

### **MEET OUR CHURCH STAFF:**

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## **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar in the traditional service are given to the glory of God and in memory of my momma, Jeanette "Jenny" Sloan on her 78<sup>th</sup> birthday by Brooks Sloan.

### **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](mailto:magossard@umcsc.org)

### **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.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTER NEEDED**

Our Director of Children's Ministry, Heather Connor, is leaving LUMC to pursue a new position as Deacon in a UMC in a town outside of Chicago. We wish her well and thank her for all her years of service to LUMC's Children's Ministry. We are therefore in need of a new Director of Children's Ministry. If you are interested in the position, please contact Pastor Mack, Pastor Meegian, or Bill Dunnagan to express your interest.

### **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!

### **GRADUATE BRUNCH FOR ALL**

TODAY, 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. Join us!

### **MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**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.

### **SIGN THE BIBLE**

Heather Connor, our Director of Children's Ministry, will be ordained a Provisional Deacon at Annual Conference. LUMC has purchased her a Bible to honor this accomplishment. Everyone is invited to sign the Bible for Heather. You may write a note, highlight your favorite verse, or do both. The Bible will be on the table outside Pastor Meegian's office.

### **EPWORTH GIFT BASKETS**

Thank you so much for the donations towards the Foster Family gift baskets. We were able to prepare three gift baskets, a "Picnic Day" basket, a "Beach Day" basket and a "Spa Night" basket all with generous gift cards and goodies. As always, thank you for your support for all things Epworth Children's Home!! Much love, Lori Torbett.

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY, MAY 19; 2-7PM**

Monday, May 19 from 2-7pm in Asbury Hall. Please give blood! Donors can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," or directly at this link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc>

### **LOVE OFFERING**

To show our love and appreciation to Heather Connor, a congregational Love Offering will be collected from now through Tuesday, June 3, 2025. If you wish to contribute, you can give online or by check. Online donations can be made under the fund 'Special Collection.' Checks should be made to LUMC, with the memo 'Love Offering.' Checks can be mailed to the church or placed in the offering at the worship services. Please note: according to IRS guidelines, donations given to specific person(s) are not tax-deductible. Cards and notes to Heather will also be collected. The cards and love offering will be presented to Heather during coffee time after the 8:30 service on Sunday, June 8, 2025. Please join us to say farewell!

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

G.A.L.S. will meet on Tues., May 20 at 11:30am at Grecian Gardens on Sunset Blvd. Please contact Linda Gladden to make your reservation-803-920-0114.

### **EMMAUS REUNION GROUP**

The Emmaus Reunion Group will meet TODAY, May 18 @ 3:00pm in the Parlor. Interested in Emmaus? Contact Susan Matthews or Cherie Bowers at 803-609-3314 or 803-920-6650.

### **L.R.E. GROUP-**

### **LEXINGTON REACHING EVERYONE**

L.R.E. group will meet on Tuesday, May 20 at 2:00pm in room 149. They meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The LRE group contacts the visitors of the church and makes calls to members and visitors. If you'd like to know more about the L.R.E. Group, contact Donna Dunnagan at [dunnagans@yahoo.com](mailto:dunnagans@yahoo.com)

### **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!

### **RIISING SECOND GRADERS**

A milestone is coming soon! Rising second graders will receive their very own Bible on Sunday, August 10th. Please email [heather@lexumcsc.com](mailto:heather@lexumcsc.com) with your student's name how you'd like it to appear on their Bible and what service you would like them to receive their Bible in (this will take place on Sunday, August 10th).