

MEET OUR CHURCH STAFF:

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PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR NEEDED

The LUMC Preschool is in search of a Director for the 2025-2026 school year. If interested, contact Rev. Meegian Gossard at magossard@umcsc.org

EPWORTH'S MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING-MAY 11

On May 11, we will receive our annual Epworth Children's Home Offering. Did you know that there were 111 children and families that lived at Epworth last year; each one from our own communities in SC? Also, Epworth served 361 children through their Foster Care Program! 100% of our Mother's Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference Budget. Mother's Day is our opportunity to support Epworth's ministry. Please give as you are led.

GRADUATE BRUNCH FOR ALL

On Sunday, May 18th, we will host a Churchwide Graduate brunch to celebrate LUMC high school and college graduates @ 10 am in Wesley Hall! At 11 AM, there will be a combined worship service in Wesley Hall where we will recognize our graduates! The breakfast is FREE but a donation will be collected to help offset some of the cost. Join us for breakfast casseroles, pastries, fruit, and more! Please help us plan for food by contacting Todd to RSVP. **Do you have a family member who is graduating?** Contact Todd Handell at todd@lexumcsc.com and let him know. Also if you are willing to make a breakfast casserole to donate to the brunch, please contact Wendi Walsh at wwalsh@lexington1.net or 803-622-7053

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 4-Confirmation Sunday; only 1 service combined at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.

May 11-Mother's Day-8:30am traditional service in the sanctuary. 11:00am traditional service in the sanctuary and 11:00am contemporary service in Wesley Hall.

May 18-Graduation Sunday; 8:30am traditional service in the sanctuary. 10:00am brunch for all in Wesley Hall. 11:00am blended service in Wesley Hall.

May 25-Pastor Mack is back! 8:30am traditional service in the sanctuary. 11:00am traditional service in the sanctuary. 11:00am contemporary service in Wesley Hall.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting is on Sunday, May 4th, in the parlor after the 10:00am service. We are researching resources and will be determining ways to reach out to cancer patients and family members. If you wish to join the group, please join us on Sunday, May 4th or contact Sandy Knight at 703-901-4664.

EPWORTH BASKETS

May is Foster Care Appreciation Month and we are asking for donations so that we can put together foster parent appreciation baskets that we can present to Epworth foster families in May. If you would like to give to this mission, please turn in your donation to the church and put **Epworth baskets** in the memo. I will then put together baskets and provide to Epworth. As always, the children at Epworth love and appreciate your support. Lori Torbett

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS!

Register now for summer camps! Camps are \$85 per child per week.

Zoo Camp-June 16-19

Sports Camp-July 14-17

Beach Week-Aug. 11-14

Nature Camp-Aug. 18-21



Zoo



Sports



Beach



Nature

COFFEE TIME

Due to the different worship service schedule, there will be NO Coffee Time in May. If you or your group would like to host Coffee Time in June, please contact Wendy Walsh at 803-622-7053. WE NEED YOU!

PRIME TIMERS

Prime Timers and friends are invited to join us for lunch on Tuesday, May 6, at Ruby Tuesday in Lexington. Please contact Sammie Brown at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@gmail.com to make your reservation.

FESTIVAL OF TABLES

May 10, 2025 in Wesley Hall. Doors open at 2:00pm; Dessert bar opens at 2:30pm; Tickets go on sale April 13 during coffee time and after 11am services or the QR code below. \$10.00 per person for everyone! Put this fun event on your calendar and join us for a delightful afternoon! Guests are welcome – invite your mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, and nieces for an early Mother's Day celebration! Interested in hosting a table?

Sign up with Mary Alice Bechtler at mabechtler@hotmail.com Proceeds support these UMW mission spotlights: Bethlehem Center, Epworth, Epworth Foster Care, Killingworth Home, Mission Lexington and other mission projects.



SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE JUNE 14-21

Salkehatchie Summer Service, which started in 1978, is a weeklong mission experience that enables teens and adults to repair houses for people in need across South Carolina. Adults must do a background check. Pastor Mack is hoping LUMC Youth 14+ years old and adults will register for the Baker Creek Camp for June 14-21 in McCormick, SC. To register go to: <https://www.salkehatchie.org> or for questions, email salkehatchie@umcsc.org

CHILDREN'S CORNER

-We need you! There are opportunities to teach or assist with Sunday school (everything is prepped and ready for you and sent in advance for your review), help on Sunday evenings, or for students to acolyte. We also need grownups (or youth 15+) willing to be "on call" for the nursery or who would like to help offer Children's Moments on Sunday mornings. Contact Heather if you'd like to help!