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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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the traditional service are given to the glory of God and in honor of LUMC's Music Ministry by Johnsie Smith.

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.

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!

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>.

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

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).

LUMC WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

Saturday, September 26th, at Mission Lakes in Gaston, SC. Our guest presenter will be Dr. Vivian 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Join us this Wednesday at 5:00pm for supper & fellowship in Asbury Hall! \$8 Adults; \$5 Children. The Sept. 23rd menu will be: Chicken, Broccoli, & Rice Casserole, Honey Carrots, Cold Bar, Dessert, & Drink.



POPCORN!

It's popcorn time again! Please support Cubscout Pack 507 by purchasing some popcorn! Popcorn will be available for purchase **Sept. 20th, 27th, & Oct. 11th** during Coffee Time and outside of the church after both 8:30am & 11:00am services. Money raised will be put towards the advancement for all scouts. Thank you in advance!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The annual Children's Christmas Pageant is scheduled for December 6th during the Sunday morning worship service. Here's the catch: WE NEED CHILDREN! This year's pageant, *The Hope and Joy of Christmas*, recounts the time and events surrounding the miracle of Jesus' birth - complete with Mary & Joseph, shepherds, angels, and wise men. There will be a sneak peek of the script during Sunday School (orange awning room) on September 27th. It would be most helpful to have an idea of those who plan to participate before regular weekly rehearsals begin in the sanctuary on October 4th. The pageant has been a favorite activity for the LUMC children for many years and we hope to be able to continue the tradition. Parents, if you think of any questions which haven't been addressed, please do not hesitate to contact Lessie Polk (803-730-7498). Thank you!