



A WORD FROM PASTOR MACK

"Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

— MATTHEW 22:21B —

In a box of stuff that I have collected over the years, lies a Roman silver denarius coin from the first century, that came from Israel many years ago. A silver denarius was the equivalent of one day's pay in ancient times, so it was a valuable coin to have! The obverse (front) of the coin bears the side profile of Julius Caesar. On the reverse is the scene of a soldier standing over two bound captives, with the title "Caesar" across the width of the base. The coin reminds us of what Jesus did with Caesar's denarius in Matthew's 22nd chapter. The Herodians and the Pharisees joined together to trap Jesus so he could be arrested for either sedition or encouraging tax evasion. When they asked Jesus if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, he simply asked them to produce the denarius, asked them whose image and title it bore, and then told them to "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

We take this to mean that because the coin was made in Caesar's image, it is right to use it for Caesar's purposes. But what about you? Whose image were you created in? You were created in God's image. All of us were created by our awesome and loving God in God's image. Given that, do you give yourself to be used for God's purposes? Do you give the very best of your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness, to God? Sometimes this passage is only interpreted to mean that we should tithe our money to God.

We certainly should tithe, because Lexington United Methodist Church uses your financial gifts to bless those in need, every day of the year. This passage from Jesus is about more than that, though. It is about you and I giving the very best of ourselves off the top to God first. It is about putting God first in every aspect of our lives. Scripture is filled with references to giving the "first fruits" of the harvest back to God before anything else is taken. Do you do that with the gifts that God gives you? One way of helping your church do that for the community is to tithe 10% of your disposable income to your church.

As your pastor, I have continued to tithe at least 10% of my income, both my church salary and my Army pension, to your church. I keep the other 90% for the things I need to do with my family. I am comforted to know that God can do much more with the 10% than I can do with the 90%. We are grateful for all that you return to the church, from what God has blessed you with. So much is done with what you give, including ministries for the marginalized and hungry, counseling for those who have lost their way, help for struggling families, support for world-wide ministries and missions, multiple weekly worship services, children's and youth activities, and community events in your church. The list goes on and on. All of these are possible because you, who are created in God's beautiful image, are willing to be used for God's purposes. Thanks be to God!

God bless you all,

Rev. Mack McDowell

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Church News

Worship Schedule Change for Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 19th – 8:30 Traditional & 11 AM Blended Worship in Sanctuary

Began by the Children's Defense Fund in 1991, Children's Sabbath is a weekend that unites people of all faiths to advocate for and improve the lives of children. To recognize this important day, LUMC's Children's Ministry will be taking over the services – 8:30 Traditional Worship and 11AM Blended Worship in the sanctuary. All children are invited to sign up to participate in the service and we invite the congregation to join for spirit-filled worship!



Wednesday Night Suppers are Back!

Weekly Wednesdays – 5 PM | Asbury Hall

Whether you forgot to grocery shop, don't feel like cooking again, or are just looking for some fellowship, all are welcome to join for Wednesday Night Suppers in Asbury Hall hosted by **Matt & Becky Goudelock**! Be sure to check the bi-weekly announcement emails for the menu and help us know how many to prepare for by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code to sign up! Volunteers are appreciated!



Trunk or Treat! Trunk Sign Ups & Candy Collection

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



Trunk or Treat is a great opportunity for LUMC to have a visible presence in the community. We have 20 trunk spots to fill and we need your help filling them! Claim your spot (and your theme!) by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code. If you'd like to help but don't want to host a trunk, contact Laura@lexumcsc.com. We have also started collecting candy and teal pumpkin prizes which can be placed in the donation bin in the main hallway. Thanks in advance to all the ghouls and gals who make this event successful year after year!



Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed!

Do you enjoy sharing God's love with little ones? We are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways! Whether you enjoy reading Bible stories, playing with toddlers or rocking infants in the nursery, or helping your child acolyte, we have volunteer opportunities for all ages and skill levels! Visit [page 4](#) for sign ups for a variety of opportunities or email Laura at laura@lexumcsc.com if you're interested in sharing your talents in another way!

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 Delos Corderman Fellowship class which has offered to provide refreshments for Coffee Time in October.



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

Contact Kaitlyn Handell at obrien.kaitlynm@gmail.com by October 22nd to be included in the next issue.



Celebrating 175 Years

What began in 1850 with 5 members in a shutterless, doorless hewn log cabin facing Fort Street has persevered. On September 7th, we came together as one body of Christ to celebrate 175 faithful years of serving God with open hearts, open minds and open doors. **"And it was good."**

We look forward to many more years of faithful ministry serving Lexington, SC!





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.

Oct. 5th UnMasked for Christmas Pageant – 5 to 6:30 PM

God claims us just as we are, no mask or acting required! Join us as we learn about who and whose we are and kick off Christmas pageant prep. **If your child(ren) is planning to participate in the pageant, please ensure they are present for this event.**

Oct. 12th The Apple of Christ's Eye – 5 to 6:30 PM

You're the apple of Christ's eye! Join us for an apple-tastic and sweet night!

Oct. 19th NO PROGRAMMING

Oct. 26th Trunk or Treat – 5 to 7 PM

Kids are invited to join in on the fun of Trunk or Treat! Come dressed in your best costume and collect candy or consider hosting a trunk. See [page 2](#) for more info on hosting!

Children's Christmas Pageant

Plans are underway for the upcoming Children's Christmas Pageant, **WOW!**, scheduled for Sunday morning, **December 14th**. There are many parts available including shepherds, angels, wisepeople, and animals! 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 School

Adults with Safe Sanctuary Training



Nursery

Adults with Safe Sanctuary Training

Children's Message for Both Services



Acolytes for Traditional Services

KidzWay Adults with Safe Sanctuary Training





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](https://www.lexumcsc.com/student-ministry).



Fall Retreat: Prayers Appreciated!

October 3rd-5th | Asbury Hills

Please pray for the 34 youth and chaperones as they travel to Asbury Hills for a weekend of fun and fellowship. They will spend time together hanging out, playing games, studying God's Word, and enjoying all that Asbury Hills has to offer. The group will return Sunday around noon so there will be no youth group Sunday evening, Oct. 5.



Ice Cream & Board Games

Sunday, October 12th – 5 to 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall (Gym)

Come join the youth for a *chill* night as we play some board games and have an ice cream sundae bar! Bring your favorite board game or choose from the many options the church has to offer!



Sunday Scaries!

Sunday, October 19th – 5 to 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall (Gym)

We know how scary the end of the weekend can be, but no need to be scared here! We will play a lot of fun Halloween-themed games and give away ALL THE CANDY!



Trunk or Treat – Volunteers Needed

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

It's an all hands on deck kind of night as our church gets ready to host our annual Trunk or Treat! Host a trunk with your family with the sign up on [page 2](#) or sign up to help serve the Hot Dog Dinner at the link in the [youth newsletter](#).

Youth OWNED the Night!

Last month, two youth stepped up to the challenge of planning and leading youth group! From dress like your Bible, to Bible trivia, to teaching a lesson on the importance of studying scripture, they did it all and they OWNED it! A big round of applause to Hannah and Mary Scott for their excellent work!



Adult Ministries

Prime Timers *Early Bird Dinner*

Tuesday, October 7th – 4 PM | Texas Roadhouse, Columbiana Drive

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. This month, the group will gather for an early bird dinner at Texas Roadhouse on October 7th at **4pm**. Please note the time change due to restaurant hours. Contact **Sammie Brown** at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@gmail.com to reserve your spot.



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

Tuesday, October 14th – 11:30 AM | La Fogata, Hwy 6 near the Dam

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

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 and advocacy for children with limb differences.



Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every Wednesday – 7:00 to 8:00 AM | Asbury Hall

On Wednesday mornings, the men of the church gather together for a time of prayer while enjoying a continental-style breakfast. All men of the church are invited to join for this time of fellowship and prayer. Contact **Tim Chandler** if you have any questions.



Outreach

Cancer Support Group

Providing Care & Support for Cancer Patients & Families



The Cancer Support Group (CSG) seeks to provide support to cancer patients, family, friends and other support people affected by cancer. The group is available to provide Prayer, Phone Calls, Resource Information, and Personal Visits. If you would like to receive support from the Cancer Support Group, please fill out and submit a Support Form by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code.

Many thanks to our members Sandy Knight, Maureen Reese, Pat O'Cain, Andrew Banco and Shirley Ford for helping get this initiative of the ground and for Todd Handell and David Marshall for their technical assistance! If you'd like to volunteer with the Cancer Support Group, please contact Sandy at 703-901-4664 or sfknight58@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Native American Elder Baskets Collection

Many Native Americans suffer from food insecurity and lack of healthy food access. With cost of living increases, the need for help is even greater. The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in supporting the the SCUMC Native American Committee's effort to provide baskets of essential items to elder Native Americans by donating needed items or Walmart gift cards to purchase the items. Items can be placed in the boxes outside Pastor Mack's office until **Thursday, October 9th** and will be delivered in October and November. If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Brewer**, LUMC Native American Ministries Coordinator at 803-422-8217.



NEEDED ITEMS:

- Canned Meats & Vegetables
- Canned/Jarred Tomato Sauce
- Dish Soap & Bars of Bath Soap
- Dried Beans, Rice & Potatoes
- Evaporated/Powdered Milk
- Toothpaste & Brushes
- Cups & Cans of Fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Shampoo & Lotion
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

Snack Sack: Making an Impact with Generosity

Many children in our community receive little or nothing to eat at home during weekends and holidays. Together with local schools, the Snack Sack ministry at Lexington UMC is able to provide food when the cupboards may otherwise be bare. With the generosity and support of 30+ volunteers, countless community members, and local businesses, including Mid Carolina Electric Cooperative and Palmetto Gourmet Foods of Saluda, Snack Sack provides food to 800-900 students each week across 14 area schools plus snacks to guidance counselors in another eight schools.



In order to support this need, Snack Sack's expenses for the 2024-2025 school year were \$52,000. With inflation and the need for food continuing to grow, expenses are expected to be up to \$60,000 for this school year and [monetary donations are greatly needed](#) to make this possible. [Rick Cunningham](#), Snack Sack coordinator, shared the following quote from **Matthew Kelly, The Generosity Habit**, from the pulpit in September:

"Generous people stand out not because they seek attention but because they live reflected, examined and purposeful lives. They live with open hearts not clinging to what they have but freely giving what they have been given. They're the kind of people who tip big, lend freely, serve joyfully, and give quietly. Yet their impact echoes loudly. Why? Because generosity changes things, it changes lives, and most of all it changes us."

What impact could you have with your generosity?



Memorials, Honorariums & Birthdays

MEMORIALS

Clyde Smith

Delos Corderman Fellowship Class

HONORARIUMS

Connie Cooper

Buddy & Lynn Brewer

John Stewart

Buddy & Lynn Brewer

NEW MEMBERS

Kyle & Shelly Behr

441 Bronze Drive
Lexington, SC 29072

Ben & Meredith Yarborough

2141 Old Cherokee Road
Lexington, SC 29072

Andrew Banco

108 Heritage Trail
Lexington, SC 29072

Judi Abbott

1401 Laryn Lane
Lexington, SC 29072

BIRTHDAYS

10/1

David Workman
Bob Derrick
Ben Locklier
Rob Coleman III
Blake Beckum
Mary Taylor
Shannon Bussell

10/2

Jeffrey Anderson
Ben Satcher Jr.
Wanda Edmonds
Braxton Seeby

10/3

Thomas Walsh
Tim Sinclair
Lacey Lawrence
Tyler Williams

10/4

Wendi Walsh

10/5

Bobby Epting
Tom Folk
Michael Lyons
Justin Craig

10/6

Ralph Cooper
William Parsons
Peggy Chavis
Matthew Lawrence

10/7

Dixie Brown
Stephen McCormack
Stephanie Akers
Tom Burner
Reese Chittam

10/8

Bill Dunnagan Jr.
Ed Wilson
Logan Moser

10/9

Susan Matthews
Kevin Handell
Staci Sansone
Robert Curtis

10/10

Carolyn Williams
Vernon Russell Jr.

10/11

Calvin Cammann

10/12

Betty Monts
Donna Hornsby
Cameron Beckum
Jack Brickle
Ed Ulmer
Joe Broadway
Kaylie Behr

10/13

Sasha Coleman
Dargan Gore

10/14

Gina Krantz
Henry Power II
Phil Gaines
Will Graybill Jr.

10/15

Richard Cook
Jackson Handell
Morgan Roland
Bonnie Pruitt

10/16

Laraine Cooper
Winston Jordan
Ryan Henson
Kristin Lyons
Joan Laisure

10/17

Henry Leaphart
Laura Lambdin
Houston Teague
John Stevens

10/18

Evelyn Keck

10/19

Tristan Fender
Sherri Frank

10/20

Haynes Teague

10/21

Jennifer Crossman
Jack Gould
Donna Smith

10/22

Judy Culler
Jim Looney
Sue Shumpert
Glenn Williams
Brenda Fuller
Cheryl McManus

10/23

Logan Wilson
Samantha Stilwell
Jacob Jibaja
Jonathan Trezoglou
Tonia Medrick

10/24

Wanda Williams
Jody Huffstetler
Prater Street
Jack Armstrong

10/25

Ann Byess
Richard Hornsby

10/26

Peggy Derrick
Amy Harmon
Bobby Yarborough
Matthew Church
Coco Simmons

10/27

Dakota Spence
Christian Selzer

10/28

George Renwick
John Smiley Jr.
Randy Scoggins
Kersten Epting
Linda Burnett
Ray Hyde

10/29

Griff Rogers
Britt Welch II
Matthew Welch

10/30

Jane Brailsford
Anne Young
Kimberly Rauch

10/31

Elsie Harrell
Will Hahne
Caroline Ford



October Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
 <p>Click here or scan the QR code for the most current event calendar.</p>			1 7:00am -8:00am Men's Weds. AM Group 10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 12:00pm -1:00pm Soccer Stars 5:00pm -6:30pm Weds. Supper 6:00pm -7:00pm Handbell Practice 7:00pm -8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	2 9:00am -2:00pm Shepherd's Center Classes 2:00pm -4:30pm Prime Timers Cards 5:30pm -6:30pm Finance Meeting	3 Youth Fall Retreat-Asbury Hills 10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm -8:00pm Worship Band Practice	4 9:00am -4:30pm Stephen Ministries 50th Anniversary Celebration 7:00pm -8:00pm AA Meeting
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2 Timothy 1:6-12 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.