

MEET OUR CHURCH STAFF:

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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 TODAY @ 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 Oct. 21st menu will be BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Cold Bar with Salad, Dessert, & Drink.

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 interested in becoming a Stephen Minister and any questions, please attend an informational meeting on **Monday, Oct. 19 @ 6:00pm in the Parlor**. We will be starting classes in January 2027. Please contact Harvey Etheredge hlynn1958@gmail.com or 803-447-7975.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Pastor Mack will hold a New Member Class in Asbury Hall on Weds., **Oct. 21** at 6pm after the Wednesday Night Supper. If you are interested in joining LUMC or have recently joined and want more information about United Methodists, please let Pastor Mack know or just show up. All are welcome!

PECANS!

AL George Circle is selling pecans! These pecans are 2026 new crop. Cost is \$14/1 lb. bag of pecan halves or pieces, or a 10 oz bag of chocolate covered pecans. Payment is due with order. Deadline to order is **TODAY** and pecans should arrive in early November in time for holiday baking or gift-giving. Look for your order form on the tables around the church.

WOMEN’S SPRING RETREAT

We are looking to have a Women’s Week-end Retreat next Spring at Asbury Hills. Tentative Date is for March 5-7. The cost for the weekend, including 5 meals, is approximately \$240/ea. In order to reserve a lodge, we need a minimum of 12 ladies. Even though it’s 6 months from now, we want to reserve a lodge as soon as possible. Please contact Sandy Knight at sfknight58@hotmail.com or 703-901-4664 if you are interested in attending.

BLESSING BOX

Our blessing box is supplied by generous donations from people just like you! Please help us keep our community fed. The items from the Amazon Wish list will be delivered directly to our cart, but we appreciate any other donations of nonperishable (pop top) products. Please place your items in the bin in the main hallway. We have volunteers that come in each day to fill the blessing box. Thank you for your donations and consideration!! To order from our Wish List, please use the QR code below:



COOKIE DOUGH & BUTTER BRAID PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Our preschool is selling cookie dough (\$22ea.) & Butter Braid Pastries (\$18ea.). Whether it’s Thanksgiving, Christmas, or a birthday, everyone loves a treat. All Butter Braids come frozen, ready to use. Just thaw, let the dough rise, and bake. All Cookie Dough comes frozen in 40 pre-portioned cubes. Just thaw, break them apart, and bake. It’s that easy! Order forms are on the credenza at the main office. Payment is to be made when you order. Please give your payment to the main office or use the QR code on the form to order online. Order deadline is 10/19. Delivery to the church on 11/9.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Christmas Pageant rehearsals have begun! This year’s play, “The Hope and Joy of Christmas”, has parts for all the traditional roles (angels, shepherds, etc.). Please join us each week in the sanctuary for practice during the Sunday School time. See you then!

Trunk-or-Treat: "Happy Fall, Y'all!" LUMC Children's/Youth Ministries is excited to announce our Trunk or Treat for 2026! It's October 25th at 5PM to 7PM. We are taking candy donations and teal bucket items (Glow sticks, glow-in-the-dark bouncy balls, bendable bracelets, fidget spinners, sensory toys, monster action figures, mini plush toys, pull-back or windup toys, rubber ducks, stationery, halloween-themed stickers, temporary tattoos, pencils, erasers, bookmarks, bubbles, mini Slinkies, and novelty rings) from NOW until October 25th! Please place your items in the green bin by the Parlor door! If you want to sign up to decorate a trunk, scan the QR code below!



TEACHER NEEDED

Do you love working with kids? Lexington United Methodist Preschool is looking for a one-year-old teacher. If you are interested, please contact Katie Meche, Preschool Director, at preschool@lexumcsc.com.

ANGEL TREE

Planning for this year’s Angel Tree Ministry is underway. This ministry provides Christmas presents to children whose parents are incarcerated. We are looking for assistance to call families later in October & early November, as well as, deliver presents the week before Christmas. Some of you helped make calls or deliveries in the past. If you want more information on this wonderful ministry, please contact Sandy Knight (703-901-4664).