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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Start your day off right and join the men of the church each Wednesday morning from 7:00am-8:00am in Asbury Hall for a time of prayer while enjoying a continental style breakfast. Contact Tim Chandler with any questions-803-360-6226.

SPRC MEETING

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will meet on Sunday, March 9 at 2:00pm in room 154/155. All 2025 committee members are encouraged to attend.

EMMAUS REUNION GROUP

The Emmaus Reunion Group will meet TODAY, Feb. 23 @ 3:00pm in the PARLOR. Interested in Emmaus? Contact Susan Matthews or Cherie Bowers at 803-609-3314 or 803-920-6650.

ASH WEDNESDAY- MARCH 5

Ash Wednesday is a solemn_reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. Drive-thru imposition of ashes will take place in the circle drive on Fort Street from 12:00pm-1:30pm and from 4:30pm-5:30pm. A full Ash Wednesday service will take place in the sanctuary at 6:30pm. Please join us!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER- MARCH 4

Join us on **Tuesday, March 4th from 5:30 to 7 pm** for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser! Come by anytime to enjoy pancakes, sausage, fruit and beverage. No need to RSVP or buy a ticket, just show up at the door and a donation will be collected to help raise funds for the LUMC Youth Summer Mission Trip to Marion, NC to help with Hurricane Helene relief! We appreciate all your support and look forward to seeing you there!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY, MARCH 24; 2-7PM

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/driveresults?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc</u>.

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 True Believers and Disciples Sunday School class for providing refreshments in February! If your class or group would like to help in another month, please contact Wendi Walsh at 803-622-7053.

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 February, 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>.

HISTORICAL BOOK SUBMISSIONS

In preparation for LUMC's 175th Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 7, 2025, the planning committee invites all members to submit stories, recollections, and photos from milestones, special events, and individual accomplishments or memories over the past 25 years to be compiled into a history booklet. This booklet will build onto the history booklet that celebrates LUMC's history from 1850-2000 that was developed for our 150th anniversary celebration. Please send your submission to Vicky Jackson by Easter Day (April 20) at 803-356-6429 or VickyGatchJackson@gmail.com

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION INTEREST FORM

There are still spots available for the 2025/2026 school year! If you are interested in enrolling your child, please scan the QR code below.



SAM & ANNIE LAURIE GEORGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Sam and Annie Laurie George Scholarship is given annually to a deserving student who attends Columbia College, Wofford College, or Spartanburg Methodist College. He/She must be a member or relative of a member of Lexington United Methodist Church. If interested, complete the application form found outside of Wesley Hall & outside of Pastor Meegian's office. Return it to the church office by **Thursday, March 20.** Interviews will take place in April.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

-TONIGHT, February 23rd, we will have our "Sweet Service" for National Hospitality Workers Day, as we learn how Jesus served others & then we will practice kindness & service with a fun (and sweet!) activity. Please plan to attend; our project will need many hands! Additionally, there will be a brief parent and child meeting following KidsWay today.

WE NEED YOU!





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Sunday School