



LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE HOUSEHOLD *of Faith*

SEPTEMBER 2025

A WORD FROM PASTOR MACK

Blessings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! We have an exciting event coming up! Our 175th Anniversary Homecoming will be held in Wesley Hall on September 7 at 10:00 am! Our theme is: "Serving God as a Family for 175 Plus Years." We have been meeting as a committee for three years to plan for this and it is finally here! Our catered lunch at about 11:30 am will be from Hudson's Smoke House, but desserts and special dishes can be brought in, please!

Our Charge Conference will be in our LUMC sanctuary October 26 at 4:00 pm. The Charge Conference allows us to review all that has been reported on the activities of the church for the past year and consider all that our outgoing and incoming church officers take on in their responsibilities to lead our path in God's will. All can attend. I appreciate what you all do in LUMC, as you too labor to spread the life-giving message of the Gospel. May God continue to bless our church and our efforts for Jesus!

God bless you all,

Rev. Mack McDowell



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Church News

It's Time to Celebrate!

What began with 5 members in a shutterless, doorless hewn log cabin facing Fort Street has been persevered for 175 years, and we look forward to celebrating our legacy. Join us as we celebrate this milestone in our history!



Celebrate

Celebration Service & Luncheon – September 7th, 10 AM | Wesley Hall (Gym)

In August, the Town of Lexington declared September 7th as "Lexington United Methodist Day" in recognition of 175 years of faithful worship and service to the Lexington community. Help us celebrate "Lexington United Methodist Day" as we worship together as ONE at 10 am in a blended service featuring music from both our praise band and our chancel choir, as well as messages from former pastors Rev. Ken Owens and Rev. Miyoung Paik.



After the service, all are invited to journey through "Celebration Hall" which will highlight our missions and the art created by our LUMC Members. A catered lunch from Hudson's Smokehouse will be served for those who purchased tickets and enjoy special music from church musicians during the luncheon.

We invite all to wear their 175th anniversary t-shirt and join us for this festive occasion on "Lexington United Methodist Day!"

Commemorate

Commemorative T-Shirts | \$20, Youth & Adult Sizes

If you haven't purchased a commemorative t-shirts yet, it's not too late! We will continue to offer t-shirts after the celebration on September 7th to keep the celebration going! Shirts are \$20 each and available in all youth and adult sizes. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to purchase a shirt.



LUMC Note Cards | \$15, Pack of 8

Note cards featuring artwork of our beautiful church by LUMC member Lib Brown are also available for purchase to commemorate this special anniversary of our church. The note cards are available in packs of 8 for \$15 with proceeds going to the church. They can be purchased at the Celebration on September 7th while supplies last.

Contribute

Contribute to the Legacy Fund

The legacy of LUMC is the people — from the first 5 people who formed the church in 1850 through today. It's the people who make our church what it is and establish what it will be in the future. As you remember our past, celebrate our legacy, and look towards the future, you have the opportunity to remember our church through a special contribution to the Legacy Fund. We ask that each person prayerfully consider a gift over and beyond your tithing. Whether it is \$175 (\$1 for each year of the church), \$1,750 (\$10 for each year), \$17,500 (\$100 for each year) or anywhere in between, your gift will improve the life of the church and this community for the next 175 years. The total gifts received will be distributed in this manner: **25%** to missions; **65%** for refurbishment projects including the Sanctuary, grounds, and other areas around the church; **10%** to the reserve fund to keep the church legacy living on. Contributions to the Legacy Fund can be made online by visiting lexumcsc.com/give or scanning the QR code and selecting "Legacy Fund" from the drop down.



Epworth's Annual Work Day Offering

Sunday, September 14th | All Services



On Sunday, September 14th, LUMC will participate in Epworth's Annual Work Day offering. All donations collected for the Work Day offering will go to provide comprehensive care for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget and donations are needed to support this essential ministry. Please consider giving to this ministry as you feel led.

Volunteers Needed for Nursery & Children's Church

Do you enjoy sharing God's love with little ones? We are looking for nursery workers (9:45 – noon) and children's church volunteers (during 11AM service) for Sunday mornings. If God is calling you to help out in these areas, please email Laura at laura@lexumcsc.com. All persons must meet Safe Sanctuary requirements and complete Safe Sanctuary training if not already current on their training.



Coffee Time Refreshments

If you have been blessed with the gift of hospitality, consider serving on the Hospitality Committee which is responsible for organizing **Coffee Time** and other church-wide meals. If you would like to serve in this area regularly or your group would like to assist with Coffee Time, please contact **Wendi Walsh** at 803-622-7053. Thank you to the True Believers & Disciples class which has offered to provide refreshments for Coffee Time in September.

Save the Date for Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26th – 5 to 7 PM | LUMC Main Parking Lot

Mark your calendars for October 26th and start planning your trunks and costumes! Trunk or Treat will be here soon and we need your help to make it a success. We will start trunk and volunteer sign ups soon as well as candy collecting. It's not too early to start stocking up on discounted candy!



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

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



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. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Henrickson at laura@lexumcsc.com.



Sunday Morning Programming

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.

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.

Sunday Evening Programming (4k - 5th)

On Sunday evenings, children gather in Asbury Hall for KidzWay for a time of play, creativity, wonder, and growing together in God.

Sept. 14th Carrying a Cross for Christ – 5 to 6:30 PM

Join us for fun and fellowship, cross my heart! We'll make our own crosses & learn about how we carry them.

Sept. 21st The Prince of Peace – 5 to 6:30 PM

An evening that's all about peace! In honor of International Peace day, we're going to learn all about peace & Jesus, the Prince of Peace!

Sept. 28th A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood – 5 to 6:30 PM

God asks us to be good neighbors! This night is learning all about how we can help others!

Children's Christmas Pageant

Although it might seem a little early to be thinking about Christmas, plans are well underway for the upcoming Children's Christmas Pageant, **WOW!**, scheduled for Sunday morning, **December 14th**.

There are many parts available including shepherds, angels, wisepeople, as well as animals! We hope you will consider participating in what is sure to be a memorable and fun experience. The first rehearsal will be on Sunday, **October 5th** in the sanctuary during Sunday School (10:00-10:45 am). For more information, please contact Lessie Polk (803-730-7498).



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.



Game Show Night

Sunday, September 14th – 5 to 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall (Gym)

Price is Right, Family Feud, Password, and MORE! All youth are invited to kick off the Fall semester with all your favorite game shows! Come see if you have what it takes to bring home the grand prize!



You Own the Night!

Sunday, September 21st – 5 to 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall (Gym)

What's more exciting than youth group? A youth group led fully by the youth! Youth are invited for an evening of fun and games planned by their peers.



Sundae Serve with Snack Sack

Sunday, September 28th – 5 to 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall (Gym)

The youth are invited for a night of serving as we help pack bags for Snack Sack, a program that helps provide food to children in need all school year long! Afterward, youth will enjoy ice cream together.



Fall Retreat – Registration Open Now!

October 3rd-5th – Asbury Hills | \$140 per student

For the 2025 Fall Retreat, the Youth return to Asbury Hills! We will spend time together hanging out, playing games, studying God's Word, and enjoying all that Asbury Hills has to offer. It is going to be a weekend you don't want to miss! Registration is open now until September 21st at the link in the youth newsletter.

Reminiscing on Youth Sunday

For Youth Sunday on August 3rd, the youth led all aspects of both the traditional and contemporary services. The services included special music from Amelia Miller and Hannah Vitters and messages from Mary Scott Handell and Hannah Vitters about their experiences on the summer mission trip to Marion, NC. If you missed Youth Sunday, you can [watch the replay on YouTube](#) to hear the wonderful music and messages they shared with the congregation as well as watch the [Mission Trip recap video](#).



Adult Ministries

Prime Timers Lunch

Tuesday, September 2nd – 11:30 AM | Bellis House of Pizza

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 Bellis House of Pizza in Lexington on Tuesday, September 2nd. Please contact **Sammie Brown** at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@gmail.com to reserve your spot.



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

Tuesday, September 16th – 11:30 AM | Ruby Tuesday, 5464 Sunset Blvd.

**Ruby
Tuesday**

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 September, the group will gather at Ruby Tuesday at 11:30 AM. For questions or to RSVP, contact **Linda Gladden** at 803-920-0114.



The Shepherd's Center of Lexington's mission is to provide older adults (55+) with opportunities to be engaged with each other and their community by offering a variety of social, service, and life-long learning activities.

Adventures in Learning Fall Session

6-Week Session on Thursdays, Sept. 25 – Oct. 30 | Lexington United Methodist Church

Registration is now open for the Fall Session of Adventures in Learning with Shepherd's Center of Lexington. Senior adults are invited to try out one or more of the fun and enriching classes during the 6-week session from September 25th to October 30th. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to view class offerings and register through the Member Login portal.



UMW Speaker Spotlight: Author Jo Walker

Sunday, October 19th – 2 PM | Asbury Hall

Lexington UMW invites all women of the church for a special message from Jo Walker, a Christian speaker and author of the children's books *Angel in Disguise* and *Forever Ours*. Please join us for this heartwarming time as we hear Jo's story of adoption.



BBQ & Bingo Raises \$2600 for Missions

Lexington UMW raised over \$2600 at the annual BBQ & Bingo fundraiser in August, exceeding last year's amount by \$700!

All proceeds will support mission organizations in Lexington supported by LUMW. Everyone in attendance had a fabulous time enjoying BBQ provided by Love Handells BBQ, playing Bingo and bidding in the silent auction! Thank you to all who make this event a success year after year!



Outreach



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, September 29th – 1 to 6 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.



Thank You for Giving BACK(Packs)!

Thank you LUMC for your generous donations and exceeding our goal for the Epworth Give Back(Packs) Mission! We not only purchased ALL the backpacks needed but were also able to provide extra funds for any supplies the kids need for school. Epworth is always so grateful for LUMC and the continued support and love this church gives with each mission. Because of your contributions, the kids at Epworth have new backpacks to make this new school year that much more exciting!



Blessing Box Volunteers Needed



Thank you to all who donate items to keep the Blessing Box filled so we can continue to bless all God's children! We also need help keeping the box stocked on a regular basis. If you're interested and able to give about 10 minutes of your time to fill the Blessing Box and water cooler, please contact Cam Beckum at 803-238-0818.

HIGH NEED ITEMS:

- Instant Oatmeal
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Canned or plastic cups of fruit and vegetables
- Basic Seasonings
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Pet Food
- Bottled Water



Memorials, Honorariums & Birthdays

MEMORIALS

Margaret Houser

Buddy & Lynn Brewer

HONORARIUMS

Mary Hazelton

Mike & Tracy Davis

BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Danielle Dunnagan
Scott Taylor
Tim Chandler
Copeland Pitts
Leah Smith

9/2 Stephanie Watts
Harold Young
Don McCracken
Mary Scott Handell

9/3 Sam Cimburke
Robin Thompson
Chantz Fogle
Trip Miller III

9/4 Michele Backman
Christine Workman
Joan Floyd

9/6 Nancy Azzara
Betty Fant

9/7 Kim Edwards
Russell Lybrand
Miyoun Paik
Alex Young
Michael Slapnik
Gabrielle Sinclair
Charles Taylor
Tommie Taylor

9/8 Chris Epting
Susan Mitton
Mary Jane Teague
Brittany Rowe
Pascal Pitts Jr.
Jessica Carroll

9/9 Stacy Shealy
Lori Meyers
Tyler Pool
Peter Gurgigno

9/10 Nancy Sinclair
Andrew Hanson

9/11 Jorene Goldin
Ward Inabinet
Gina Johnson
Cal Stevenson Jr.
Maggie Moser
Daniel Fouche

9/12 Cathy Whetstone
Benjamin Vance Connor

9/13 Cathy Johnson
Jason Torbett
Yvonne Creekmore
Chrissy Wilson

9/14 Katie Bowman
Mindy Goist
Joseph West
Braelyn Davis
Shanti Moore
Sadie Curtis

9/15 Evelyn Corderman
Liam Stilwell
Paisley Buchanan
Nathan Stone
Elaine Hahne

9/16 Adam Connor
Velma Christian

9/17 Elaine Elliott
Beth Carter
Caroline Pappas
Olivia Pappas

9/18 George Brickle

9/19 Bryan Smith
Nancy Caulder

9/20 Marshal McGee
Brandon Corley
Dyson Carroll

9/21 John Whetstone
Katie Martin
Elizabeth Roland

9/22 Betty Pardue
Claudia Waits
Rachelle Rogers
Rayna Brandes
Cole Decell

9/23 Diane Coleman
Laura Henrickson

9/24 Jennifer Templin
John Cafferty
Sam Dabbs
Pam Smith

9/25 Charles Polk
Megan Currier
Frankie Seeby
Mark Wilson
Merle Mabe

9/26 Marlee Metts

9/27 Ann Lever
Nelle Matthews
Katherine Merrell

9/28 Sandy Agee
Robin Andrews
Tanya Gardner
Callie Krantz
Ella Powell

9/29 Lou Ellen Decell
Judy Hayes
Scott Segui
Carol Shealy
Simon Shealy
Daniel Hucks
Zack Altenberg
Jack Collum

9/30 Katie Swearingen
Britt Welch
Katy Handell
Laura Beckham
Ron Deeds



September Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
	1 LABOR DAY, CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED 10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 7:00pm -8:00pm AA Meeting	2 FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL 10:00am -12:00pm Snack Sack Packing 10:00am -11:00am Staff Meeting 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 Svc 7:00pm -8:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 507 7:00pm -8:00pm Zoom Bible Study	3 7:00am -8:00am Men's Weds. AM Group 10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 5:00pm -6:00pm 175th Planning Meeting 6:00pm -7:00pm Handbell Practice 7:00pm -8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	4 Floor Waxing-Main Hallway 10:00am -11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm -4:30pm Prime Timers Cards	5 10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm -8:00pm Worship Band Practice	6 9:00am -6:00pm Decorating the Church & Set Up for 175th Anniversary 7:00pm -8:00pm AA Meeting
7 HOMEcoming CELEBRATION-175 YEARS; LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST DAY! 10:00am -11:00am Combined Worship Svc 11:00am -12:00pm 175th Anniversary Luncheon	8 10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 2:00pm -3:00pm Caring Connections 7:00pm -8:00pm AA Meeting	9 10:00am -12:00pm Snack Sack Packing 5:30pm -6:30pm Al-Anon 7:00pm -8:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 507	10 7:00am -8:00am Men's Weds. AM Group 10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 5:00pm -6:00pm 175th Anniversary Planning Mtg. 6:00pm -7:00pm Handbell Practice 7:00pm -8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	11 10:00am -11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm -4:30pm Prime Timers Cards 6:30pm -7:30pm Pack 507 Den Meetings	12 Special Olympics State Ball Games 10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm -8:00pm Worship Band Practice	13 Special Olympics State Ball Games 7:00pm -8:00pm AA Meeting
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Psalm 139:1-6 *O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.*