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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 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

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. The men WILL meet on Jan. 7.

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!!

PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers 1st Tuesday luncheon that was scheduled for Jan. 6 has been cancelled. They will resume on Feb. 3.

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 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

If you are or will be a member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, training will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18th from 3-5pm at Washington Street UMC in Columbia. Registration will be coming soon! Details to follow. All SPRC members are encouraged to attend this important training.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

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!

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the wonderful person who donated a clothes washer to the church! What a blessing! Also, thank you to our volunteers who helped to pick up the donated washer & change out the old one! Thank you so much!



The flowers on the altar in the traditional service are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pam Hayes' 80th birthday on January 8, given by Larry Hayes.

LUMW WINTER TEA

SUNDAY, JAN. 11 @ 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.

LAY LEADERSHIP CONVOCATION

FRI., JAN. 9 & SAT. JAN. 10

All Lay Leaders are invited to attend this 2 day, **FREE**, event at Journey UMC 1151 Longreen Pkwy. Columbia, SC 29229. Friday's event, "Tailgating with Bishop Fairley", is from 6:30pm-8:30pm with check-in beginning at 5:30pm. Saturday's event, "hands-on practical learning to take back to your church", is from 9:00am-4:00pm with check-in beginning at 8:00am. Please bring a device with you. To register, visit <https://www.umcsc.org/lead/> Registration ends Jan. 4th at midnight!