



# THE HOUSEHOLD *of Faith*

## A WORD FROM PASTOR MACK

Blessings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! There have been some very wonderful events in our church throughout the past year. There are more to come in 2025, our 175th Anniversary year! As you know, the LUMC Church Council voted in May 2024 to remain United Methodist, after the UMC General Conference hosted in North Carolina decided to give greater autonomy to local churches. Since our May 2024 Church Council vote at LUMC, we have changed nothing in our LUMC values and have no plans to change.

We begin 2025 observing that LUMC tithing has declined in the past, due to several factors. These factors include: (1) there are less people in America attending church of any type; (2) there was a drop in attendance at LUMC during and after COVID because some folks with immune deficiencies and chronic health problems still avoid attending any church for health reasons; (3) rumors began in all UMC churches that churches would be forced to accept and practice radical value changes. Some folks in almost every United Methodist Church believed those unsubstantiated rumors and left the denomination because of fear. Fortunately for LUMC, our tithing is beginning to improve again, as members realize that LUMC continues as a loving, thriving, growing center for the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

We begin 2025 with the blessing of having taken in more new members than we have lost in the past two plus years over sexuality issues. I know of no other UMC local church in our area that has weathered this storm so well in terms of membership. We have been truly blessed at LUMC to have world-class staff members, and a thriving, growing body of believers who truly love God and God's people. May God continue to smile upon our church and community in all that we do together in our new year of 2025!

God bless you all!

*Rev. Mack McDowell*

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# Church News

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## January Worship Schedule

In January, we will return to our regular weekly worship schedule. We offer four weekly worship services along with other opportunities to engage in God's Word in community with others.

### SUNDAYS

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Coffee Time – Connector
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship – Sanctuary  
Contemporary Worship – Wesley Hall (Gym)

### TUESDAYS

- 6:30 PM Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Zoom Bible Study  
Join Pastor Mack for his weekly Bible study series based on the scripture readings for the week.



## Coffee Time Refreshments

Coffee Time before the Sunday School hour is a great time for fellowship and fosters community within our church. Thank you to the GIFT Sunday School class for providing refreshments in January! If your class or group would like to help in another month, please contact **Wendi Walsh** at 803-622-7053.

## Thank You to Our Wonderful Volunteers!

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who share their time and talents to help keep the church running smoothly! There is no way we could possibly name all of the people who help or jobs they do, but please know you are very appreciated! God bless you all!



## 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](mailto:obrien.kaitlynm@gmail.com) or 864-752-5627 by January 17th with any information you wish to be included in the next issue of the Household of Faith.



# A December to Remember



## HOPE GROWS



## PEACE GROWS





## JOY GROWS



## LOVE GROWS



# 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](http://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)

For January, Sunday School programming returns to regular scheduling. Gather at the purple awning room at 9:45 for music time with Ms. Lessie followed by a Bible lesson and other activities. The Bible lesson will follow the United Methodist lectionary. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Connor.

## Sunday Evening Programming (3k - 5th)

Children meet for KidzWay (3k - 2nd) and Breakout (3rd - 5th) for a time of play, creativity, wonder, and growing together in God. Parents are asked to drop off children at the playground.

Jan 5th **NO PROGRAMMING**

Jan 12th **Silent Disco – 5 to 6:30 PM**



All children, youth, and parents are invited for a fun night of dancing! Select one of three music channels and dance your heart out! Light snacks will be served. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to RSVP.

Jan 19th **MLK Day of Service – 5 to 6:30 PM**



To honor Martin Luther King's legacy of service, children will pack bags for Snack Sack and make birthday boxes for Mission Lexington.

Jan 26th **LEGO & Parables – 5 to 6:30 PM**



Children are invited to explore Jesus' parables through LEGO.

## 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 Morning Programming**

Adults with Safe Sanctuary Training



**Sunday Evening Programming**

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](https://lexumcsc.com/student-ministry).



## Silent Disco Party

Sunday, January 12th – 5 to 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall (Gym)

All children, youth, and parents are invited for a fun night of dancing! Select one of three music channels and dance your heart out! Light snacks will be served. [Click here](#) or visit the [monthly newsletter](#) to RSVP.



## 2025 Winter Retreat

January 17-20 | Garden City Chapel

Please pray for our youth and chaperones as they travel to Garden City Chapel on MLK weekend for the 2025 Beach Chill Winter Retreat! They will enjoy visiting several local attractions and spend time growing together and with God.



## Winter Kickoff

Sunday, January 26th – 5 to 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall (Gym)

It's about to get EXTREME again as Youth kickoff the Winter semester with Extreme BINGO! Youth must complete an extreme activity, such as jumping jacks or singing the alphabet, before they can mark the number off their BINGO card.



## Confirmation Class: Register Now!

February 9th to May 4th | Register by January 19th

If your student is in 8th grade or above and hasn't completed confirmation class, then now is the time to sign up! Classes will begin February 9th during the Sunday School hour and confirmation Sunday will take place May 4th. If your student wants to participate, or you want to learn more about the confirmation process, please email **Todd** at [todd@lexumcsc.com](mailto:todd@lexumcsc.com) by January 19th to enroll your youth.

## VOLUNTEERS — NEEDED —

Adults and parents – your help is needed for Sunday night Youth programming! There are nine (9) Sundays in the spring semester with a volunteer spot to help run activities and, on some weeks, provide a snack. Find the sign up in the [youth newsletter](#) to sign up for a week to help!



# Adult Ministries

## Lexington Methodist Women's Winter Tea

Sunday, January 5th – 2 to 4 PM | Asbury Hall

All women of the church are invited to enjoy some refreshments, tea and fellowship with the Lexington Methodist Women. Guests are encouraged to come in their tea time attire; fancy hats will be provided. No RSVP required.



## Prime Timers Lunch

Tuesday, January 7th – 11:30 AM | Grecian Gardens, 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 Grecian Gardens in Lexington on Tuesday, January 7th. Please contact **Sammie Brown** at 803-351-0784 or [sbrown8885@gmail.com](mailto:sbrown8885@gmail.com) to make your reservation.

## NEW Craft-a-Card Ministry

Tuesday, January 14th – 1 to 3 PM | MC004 (downstairs craft room)

LUMC is starting a new ministry to create homemade greeting cards. These cards can go a long way in comforting those who are sick or grieving, celebrating a joyous occasion, or simply sharing God's love with our church family. This ministry will meet the second Tuesday of each month. For questions or additional information, contact **Donna Dunnagan** at [dunnagans@yahoo.com](mailto:dunnagans@yahoo.com) or 803-479-9290.



## G.A.L.S. Widows' Support Group Lunch

Tuesday, January 21st – 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 January, the group will gather at Bellis House of Pizza. For questions or to RSVP, contact **Linda Gladden** at 803-920-0114.



## Empowerment Through Technology

Thursday, January 23rd – 9:30 AM to 2 PM; Cost: \$10

Lexington United Methodist Church



Join Shepherd's Center for this one-day event about technologies to make senior living smoother. Rachell Johnsen from the SC Assistive Technology Program will be the keynote speaker. Topics include: aging support through technological advancement, staying safe using technology, and technology demonstrations. Vendors with technology and local aging organizations will be on site. Chili lunch included. [Click here](#) or visit the [Shepherd's Center website at www.sclcx.org](http://www.sclcx.org) to print the registration form and return with payment by **January 16th**.



# Outreach

## Love God, Love People with Blessing Box



There are many people in our community who benefit from items placed in the Blessing Box – those experiencing homelessness or food insecurities of many kinds. The **LUMC Children's Ministry** needs your help keeping it filled so we can continue to bless all God's children. Consider adding a few items to your cart on your next trip to the grocery store!

### HIGH NEED ITEMS:

- Instant Oatmeal
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Snack Items
- Fruit Cups
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Feminine Care Items
- Cooking Oil, small bottles
- Basic Seasonings
- Pet Food



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 27th – 2 to 7 PM | Asbury Hall

Each pint of blood the American Red Cross collects can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community. Donors can sign up [here](#) or by scanning the QR code.



## Thanks a Trunk Load!

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the annual Mission Lexington Holiday Food Drive! We loaded a car full of supplies to help our neighbors down the street make holiday dinner kits for the families they serve!

*Mission Lexington assists families and individuals with life essentials (food, clothing, shelter), resources, and guidance. To learn more about the many services Mission Lexington offers, visit them on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) or at their offices at 216 Harmon Street in downtown Lexington. **Mission of Mission Lexington, in the spirit of Matthew 25:40: "Glorifying God by serving our neighbors in crisis."***

## Drink Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House

Children's Ministry is joining with The Shepherd's Center in collecting drink tabs for Ronald McDonald House. **Children** - bring your tabs to Sunday evening programming. **Congregation** - You're invited to drop your tabs in the box outside Heather's office.





# Memorials, Honorariums & Birthdays

## MEMORIALS

### Elaine Elliott

Buddy & Lynn Brewer

### John Bumgarner

Burr & Rebecca Sullivan

### Steve Monts

Betty Monts

### Raymond W. Hipp, Jr.

A memorial gift of 12 Bible verses have been placed on walls and entryways throughout the church, given by Janice Hipp & family. To God be the Glory.

## HONORARIUMS

### Charles Gatch

The Delos Corderman SS class

### Cherie Bowers

The Delos Corderman SS class  
Susan Matthews

### Lib Brown

The Delos Corderman SS class  
Linda Gladden  
Marcia Mincey  
Sammie Brown

### The Excellent LUMC Staff

The Delos Corderman SS class  
Linda Gladden

## BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Tracy Steele  
Julia Johnson  
Larry Hayes  
Mark Edmonds  
Chris Stanford

1/2 Jim Gregory Jr.  
Shelley Lyles  
Gaines Roberts  
Tamara Selzer  
Arlo Lehman

1/4 Jerry Gatch  
Mike Gatch  
David Ropp Jr.  
Beth Keith  
Swapna Kumar

1/5 Berniece Phillips  
Judi Powell  
Jennifer Stevenson  
Amit Kumar  
Elizabeth Denson  
Bradley Dargan Gore

1/7 Barney Williams  
Ken Fentress

1/8 Dylan Kicklighter  
Pam Hayes  
Zackery Moats

1/9 Adam Backman  
Matt Cooper  
Will Copeland  
Brooks Torbett  
Chuck Crouch Jr.

1/10 Brent Hawkins  
Ava Blume

1/11 Tim Groves  
Adam Howard  
Amy Cook  
DeSean Keefer Logan  
Brynn Hahne  
Alice Young

1/12 Joel Gonzalez  
Taylor Young Jr.  
Brian Dunbar  
Todd Carroll  
Jenilee Armstrong

1/13 Caroline Taylor  
Dana Tucker  
David Morris  
Paxton Knight Cunningham  
Jonathan Wojtylak

1/14 Spencer Brooks  
Ashley Thompkins

1/15 Troy Rivers  
Linda Hyde

1/16 Samantha Kibler  
Molly Laurence  
Harley Britner  
Maeve Larion  
Will Bussell

1/17 Lloria Miller

1/18 Ashley Culley  
Wanda Pettus  
Dan Osborne

1/19 Brandon Roshto

1/20 Margaret Oswald  
Kristi Fogle  
Thomas Leonard

1/21 Jennifer Stanford  
Alice Hott  
Lurene Carlson  
Mary Dawkins Merrell

1/22 Lori Torbett  
Lilly Groves

1/23 Michael Wessinger  
Cora Field  
Jessica Gore

1/24 Celeste Burner  
Vince Clayton

1/25 Linda Gladden  
Jim Kruger  
Anna Armstrong

1/26 Becky McCormack  
Richard Hendrick  
Traywick Duffie  
Doris Frye  
Katelyn Turner  
Mike Johnson  
Brian Hahne

1/27 Maree Gilliam  
Pat O'Cain

1/28 David Davison  
Andy Preston Jr.

1/29 Tracy Howard

1/30 Dan Brailsford  
Erin Cogswell  
Bette McKenney  
Sara Stone  
Olivia Robinson  
Jaimee O'Neal

1/31 Russell Cammann  
Victoria Wahl  
Jake Moore



# Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p><a href="#">Click here or scan the QR code for the most current event calendar.</a></p> 			<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>NEW YEAR'S DAY - CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED, PRESCHOOL OUT</b></p> <p>10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>PRESCHOOL OUT</b></p> <p>2:00pm -4:30pm Prime Timers Cards</p> <p>5:00pm -6:00pm Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm -7:30pm Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>PRESCHOOL OUT</b></p> <p>10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class</p> <p>6:30pm -8:00pm Worship Band Practice</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:00pm -8:00pm AA Meeting</p>
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**Isaiah 60:1-5** *Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.*