm - 6:30pm Al-Anon 6:00pm - 8:00pm Clergy Set Up Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm Tuesday Evening Svc 7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom with Pastor Mack</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30am - 7:30am Men's Weds. AM Group 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 11:00am - 12:00pm Preschool Board Meeting 6:00pm - 8:00pm Worship Band Practice</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards 6:30pm - 7:30pm Pack 507 Den Meetings</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Svc 9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time 9:30am - 10:30am Ministries Fair 9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00am - 12:00pm Contemporary Worship Svc 11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Svc 5:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Group-Messy Mania</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1st Day of Preschool 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am - 11:00am Staff Meeting 10:30am - 12:00pm Suzanna Wesley Circle 5:30pm - 6:30pm Al-Anon 6:30pm - 7:30pm Tuesday Evening Svc 7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom with Pastor Mack</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30am - 7:30am Men's Weds. AM Group 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:00pm - 8:00pm Worship Band Practice 7:00pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards 6:30pm - 7:30pm Pack 507 Den Meetings</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>





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Ephesians 4:1-7 *I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.*