#### MEET OUR CHURCH STAFF:

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# **CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**

The church offices will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Happy holiday!

# Men's Prayer Breakfast

Start your day off right and join the men of the church each Wednesday morning from 6:30am-7:30am in Asbury Hall for a time of prayer while enjoying a continental style breakfast. Contact Tim Chandler with any questions-803-360-6226.

#### VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED!

We need more volunteer receptionists! Light duties include answering phones and greeting people at the main entrance. Hours are usually 11:45am-1:30pm. Contact Mary Jane Teague if you are interested-803-530-3556.

## G.A.L.S.-GOD'S AMAZING LOVE SUSTAINS SUPPORT GROUP

G.A.L.S. will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 11:30am at Bellis House of Pizza. Contact Linda Gladden to make your reservation-803-359-6263.

## **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.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY, JAN. 27 2:00-7:00PM

Monday, Jan. 27 from 2-7pm in Asbury Hall. Please give blood! Donors can sign up online at <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," or directly at this link: <u>https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-</u> results?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc.

# BLESSING BOX

High-need items: instant oatmeal, canned tuna or chicken, snack items, fruit cups, toothpaste, toothbrushes, period care items, cooking oil [small bottles], basic seasonings, 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?

#### SHOEBOX

Throughout the year we collect items to fill Alpaca Shoeboxes for **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child mission**. For the month of January, please consider donating any of the following items: Soap & Soap Dishes, Hand Wash Cloths & Towels, and Toothbrushes w/Covers. Please place items on the collection cart outside Pastor Mack's office. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Knight at <u>sfknight58@hotmail.com</u>.

## MISSION LEXINGTON

**Mission Lexington** needs plastic grocery bags for their food pantry and newspapers to wrap up breakable items purchased at their thrift store. If you have extra grocery bags and newspapers (minus the ad inserts) that were headed for the recycle bin, please take them to Mission Lexington instead. Thank you!

#### SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The South Carolina United Methodist Advocate is accepting applications for one \$1,000 scholarship, which will go to a United Methodist student enrolled at one of the four United Methodist colleges in South Carolina: Claflin University. Columbia College. Spartanburg Methodist College or Wofford College. Applications are now being accepted for the 2025-2026 academic year. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2025. To apply, fill out the scholarship application found at https://advocatesc.org/scholarships.

# **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 21 for church families only; Wednesday & Thursday, Jan. 22 & 23 for current and alumni families; and on Friday, Jan. 24 for the public. Please use the QR code below to register or register at the church website. Registration fees are \$125/child and are non-refundable.



# **CHILREN'S CORNER**

This Sunday, January 19th - **KidzWay, Kidz Serve!** In honor of Rev. Dr. MLK Jr. Day of Service, we will pack birthday boxes for Mission Lexington and Snack Sack Bags. Join us 5-6:30 pm, drop off and pick up in Asbury Hall.

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