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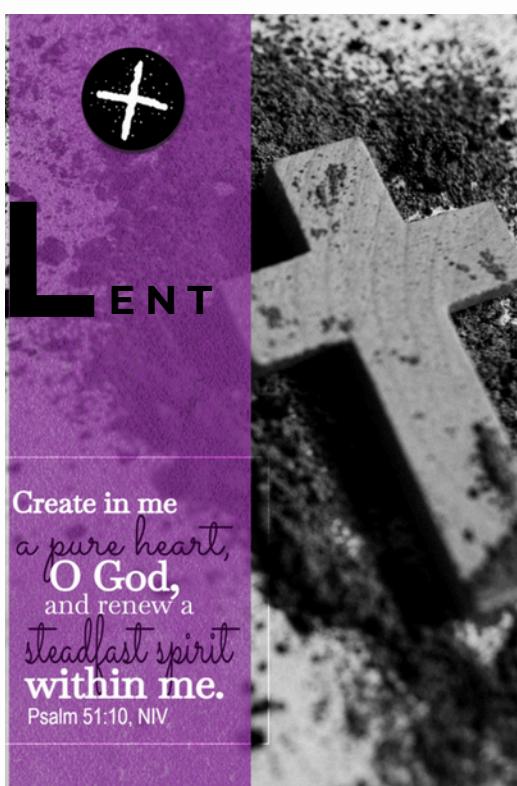
A Word from Pastor Mack

Blessings to you, brothers and sisters in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! God has blessed our church in many ways, and great things have been accomplished in just the past month. January was filled with the Holy Spirit in many ways for us! We were blessed with SPRC training, and held our first SPRC meeting of the year, which was well attended. We continue having wonderful and enlightening discussions from the group members of the Pastor's Tuesday Night Zoom Bible Study at 7pm. Tuesday Night Service continues at 6:30pm, and even more activities are available for youth and children. Our cup runneth over!

January also blessed us with a re-start of Preschool after Christmas break. Our LUMC missions and ministry continues in many vibrant activities and accomplishments! LRE continues to do amazing work helping to visit our shut-ins. February promises continued blessing as we look forward to the return of Wednesday Night Suppers! Our Four Chaplains Service will be in our sanctuary at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, 3 February. We will celebrate Ash Wednesday with drive-through ashes on 18 February from 12:30-1:30, and 4:30 to 5:30. Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary will be at 6:30 pm. Shepherds Center returns on Thursdays from 12 February to 19 March. We look forward to seeing what the Lord is bringing us. I'm grateful for the volunteers in the church who are doing so much as the hands and feet of Jesus. May God continue to bless you with a vibrant congregation full of willing volunteers, with great outreach programs, and generous hearts for all of God's people.

God Bless you all,

Pastor Mack MacDowell



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Season of Lent

Lent is a season that lasts for forty days, not including Sundays. It begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday. This period holds deep significance as it commemorates the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, where he faced temptation and prepared for his ministry. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper | February 17

Everyone is invited to the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. No sign up needed, come and enjoy pancakes and sausage. The Youth and volunteers will be our hosts. There will be a craft activity for the kids. Donations will go to the Youth Summer Mission trip.

Youth and parents: This is an All-Hands-on-Deck event and we need as many volunteers as possible to help out! We need volunteers to come early around 4:30 pm to help cook and some volunteers to stay late on Clean-Up Crew.

So scan the QR code to check out the available time slots to sign up for when and how you can help! If the exact times don't work for you, and you can only work partial of the time or a different time set, then please just sign up for one of the slots and leave a comment with what time you are available!



Ash Wednesday | February 18

Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season. It is a solemn reminder of the need for our reconciliation with God.

Drive-thru imposition of ashes-- 12:30--1:30 PM and 4:30--5:30 PM. In the circle drive on Fort Street

Ash Wednesday service-- 6:30 PM | Sanctuary

Four Chaplains Service

Tuesday, February 3 – 6:30 PM | Sanctuary

Join us for a classic memorial service observed by several faiths since the end of WWII, recognizing the sacrifice made by four US Army Chaplains (a Methodist pastor, a Dutch Reformed pastor, a Catholic priest, and a Jewish rabbi) during the sinking of the USAT Dorchester in the North Atlantic on Feb. 3, 1943.

Boy Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 8 | 11 AM Traditional Service



Scouting is an often-overlooked door for United Methodists to go into their community and for the community to take the first step into the church. LUMC serves as a meeting place for several troops and Scouting Ministries Sunday is an opportunity to recognize those involved in the ministry and invite others to join. We hope you join us for this time together.

When you are out shopping, pick up items for the **Blessing Box**. Most needed items include instant oatmeal or grits--individual serving, pop-top canned meats, snack items, fruit cups, pop-top canned veggies, pet food, water, crackers, individual cereals. Place your items in the cart outside the office. If you give your receipt to Diane Crosby, you can be reimbursed for your Blessing Box expenses.



Prime Timers

February 3, 11:30 PM | Ruby Tuesday

You are invited to join Prime Timers for lunch at Ruby Tuesday's on Tuesday, February 3rd at 11:30 AM. Please contact Sammie Brown at 803-35-0784 or sbrown8885@gmail.com to make your reservation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Donating to the Church

Along with your regular tithe, did you know you can also contribute stock donations to Lexington United Methodist Church? To make a stock donation, you can work with LPL Financial using this information:

Address: 1055 LPL Way, Fort Mill, SC 29715

Account Number: 1203-2232

LPL DTC #: 0075

Contact: Greg David at 803-386-0309

If you donate stock, please inform Diane Crosby so she can coordinate with LPL Financial to ensure the funds are properly received.

It's a win-win for both parties! You receive the tax deduction and LUMC receives your gift.

--United Methodist Church

A denomination-wide survey is now open for clergy and laity. We are asking every church member to share your perspectives about the present and future of The United Methodist Church. Please use this [link](#) to access the survey before it closes on February 15th. The goal is to hear from every United Methodist that would like to participate - from seasoned church leadership to newer members and regular guests of all ages. Findings from the survey are supposed to be shared later this year.



Denomination-Wide Webinars:

United Methodist Communications will host three churchwide webinars related to the new vision statement of the UMC:

January 24, 2026, 10am-11:30am eastern: Wesleyan Theology, "Love Boldly"

February 21, 2026, 10am-11:30am eastern: Wesleyan Mission, "Serve Joyfully"

March 21, 2026, 10am-11:30am eastern: Wesleyan Leadership, "Lead Courageously"

More information, including registration links, can be found on [ResourceUMC.org](#) or [here](#). Those registered will have an opportunity to submit questions beforehand. All webinars will be recorded and available for later viewing.



Preschool

Registration is now open for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. Lexington United Methodist Preschool is offering our 1- and 2-year-old classes, Monday through Thursday only.

We will have limited spots available for Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. If you would like a 2-day spot, you will need to contact our preschool director, Katie, either by email at preschool@lexumcsc.com or by phone (803) 359-6838 ext. 107.

Registration Fee: \$125 per child payable at online registration and is NON-REFUNDABLE

Tuition Fee: Tuition is per class enrolled and the fee is broken down into 9 monthly payments (September-May). The monthly fee also includes your supply fee. Multi-Child Discount applies if you have more than one child in your family attending the preschool. Your monthly fees for the 2nd and subsequent children will be reduced by \$5.00. There are no discounts on Lunch Bunch or Registration Fees.

LUMC Members: Receive a 10% discount on their monthly fees. No discounts are given on Lunch Bunch or Registration Fees.



Check out the church website for detailed information about classes and fees for each age level:

<https://lexumcsc.com/lumc-preschool/>

Yard Sale!

March 7, 9AM--12PM | Wesley Hall



The preschool is having a yard sale on **March 7th from 9 AM to 12 PM** in Wesley Hall. They are collecting donations--furniture, children's clothing, other items in **useable, good** condition--throughout February.

Contact Preschool Director Katie if you have questions. (Information above)

Updating the Church Grounds

The LUMC Grounds Update Project Committee would like YOUR input! If you have any suggestions for improving the grounds of LUMC, please use this Google Form (link below) or speak to any of the committee members. Committee Members include Vince Clayton, Connie Cooper, Lou Ellen Decell, Rev. Meegian Gossard, Vicky Jackson, Julia Johnson, Susan Matthews, Charlie Polk, and John Stewart.

Deadline to submit suggestions is **Sunday, February 15**.

Link: <https://forms.gle/Q3cwn67KmWa9q1dm9>

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.



See you in Sunday School!

The new year has brought the return of regular weekly Sunday School classes – and that includes music time with Ms. Lessie. Parents, you are encouraged to bring your children to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for a fun experience of singing while learning new and inspiring songs. We are also hopeful that the children will be able to share their music in upcoming worship services throughout the year. Looking forward to seeing you and your children on Sunday!



KidzWay will meet February 1, 15 and 22. | 5:00 to 6:30PM | Asbury Hall
We will not meet Super Bowl Sunday February 8.
Can't wait to see you there! Laura

Disco Night Fun!

The children and youth had fun at the Silent Disco Night



Children's Ministry
needs **you**
to volunteer!
Click on the link
below to sign up!

ACOLYTE SIGN UP

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SIGN UP

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

TEACHER/ASSISTANT SIGN UP

NURSERY SIGN UP

**KIDZWAY SUNDAY NIGHT
LEADER/ASSISTANT SIGN UP**



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.



Extreme Bingo / Winter Kickoff

February 1, 6:30 PM | LUMC

Join us as we kickoff our Winter Semester of Sunday Nights! Things will get **EXTREME** with extreme Bingo!



The Big Game

February 8 - No Youth Group

We won't meet on the day of the Big Game, so enjoy watching it with your families. But, head over to our Instagram stories on the day of the big game and make your score prediction! Closest score while predicting the winner gets a prize!



What Is Love? (Valentines Themed Youth Group)

February 15, 5:00 - 6:30 PM | LUMC Wesley Hall

Join us as we talk about the definition of "Love" and play lots of Valentine's themed games! Plus win some valentines prizes!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Feb 17, 5:30 - 7:00 PM | Asbury and Wesley

All Volunteers Needed - beginning at 4:30pm

Our Annual Pancake Supper is fast approaching and we need many more volunteers to pull this night off! So please click the qr code and sign up to help! Any amount of time is helpful!



Sunday S'mores

February 22, 5 - 6:30 PM | Kevin and Katy Handell's House

Join us at Kevin and Katy Handell's house for a night of fellowship and s'mores around the fire!

Parent Volunteers Needed -

Parents, I still have some Sunday Nights where I need adult volunteers!

Please click this link-- [Sunday Night Adult Volunteers](#), check out the remaining Sundays and sign up for a Sunday if you can help!



Dinner and Dessert Auction
Sunday, April 26, 5:00--6:30PM | Wesley Hall

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Magic on Church Street



November 21 & 22 | IceHouse Ampitheater

Our church is excited to announce the sponsorship of a holiday market, *Magic on Main St.* at the Icehouse Amphitheater this November. The event, chaired by Lorri Yarborough (lorri@temia.com or 8033510772), promises to be engaging and enjoyable for all attendees.

Guests can look forward to a variety of vendors, fun children's activities, an assortment of food trucks, and live entertainment on the stage throughout the festivities.

Preparations for the holiday market are already underway to ensure its success. The planning committee held a kick-off meeting in January to launch the organizational efforts. Everyone is encouraged to get involved by joining one of the committees. Volunteers are needed for planning, set-up, contacting vendors, and taking on many additional tasks essential for making the event a success.

Vendor spaces will be available in 10'x10' spots. Our church will have three of these spots. These will be dedicated to a bake sale and other crafts. It is important to begin considering what you might contribute to these tables, as we aim to fill them with delicious goodies and handcrafted items for both days of the event.

The major committees where your help is needed are:

Sponsorships

Decorations (the venue is decorated but we will still want to add some)

Vendors

Payments (vendors and sponsorships)

Bake Sale/Church Booth

Setup/Cleanup

Team to direct vendors to their assigned spots at the amphitheater.

Children's Activities

Entertainment (Sidney and Vickie J. are heading this up, but they welcome your ideas/input)

On the **next page** you will find the sponsorship letter that you can now use--for yourself or share with friends and family. Reach out and help sponsor this exciting event.

Vendor letters will be available very soon. Set up will be from 7:00 am to 9:30 am on November 21st with the event opening at 10:00 am and running up until 6:00 pm. Vendor tear down will be November 22 at 6 pm.

We are getting pricing on security for the facility from 7 pm on the 21st to 7 am on the 22. This will prevent vendors from having to tear down and reset up their booths for this 2-day event.

Ephesians 3:20- "Immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine"

With all of us working together, we can make this an extraordinary event to honor the Lord by continued service/outreach to our community!



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Sponsorships LUMC Fundraiser

Lexington United Methodist church, **celebrating 175 years**, is passionate about community outreach and missions near and far. These programs are numerous, and it is our goal to not only continue these programs but expand them. Our local missions include:

- **Mission Lexington, which LUMC helped to found**
- **Blessings Box which helps feed the homeless**
- **Snack sack, which feeds about 900 hungry Lexington County school-aged children each week**
- **Epworth's Children's Home**
- **Native American Food basket Ministry**
- **Walks to Emmaus**
- **Shepherd's Center**
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive**
- **Cards Ministry for the infirm**
- **Angel Tree Ministry**
- **Caring Connections for the homebound**
- **Lexington Reaching Everyone (LRE) for church visitors, the unchurched, and those in need of visitation**
- **Prayer Shawls ministry for the sick**

We are planning a fundraiser on November 21st and November 22, 2026 at the Town of Lexington Icehouse Amphitheater Complex. We expect this to be a true Vintage Christmas Festival "**Magic on Church Street**" with focus on the family (local vendors/artisans, food, musicians, carolers, children's activities). Our theme will honor Lexington as a community founded by diverse nationalities, who had a common vision for a new type of town, one based on hard work, community, and unconditional love powered by giving.

In order to make this a success and continue our outreach, we need sponsorships. Any donation is much appreciated! You, as an individual or a company, will be recognized by signage at the event. We would welcome you and/or someone from your organization to attend.

We believe "With God all things are possible" and your contribution will help us continue our mission of honoring Him with our unconditional love and gifts. We are happy to meet with you in person or remotely and answer any questions. Click the link or scan the QR Code below for online access to the form for giving/contributions:

lexumcsc.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/fc1c2df2-532d-494c-a520-ffffdacf6aa5a



May God Bless you,

Pastor Mack McDowell

Senior Pastor

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Birthdays, We Remember

2/1	Elizabeth Rogers	2/16	Sue Gahm Spencer Miller	2/26	Charles Gatch Jr. Bill Neely
2/3	Eddy Huckabee Patrick Stewart John Felder Melissa Masters Meegian Gossard		David Daly Avery Denny		Daniel Maltz Marshall Johnson Greg Roberts Gene Wilson Hayden Trezoglou
2/4	Jill Slapnik	2/17	Chip Betcher IV		Mack McManus Ashley Powell
		2/18	Scott Wiggins Cathy Hanson Michael Lawrence		
2/5	Stephen Weathers	2/19	Tracy Powell Wanda Branch Bebe Street	2/27	Vivian Smith Clint Carter
2/6	Billy Fuller Jr.		Denny Thomas Joseph West	2/28	Perry Rainey Joyce Bumgarner Laura Cato Janet Hawkins
2/7	Alex Hanson Bob Johnson	2/21	Paxton Brooks		
2/8	Barbara Fleming Josh Gaines	2/22	Lynn Brewer Edwin Rikard Mark Cook Mary Starling	2/29	Noah Miller
2/9	Kyle Johnson	2/23	Trip Rainey Alex Carter III Amelia Miller Scott Riles		
2/10	Thomas Mincey Kristen Logan	2/24	Dan Backman Marcia Mincey Elizabeth Reynolds Sydney Torbett Cori Britner		
2/11	Justin Cooper Henry Jibaja Brenda Stevens Amy Dabbs	2/25	Randi Cogswell Logan Miller		
2/12	Julian Stanford Marti Stilwell Whitney Starling	2/26	Charles Gatch Jr. Bill Neely		
2/14	Patrick Dunbar Earle Mayfield				
2/15	Foxanne Scruggs Andrew Chandler Jason Spillers				



We remember

Ray Gravett

December 27, 2025

Linton Phillips

January 24, 2026

Alice Hott

January 26, 2026

Robin Andrews

January 27, 2026

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:30am - 9:45am Coffee Fellowship Time 9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00am - 12:00pm Contemporary Worship Meeting Service 11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Service 5:00pm - 6:30pm KidzWay 5:00pm - 6:30pm Youth Group-Extreme Bingo	2 10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 12:00pm - 1:00pm Amazing Athletes 7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting	3 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 Four Chaplains Service 7:00pm - 8:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 507 7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom Bible Study	4 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. Night Supper 6:00pm - 7:00pm Handbell Practice 7:00pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	5 10:00am - 11:30am Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:30pm Prime Timers Cards 6:30pm - 7:30pm Church Council Meeting	10:30am - 11:30am Exercise Class 3:00pm - 4:00pm Set Up Dance for Mother/Son Dance	5:00pm - 9:00pm Soccer Superheroes Mother/Son Dance 7:00pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting
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Click here or scan the QR code for the most current event calendar.



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