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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 Oct. 7th menu will be Shepherd's Pie, Black Eyed Peas, Cornbread, Cold Bar, 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 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, 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 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.

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!

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).

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 October 18 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 or in today's bulletin.

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.

LEGACY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

LUMC has officially established the Legacy Memorial Endowment Fund which, with your help, will grow to provide long-term financial support to ensure the future of LUMC's operations for generations to come. Please see today's insert for more information!!