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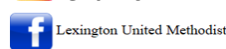
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EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING

TODAY, Sept. 8, Epworth's Annual Work Day Offering. 100% of your Work Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. Please give as you are led.

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 Tues., Sept. 10 @ 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!

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.

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.

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!

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.?

RETIREMENT OF KEN ROBBINS

It is with mixed emotions that the SPRC would like to announce that our long-time organist, Ken Robbins, will be providing music for the LUMC congregation for a final time on **September 15, 2024**. Ken is retiring! It is difficult to find the words to express our gratitude to Ken for over 15 years of faithful service as the organist here at LUMC. On behalf of the entire congregation Ken, job well done! To show our love and appreciation, a congregational **Love Offering** will be collected from now through **Tuesday, September 10**. If you wish to contribute, you can give online or by check. Online donations can be made under the fund '*Special Collection.*' We also ask that you provide individually written cards and notes to Ken to let him know we truly appreciate all that he has shared with us at LUMC! You may mail cards and notes to the Church, to the attention of Diane Crosby, or drop them by Diane's office by **Tuesday, September 10**. The cards and love offering will be presented to Ken on September 15 at a reception for him during Coffee Time.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council will meet on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6:30pm in Asbury Hall. All Council members are encouraged to attend.

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.

