



Lexington
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2026

Household of Faith

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

A Word from Pastor Mack

Blessings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! We have several exciting events coming up! On August 2nd, our Holy Communion service features Youth Sunday, as the Youth Group will have returned from their mission trip. We will have our 8:30am Traditional Service in the sanctuary, and then one blended 11am service in Wesley Hall. There will also be a special Blessing of the Bookbags that morning.

We also are blessed that on Saturday, August 8th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm we will have our BBQ and Bingo benefiting our Lexington United Methodist Women missions. There will be dinner, a bake sale, and Bingo. Dinner includes pulled pork and fixins' provided by Love Handells BBQ. Bingo is free for all ages. Tickets for the dinner are \$15, on sale during coffee time or after 11:00 am service.

Our **Lexington Community Ecumenical Service** will be held at the Icehouse Amphitheater on **Sunday, 27 September 2026 at 5:00 pm**. I appreciate what you all do in LUMC, as you too labor to spread the life-giving message of the Gospel. May God continue to bless our church and our efforts for Jesus!

God bless you all,

Mack McBowell



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BBQ and BINGO / August 8 / 5:00--7:00pm



**Are you ready for the annual
BBQ and BINGO night?**

Get your tickets NOW!

BBQ and fixin's by Kevin Handell, with a
big assist from Todd!



is free to play!

Fun prizes to be won,
and lots of laughs to be had!
See you there!

**Tickets--\$15 adults,
\$10 children under 12**



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Church News



Sunday, August 2 is Youth Sunday. Come to the 8:30am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary or the 11am blended Contemporary Service in the gym to hear all about the 2026 Youth Summer mission trip as the youth fully takeover both services!



It's also our annual Blessing of the Bookbags.

All teachers, students, and educators are encouraged to bring their bookbags to whichever service you attend.



Youth, parents, and children are invited to join the youth in between the services for a Donut Party at 10am in the youth room. Come hear about what exciting things we have planned for the fall and learn more about Sunday School Opportunities!
Hope to see you there!



"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

August 9 | Worship Services

2nd graders will receive their Bibles

Blessing Box



Summer's here! That means bottled water is needed more than ever! Please place your contributions next to the cart in the hallway!

Other items needed include individual servings (pop top) canned meats, canned soups fruit cups, snack items, canned vegetables, crackers, cereals, grits or oatmeal. Please place your donations in the cart in the hallway outside the office. If you're not able to shop, monetary donations are accepted to reimburse those who are able to shop. A receipt will be needed for reimbursement.

Coffee Time



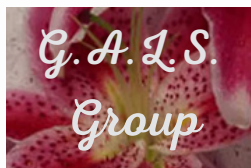
Please contact Wendi Walsh if your group would like to sign up throughout the year-803-622-7053!

Small groups of like-minded, coffee loving people, Sunday School classes, other small groups --**it won't happen without YOU! If you enjoy your coffee and the small snacks offered, please do your part and provide for Coffee Time one or more Sunday mornings!** A suggestion is for a group to commit to 4 weeks at a time.



Tuesday, August 4 | 11:30am

You are invited to join Prime Timers for lunch on Tuesday, August 4th at Travinia Italian Kitchen on 5074 Sunset Blvd. Please contact Sammie Brown at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@gmail.com to reserve your seat.

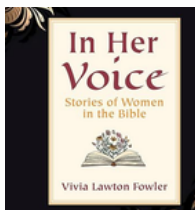


Tuesday, August 18 | 11:30am

The GALS will enjoy lunch together at Old Mill Brew Pub for lunch.



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT | September 26 | 8:45am



The Women's One-Day Fall Retreat is Saturday, September 26, at Mission Lakes in Gaston, SC. Registration begins at 8:45am. The program will start at 9:00am.

The retreat is **FREE!** A love offering will be collected to support the Mission Lakes ministries. Please bring your own brown bag lunch.

What a treat to have as our guest presenter **Dr. Vivia Fowler** who is a former member of Lexington UMC. She will be presenting sessions on Women of the Bible based on her book, ***In Her Voice***.

The Reverend Dr. Vivia Lawton Fowler has served two United Methodist women's colleges as professor of religion, provost, and president. A member of the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, Dr. Fowler currently is pastor of a church at Epworth UMC, Jame Island. Dr. Fowler holds a PhD in philosophical and psychological foundations of education from the University of South Carolina.



We would like to offer carpooling for those who would like a ride to Mission Lakes. If you would like to carpool, or would be willing to be a driver, please let Sandy Knight know. She will coordinate rides and riders. Please don't miss Vivia because you don't want to drive to Mission Lakes.

Please contact Sandy Knight at 703-901-4664 or sfknight58@hotmail.com to let her know that you will be attending, or with any questions.

Mission Lexington

**WE
NEED
CEREAL**

**Your Gift is
Appreciated!**



**Drop off donations
accepted Monday -
Saturday 9:00-3:00**

YOU'RE INVITED
to the
**GROUND BREAKING
of
MISSION LEXINGTON'S
NEW BUILDING**

August 28 8:30am - 9:30am 1430 N. Lake Dr. Lexington, SC

PARKING AT PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND WINGARD'S MARKET

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
TO SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF
Mission  Lexington**



Snack Sack Time!

Snack Sack Packing and Delivery begins the week of August 3rd



According to the Lexington County First Steps Annual Report (2024-2025) approximately 40% of young children in Lexington County live in poverty or in low-income families. Many of those students face food insecurity. Last year our Snack Sack ministry provided weekend food assistance to approximately 900 students in 15 schools across Lexington School Districts One, Two, and Three and we anticipate serving a similar number this year. As a church ministry, we hope that our small contribution to the great need around us makes a difference in children's lives and in some way shares the love of Christ.

This ministry would not be possible without loving volunteers and generous donors in our church and community. If you or your group are interested in volunteering or would just like more information, please contact the Snack Sack coordinator, Guy Smith, at guypamsmith@gmail.com or by phone at (803) 331-7326.

If you are interested in contributing monetarily, please designate your gift to "Snack Sack."

Based on last year's spending and anticipated costs:

\$70 will cover snack sacks for one child for a year.

\$120 will cover the cost of one average school for a week.

\$1050 will cover the cost of one average school for 9-weeks.

Since school starts on **August 4**, that means that it is time to begin packing and sending Snack Sacks to the students in our schools.

If you would like to help pack, please plan to show up in the Snack Sack room on August 4th at 10am. **All packers welcome!**

If you prefer to contribute snack items directly, you can do so by using our Amazon wish list :

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/33GOPXDYC94GW?ref_=wl_share

or by scanning the qr code.



Magic on Church Street / November 21 & 22



The countdown has begun!

Vendors are in place!

Fun children's activities are planned!

Entertainment on the stage is scheduled!

Have you put this fun event on your calendar?



You can help sponsor, or donate to this exciting churchwide event.

You can use this link :

<https://lexumcsc.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/fc1c2df2-532d-494c-a520-fffdacf6aa5a>

to give online through the church website or use the QR code:



Like, Follow and Share the Magic on Church Street Facebook/Instagram site:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61589389044696>

Check here for latest updates!



You can pre-order the Michael Story (renowned artist, <https://michaelstory.com>) Santa Mugs, Ornaments, Prints, and Festival T shirts (quantities are limited).

You can order online via the link, on the Facebook site, or by printing the form and dropping a check at the Church Office.

Michael Story Ordering Link:

<https://lexumcsc.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/883da4f3-69e0-4994-b4dc-49db73cfb17e>

Michael Story Print

LUMC Treasures, Treats and Talents booths!

We are collecting second-hand holiday and other treasures to sell in the **Treasures** booth. These are items that you would be proud to have in your home. Please bring them to the **Media Center (MC105, off the gym)** and leave them on the table.

The **Treats** booth will have tasty treats (cakes, cookies, quick breads, pies, etc.) for sale. Get out those cookbooks and find your favorite recipes. Since this is a two-day event, **lots** of baked goods will be needed.

We will need items to sell in our handicrafts and artesian space for the **Talents** booth.

If you create beautiful art and crafts, start creating now!

Please let [Karen Waterfield](mailto:karen.bennettwaterfield@gmail.com) (karen.bennettwaterfield@gmail.com) know what you will donate.

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.



With Summer in full swing, LUMC Children's Ministry needs volunteers! No education specialists, teachers, or experts- just people like YOU!

We need... **Children Acolytes** (for the traditional services), **Adult Children's Moment readers** (for all services), **Adult Nursery Helpers**, **Adult Children's Sunday School Helpers**, and **Adult KidzWay Helpers**.

If you are interested or have questions or comments, contact Mrs. Laura at laura@lexumcsc.com, text 803-260-9299, call 803-359-6838 ext. 103; use the links just click on each one;

or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>, type in "laura@lexumcsc.com", click the correct sign up sheet, and fill out the sign-up sheet you want to volunteer for!!!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!



VBS Wrap



A Huge shoutout and Thank You to Nan Cain, Lessie Polk, Dondee Lewis, Alisha Buford, Susan Mitton, and ALL our VBS volunteers! Mrs. Laura couldn't have done it without y'all!!! Thank you for sharing Jesus with our children!!!"



AUGUST SCHEDULE

August 2	2 nd Graders receive Bibles during Worship Service
August 9	KidzWay 5:00-6:30pm Asbury Hall
August 16	KidzWay 5:00-6:30pm Asbury Hall
August 23	KidzWay 5:00-6:30pm Asbury Hall
August 30	KidzWay 5:00-6:30pm Asbury Hall



Youth

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.

Scan the QR to access the monthly newsletter



Back 2 School Night

August 2 - | 6:30pm | Gym{ Wesley Hall}

Join us on Sunday, August 2nd in the gym for Back 2 School Night! We will play some fun get to know you games, talk about upcoming things for the school year, plus spend a part of the night praying for our upcoming school year! Plus, its officially Promotion Night for our 6th graders, so lets all come together to officially welcome them into the youth group!



Hunt for the Blue Gnu

August 9 | 3:30 - 6:30 pm | Drop Off / Pick Up at the Church

Its the greatest scavenger hunt you've ever done! Split up into teams and adults drive you around the city looking for clues! Once you find all the clues, solve the riddle to find the Blue Gnu! We will wind down with dinner at the Blue Gnu's house before bringing students back to the church for pickup! Sign up at the Summer Sign-Up link below to reserve a spot in a car!



Youth End of Summer Pool Party

August 16 | 5- 7pm | Curtis' Home

Cool off and have a Splashing Good Time as you head back to school! This is event is for all youth.



Lake Day @ Gardner's Home

August 23 | 4-7 pm | Gardner's Lake House

Join us at the Gardner's house for some fun in the sun at the lake! Catch a ride on the boat or enjoy swimming in the lake! Supper provided. Sign up under "Summer Signups" below to make sure we have food for you!



[Lexington UMC: Summer Sign-Ups!](#)



[Click here for more information and registration](#)



We've got a deal that will make your summer giving easier! If you give online from June 1 through September 7, all administration fees will be refunded to you! It doesn't matter if it's a one-time gift or recurring gift! If you have already set up recurring gifts. If you've never given online before, this is a good way to give it a try!

Methods of Maintaining Your Giving Through the Summer

Give Online

Give @

<https://lexumcsc.com/give/>
and follow the directions.

Bonus:

**Fee-free online giving
through Labor Day**

Mail a Check to

**Lexington UMC
309 East Main St.
Lexington, SC 29072**

**If you have an envelope number,
be sure to include it on the check**

Texting, or in the Mobile App

**Use your smart phone to
text GIVE to 1-803-599-
3943.**

**and/or by downloading
the ShelbyNext App in
your app store**

Giving in Person

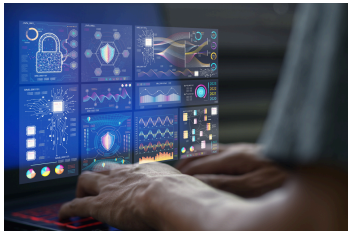
**You can give at one of
the morning services by
placing your offering
in the offering plate
or basket**

Part-Time Church Position Still Available

Nursery Leader position:

This is a weekly paid position and the needed hours per week will be approximately 2.5 hours. Duties include keeping the nursery on Sunday mornings and recruiting volunteers to help when current nursery workers cannot be present. This person must be safe sanctuary certified (or become certified). For anyone interested in this position, please contact Cam Beckum at 803.238.0818, or cam.beckum1@gmail.com

Volunteer!



Volunteers are needed to help in the Sound Booth during the ANew Service on Sunday mornings and to help with special events that might happen during the week in Wesley Hall. The Sound Booth is where the action happens--where the livestream is broadcast from; where the sound originates; where the music and photo slides on the screens are created and sent to the stage so all in the audience can participate.

No experience is necessary. You will be trained how to do each task.

Thank you to Tanya Gardner who has been faithfully kept this ministry going for many years.

If you are open and interested in joining this important ministry, please contact Pastor Meegian @ 803-507-4549 or magossard@umcsc.org

Birthdays

8/1 Ella-Kate Oswald
Rosemary Riles

8/2 Sean Spence

8/3 Mary Clare Gatch
Emily Conrad

8/4 Colt Burton Britner
Johnsie Smith

8/5 Joshua Walsh
Carlye Wiggins
Thomas Akers
John Denny
Jim Caulder Jr.
Jack Baker Jr.
Rowan Elizabeth Chandler

8/6 Jeff Anderson
Sammy Basnett
Brittany Farence
Chase Crouch III
Andi Gore

8/7 Wendy Culley
Stephanie Teague
William Marohl

8/8 Jared Davison
Joe Hayes

8/9 Wendy Hahne
Mack McDowell

8/10 Bobby Roberts
Justine Wilson
Meredith Yarborough

8/11 Katie Gatch
Gresham Betcher
Sarah Trezoglou
Brady Senn

8/12 Danny Goist
Joanne Schirato
Crighton Buchanan
Nancy Poston
Pete Edwards
Payson Decell
Malcolm Jackson

8/13 Fred Kelly
Chris Sayers

8/15 Dave Teague
Matt Goudelock

8/16 Marie Mallard
Trey Watts III
Lauren Johnson
Bob Rhinehart

8/17 Tyler Wiggins
Julia Collum
Chip Robbins

8/18 John Armstrong

8/19 Brent Yarborough
Robin Rudolph Ciarcia
Andy Farmer
Darla Myers
Ben Moore
Darlene Gravett

8/20 Bill Roberts
Jessie Armstrong

8/21 Dawn Felder
Mary Brooks
Annetta Graybill

8/22 Jacob Selzer
Linda Franklin

8/23 Henry Starling

8/24 John Cooper
Craig Ness
Joel Kumar

8/26 Ben Hipp
Jameson Chandler
Brianna Wojtylak
Laura Clayton

8/27 Connie Cooper
Pat Murphy Sr.
Justin Merrell

8/28 Carly Kirkpatrick
Liam Miller

8/30 Peggy Henkel

8/31 Jennifer Cammann
Drew Lehman

New Members

Melinda Lawhorn
223 Cinnamon Hills Lane
Lexington, SC 29072

**Chris Bradley &
Alisha Buford**
with children,
Joanna & Robbie Bradley
158 Hickory Meadow Road
Lexington, SC 29072



Congratulations to
Mary Scott Handell
Young Miss Teen South Carolina 2026



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