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CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Please remember, honor, and celebrate those who have served to protect our freedoms. God bless America!

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

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

If you or your group would like to host Coffee Time in June, please contact Wendy Walsh at 803-622-7053. WE NEED YOU!

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.

PRIME TIMERS

You are invited to join Prime Timers for lunch at Mediterranean Cafe on Tuesday, June 3. Because of limited parking and dining space, we will meet at 11:00 AM when the restaurant opens. Please contact Sammie Brown at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@gmail.com to make your reservation.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The SC Annual Conference will take place from June 8-11 at the Greenville Convention Center. Please pray for our Clergy and Lay Members to Annual Conference as they travel to, during, and from the event.

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!

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 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).



A Memorial Day Prayer

God of peace and love, on this Memorial Day, we pause to remember and honor those who have given their lives for our country, for the freedom we enjoy, and for the cause of peace. We give thanks for their courage, their selflessness, and their unwavering commitment to their country and their families.

We lift up in prayer those who have lost loved ones in service. May they find comfort and strength in the knowledge that their sacrifice was not in vain. May we be reminded of their love and their devotion to us, their families, and our country. May their memory inspire us to live lives of service and love, following in their footsteps.

Lord, we ask for your peace to reign in the world. May we learn from the sacrifices of those we honor today and strive to create a world where all people live in peace and security. May we be instruments of peace, working for justice and reconciliation, and may your love fill the world.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

-AI prayer for Memorial Day in the United Methodist tradition.