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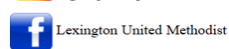
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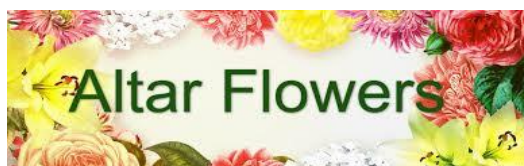
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The flowers on the altar in the traditional service are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ken Robbins on his last day at LUMC by Johnsie Smith.

G.A.L.S.

God's Amazing Love Sustains widow's support group will meet for lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 11:30am at the Old Mill Brew Pub. Contact Linda Gladden to make your reservation-803-359-6263.

175TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING PLANNING

Join us on Weds., Sept. 25 @ 5pm in Asbury Hall to help plan our Homecoming and Anniversary Celebration which will take place on Sept. 7, 2025. All are invited to attend! God bless your helpfulness and leadership in our sweet church!

ALPACA SHOEBOXES

It's hard to believe we have just a few more months to gather and sort donated items, and pack the boxes for the boys and girls. There are still some needed items. For September & October, please consider donating any of the following items: soap & soap dishes, hair brushes & combs, hand wash towels & wash cloths, toothbrushes, toothbrush covers, & floss, hats & gloves (all sizes), small flashlights with batteries, calculators, small notebooks, and socks (for teens). Please place items on the collection cart outside Pastor Mack's office.

During September & October we will start putting the shoeboxes together, sort the items, writing cards for the boxes, and of course, packing the shoeboxes. If any individual or group would like to help with any of these, or if you have any questions, please contact Sandy Knight at sfknight58@hotmail.com.

BLESSING BOX CHALLENGE

LUMC Kidz have a challenge for you! We want you to go shopping in your pantry for the blessing box. *The challenge:* go through your pantry and personal hygiene items; if there are multiples consider donating one to the blessing box! High-need items are: instant oatmeal, canned tuna or chicken, snack items, fruit cups, toothpaste, toothbrushes, period care items, baby food, and pet food. Contact Heather Connor for any questions or to volunteer to check our cooler on a Saturday. These kids are on a roll caring for our community and sharing the love and compassion of Jesus...won't you join them by bringing in non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, etc.?

NATIVE AMERICAN ELDER BASKETS

The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in filling **boxes for elder Native Americans**. The boxes will be placed outside Pastor Mac's Office on Sept. 1. We will collect until Sept. 30. The items in the boxes will be delivered to the Native Americans in October. Many Native Americans suffer from food insecurity (hunger) and lack of healthy food access. With the increase in prices of food and personal care products over the last year the need for help continues. Please consider helping with this situation by placing some of the following items in the boxes. Money may also be donated which will be used to buy Walmart gift cards. These cards will be used by the SCUMC Native American Committee to purchase items needed to complete the baskets. Items needed are: canned meats; canned vegetables; dried beans, rice, and potatoes; canned fruit & fruit cups; boxed mac & cheese; canned or jarred tomato sauce; evaporated or powdered milk; peanut butter; laundry detergent; dish detergent to be used at a sink; bars of bath soap; toothpaste & tooth brushes; shampoo & body lotion; bathroom tissue; paper towels.

SNACK SACK

Thank you for your continued support of Snack Sack! We are feeding 660 students each week of the school year! This ministry would not be possible without your support!

LUMW

ALL ladies of the church are invited to join the **LUMW** in Wesley hall at **2:00 on Sunday, September 22nd** for refreshments and a brief presentation from Killingsworth. This will be a great time to hear from each of our circles, and to meet many women of the church. Contact Katy Handell with any questions.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Monday, October 7th at 6:30 pm, meeting in Asbury Hall, Heather will be facilitating the study, *Fear of the Other*, by William H. Willimon. Various ages and stages (high school age and up) are invited and encouraged to participate. Contact Heather to sign up so we can plan the group size or if childcare or book costs are prohibitive. We'd love for you to join us! heather@lexumcsc.com

TRUNK OR TREAT SUNDAY, OCT. 27 5:00-7:00PM

Sign up at the QR code below for our annual Trunk or Treat! PLEASE note: this year we have TWO types of trunks, which means two categories to win fan-favorite! Sign up to host a traditional trick-or-treat trunk OR sign up to host an interactive/game-style trunk. ALSO, candy and allergy-friendly, non-food small toys, pencils, etc. will begin being collected this week. Drop your donations in the bin on the main office hall.



SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING

Children's ministry desperately needs 2 or 3 grownups so we can offer 2 classes for our Sunday nights. A younger group of 4K-2nd and an older group of 3rd-5th grade students. Please reach out to Heather Connor if you have questions. heather@lexumcsc.com

CHARGE CONFERENCE

LUMC's Charge Conference will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Voting members of the Church Council are expected to be present. All other church members are invited but without a vote.