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PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR & TEACHER NEEDED

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

EPWORTH BACK PACK MISSION

LUMC Church Family, we are continuing our Give "Backpack" Mission providing backpacks to the kids/teens at Epworth Children's Home. We are raising money to purchase a total of 50 backpacks this year so that equals approximately \$3,000. Please consider contributing to this wonderful mission. Please label your check Epworth or Backpack. If you have any questions please contact Lori Torbett at 803-629-7126 or ldtorbett@gmail.com. Thank you!!

BLESSING BOX NEEDS

There are many people who benefit from our blessing box including those who are homeless or those who just need a little help during the week. Please consider donating extra food and water to the blessing box bin in the main hallway. Listed below are some items that are needed. Be a blessing to others! Thank you!

- bottled water
- Oatmeal packs
- canned or plastic containers of fruit or vegetables
- canned chicken and tuna packs

SUBMISSIONS FOR ARTIST SHOWCASE

The committee planning for the 175th Anniversary Celebration of LUMC would like to invite artists, writers, musicians and craftsmen from the church to express memories, thoughts, prayers, or appreciations for LUMC through original artwork, stories, poems, songs or crafts. We know that we have many talented members, and we would like to showcase these talents in conjunction with our celebration on September 7. Items may be submitted to Ann Cimburke (cimburkes@aol.com), Miyoung Paik (miyoungpaik2018@gmail.com), or Lynn Brewer (bmlynn75@gmail.com) by August 16.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY, JULY 28TH 2-7PM IN ASBURY HALL

We need blood! Monday, July 28th from 2pm-7pm in Asbury Hall. Donors can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc,"

WATERMELON & WONDER TONIGHT! JULY 20; 5PM-6:30PM

Kids are invited to dress in watermelon colors & join us for a night of games, activities, and of course, watermelon! Drop off in Wesley Hall. It's sure to be a slice of fun! Contact Jen

Cammann who will be leading the evening's activities with any questions.

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175TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS

Show your support for the 175th Anniversary of LUMC Celebration (Sept. 7) by purchasing a **commemorative T-shirt!** Only \$20 and we have all sizes!! Order yours today with the QR code below!



BBQ & BINGO

Saturday, August 9th – 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Adults: \$15 | Children (12 & Under): \$10

Dinner, a bake sale, and the most fun evening playing Bingo! Plus, the silent auction returns this year! Dinner includes pulled pork provided by Love Handells BBQ and all the fixins! Bingo is free for all ages. All proceeds will benefit local missions supported by the Lexington United Methodist Women. Tickets will be on sale beginning July 13 during coffee time or after 11am service; or scan the QR code to purchase your tickets for this family-friendly event!



175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!! SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

What began with 5 members in a shutterless, doorless, hewn log cabin facing Fort St. has persevered for 175 years, and we look forward to celebrating our legacy. On Sunday, Sept. 7, we will worship together as ONE at a **10:00am combined service in Wesley Hall**. We will have music and messages from former pastors, Rev. Ken Owens & Rev. Miyoung Paik. A catered lunch from Hudson's Smokehouse will be served following the service! Mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of this exciting day!! Tickets go on sale July 27th.

LUMC LEGACY FUND

In honor of our 175th anniversary, we started a legacy fund to help the future of our church. The legacy of the church is the people! Please consider giving a gift to this fund that is over and above your normal giving. Whether it is \$175 (\$1 for each year of the church), \$1750 (\$10 for each year), \$17,500 (\$100 for each year), or anything in-between, your gift will improve the life of the church and this community for the next 175 years. 65% of the funds will go to facilities and ground refurbishments and a new directory; 25% of the funds will go to the missions of the church; and 10% of the funds will go to a reserve fund to continue the legacy. So far, we have raised \$30,000!!!!

STEPHEN MINISTRIES 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCT. 4

On Saturday, October 4, from 8:00am-4:30pm First Baptist Church in Fort Mill is hosting an all-day Stephen Ministries 50th Anniversary Celebration. The keynote speaker is the founder of Stephen Ministries. Lunch is included. If you would like to go, please sign up on the list outside of Pastor Meegian's office.