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THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVESTREAMED.

To watch livestreaming: www.lexumcsc.com

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

CHARGE CONFERENCE

LUMC's Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18 @ 3:00pm in the sanctuary. All Church Council members are expected to attend. All church members are invited but without vote.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Join us this Wednesday at 5:00pm for supper & fellowship in Asbury Hall! \$8 Adults; \$5 Children. The Sept. 16th menu will be: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Cold Bar, Dessert, & Drink.

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27 @ 5:00PM

Join us and our fellow neighborhood Christians at the Icehouse Amphitheater on Sept. 27 @ 5pm for an ecumenical service featuring our many area churches. This is surely going to be an uplifting experience that you won't want to miss!

KICKOFF DINNER

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 @ 12:15PM

WESLEY HALL

Join Us for a European Style Christmas Dinner/Lunch to kick off our Magic on Church Street Festival. Chef Karen Van Heerden will prepare this amazing Sunday Dinner. Proceeds go towards the festival. The dinner on September 20th at 12:15 in Wesley Hall will include a mini showcase of the festival (rumor has it that Santa may pop in!) Volunteers are needed on both September 19th and 20th to help prepare, cook, setup, cleanup, etc. Please reach out to Amy.crutchfield@teamia to volunteer or for more details. Adults: \$25; Youth: \$15; Children under 6 are FREE! **See today's insert for tickets! Deadline to get your tickets is Monday, September 14th.**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MON., SEPT. 21, 1-6PM

Monday, Sept. 21 from 1-6pm in Asbury Hall. Please give blood! Donors can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org with Sponsor Code "lexingtonumc," or directly at this link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lexingtonumc>.

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

G.A.L.S. will meet on Tues., Sept. 15 @ 11:00am at the Mediterranean Cafe'. Contact Linda Gladden to make your reservation. 803-920-0114.

EPWORTH WORKDAY OFFERING TODAY

Every day, Epworth provides hope and healing for children, youth, and families who have experienced trauma, abuse, neglect, or loss. Through compassionate care and supportive services, lives are transformed and brighter futures become possible. Thank you for prayerfully considering your support of this important ministry. **Please make your check out to LUMC with Epworth in the memo.** Learn more at www.epworthsc.org.

NATIVE AMERICAN ELDER BASKETS

The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in filling boxes for elder Native Americans. The boxes have been placed outside of Pastor Mack's office and the items in the boxes will be delivered to the Native Americans in October and November. **We will collect until Tuesday, Oct. 6.** The SCUMC works on this project in conjunction with Keepers of The Word which focuses on building connections through Christ. Many Native Americans suffer from food insecurity (hunger) and lack of healthy food access. With the increase in prices of food and personal care products over the last year, the need for help continues. Please consider helping with this situation by placing some of the following non-perishable items in the boxes. Money may also be donated to buy Walmart gift cards. Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Dried Beans, Rice, and Noodles, Canned Fruit and Fruit Cups, Boxed Mac and Cheese, Canned or Jarred Tomato Sauce, Evaporated or Powdered Milk, Peanut Butter, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent to be used at sink, Bath Soap Bars (individually wrapped), All Purpose Cleaning Products, Tooth Paste and Tooth Brushes, Shampoo and Body Lotion, Bathroom Tissue (wrapped, no more than 2 in a pack), Paper Towels (rolls individually wrapped).

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Do you have a heart for people who are hurting? Every day, people in our church family face tough times. They go through grief, divorce, job loss, illness, or loneliness.

Jesus calls us to love and care for one another. Through **Stephen Ministry**, our lay caregivers bring Christ's compassionate love to those who need comfort most.

What is a Stephen Minister? A trained church member who listens, prays, and walks beside someone going through a difficult season.

What do they do? They meet with a care receiver for about one hour each week to offer confidential, Christ-centered support.

Who can serve? Anyone with a compassionate heart, a gift for listening, and a desire to serve. You will receive thorough training before you begin.

If you feel a quiet nudge from God to come alongside others in their time of need, please consider answering this call. If interested in becoming a Stephen Minister and any questions, we will be starting classes in January 2027.

Please contact Harvey Etheredge 803-447-7975 or hlynn1958@gmail.com

LUMC WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

Saturday, September 26th, at Mission Lakes in Gaston, SC. Our guest presenter will be Dr. Vivia Fowler who will lead us in discussions about Women in the Bible. Registration will start at 8:45am, with program to start at 9am. Light pastries will be available. Women are asked to bring a lunch. There is no cost for the retreat. A Love Offering will be accepted and given to Mission Lakes. Please contact Sandy Knight soon at sfknight58@hotmail.com or 703-901-4664. If you are willing to drive or need a ride, please let Sandy know.