

### MEET OUR CHURCH STAFF:

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A Nursery is available for children ages 4 and under during Sunday School and the 11:00am services.



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER!

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume in January! Your hosts are Matt & Becky Goudelock! Volunteers are appreciated! Meals will be **\$8/person**. Please pay at the door. We hope to see everyone there!!

### 2026 PLANNING MEETING

A planning meeting for the 2026 Christmas Festival will take place on **Thurs., Jan. 22 @ 5:30pm** in Asbury Hall. If you are interested in volunteering for the 2026 Christmas Festival, please attend. If anyone is interested but is not able to attend contact Lorri Yarborough (803-351-0772) or [lorri@teamia.com](mailto:lorri@teamia.com) and she will plan a follow up meeting. There are also sign up links available in the churchwide Tues./Thurs. emails. Let's make this a great event!! Thank you!!

### COFFEE TIME

Thanks to the GIFT Sunday School class who is providing refreshments in January. If you or your group would like to host Coffee Time in any month, please contact Wendy Walsh at 803-622-7053. Coffee Time is a great fellowship opportunity that happens each Sunday from 9:30am-9:45am. We need volunteers to make it happen!

### 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.

### BLESSING BOX

Please continue to donate to our Blessing Box. High-need items: instant oatmeal, canned tuna or chicken, snack items, fruit cups, toothpaste, toothbrushes, female care items, cooking oil [small bottles], basic seasonings, and pet food. Thank you!!

### G.A.L.S.-GOD'S AMAZING LOVE SUSTAINS SUPPORT GROUP

G.A.L.S. will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 11:30am at Grecian Gardens. Contact Linda Gladden to make your reservation-803-359-6263.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**MONDAY, JAN. 26**

**1-6PM IN ASBURY HALL**

Monday, Jan. 26, 1:00pm-6:00pm. **We need blood!** Donors can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," Come give blood and receive a \$20 e-gift card to your choice of merchant! You can also call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment. Walk-ins are acceptable!

### SPRC TRAINING

Members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee: Please attend the training which will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18th from 3-5pm at Washington Street UMC in Columbia. All SPRC members have already been registered so please just show up for this important training.

### SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING- TODAY

On **Sunday, January 11 at 10:00 am** (during the Sunday School hour), we will be holding a **Safe Sanctuary Training** in the Sanctuary. If you work with **children, youth, or vulnerable adults**, Safe Sanctuary training is required and must be **renewed every three years**. If you're unsure when you last completed your training, please reach out to **Meegian Gossard** or **Todd Handell** and we'll be happy to check for you. If you believe your training needs to be renewed, or if you have never completed Safe Sanctuary training, please plan to attend this session on **January 11**. Thank you for helping us create a safe, welcoming, and caring environment for everyone. We hope to see you there!

### LUMW WINTER TEA

**TODAY @ 2PM**

**ASBURY HALL**

All women of the church are invited to enjoy light refreshments, tea, hot cider, and fellowship with the Lexington United Methodist Women. Guests are encouraged to come in their tea time attire. If you don't have a hat to wear, you can have fun picking out just the right one at the tea. This event is hosted by the AL George Circle. No RSVP required.

### HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

**SUNDAY, JAN. 18**

Human Relations Day is one of six churchwide Special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. This day invites congregations to strengthen communities, especially those facing poverty, injustice, or lack of opportunity. Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of the "beloved community." Human Relations Day calls us to build relationships rooted in dignity, equity, and love. Human Relations Day offerings support the Church's work in creating communities where everyone can flourish. When we give, we support church-based programs that work in local neighborhoods to build justice, offer hope, and walk alongside those who need a second chance.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

If your student is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or above and hasn't completed Confirmation Class, then now is the time to sign up. Classes will begin in late January and Confirmation Sunday will take place early May. If your student wants to participate, or if you want to learn more about the Confirmation process, email [Todd@lexumcsc.com](mailto:Todd@lexumcsc.com)