



LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE HOUSEHOLD *of Faith*

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A WORD FROM PASTOR MACK

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Blessings to you, and thank you for your faithfulness to God, God's people, and your church! Our church is so blessed to be planning a Christmas Market for the entire community to enjoy during the weekend of November 21-22, 2026! Please sign up to serve as a volunteer or member of the committee that is being formed by Ms. Lorri Yarborough and Karen Van Der Heen.

We have noticed that many folks who have been away for various reasons have returned to worshipping with us at LUMC, and they pointed out the amazing number of new faces in our worship services! It's true, we have been blessed that in the days where so many are noting the fall of church attendance throughout our country, we at LUMC have been unusually blessed to have a very high rate of visitors and returning visitors. The visitors, who really are gifts from God, span all ages and walks of life. We have also been blessed that for at least 6 weeks straight at my writing this, we have taken in more new members repeatedly! It is truly wonderful for us to have such an unexpected sign from God, that we are not forgotten or abandoned, but that instead, God has great plans for us in our mission and ministry. Thanks be to God!

May the Lord continue to bless us in our mission and ministry!

Rev. Mack McDowell

December Worship Schedule

During the month of December, we will offer one **Sunday morning Worship Service at 10 AM** so we can worship together during the season of Advent. **Sunday School will still be offered at 9 AM** for classes who wish to convene. Look for the complete December event schedule in the December newsletter.

Dec. 7th	Chancel Choir Cantata – Sanctuary
Dec. 14th	Children's Pageant – Sanctuary
Dec. 21st	Combined Worship – Wesley Hall (Gym)
Dec. 28th	Combined Worship – Sanctuary

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Church News

Clocks Fall Back for All Saints Day

Sunday, November 2nd | All Services

Sunday, November 2nd, we will celebrate All Saints Day, a holy day to honor both recognized saints and all faithful Christians who have passed away, especially those who have passed from the Lexington UMC congregation. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour for the end of Daylight Savings Time so you are able to join us for this special service to give thanks for those who have come before us in faith, acknowledging their sacrifices and the legacy they left.



Christmas Poinsettias



It's time to order your Christmas poinsettias! Poinsettias are a great way to remember a loved one who has passed away or honor a loved one. They also make a lovely addition to our worship spaces during the Christmas season. Order your poinsettias for \$14 each by **Sunday, Nov. 9th** using the handout in the bulletin, clicking [here](#), or scanning the QR code.



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!



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 Chancel Choir (Nov. 16) and the Hospitality Committee (Nov. 2, 9, 23, and 30) who have offered to provide refreshments for Coffee Time in November.



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

Contact Kaitlyn Handell at obrien.kaitlynm@gmail.com by November 17th to be included in the next issue.



Sweet Sweet Fun at Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat was a frightfully fun time! We had 15 trunks participate this year along with several games, hot dogs, and snow cones for all. Thank you to everyone who donated their time and candy to support this event that welcomed numerous people from the church and community. And a special congratulations to our fan-favorite trunk, **The Sandlot**, from the Carter family.



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.



Children's Christmas Pageant

Weekly Rehearsals: Sundays – 10 to 10:45 AM | Sanctuary
Extra Rehearsal: Sun, Dec. 7th – 5 to 6 PM (During Evening Programming)
Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 13th – 9 to 11 AM | Sanctuary
Performance: Sunday, December 14th – 10 AM | Sanctuary

In lieu of Sunday School, all children participating in the Children's Christmas Pageant, **WOW!**, are asked to join Laura and Lessie in the sanctuary from 10:00 to 10:45 AM to rehearse and practice for the performance on **December 14th**. Children are also asked to attend the dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 13th for final preparations.

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 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.

- Nov. 2nd Lumberjack Pancakes – 5 to 6:30 PM**
Make sure to wear your flannel this week! Why? Because pancakes are good, but pancakes in flannel are better!
- Nov. 9th God's Armor – 5 to 6:30 PM**
Putting on God's Armor is active. Come learn how we carry God's Armor with us everywhere!
- Nov. 16th Thankful for KidzWay Night – 5 to 6:30 PM**
Come join us as we give thanks to God for all our many blessings!
- Nov. 23rd NO PROGRAMMING – Thanksgiving Break**
- Nov. 30th Falling for Serving God – 5 to 6:30 PM**
Epic prizes and an incredible message! Join us, friends!

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.



Neon Night

Sunday, November 2nd – 5 to 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall (Gym)

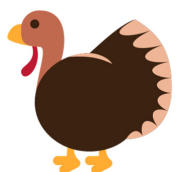
Neon Night makes it's return! Youth are invited to join us in the gym as we make everything GLOW in this epic night! Wear clothing that reflects black light as we compete in games all evening long!



Minute to Win It Night

Sunday, November 9th – 5 to 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall (Gym)

Have you got the TIME to compete in these minute long games and come away a winner? Youth, join us as we race against the clock to complete challenges in 1 minute or less.



Friendsgiving Food Feud

Sunday, November 16th – 5 to 6:30 PM | Asbury Hall

Friendsgiving meets "MasterChef" for this fun event! Throughout the evening youth will compete in food-related games (plus one cooking challenge) to see who goes home as the Feud Food Champ!

Fall Retreat at Asbury Hills

For the 2025 Fall Retreat, the youth returned to Asbury Hills in Cleveland, SC! It was a fun-filled fall weekend complete with studying God's Word, archery tag, 9 Square, hikes to mountain chapel, s'mores by the fire, and games galore!



Adult Ministries

Prime Timers Lunch

Tuesday, November 4th – 11 AM | Mediterranean Cafe, 326 W. Main Street



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 lunch and a time of fellowship at Mediterranean Cafe. Contact **Sammie Brown** at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

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

Tuesday, November 18th – 11:30 AM | Bellis House of Pizza

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 November, the group will gather at Bellis House of Pizza at 11:30 AM. For questions or to RSVP, contact **Linda Gladden** at 803-920-0114.



SAVE THE DATE! Prime Timers Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 2nd | Country Club of Lexington

Prime Timers will gather for their annual Christmas Luncheon at the Country Club of Lexington on Tuesday, December 2nd. RSVP will be required. More details will be available soon!



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



Peanut Butter & Jelly Collection

In partnership with Snack Sack and Faith UMC, the **LUMC Children's Ministry** asks for your help in collecting plastic jars of peanut butter and jelly to send home with children while schools are on holiday break and they are unable to receive school meals or normal Snack Sack offerings. Remember, Jesus said, "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Even if it's just one jar, your donation goes a long way ensuring these children are cared for over the holidays. Jars can be placed in the collection bin in the main hallway.

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Ministry

The Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Ministry provides Christmas presents to children of incarcerated parents. We are looking for assistance to call families as well as deliver presents the week before Christmas. The Angel Tree will be up in mid-November in the Connector if you'd prefer to support by purchasing a gift. If you want more information on this wonderful ministry, please contact **Sandy Knight** at (703) 901-4664.



Epworth Angel Wish Mission



Epworth Children's Home has released their Angel Wishlist for the children under their care and is asking for help in granting these wishes! When you commit to a wish, you are asked to purchase and turn the item into the church office no later than **December 7th**. This is one of the only times when the kids are able to choose items they want, so it's important to purchase the exact

item selected by the child. Donations can also be made to the church (designate as "Epworth" or "Angel Wish") and we will shop for you! If you would like to grant a wish for one or more children, please contact **Lori Torbett** at ldtorbett@gmail.com or **803-629-7126**.

The mission of Epworth is to serve children, youth and families through caring, safe, Christian communities where hurts are healed, hope is nurtured, and faith in God, self, and others is developed. Epworth, located in Columbia, SC, was established in 1985 by the Methodist people of South Carolina. To this day, the South Carolina United Methodist Conference remains dedicated to the mission of Epworth.

Help Us Fill the Blessing Box!



There are many people in our community who benefit from items placed in the Blessing Box – those experiencing homelessness or food insecurities of many kinds. The **LUMC Children's Ministry** needs your help keeping it filled so we can continue to bless all God's children. Consider adding a few items to your cart on your next trip to the grocery store!

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



Join the Thanksgiving Food Hunt!



Join Mission Lexington for their Thanksgiving Food Hunt as they collect items for the annual Holiday Food Drive! Hunt down the items below (pictured at right) and return directly to Mission Lexington (216 Harmon Street) or place in the cart in the main hallway outside Pastor Mack's office. You can also purchase items in bulk from [Mission Lexington's Amazon Wish List](#) to be sent directly to Mission Lexington. This is a fun way to teach your kids the importance of helping others in need! Any brand is acceptable, but please no glass containers.

- \$10 Grocery Gift Card
- Canned Collard Greens (NOT Green Beans)
- Jellied Cranberry Sauce
- Fudge Brownie Mix
- Brown Gravy Packet
- Corn Muffin Mix
- Turkey Stuffing Mix
- Canned Sweet Potatoes



Native American Elder Care Baskets



Thanks to all who gave non-perishable food items, paper products, personal care items, and cleaning products for the Native American Elder Care Baskets. Thanks also to those who donated money to ensure all baskets were filled! Ten baskets were organized and packed by the Frances Major Circle and delivered in October. The Outreach from this church is such a blessing!



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, December 1st – 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.



Memorials, Honorariums & Birthdays

MEMORIALS

Cynthia Satcher
Ginny Kurtz

NEW MEMBERS

Denny & Jennefer Thomas
171 Sausage Lane
W. Columbia, SC 29170

BIRTHDAYS

11/1

Jack Walsh
Tammy Wiggins
Catie Cagney
Sawyer Crosswell
Henry Crosswell
Gabriel Conrad

11/2

Lauren Johnson
Justin Felder
Seth Altenberg
Carter Evans
Margie Drexelius

11/3

Kathy Sayers
Holly Bragdon

11/4

Shawn Stewart
Peyton Schnee
Memphis McGee
Grayson Roshto
Raye Simmons

11/5

Lina Gregg
Alden Earl Shuler
Preston Sansone

11/6

Meg Roberts
Edward Coleman
Annaclare Coleman
Kaitlyn Handell

11/7

Chip Mallard Jr.
Dixon Brooks Jr.
Jocelyn Roland

11/8

Rhonda Snelgrove

11/9

Shannon Cooper
Keith Parnell
Will Spence
Edie Goldsmith
Justin Powell

11/11

Aaron Fleming
Meredith Koss
Peyton Homer
Derek Buzhardt
Ryder Shannon

11/12

Pat Hayes
Luther Duffie
Matt Buchanan
Keith McCawley
Joyce Adams

11/13

Frank Stevenson
Reggie Corley
Josh Watts

11/14

Kim Dunbar
Morgan McGee
Kristi Cartwright
Frank Hahne
Knox Patterson

11/15

Eddie Cato
Celeste Helriegel
Thomas Henrickson

11/16

Amy Lauren Huber
Shelley Coleman
Trey Fender
Gardner Chittam

11/17

Winston Harrison
William Crouch
Jill Davis
Davis Cammann

11/18

Cam Beckum
Heather Connor
Mazlyn Davis

11/19

Donna Palmieri

11/20

Carolyn House
Bobbie Athey
Jarrett Coleman
Stephen Starling

11/21

Danielle Johnson
Colby Kirkpatrick
Kaley Carter
Alexis Wojtylak

11/22

Jenni Denny
Frank Sansone

11/23

Michelle Frye
Patrick Rodden
Myra Kumar
Thomas Varney

11/24

Alisha Hansen
Ty Coleman Jr.

11/25

Krista Leonard
Shirley Ford

11/26

Beth Henson
Christopher Reynolds

11/27

Anthony Peake
Amy Graham
Gaylon Scoates
Sydney Field
George Armstrong

11/28

Lane McDermott
Susan Brickle
Mary Rogers

11/29

Sharie Cato
Billy Willis

11/30

Jimmy Gatch
Taylor McCormack
Mike Thomas
Logan Lewis
Reilly Cafferty
Alexander Watts



November Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
 <i>Click here or scan the QR code for the most current event calendar.</i>						1 8:00am -12:00pm Scout Service Morning 7:00pm -8:00pm AA Meeting
2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:30am -9:30am Traditional Worship Svc 9:30am -9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time 9:45am -10:45am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00am -12:00pm Contemporary Worship Svc 11:00am -12:00pm Traditional Worship Svc 2:00pm -4:00pm Private Event-Sue Shumpert's 90th Birthday Party 2:00pm -3:00pm SPRC Meeting 5:00pm -6:30pm KidzWay-Lumberjack Pancakes 5:00pm -6:30pm Youth Group-Neon Night	3 10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 12:00pm -1:00pm Amazing Athletes 1:00pm -4:00pm Bridge Club 7:00pm -8:00pm AA Meeting	4 10:00am -12:00pm Snack Sack Packing 10:00am -11:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am -12:30pm Prime Timers Lunch 5:30pm -6:30pm Al-Anon 6:30pm -7:30pm Tuesday Evening Svc 7:00pm -8:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 507 7:00pm -8:00pm Zoom Bible Study	5 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 Choir Practice	6 10:00am -11:30am Line Dancing 11:00am -12:00pm Grandparent's Soup 2:00pm -4:30pm Prime Timers Cards 6:30pm -7:30pm Pack 507 Den Meetings	7 9:00am -11:00am Shepherd's Center Board Meeting 10:30am -11:30am Exercise Class 6:30pm -8:00pm Worship Band Practice	8 10:00am -11:30pm Frances Major Circle 10:00am -4:00pm Girl Scouts Pinewood Derby 7:00pm -8:00pm AA Meeting
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Psalm 119:137-144 Righteous are you, O Lord, and right are your rules. You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness. My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words. Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it. I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts. Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true. Trouble and anguish have found me out, but your commandments are my delight. Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.