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The flowers on the altar in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my father, J.T. Rhoten, Sr. (01/03/1922-09/29/1979) by Loretta.

## **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.

## **WELCOME DAVID O'SHIELDS**

Today, we welcome Mr. David O'Shields as our guest organist for the traditional services!

#### **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

#### **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

Monday is the last day to donate! 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!

#### **PRIME TIMERS**

You are invited to join Prime Timers for lunch Tuesday, October 1 at Mediterranean Cafe. Parking can be a problem so let's meet at 11:00 AM. Invite a friend and contact Sammie Brown at <a href="mailto:sbrown8885@gmail.com">sbrown8885@gmail.com</a> or 803-351-0784 or to make your reservation.

# 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.



## **ALPACA SHOEBOXES**

After collecting donations for the past 9 months, we are ready to start packing the shoeboxes. Also, there are still a few items to sort and cards to prepare. If any individual or group would like to help with any of these, or you have any questions, please contact Sandy Knight at sfknight58@hotmail.com.

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

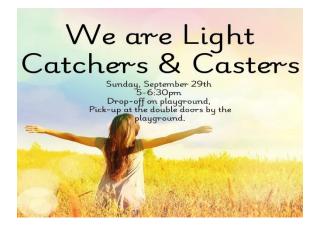
Monday, Sept. 30 from 2-7pm in Asbury Hall. Please give blood! Donors can sign up online at <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a> with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," or directly at this link: <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc">https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc</a>.

## **SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING**

Children 4K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us 5-6:30 pm, drop off and pick up are on the preschool playground. This Sunday night we will play, enjoy popsicles, and look at all the exciting things we will be doing together this fall! *BUT*, *safe sanctuary grownups*, *we need you!* 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. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.com/">heather@lexumcsc.com</a>

#### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE

Next Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, Children will begin practicing for our **Christmas program**. We will meet during the Sunday school time in the sanctuary from 10-10:45 am. Please note this drop-off and pick-up location change. We are excited for this year's program and hope you will join us!





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