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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. 30th menu will be: BBQ Chicken Thighs, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Cold Bar, Dessert, & Drink.

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

TODAY @ 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!

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

PRIME TIMERS

You are invited to join Prime Timers for lunch at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, October 6th at Flight Deck Restaurant. Please contact Sammie Brown at 803-351-0784 or sbrown8885@gmail.com to make your reservation.

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).

YOUTH FALL RETREAT OCT. 2-4

Please keep our Youth and Chaperones in prayer as they travel to Awanita Valley in Marietta, SC for a Fall Retreat next weekend.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Oct. 4th is World Communion Sunday. On this Sunday, United Methodists join Christians around the world in celebrating Holy Communion, remembering that we are one in Christ, no matter our background, language, or culture.



POPCORN!

It's popcorn time again! Please support Cub Scout Pack 507 by purchasing some popcorn! Popcorn will be available for purchase **Sept. 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!

EMMAUS OF THE MIDLANDS YARD SALE- SAT., OCT. 3; 7AM-2PM

Come to the yard sale in Wesley Hall and purchase thrift items, baked goods, & craft items. All proceeds will go to the Emmaus of the Midlands Community!