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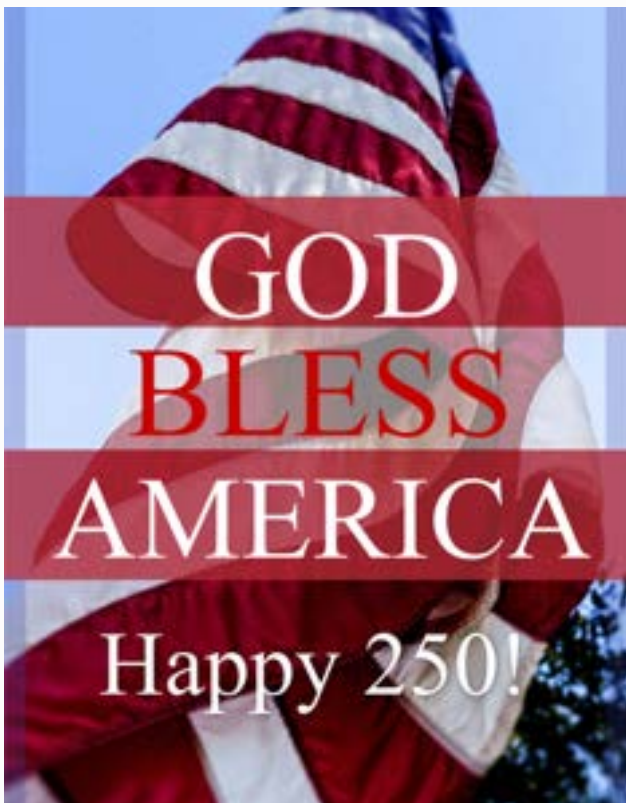
A Word from Pastor Mack

Blessings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ at Lexington United Methodist Church! We have been blessed to see the results of our 2026 United Methodist Church South Carolina Annual Conference witnessed by our Lay Delegates. From 7-10 June, Pastor Meegian and I attended the Annual Conference at the Greenville Convention Center, along with Buddy Brewer, Lessie Polk, Dickie Gardner, Susan Mitton, Keelyn Davis (with her mother Jill Davis), Lindsay Weathers, Maureen Reese, and Tim Chandler. We were blessed to hear some wonderful sermons from talented proclaimers, including our own Resident Bishop, Leonard Fairley, along with many others. Important business was acted upon, including approval of the \$9.8 million budget for 2027; passing of a resolution supporting voting rights; ordination, commissioning and recognition of 16 clergy; licensing of 11 new local pastors; and celebration of the 70th anniversary of women's ordination in the UMC.

Here at LUMC, your Finance Committee has met to increase our long-term readiness for church maintenance and expansion. On Wednesday, 24 June, the Finance Committee discussed and approved a Memorandum of Understanding for a Legacy Fund Endowment. This is a measure to expand on the success of the original Legacy Fund that was developed in 2025, which has largely been exhausted to support the mission and ministry, maintenance, and contingency fund needs of our church. The new Legacy Fund Endowment will be explained in detail to our congregation on Sunday 27 September. Briefly, it will be an interest-yielding investment designed to provide additional support for the growth and betterment of LUMC. I appreciate what you all do in LUMC, as you 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 McDowell



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Get-Togethers

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.



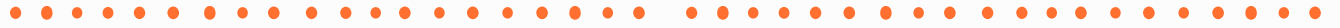
Tuesday, July 21 | 11:30am

The GALs will enjoy lunch together at Grecian Gardens for lunch on July 21 at 11:30.



Tuesday, July 7 | 11:30am

You are invited to join Prime Timers for lunch next Tuesday, July 7 at Antai Asian Restaurant We will meet there at 11:30. Please contact Sammie Brown at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@gmail.com to reserve your seat.



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JOIN US FOR VBS!
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Discover Jesus is Forever

JULY 20TH-23RD
9AM TO 12PM
PRESCHOOL HALLWAY OF LUMC
LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AGES 3-12
(OR WELL POTTY TRAINED TO 6TH GRADE)

Information Article QR Code
Registration QR Code

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LAURA HENRICKSON
Laura@lexumcsc.com
803-359-6838 ext. 103

Your passport to meaningful fun!
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Many volunteers are needed to help make this a success! Please use this link to volunteer to help!! Contact Laura or sign up here:

<https://lexumcsc.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/fdb91f65-baef-4b49-9c1f-66a5721d1c04>

or here





Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is July 20, 1--6pm in Asbury Hall. If you want to schedule a time and register online use this link:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?zipSponsor=29072&driveType=all>

or scan this QR code:



Annual Conferene 2026



We had 8 delegates and our clergy, including Heather Connor who participated in the Annual Conference in Greenville in June. It was a conference full of meaningful worship and "holy conferencing". Day two was highlighted with the participating in the Rise for Hunger mission project. The conference participants packed 125,000 meals that will be sent overseas for school children to have at least one healthy meal a day. It was a meaningful afternoon working in community to fulfill this mission.



Worship celebrated ordination of new clergy, including Rev. Jim Rogers, who was our Associate Pastor for a time. We also celebrated 70 years of women as clergy and 30 years as Deacons.

We heard Pastor's sermons from across generations and across the state as well as beautiful, diverse music. The last day of worship was celebrated with Youth from our conference.

Our Bishop is such a Godly man. If you get the opportunity to hear him speak, don't miss him!



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.

Mission Lexington



Imagine being excited for summer break, while your family is navigating financial challenges at home...

That's the reality for thousands of families in our community.

At Mission Lexington, we believe no child should spend summer hungry.

Because of generous supporters:

- shelves are stocked
- meals are shared
- families feel seen and supported

Together, we can turn uncertainty into hope. You can help us meet our \$5,000 goal today.

Restock shelves here : <https://missionlexington-bloom.kindful.com/?campaign=1415683>



On Sunday, June 14 Rick Cunningham was honored with a painting to thank him for his years of service as the Snack Sack coordinator. This gift was a small token of thanks for all the work he did to serve the children in Lexington County through fundraising; making sure snacks were available; and volunteers were present to pack and deliver the bags each week.

Thank you, Rick and Angie!

BBQ and BINGO | August 8 | 5:00--7:00 PM



Are you ready for the annual BBQ and BINGO night?

Mark your calendars before summer gets in the way so you don't miss this super fun event!

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--
on sale beginning July 5th after church services.**



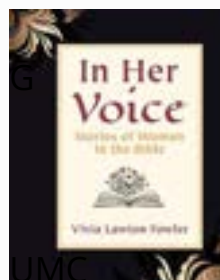
Scan QR code to purchase or use this link:

<https://lexumcsc.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/ef1da324-6060-41cf-9f8d-a7274600c797>

Sponsored by UMW. Proceeds to missions.



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT | September 26 | 9:30am



The Women's One Day Fall Retreat is Saturday, September 26, at Mission Lakes in Gaston, SC. Registration begins at 9:30 am. The program will start at 10:00 am. The retreat is **FREE!** A love offering will be collected to support Mission Lake's ministries. Please bring your own brown bag lunch.

Our guest presenter is **Dr. Vivia Fowler**. She 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.

Please contact Sandy Knight at 703-901-4664 or sfknight58@hotmail.com

if you have questions.

Magic on Church Street | November 21 & 22



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:



Spaces are available for vendors

Contact Harvey Etheridge

hlynn58@gmail.com

and give him the vendor information.



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!



Michael Story Print

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>

LUMC Treasures, Treats and Talents booths!

Beginning **July 1**, we will be 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 (MC107, off the gym)** and leave them on the table.

In the Treats booth will have tasty treats 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. 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 below**, 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!!!!*



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

- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- ACOLYTE SIGN UP**
- NURSERY SIGN UP**
- TEACHER/ASSISTANT SIGN UP**
- KIDZWAY SUNDAY NIGHT LEADER/ASSISTANT SIGN UP**

Preschool Summer Camp



Sports Camp is July 13-16, 9 am to 12 pm

The registration fee is \$100 per child.

Here is registration link:

lumcpreschool.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/7db484d5-32a6-40a9-b01f-22ef42e6f595

or QR link:



Summer camps are open to the public, so invite your friends! We would love to see you all over the summer.

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.



July 12 | Messy Mania | Back Church Parking Lot

Join us in the back church parking lot as we prepare to get **MESSY!** Wear clothes you don't mind getting ruined! We will compete in messy games all evening. It's sure to be a blast!

Scan the QR Code below to head to our monthly newsletter to keep up with all the latest information about upcoming events



July 21 | Carowinds Trip

Meet at Church at 8am. Cost is \$35 + lunch money. A day of fun in the sun!
RSVP below

July 26 | 5:00--7:00pm | Passing of the Torch

John Stewart's House, 115 Hermitage Rd.

Pool party and our annual **passing of the torch** to honor our seniors before they go off to college. Pizza Dinner will be served. Please RSVP.



August 2nd | Youth Sunday | 8:30 Traditional in Sanctuary, 11 am Anew in Gym

Join us on Sunday, August 2nd for both services as the youth will takeover all aspects of both worship services. Come here the story of how the bus broke down on our mission trip but more importantly how it turned out to be a fantastic week serving God and others!

Also, **all Parents, Students and Children are invited to join us for a Donut Party at 10 am, in between both services in the youth room!** Hope to see you there!



VBS in Alanta

Summer Stewardship

God calls us to be good stewards of all we are given – creation, relationships, our bodies, our talents, money and other material gifts of all sort




Summer is a fun, relaxing time for many of us. A time to vacation, to visit new, or familiar places with our families and friends. Summer is also the time that, when you are home, you are most needed at church.

When you are home this summer where will you be on Sundays? What talent can you share with LUMC this summer?

Will you remember to support this church through your time, talent, and gifts this summer and all year long?

See you in church!

 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 Positions Still Available

Janitor Position:

LUMC is looking for a Janitor! This is a part-time, non-exempt position working Monday-Friday; 20-25 hours/week; 8:30am-1:00pm; no weekend work or setting up/breaking down tables. Pay range is from \$17-\$20/hour based on experience. **Please share**--If you or someone you know is interested, please have them email their resume to dcrosby@lexumcsc.com

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 Possibility

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

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| 7/1 | Brian Yarborough Carter Goldsmith Jefrey Stone | 7/11 | Cindy Rainey Janice Gonzalez Lilly Herpst Annie Register | 7/19 | Holden Hook Lindsay Weathers |
| 7/2 | Jackie Duffie Lynn Baker Mac Dunbar | 7/12 | Bill Pardue Gregg Hornsby Kathryn Rodden Tracy Spence Mason Fender | 7/20 | Richard Cunningham Jr. Brodrick Blackmon Megan Johnson Dondee Lewis Nan Carter |
| 7/3 | Robert Hook Matthew Church Justin Vitters Reagan Oswald Claire Oswald | 7/13 | Sarah Fender Candy Walsh Nina Howard Madelyn Helriegel Brian D'Amico Cam Patterson | 7/21 | Mark Leonard Laura Shuler Huntley Crouch |
| 7/4 | Irby George Mary Nell Lambdin Bryan Stone Sr. | 7/14 | Grady Decell Dickie Gardner Jackson Koss Marie Harrell Peggy Medley Tracy Athey | 7/22 | Erin Thompson Jennifer Locklier Whitney Williams |
| 7/5 | Brooke Backenson Jeremy Hicks | 7/15 | Pat Borsum Drew Preston III Shelby Wolfe Randi Wooten William Nichols Wanda Huffman | 7/23 | Craig Stewart |
| 7/6 | Paul Schirato | 7/16 | Jennifer Henrickson Kyle Behr | 7/24 | Grover Cogswell Jr. Frank Rizzo Tyler Wojtylak Cory Robinson Don Frank |
| 7/7 | Gene Epting Mary Hazelton (102) Derrick Taylor Cindy Turner Chris Register | 7/17 | Gretchen Collum Pat Dickman Jack Crosswell | 7/25 | Michael Henrickson Bill Martin Calahan Moore Levi Weathers |
| 7/8 | Hayden Lewis John Walsh Todd Handell Sandy Knight | 7/18 | Lib Brown Dennis Lewis Elijah Collier Chloe Rae Collier Brooks Larion Alex Christian Judi Abbott | 7/26 | Fred Elvington Charlie Laffin Hayden Vitters |
| 7/9 | Brenda Power Andy Rowe Jr. Jeff Sayers Karen Myers | 7/19 | Abi Swearingen Eden Stinecipher Eric Blume Carolee Workman | 7/27 | Hanna Walsh Liam Smith Karen Waterfield |
| 7/10 | Christine Young Joyce Lyons Eliza Starling Will Patterson | 7/20 | Joe Williams Brendan Daly Lauren Corley | 7/28 | Caroline Brewer Charlotte Trezoglou |
| | | | | 7/29 | |
| | | | | 7/30 | |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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