



**Lexington United Methodist
Household of Faith**



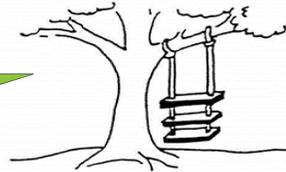
**Living God's Word~
Sharing God's Love**

July 2019

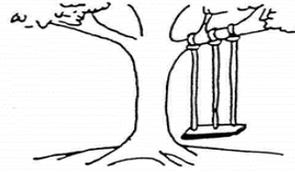
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“Problem solving is an art form not fully appreciated by some”



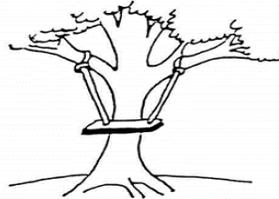
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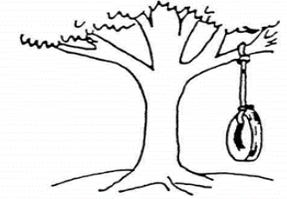
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Ray Tong tells of a time after the birth of his third child that he walked into the office of his company's vice president to tell him that the weight of his new job was becoming unbearable. Listen as he tells the story: *The only solution that I could see was to resign. After four months of enduring numerous obstacles, unforeseen expectations, ongoing criticism in my new job and many sleepless nights, I was frustrated and ready to quit. Discouragement had turned into disillusionment, then into despair, and finally into depression. I was at an all-time low.*

To my surprise, the vice president asked me whether or not I believed in God. He went on to say that as a Christian himself, he did not believe that Christian should be quitters. He suggested that I take the rest of the day off to pray. (Please note that this man's depression was not clinical!) After much introspection, I realized that my fall had a lot to do with a pessimistic attitude...one that bred fear and hopelessness during tough circumstances. I had become ineffective around my customers and those whom I was attempting to lead. My faith had become dull, and my attitude had become driven more by self-reliance rather than by the awesome promises of God. As the pressures of life heated up, I had lost my faith.

Strong leaders are optimistic. I'm not talking about a Pollyanna, superficially positive attitude, but rather one based on calculated belief that even the toughest challenge will turn into something good. What we believe affects the way we feel, and how we feel drives how we behave toward others and how we handle problems.

Romans 8:28 reminds us that if we love God we seek after God's purpose and God helps things work together for good. This is true in good times and in tough times. Through my difficult times God was "working" for my good.

(Devotional Ventures, pages 98-110)

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Don't Miss These:

- New Door Policy**
- BINGO is back!**
- Movie Night**

The security of our Church facilities, the Staff, our Congregation, Preschool, and Community groups who utilize our facilities is a top priority of our Trustees, Church Council and all leadership groups in our Church. Over the years, we have had a fairly open policy toward issuing keys to the Church when individuals and groups had a need for access outside of regular hours of operation. Control over keys is difficult at best, and as years have passed, we find that we really do not have a good control over access to the Church.

Additionally, when keys are used to open the automatic doors, and they are not locked back using the key, the door remains open until someone notices and corrects it. In the last month alone we have had four or five instances where the Church has remained open over night.

With this in mind, we made the following changes during the month of June:

During June we installed a camera and intercom outside the double breezeway doors by the front office. Individuals can use this intercom to reach one of three stations (Diane Crosby's office, Shanti Moore's office or Susan Unger's office) where staff will be able to see and speak to the individual and allow access where necessary. We also installed two additional FOB readers - one at the double doors leading out to the playground and one at the single door next to the Sanctuary on the Fort Street side.

We changed the locks on all external doors and keyed them to the same key which will be issued to Church staff, Trustees and other individuals in **rare cases** where the need for a key is demonstrated. Most members with external door keys also have FOBs, which can be used on doors with FOB readers and this access did not change. The use of FOBs allows a record of usage and a FOB can be disabled through the system if it is lost, stolen, etc.

We are now locking doors during business hours (except for special events or regularly scheduled activities as is our current practice). Many churches in the Lexington area are already following this practice for controlling entry to their churches.

Important things to remember:

- * If you currently have a key that opens external doors (MG, MM, OM), those keys will no longer grant access to the building. The MM keys can still be used to open internal doors in the Ministry Center.
- * Individuals with FOBs that are used on the doors with FOB readers will still have the same access they currently have (plus the two additional doors mentioned above).
- * If you currently have keys to external doors but do not have a FOB, and have a need to enter the Church when it is closed, please contact Connie Cooper to request one.
- * Diane Crosby will still schedule doors to unlock during services, special events, regularly scheduled activities, etc.
- * During special events there may still be a need to have keys. Keys can be *temporarily* issued for those events by contacting Diane Crosby at 359-6838 or dcrosby@lexumcsc.com

If you have questions please contact Connie Cooper at 603-9335 or ccooper0569@aol.com.

Parson to Person, cont.

The way to the Kingdom connects us to God and that connection begins by looking within and taking inventory of our lives. Mr. Wesley taught that coming to the Kingdom means that one must first come to the awareness of personal spiritual need and deep personal remorse for the ways in which our lives choices and actions "offend" God. In short, the way to the kingdom begins with repentance. Repentance is a new direction that God utilizes to help us as people and as a nation.

Getting right with God is a basic of the faith. We don't think like the Lord does. His own words teach us that..."For your ways and my ways are not the same." As Americans, we work to make a country of which we can be proud. We move in various directions and create a world that resembles the pictures above. What God has in mind and what we create can be two different things. We love our country but heaven is our home. Our purpose is to create, through the church, a country that resembles heaven. Our purpose is not to make America great, but to be a country that believes that God is great. Our functions must be to bring our country and its people into perfect alignment with God above. Think about that.

Ken Timmerman



Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us! Ephesians 3:20



VBS volunteers: There is ONLY ONE option left for Safe Sanctuary Trainings before VBS. You should plan to attend if:

- ⇒ You are a **new volunteer** to the Children’s Ministry/Nursery Ministry/Youth Ministry and haven’t attended a meeting in the past.
- ⇒ You are a **VBS volunteer** and will be on site for any part of VBS 2019.
- ⇒ You need a **refresher** on the policy, You have **any questions** about the policy, It’s been **3 years** since your last meeting

If you are unsure whether or not you need to attend the meeting, please contact Rev. Pendergrass Pendergrass.

Sunday, July 7—9:45-10:15am, In Sanctuary



	Bible Story	Power Launcher
SESSION 1	Daniel Trusts God in the Lions' Den Daniel 6 CEB	Go Beyond with Faith!
SESSION 2	Queen Esther Takes a Stand Esther 4-9 CEB	Go Beyond with Boldness!
SESSION 3	The Good Samaritan Helps a Fellow Traveler Luke 10:25-37 CEB	Go Beyond with Kindness!
SESSION 4	Jesus Heals 10 Lepers Luke 17:11-19 CEB	Go Beyond with Thankfulness!

TO MARS AND BEYOND WILL HELP KIDS DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF GOD'S UNIVERSE. THEY'LL BECOME VOYAGERS ON A JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE, EXPLORING WHERE GOD'S POWER CAN TAKE THEM. THEY'LL LEARN HOW GOD WALKED WITH HEROES OF THE BIBLE, AND THAT GOD IS ALWAYS WITH THEM, TOO. ADD TO THE ADVENTURE WITH OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD FUN, LEARNING, AND TIMELESS BIBLE STORIES THAT INSPIRE KIDS TO GIVE GLORY TO GOD, WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR BEYOND ALL THAT WE COULD ASK OR IMAGINE!



REGISTER HERE: <https://vbspro.events/p/lumc2019>



*Summer
Movie
Night
July 29, 2019*



A powerful true story about one woman's bold prayers to bring her son back to life, the film asks questions like why does God save some and not others, and what are we supposed to be praying for anyway? Faith-based audiences will find the resolution affirming the power of God and the beauty of community as the miracle unfolds.

When he was 14, John Smith drowned in Lake Saint Louis and was dead for nearly an hour. First responders and hospital personnel performed CPR for more than 40 minutes to no avail. Then the youth's mother, Joyce Smith, entered the room, praying loudly. Suddenly, there was a pulse, and Smith came around.

Runtime: 116 min. Rating: PG

Doors open at 5:00 pm

BYOS— Bring your own supper and enjoy the fellowship with other movie goers.

Drinks, popcorn, movie snacks will be provided.

Movie will start at 5:30 pm, end around 7:30



August 10, 5—7 pm

Dinner and bake sale

Silent auction featuring fun baskets



is free for all ages to play!

Dinner: Pulled Pork by Love Handel BBQ and fixin's

Cost: \$6 for adults, \$4 for children

Tickets on sale during Sunday coffee time beginning June 30

All proceeds from the dinner, bake sale, and auction will benefit these UMW supported missions: Bethlehem Center, LICS, Lighthouse for Life, Killingsworth Home, Wallace Family Life, Epworth Children's Home, LaVie Pregnancy Care Center, Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter, Epworth Foster Care Program



We always appreciate the support that LUMC gives to Snack Sack. We are still in need of donations to pay our bills for the school year that just ended. We need approximately **\$2,100.00** to complete the year.

Also, Snack Sack supported the Food Box that is in front of White Knoll High School, Entrance B of the parking lot. During the Spring, we deposited 5 of our Snack Sack Meals each week. If you are in that area, please stop and add food for the needy. This Food Box was a Senior Project from one of the school's Seniors class this year. Thank you for your support to Snack Sack. We greatly appreciate all that our church family has done to support this most important ministry. Rick Cunningham

Mission Lexington

Most Needed Items

- Deodorant
- New Linens
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Dog & Cat Food

Mission Lexington



ReStore Needs Donations!

Spread the word—We're looking for donations of furniture and appliances. In many cases the Habitat ReStore can pick up items. If you are interested in getting on ReStore's pick up schedule, have them call our



Donation Hotline: 803.936.0900.

Psalm 121: A Prayer for Travelers



Whether traveling overseas or around the corner, starting a new job or a new family, we embark on all kinds of journeys. Life itself can be a long and winding road, but as Christians, a life dedicated to God is not one defined by standing still, and our faith assures us that we will never travel that road alone.

Titled "A Song of Ascents" in Scripture, Psalm 121 marks life's journeys. The sacred song is believed to have been sung by pilgrims traveling the ancient road to Jerusalem but, over the ages, has become known to many by a more familiar name: "The Traveler's Psalm." The words serve as

a guide for the journey and a reminder God is watching over us every step of the way.

You are encouraged to use this video meditation as a source of comfort as you commence, continue, or conclude your journey: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/psalm-121-a-prayer-for-travelers>

The images in this video were taken by photographers from various United Methodist conferences and agencies. This video was produced by United Methodist Communications in Nashville, TN



The 2019 South Carolina Annual Conference in Greenville was both rewarding and tiring. Electing 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates added an extra day to the conference and proved challenging at times with our hand-held voting devices. Bishop Jonathan Holston exhibited love and diplomacy in governing the conference. We were blessed to hear an amazing Greenville area youth choir. Thanks again for the opportunity to attend as a LUMC laity delegate.

Bob Graham

The theme was A Future with Hope. Bishop Holston preached at the opening worship service on HOPE is A FOUR-LETTER WORD. The morning bible studies were given by Gregory and Susan Jones Dean of Duke Divinity School. Reports were given from Methodist supported colleges and Epworth Children’s Home. Also Acts of Reconciliation-Native American Worship Service was meaningful. General and Jurisdictional conference voting began on Monday and continued until Thursday. Sixteen (eight lay, eight clergy) plus alternates will head to General Conference, set for May 5 -15. The Jurisdictional Conference is set for July 15-18 at Lake Junaluska. Our Youth Pastor, Elizabeth Murray was elected to the Jurisdictional conference.

Cynthia Satcher

Beautiful Opening service on Sunday Evening led by our Bishop Holston. His sermon was entitled “Hope is a Four Letter Word”. He urged the church to hold to hope no matter what, even when things are tough. “But sometimes to get to where you want to go, you’ve got to go through some stuff... ..thus causing pain and endurance. I would like to share a prayer that was given by Rev. Laura Whitt. “Hope of the world, Hope of all hearts, our hope remains in you especially when hope seems hard. Speak to us through your word. Come to us at your table. And sustain in the hope of the covenant you have written on our hearts. Amen.

She also shared the scripture of Jeremiah 29:1-14. I hope you will read it. The offering that night was in celebration of 150 years of ministry, UMW has established a fund to undergird the capacity of future generations to carry forward the mission of service and advocacy with women, children and youth for the next 150 years. UMW’s Legacy Fund received over \$12,000. A wonderful choir of young people from the Greenville District Student Choir & Covenant UMW Orchestra presented the music during the worship!

Our morning Bible Studies were led by a wonderful couple Dr. Greg Jones and the Rev. Susan Jones. He is the dean and theologian at Duke Divinity School and Rev. Susan Jones is the ministry associate at Church Transformation Ministries. Mon. started with Dr. Jones sharing the Power of Hope based on Acts:31... One comment that sticks with me is “Is the cross and flame generating warmth and light?” So much food for thought and the heart!

Cindy Graham



I appreciated the opportunity to serve as a delegate to the 2019 session of the SC Annual Conference. Bishop Jonathan Holston presided over the Conference, which had the theme of *Seeking a More Excellent Way: A Future with Hope*. The message of Hope was embraced in the Bishop’s opening sermon, and it was incorporated into the daily Bible studies and other presentations throughout the week. In his opening message, Bishop Holston urged the Church to hold onto Hope no matter what, especially when things are tough. The music at the Conference was excellent, as usual. In the opening program, we were blessed to hear outstanding performances by a local community youth choir. Additionally, talented musicians and singers led us in singing hymns throughout the week. I also found the Native American Worship Service to be very sacred and inspiring. LUMC was very generous in supporting the Native American mission initiative to collect ‘Elder Baskets’ for elderly Native Americans in need.

Vicki Boylston



It is always good to celebrate those who are called to ministry. Angela Ford Nelson, who led our UMW retreat in the past, was ordained!

Lynn Silvey

The theme for this year’s annual conference was “Seeking a More Excellent Way – A Future with Hope.” Bishop Jonathan Holston gave a great sermon on Hope the opening night. Hope is a four-letter word with each letter of the word representing the following:

H = Hanging on to the promises of God.

O = Overcoming Adversity

P = Pursuing Truth

E = Enduring Patiently

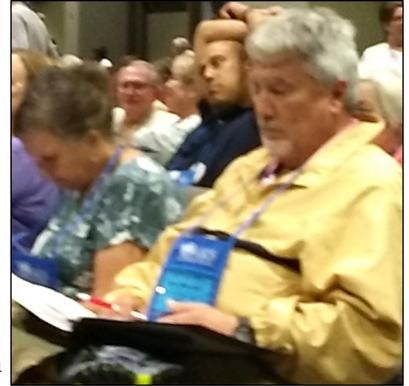
A youth choir from Greenville and the surrounding area performed that night and were great. We did a lot of hoping and voting this year. All of the delegates for the General and Jurisdictional Conference were elected through a lengthy process, but we endured. There were three petitions up for review this year but were ruled out of order based on how they were submitted to the conference for consideration. Some people were up-



set over the ruling, but I’m sure the petitions will be resubmitted in the proper form and considered at a later date. One person came to the microphone and was very upset about the ruling saying, “The God I serve loves all people.” I’m pretty sure we all feel that way. I also know that being a Christian and loving God doesn’t mean life will be easy or that our prayers will be answered in the way we want them answered. We should always be guided by thoughtful prayer, trusting in God and following His Word.

I always try to complement the Bishop for the work he does at these conferences. He is blessed with a great sense of humor, patience, and a work ethic that all of us should try to embrace. He has a calming presence in a sea of emotion when difficult issues arise. We are truly blessed to have him as our Bishop. For more information regarding the conference you can go to UMCSC.org.

Rex Boylston



This was my first time experience at the conference. I had a great time at the annual conference. I learned a lot about how the Methodist Church runs. Meeting the bishop and other leaders was very exciting. It’s honestly beautiful to see how diverse Methodists are. We do not all look alike and we may have a wide range of opinions, but at the end of the day, we are together in Christ’s love. Attending the conference was a great learning experience both spiritually and technically. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to participate and represent not only LUMC, but the Columbia district.

Addie Hendrix

Read about Addie here: <https://www.advocatesc.org/2019/06/teen-delegate-to-annual-conference-reflects-on-experience/>

Addie Hendrix received the Harry Denman Evangelism Award for 2019. This annual award from the Foundation for Evangelism recognizes one youth in each conference for responsible evangelism in the local church.

The Harry Denman Evangelism Award program honors United Methodists in each annual conference whose exceptional ministry of evangelism— bringing people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. What distinguishes a Harry Denman Evangelism Award recipient is the commitment to consistently introduce others to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all ministry settings.

Addie was nominated and chosen for this award because she serves as a student adviser to Elizabeth as a member of the Lexington UMC student leadership team. She also attends Salkehatchie Summer Service, and volunteers as an usher. Addie wants to make a difference and is constantly looking for a way to help, from inviting friends to youth group to inventing new ways that the youth group can reach the community. She is an example for the adults because she is constantly serving both in the youth group and in the larger community of Lexington United Methodist Church.

Congratulations to Addie on this well-deserved award!





Summer Fun Continues —

JULY

14th-17th - VBS

5:45pm-8:00pm

registration required by
July 7th

**31st - Open Gym &
Picnic lunch**

11am-1pm



OPEN GYM

**AND INDOOR PICNIC
(OPTIONAL)**

FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

**COME AND ENJOY AIR CON-
DITIONED PLAY WITH FRIENDS IN THE
LUMC GYM!**

**BASKETBALL AVAILABLE, CORNHOLE
AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

2nd grade Bibles

Parents of Rising 2nd graders— please email Katie—Katie@lexumcsc.com your child's name so it can be engraved correctly on the Bible your child is going to receive. Notify Katie by **July 31** so Bibles can be imprinted in time for promotion Sunday, which is August 25th.



JUST 4 YOUTH!

Youth-Come to the Water-O'Neal's lake house

Sunday, July 7, 2019 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Vacation Bible School- "**To Mars and Beyond**" 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM

Youth-Come to the Water-Mr. Dickie's lake house

Sunday, July 21 5:15—7:15 pm

July 28—Aug 2—Middle School Mission Trip



Gifts in memory of:

Josephine DeBruhl
 Larry & Pam Hayes
 Berniece Phillips
 Dr. Albert & Helen Thomas
 Linda Gladden
 John & Joyce Bumgarner
 Signum
 Martha Reddick
 Ronald Redd
 Dr. Wade & Elizabeth Reynolds
 Marie Steele
 James & Phyllis Sweatt
 Frances Bond
 Mrs. Martha M. Westbrook-Conder
 Chuck & Jean Felkel
 Norman & Marilyn Boyd
 Dick & Gwen Shaffer
 Grace Livingston
 Fred & Cynthia Douglas
 Sam & Dorothy Leaman
 Davis A. Lorick, Jr.
 Cynthia Satcher
 Emily McMeekin
 Mrs. Harriet Wingard
 Dooley & Company
 Susan Shumpert
 Joe, Ayden, Lisa, & Josie Phillips
 Terry & Daisy Hicks
 Rex & Brenda Newman

Watson Long
 Sam and Susan Long

Marie Schuster
 John & Joyce Bumgarner
 Terry & Daisy Hicks

Rock Gladden
 Rex & Brenda Newman

Gifts in honor of:

Susan Mitton
 Agnes Rogers Circle

Camp Carter
 Alberta Berry



Nora Jane Lawson
 daughter of
 Melissa & Hunter Lawson
 June 5, 2019



John Campbell Carter
 son of
 Clint and Nan Carter
 June 9, 2019



Rex and I appreciate your prayers for Wyatt after his accident. He fortunately suffered no serious injuries, and is doing well.

Vicki Boylston

Many thanks to my church family for all the thoughtful words and encouragement during my recovery from hip replacement. Thanks for all the cards, food, and, especially, all the prayers, which are very important to me and my healing. I am blessed.

Daisy Hicks



Happy July Birthdays:

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|-----|---|------|--|------|---|------|---|
| 7/1 | McGee, Janice
Yarborough, Brian
Goldsmith, Carter
Evans, Ashley
Poston, Jerry
Stone, Jeffrey | 7/9 | Lewis, Hayden
Hendrix, Anne Marie
Walsh, John
Myers, Karen
Sayers, Jeff
Rowe, Andy
Power, Brenda
Hicks, Terry | 7/15 | Reeves-Pendergrass, Chrisie
Wolfe, Shelby
Wooten, Randi
Monts, John
Borsum, Pat
Preston, Drew | 7/24 | Hutson, Claire
Robinson, Cory
Wojtylak, Tyler
Robinson, Ryan
Kruger, Bill
Cogswell, Grover
Frank, Don |
| 7/2 | Dunbar, Mac
Baker, Lynn
Duffie, Jackie | 7/10 | Young, Christine
Lyons, Joyce
Starling, Eliza | 7/16 | Henrickson, Jennifer
Vetter, Spencer
Norris, Bob
Connor, Samuel | 7/25 | Henrickson, Michael
Martin, Bill |
| 7/3 | Hook, Robert
Vitters, Justin
Church, Matthew
Larion, Matt
Oswald, Reagan
Oswald, Alexandria | 7/11 | Register, Annie
Herpst, Lilly
Gonzalez, Janice
Bennett, Steven
Rainey, Cindy | 7/17 | Crosswell, Jack
Heminger, Larry
Power, Riley
Collum, Gretchen | 7/26 | Burner, Caitlin
Elvington, Fred
Vitters, Hayden
Carwell, Emily |
| 7/4 | Stone, Bryan,
Vetter, Tayllor
Brown, Jay
Segui, Evelyn
George, Irby
Lambdin, Mary Nell | 7/12 | West, Marshall
Pardue, Bill
Hornsby, Gregg
Rodden, Kathryn
Fender, Mason
Spence, Tracy | 7/18 | Larion, Brooks
Wright, Stephen
Lewis, Dennis
Brown, Lib | 7/27 | Waterfield, Karen
Bumgarner, Wesley
Smith, Liam
Deremo, Mark
Walsh, Hanna |
| 7/5 | Anderson, Tom
Fleming, Brooke
Bowers, Bobby
Hicks, Jeremy | 7/13 | D'Amico, Brian
Stilwell, Ella
Helriegel, Madelyn
Howard, Nina
Walsh, Candy
Fender, Sarah | 7/19 | Green, Mary Ann
Hook, Holden
Airasian, Karen | 7/28 | Brewer, Caroline
Pautz, Joye
Graham, Kimberly
Cafferty, Brendan |
| 7/6 | Ropp, Barbara
Schirato, Paul | 7/14 | Corley, Delaine
Decell, Grady
Robinson, Julie
Medley, Peggy
Harrell, Marie
Koss, Jackson
Athey, Tracy | 7/20 | Dyson, Elizabeth
Carter, Nan
Cunningham, Richard
Lewis, Dondee
Blackmon, Brodrick
Johnson, Megan | 7/29 | Blume, Eric
Workman, Carolee
Stinecipher, Eden
Wicker, Davis
Rish, Henry
Swearingen, Abi |
| 7/7 | Turner, Cindy
Tuttle, Ashley
Register, Chris
Edens, Amy
Satcher, Ben
Hazelton, Mary
Taylor, Derrick
Epting, Gene | | | 7/21 | Cafferty, Susan
Cheatham, Terry
Shuler, Laura
Crouch, Huntley | 7/30 | Williams, Joe
Frank, Tommy
Scoggins, Ella
Daly, Brendan
Corley, Lauren |
| 7/8 | Romine, Hayden | | | 7/22 | Locklier, Jennifer
Brown, Justin
Williams, Whitney
Thompson, Erin | 7/31 | Evans, Jonathan
Deremo, Charlynn
Dyson, Harold |
| | | | | 7/23 | Stewart, Craig | | |

Salkehatchie Crosses @ Annual Conference

Salkehatchie Summer Service LLC
2019 Art Installation Project

As each Salkehatchie team completes their week of repair work, they build a unique cross to display in the homeowner's yard. It stands as a reminder that Salkehatchie campers serve as God's hands and feet. To God we give all the glory!

Representing all 48 Salkehatchie camps for the 2019 summer season, each cross was hand-crafted by a representative of their respective camp.

Photo credit: Cindy Graham





Music is a beautiful part of worship. We should always be thankful for the people who put their time and energy into preparing and leading our times of corporate worship.

Musicians do not participate in worship for their own sake, but rather for the glory of God and for the sake of the congregation. They lead worshipers in song and contribute additional music in worship services.

We are so fortunate to have our talented musicians at LUMC: Our Chancel Choir, with its many musicians, and the organist, share their gifts each Sunday in the traditional services, adding to the worship experience with a joyful song as well as leading the hymns.

Membership Vows
“As members together in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant **faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness**, that in **everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**”

You who are faithful to the LORD,
sing praises to him;
give thanks to his holy name! Psalm 30:4

In the *A New Service* the talent continues. Grace Station shares their talent each week through praise and worship songs. Their musical arrangements bring a meaningful worshipful experience to the *A New Service*. We are thankful for the musicians who share their talent during this service. Marta Cleary, one of the musicians, has even written two songs, which she has shared during the service.

Church musicians offer their God-given talents to the faith for a variety of reasons. For most, it is a part of their stewardship – giving of their presence, gifts, service and witness to the congregation. ***Blessings to each of you!***

Spend Time with God This Summer

Summer is here! The beauty of God’s creation is all around us, as we enjoy the sunshine, trees, birds, and flowers. Summer is the time we see new places, do new things, and enjoy family and friends. But, as life moves at a new pace, don’t forget to be thankful for each day. Be sure to ***Walk with God*** this summer wherever you go and in whatever you do. And be sure to ***Talk with God*** every day and in every situation. Spend time—a lot of time!—with God in prayer.

A Summer Prayer

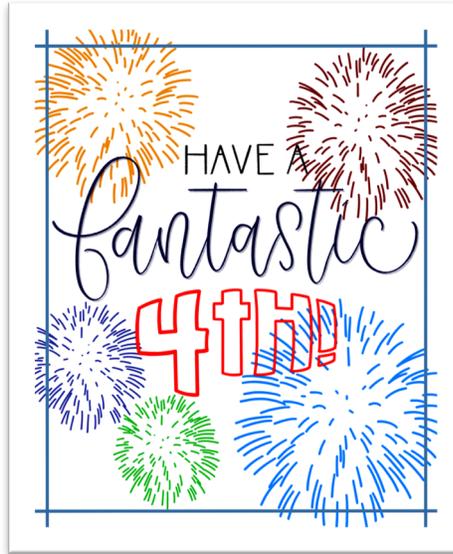
Wonderful Creator, Thank You for summer!
Thank You for the warmth of the sun, and longer, brighter days.
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me,
and for every opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.
Thank You for the more casual pace of each summer day,
and for special times to enjoy my friends and family.
Draw me closer to You this summer!
Show me how I can pray, no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my heart with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your Word and Your Wisdom.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart that rejoices in You every minute of every day. Amen
(Source Unknown)

Witness Team

**Lexington United
Methodist Church**

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Return Service Requested



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