



A WORD FROM PASTOR MEEGIAN

Dear LUMC Family,

I often find myself thinking about life in terms of chapters. Perhaps this comes from my love of books. One of my favorite things is curling up under a blanket in my favorite comfy chair and reading a book. There's excitement when I'm in the middle of a great book and can't wait to turn the page to see what happens next. Yes, I've been guilty of sometimes turning the page too quickly that I spoil the story. Other times, the chapters seem to drag on, and I flip ahead to see how many pages are left until the next chapter.

I find something beautiful in one chapter ending and another one beginning. When a chapter is over, it's not always the end of the story.

Our church is going through a season of new chapters. We're continuing our search for a new Preschool Director and a new Director of Children's Ministry. We're having more people join our church. We have a new keyboard in the sanctuary, along with brand-new hymnals. The most significant chapter we're writing is our 175th Anniversary as we reflect on our church's past, present, and hopes for the future. We're writing new chapters about ministry opportunities, like the cancer support group.

We're still adding to LUMC's chapters about Snack Sack, the Blessing Box, Sheperd's Center, supporting Mission Lexington, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, UMW, Children's and Youth Ministries, and L.R.E. visiting and sending cards to people. I'm sure I've forgotten a ministry this church is actively involved in.

Life at LUMC is filled with different chapters. Some have ended, some are still being written, and some are unknown. Remember this: throughout all the chapters in LUMC's life and your own life, God is always there with you.

My hope is that throughout all the different chapters at LUMC, we will continue to be people who live God's word and share God's love.

Rev. Meegian Gossard

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Church News

Adjusted May Sunday Worship Schedule & Events

For some Sundays in May, we will have an adjusted worship schedule to allow our congregation to engage in combined worship for special events.

Sunday, May 4th – Confirmation Sunday

10:00 AM Combined Worship Service – Sanctuary

Help us welcome our nine confirmands as members of Lexington United Methodist Church with one combined service at 10 AM on Sunday, May 4th. Mark your calendars for this special service! Children and youth Sunday School will not meet on this day; adult Sunday School classes can meet at an alternate time if desired.

Sunday, May 11th – Mother's Day, Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering

8:30 AM Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 AM Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

Anew Contemporary Worship – Wesley Hall (Gym)

Sunday, May 18th – Graduate Sunday

8:30 AM Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

10:00 AM Churchwide Celebratory Brunch – Wesley Hall (Gym)

11:00 AM Combined Worship Service – Wesley Hall (Gym)

On Graduate Sunday, we will host a churchwide brunch to celebrate LUMC high school and college graduates. Brunch will be at 10 AM followed by one combined 11 AM service in Wesley Hall. The breakfast of casseroles, pastries, fruit and more is FREE for all, but a donation will be collected to offset costs. Please help us plan for food by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code to RSVP. **Do you have a family member who is graduating?**

Please include your graduate's information on the RSVP form. Contact **Todd Handell** at todd@lexumcsc.com with questions.



Sunday, May 25th – Regular Worship Schedule

8:30 AM Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 AM Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

Anew Contemporary Worship – Wesley Hall (Gym)



No Coffee Time Refreshments in May

Due to adjusted worship schedules and a lack of volunteers, **we will NOT have Coffee Time in the month of May**. If your class or group would like to help in another month, please contact **Wendi Walsh** at 803-622-7053.

Do you have content you would like included in the Household of Faith?

Contact Kaitlyn Handell at obrien.kaitlynm@gmail.com by May 19th to be included in the next issue.



Lexington Blowfish Baseball Game

Friday, June 20th, 7 PM | 474 Ball Park Road, Lexington, SC

Take me out to the ball game! The entire congregation is invited for an evening of baseball as the Lexington Blowfish take on the Florence Flamingos, followed by fireworks at the end of the night. Choose between a standard ticket for \$8.50 or a ticket with all-you-can-eat buffet for \$15.99. Buffet includes burgers, chicken sandwiches, chips, brownies, and more! Gates open at 6 PM; parking is \$3 per car (cash only). [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to purchase your ticket by June 13th.



Preschool Announcements

Preschool Graduation

Thursday, May 15th – 6 PM | Wesley Hall

Our 4k Preschool classes will celebrate their growth, achievements and learning with a graduation on Thursday, May 15th, marking their exciting transition to kindergarten in the fall.



Summer Camp Registration NOW OPEN!

Children ages 1 through rising kindergarten are invited for some summer fun with Lexington United Methodist Preschool's Summer Camps. All camps run **9am to noon**. The cost is **\$85/week per child** and is due at time of registration. See below for registration links.

Zoo Camp

June 16th to 19th

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Sports Camp

July 14th to 17th

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Beach Week

August 11th to 14th

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Nature Week

August 18th to 21st

[REGISTER HERE](#)



SPRING SYMBOLS REMIND US OF RESURRECTION

Excerpt taken from UMC.org, written by the Rev. Mark Price. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to read more.

When the weather turns warmer and the grass grows greener, it's easier to understand the promise of new life and renewed hope that Christians proclaim as "Easter people." The reminders are all around us so be sure to keep an eye out on your next spring stroll.

Birds ... Bees ... Flowers ... Faith. The traditions that developed around these spring symbols helped explain the concept that God in the flesh took on death and came back to tell us there is life on the other side. What fantastic news!

...The Council at Nicaea in 325 AD gave the Church a revised creed. The last line reads: "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come." As Easter people, we don't have to look further than spring for an exclamation point to that affirmation.



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.



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)

Children can 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 using Illustrated Ministries curriculum. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Connor.

Sunday Evening Programming (4k - 5th)

On Sunday evenings, children meet for KidzWay for a time of play, creativity, wonder, and growing together in God. Parents are asked to drop off children at the playground.

May 4th **Foam Party with Kids & Youth – 5 to 6:30 PM**



It's time for an epic Foam Party hosted by Foam Party Extravaganza! Children and Youth are invited for a pizza dinner at 5pm followed by fun in the foam! Wear clothes and shoes to get wet and bring a towel to dry off. Please pickup from the back parking lot.

May 11th **NO PROGRAMMING – Mother's Day**

May 18th **End of the School Year Ice Cream Social**



Children and their grownups are invited to enjoy a sweet treat and participate in a project for our fellow church members. Children are also encouraged to bring a donation for the Blessing Box too.

May 25th **NO PROGRAMMING – Memorial Day**

June 1st **SAVE THE DATE! Summer Movie & S'mores Night**

Stay tuned for more info on a fun summer movie night!

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.



Foam Party Extravaganza

Sunday, May 4th – 5 to 6:30 PM | Lexington UMC

It's time for an epic Foam Party hosted by Foam Party Extravaganza! Children and Youth are invited for a pizza dinner at 5pm followed by fun in the foam! Wear clothes and shoes to get wet and bring a towel to dry off. Please pickup from the back parking lot.



Summer Kickoff Pool Party

Sunday, May 18th – 5 to 7:00 PM | The Registers' Home

Before we head into our the summer, youth are invited to join us for dinner and a pool party at the Registers' House as one last hurrah to celebrate the end of the school year!



Summer Mission Trip: Registration Due May 5th

Sunday, July 20th – Friday, July 25th, Marion, NC | Cost: \$375

The youth are headed to Marion, NC to assist with relief efforts from Hurricane Helene. All rising 7th graders through 12th graders are invited to participate in this opportunity with Experience Mission to help those who experienced home damage or loss as a result of Hurricane Helene in September 2024. Visit the [youth newsletter](#) to sign up and read more about opportunities to reduce the cost of your registration. A \$200 deposit is due at the time of registration.

Thank You for Supporting the Dinner & Dessert Auction

Thank you Lexington UMC for your unmatched generosity! We had a great turnout for our 4th annual Youth Dinner and Dessert Auction, bringing in over \$2,000 for youth summer missions. There were so many incredible desserts auctioned off and it wouldn't have been possible without those who bought a ticket, bought a dessert, made a dessert, or helped prep the meal and clean up afterwards. Thank you to everyone for helping make this event an success year after year!



Adult Ministries

Cancer Support Group

Sunday, May 4th – 11:00 AM | Church Parlor

The Cancer Support Group formed by Sandy Knight will have a meeting on May 4th at 11 AM following the combined service at 10 AM. If you are a cancer survivor, cancer patient, or the family member of a survivor or patient, you are invited to join us for this time together. Please contact Sandy at 703-901-4664 or sfknight58@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

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Prime Timers Lunch

Tuesday, May 6th – 11:30 AM | Ruby Tuesday, 5464 Sunset Blvd.

**Ruby
Tuesday**

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 Ruby Tuesday in Lexington on Tuesday, May 6th. Please contact **Sammie Brown** at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

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UMW Festival of Tables

Saturday, May 10th – 2 PM | Wesley Hall

Lexington UMW will host their annual Festival of Tables on Saturday, May 10th in Wesley Hall. Doors open at 2 PM and the dessert bar will open at 2:30 PM. Guests are welcome – invite your mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, and nieces for an early Mother's Day celebration! All proceeds will be used to support the mission organizations supported by the UMW. Tickets are \$10 per person; [click here](#) or scan the QR code to purchase online. **Interested in hosting a table?** Contact **Mary Alice Bechtler** at mabechtler@hotmail.com for more information.



Craft-a-Card Ministry

Tuesday, May 13th – 1:30 to 3:30 PM | MC004 (downstairs craft room)

The Craft-a-Card Ministry gathers the second Tuesday of each month 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. For questions or additional information, contact **Donna Dunnagan** at dunnagans@yahoo.com or 803-479-9290.

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

Tuesday, May 20th – 11:30 AM | Grecian Gardens, Sunset Blvd.

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 May, the group will gather at Grecian Gardens. For questions or to RSVP, contact **Linda Gladden** at 803-920-0114.



Outreach

Bike4Life Fundraiser for Make-A-Wish Foundation

Saturday, May 3rd – 9 AM to 12:30 PM | LUMC Parking Lot



Hannah Vitters, our very own LUMC Youth, is hosting the 2nd annual Bike4Life Fundraiser on Saturday, May 3rd from 9 AM to 12:30 PM in Lexington UMC's parking lot. Hannah organized Bike4Life in honor of her cousin Jack Timmerman who is battling a terminal illness known as Batten's Disease. This year, all proceeds will go to Make-A-Wish Foundation to help children like Jack. The event includes a bike-a-thon along with food, music, and fun! [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to register for the bike-a-thon, donate to the cause, or learn more about the history and mission of this event.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, May 19th – 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.



Epworth Foster Parent Appreciation Baskets



May is Foster Care Appreciation Month and we are asking for donations to put together foster parent appreciation baskets to 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. Donations will be used to purchase basket supplies to be assembled and presented to

Epworth. As always, the children and foster parents at Epworth love and appreciate your support. If you have any questions, please contact **Lori Torbett** at ldtorbett@gmail.com or **803-629-7126**.

The mission of Epworth is to serve children, youth and families through caring, safe, Christian communities where hurts are healed, hope is nurtured, and faith in God, self, and others is developed. Epworth, located in Columbia, SC, was established in 1985 by the Methodist people of South Carolina. To this day, the South Carolina United Methodist Conference remains dedicated to the mission of Epworth.

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



Memorials, Honorariums & Birthdays

MEMORIALS

Anne Neely

Joan Floyd

Doris Frye

Malcolm & Loretta Jackson

Reve' Richardson

Matthew & Hali Porter

BAPTISMS

Pastor Mack McDowell's grandchildren:

Makenzie Lynn McDowell
Hudson Lee McDowell

NEW MEMBERS

Isabelle Borduas & Daniel Moore

119 Luden Court
Lexington, SC 29072

Jessica Johnson, Peggy Henkel, & William Marohl

357 Dawsons Park Drive
Lexington, SC 29072

George Anthony

BIRTHDAYS

5/1

David Rhoten
Jerry Wojtylak
Patty Mayfield

5/2

Bethany Anderson
Ruth Grimsly

5/3

Melissa Epting
Wilson Lepp
Linda Roshto

5/4

Bob Lambdin
Gaye Leonard
Dylan Hayson

5/5

Jennie Church
Pam Hatfield
Austin D'Amico
Hollis Chittam
Missy Moore

5/6

Adam Chittam

5/7

Doug Beaty
Matt Owens
William Phillips
Gracen Oswald
Owen Maxwell
Janet Mabe
Janice Black
Abby Kunkle
Nan Cain

5/8

Carrie Schilling
Elizabeth West
Ron Vanderstelt
Donna McKenna

5/9

Vicky Jackson

5/10

Traci Stinecipher
Troy Loadholt
Juddy Decell
Bailey Lawson Gunter

5/11

Cathy Cagney

5/12

Tucker Johnson
Peggy Abercrombie
Walker D'Amico
Sydney Weathers

5/13

Kaitlin Edwards
Tommy Hucks II
Walid Hakim
David Marshall Jr.
Carmen Preston
Samuel Brandes
Heather Chittam

5/14

Brooks Edwards
Brian Harmon
Kimberly Decell
Hannah Polk
Tanner Keith
Kaylin Samples
Ella Maxwell
Lola Carroll
Ainsley Kunkle

5/15

Diane Moseley
Lessie Polk
Caleb Spence
Steve DeBerry

5/16

Barbara Addington
Jeffrey Byess

5/17

Richard Rodden
Noel Myers
Adan Myers

5/18

Lilly Johnson

5/19

Grady Decell
Bethany Braund
Emily Betcher
Eli Dabbs

5/20

Barry Schilling
Thomas Trezise Jr.
Adam Graybill
Candy Brennan

5/21

Jeff Culler
Trey DeBruhl III
Nathan Laisure
Hampton Pitts

5/22

Colt Kirkpatrick
Elizabeth Ann Lambdin
Harry Cato
Andrea Robinson
Rylie D'Amico

5/23

Chris Haynes
Blakely Cunningham
Logan Pool
Linton Phillips
Noah Cayce Doub

5/24

Nancy Edmonds
Andrew Stevenson

5/25

Lorri Yarborough
Meredith Huber
Robby Young
Henry Nichols

5/26

Rick Cain

5/27

Wade Reynolds
Mia Willis
Elena Smith
Heather Ford

5/29

Robyn Childers
Grant Leonard
Mike Mitton
Jimmy Walsh Jr.
Jacob Wilson
Michael Keisler
Robert Waterfield
Wells Carter
Guy Smith

5/30

Earle Brown
Laura Pappas
Bonny McCarty
Jax Dabbs
Ellie Pruitt

5/31

Sharon Maxwell
Sam Merrell
Dennis Meyers
Rebecca Jones



May Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
 <p><i>Click here or scan the QR code for the most current event calendar.</i></p>				1 10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards 6:00pm - 7:30pm Parables study	2 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm - 8:00pm Worship Band Practice	3 9:00am - 12:30pm Bike4Life 7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting
4 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:00am - 10:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:00am - 11:00am Traditional Worship Svc 5:00pm - 6:30pm KidzWay & Youth Group - Pizza Dinner & Foam Party	5 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 11:00am - 2:00pm Preschool Teacher's Appreciation Lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm Amazing Athletes 12:00pm - 1:00pm Kelly's Gymnastics 7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting	6 11:30am - 12:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon 5:30pm - 6:30pm Al-Anon 6:00pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Troop 2375 6:30pm - 7:30pm Tuesday Evening Service 7:00pm - 8:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 507	7 7:00am - 8:00am Men's Weds. AM Group 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 7:00pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	8 10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards 6:30pm - 7:30pm Pack 507-Blue & Gold	9 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 11:30am - 7:00pm Set Up for Festival of Tables 6:30pm - 8:00pm Worship Band Practice	10 10:00am - 11:00am Book Club 2:00pm - 4:00pm Festival of Tables 7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting
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Rev 5:11-14 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.