



Lexington United Methodist
Household of Faith



Living God's Word~
Sharing God's Love

October 2019



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From time to time I share random thoughts about a variety of things. In this October newsletter I am doing that and hope you will find it interesting reading. Nothing will be profound, but hopefully all will provoke thoughts.

The way of the world is different today. I grew up in a time when church picnics and covered dish meals was a regular thing. In recent years I find that it is a vanishing item. In our busy world we have schedules that don't leave much time beyond our regular fellowship times for church and Sunday School. **October 6, we invite the church family to join together for a picnic after 11:00 a.m. worship at Virginia Hylton Park.** Hamburgers and fixins will be the menu. I hope all our church family will sign and up attend. We are inviting others to be with us. Also, if some of the homeless in our area know about and come by we want to greet them and welcome them and offer them a good meal.

October is the time when churches begin to focus on stewardship. We are in good shape coming out of the summer months, but can always be better. Please pray for the church as a new budget for 2020 will be projected. Those making budget requests are asked to get them in by **October 7.** As God prospers you help us make the church stronger. And thank you for being cheerful givers. It is a reflection of your heart and spirit.

Holiday Market will be **October 5, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Vendors will be here with their crafts and offerings. Our Church is very proud of the work done to bring this event here and to offer it to members of the church and our broader community. Last year's event(my first) was a great time and I hope many of you will spread the word and invite friends to come and be part of it.

October 6 is World Communion Sunday. It is a special time when Christians around the world will receive the Sacrament of God's grace. It speaks to the kind of unity which makes the church grow in spirit. We are all of one accord in Jesus Christ.

Years ago one of the Kennedy brothers quoted G B Shaw, saying, "There are those that look at things the way they are, and ask why? I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?" Powerful words about vision and dreaming. Jeremiah declared, "Without vision the people perish." I think perish means getting stuck. We get stuck on how it has always been done. We get stuck on expecting results to always be the same. We get stuck on predictability. Our purpose is to change what has always been and come up with something new. God makes all things new. I believe there is a clear call from above that God is making us all new and the church too. Think about it. God is not stuck, but sometimes his people are.

Halloween comes at the end of the month. Scary costumes are not too cool. Some Christians even believe that observing Halloween is bad. I am not one of them. I think children need to get dressed up in nice costumes and go out and receive candy as the grand treat it can be. I believe good people can redeem Halloween from the monsters and ghouls to becoming a "harvest" of blessings.

Reformation Sunday celebrates the birthday of the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther nailed his theses on the doors of Wittenburg Chapel in Germany. His theses were issues he had with the "one true church" of his time. His act began and continues to this day a protestant church that looks to God for direction and grace. It receives salvation as a gift and not something that can be purchased.

Last but not least. Are you connecting yourself to the cross and to the faith. Are you making church a priority for you and your family? Are you loving the Lord and seeking blessings? Or are you just making time day by day and hoping for the best. Sundays teach us a different kind of hope.
Ken Timmerman



Don't Miss These:
Holiday Market

Picnic

Holiday Market



Saturday, October 5th
9am-2pm

*Local artisans, BBQ chicken,
bake sale, and more!*

Lexington United Methodist Church
309 E Main Street
Lexumcsc.com

Chicken dinner meal will be \$10.00 a plate.

A bag lunch will be available for \$5.00

Don't miss the bake sale, lots of yummy home baked goods will be available.

Would you like to bake goodies for the bake sale? Please let Karen Waterford know:

karen.bennettwaterfield@gmail.com

Bring to church on Friday, October 4th.

Popcorn will be sold

There will be 35 vendors-including jewelry, books, pocketbooks, wood work, ladies and children clothes, Christmas ornaments, food items, and more.

Pumpkins for sale!

Don't miss this opportunity to do some of your holiday shopping



On October 6th we celebrate **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** at all services. World Communion Sunday is an ecumenical celebration by people of many denominations in an effort to promote unity among Christians around the world. Offerings collected in United Methodist churches on World Communion Sunday are used to fund scholarships for young scholars and seminarians.

Following the 11 am services, we will “**COMMUNE**” together again at the Virginia Hylton Park

We will have a picnic, please plan to join the fun and fellowship with your church family.
Hamburgers and fixin's are on the menu.



A good head count is needed so we are sure to grill enough hamburgers.

Please RSVP to Shanti Moore:

shanti@lexumcsc.com or call her at 359-6838,

with your name and the number of people who are coming. Thanks!



Trunk



or Treat

October 27

5:00—6:30pm



Trunk or Treat in the drive around the playground



Asbury Hall—Hot dog supper
Sponsored by the Youth,
donations requested
as this is a youth fundraiser !

We need decorated trunks for the children to visit. Grandparents, and others who may not have the responsibility of watching over a child, please consider decorating your trunk, and helping create a fun, festive time with our precious children. Please be in place by 4:45 pm

Stay and enjoy the hot dog supper after you close your trunk!

Candy donations are needed, please consider donating a bag, or two.



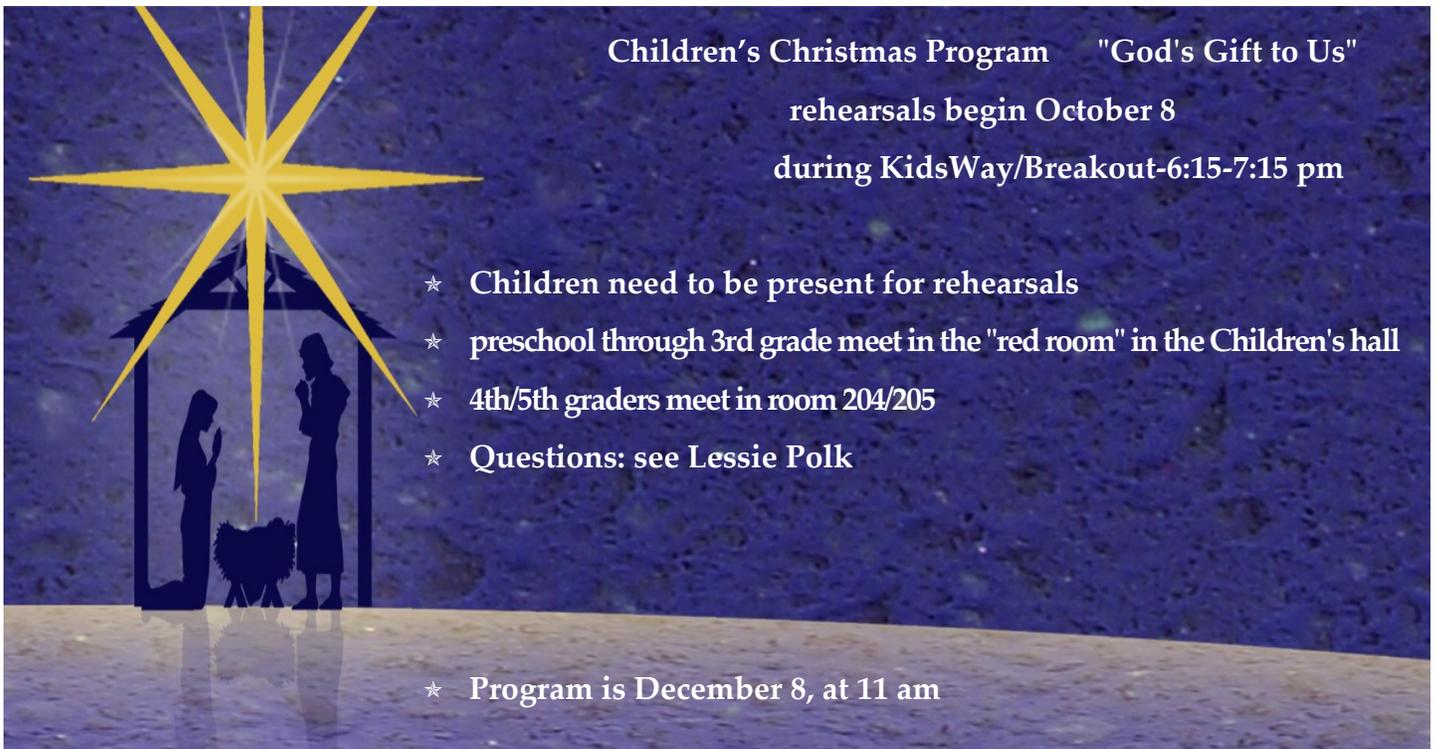
Children's Christmas Program "God's Gift to Us"

rehearsals begin October 8

during KidsWay/Breakout-6:15-7:15 pm

- ★ Children need to be present for rehearsals
- ★ preschool through 3rd grade meet in the "red room" in the Children's hall
- ★ 4th/5th graders meet in room 204/205
- ★ Questions: see Lessie Polk

★ Program is December 8, at 11 am



Mission Lexington continues to serve our community. In August they served 1494 people throughout Lexington county. One way LUMC supported their efforts was through the school supplies drive. Movie night attendees and others contributed; and they are pleased to report that generous donors provided backpacks filled with school supplies to 416 students across Lexington County! Just think: our donations could be in the hands of the next Doctor, Scientist, or Social Worker! Thank you for your generosity!



**2019 HOLIDAY
BASKET WISH LIST**

- CANNED SWEET POTATOES**
- CANNED COLLARDS/TURNIPS**
- STUFFING MIX**
- CRANBERRY SAUCE**
- CORNBREAD MIX**
- GREEN BEANS**
- GRAVY MIX OR JAR**
- BROWNIE MIX**



Holiday Baskets & Donations—As we quickly approach the holiday months, ML is preparing to create holiday baskets for our neighbors. Last year, Mission Lexington gave out 814 Thanksgiving and Christmas meal baskets complete with turkeys and hams! They also provided 857 families with gifts for their children. Can you, your class, your study group donate this year. Questions? Email Lauren at lauren@missionlexingtonsc.org for more information.

*home decor - handbags - shoes
holiday items - jewelry - accessories*

**Mission Lexington's 4th Annual Trunk Show
Thursday, December 5th
Lexington's Old Mill**

Admission is 10 canned goods or a \$5 donation.

[Click here](#) for more information or to purchase tickets!

October has been re-named "Socktober"!
It's the month that Mission Lexington dedicates to stocking our shelves with socks and underclothing.

Bring new packages of socks and underwear (all sizes) and add them to the Mission Lexington cart in the hallway outside Weston's office.

They have volunteer opportunities in their Donation Center, Thrift Shop and Food Pantry.

If you or your group is interested, please email Michele (michele@missionlexingtonsc.org) or call 803-957-6656 x227.



The Caring Connections Team at LUMC is an outreach program which has the joy of sending out cards and/or notes to shut-ins, military, get well wishes, sympathy and new members. If you have a loved one that you would like for us to send a card and/or a note to, please let us know. We do not want anyone to be forgotten. Please send their name, address and birth date to Sandra Brabham at ssbrabham@icloud.com or call her at 359-1093.



Upward Basketball & Cheerleading League:

Register NOW by either picking up a registration form at LUMC or by visiting <https://registration.upward.org/UPW69129> .

Registration *ENDS* on Oct. 11

Oct. 17-19 are Evaluations

Nov. 1 is the Kickoff Party

Nov. 7 Practices Begin

Contact Katelyn@lexingtonbaptist.org for more information

10 Ways to Pray for your Pastor

1. Spiritual lives

Our pastors' spiritual lives are important to their finding the wisdom, strength and guidance necessary to lead a church. Pray for your pastors' growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit works through them to serve your congregation and community.

2. Families

Speaking of families, it is important to remember that our ministers may also be a spouse, a parent, and a child to parents who have needs. Remember to pray for your [pastor's family](#).

3. Preaching

Delivering a [great sermon](#) (and the ones that are less than great) takes hours of study and preparation. Pray for your pastors as they prepare worship services, sacraments and sermons. May they have the words to communicate what God has placed on their hearts.

4. Strength

The work of a pastor requires reserves of spiritual and emotional strength. Ask God to bolster ministers' hearts and minds, especially on days when they feel weak, inadequate, or unqualified.

5. Visiting ministries

Visiting people in hospital rooms, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, memory centers, hospice units, homes and jail cells, is an important part of your pastor's job. Pray for her or his ability to connect with those who are struggling and to share God's comfort, peace and hope.

6. Leadership

Pastors shepherd their congregations, lead individuals to Christ and guide the church as a witness to the work of God in our communities. Pray for your pastor's ability to lead your congregation.

7. Decision-making

Being a leader includes making difficult decisions. Sometimes that means making a call when the "right answer" is elusive. Other times it is about making an unpopular choice. Pray for God to guide your pastor's decisions.

8. Communication

We've all sent a note, email or text that is misunderstood by the recipient. Ministers reach out to so many people, miscommunication is nearly impossible to avoid. Ask God to make your pastor's communication clear and for grace when he or she is misunderstood.

9. Conflict

Conflicts sometimes arise when people miscommunicate and disagree. Some conflicts are serious, while others are petty. Pray for your pastors' strength, wisdom, patience and discernment as they navigate the conflicts that arise.

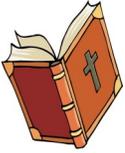
10. Health

Your pastor's [physical health](#) is important. Pray for them to take time to care for their bodies through rest, exercise, and eating well.

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/15-ways-to-pray-for-your-pastor>



Youth Group—4:30-6:00p on Sunday nights are our main time of fellowship, and teaching. We will gather in the youth room for games and snacks, hear a message, and participate in a small group. Please **DROP OFF, PICK UP, and PARK** in the back of the ministry center.



Wednesday Nights—5:30 pm Dinner, 6:15-7:15 Studies Middle: Guiding students through a variety of Bible stories and help them see its relevance in daily life. Meet in main youth room.

High: Intergenerational study: Make a Difference, by James A. Harnish, each person will explore the questions, ‘How can I become a part of God’s healing work in the world?’ and ‘How can I find my place to serve and make a difference?’ Meet in MC013



High School Chick-n-Chat—7:00 am at Chick-fil-a. Join us for a time of fellowship, God-talk, and a good breakfast! Please coordinate your own ride to school.

Age-Level Events:

High—**October 11-12**: United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) trip for flood disaster recovery blitz in the Pee Dee of South Carolina. Must 14 years or older to attend. Cost is \$35 to attend

Middle—**Friday, October 18** (5-11pm): Our first "half-nighter" event. Invite a friend and join us for a fun, safe, late night!

Retreats:

Middle School Retreat: **November 15-16** at Camp Kinard in Batesburg-Leesville

High School Retreat: **December 6-7** in Greenville

SAVE THE DATES:

Fall Festival Youth Hot Dog Supper—October 27, 2019

Revolution 2020—**January 24-26, 2020**

Spring Youth Retreat—**March 27-29, 2020** at Camp Saint Christopher (Seabrook Island)



Please contact Sammie Brown at 351-0784 or sbrown8885@sc.rr.com to make your reservation.

Upcoming lunch plans include Texas Roadhouse in November and our very special gathering for the Christmas luncheon at Lexington Country Club in December.



Remember, if you can't make it on Sunday mornings, there is the Tuesday Evening Service at 6:30 pm

The service lasts an hour.

The dress is casual.



The Taizé Service is October 8 at 12:10 pm. Bring your family and friends to this service of songs and prayers. This half hour is a time for you to center yourself and connect with God.



Happy October Birthdays:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/1 Workman, David
Derrick, Bob
Harmon, Joe
Locklier, Ben
Beckum, Blake
Coleman, Rob
Taylor, Mary | 10/8 Akers, Stephanie
Wilson, Ed
Moser, Logan
Dunnagan, Bill | Henson, Ryan
Jordan, Winston
Cooper, Laraine | 10/24 Street, Prater
Huffstetler, Jody
Thomas, Helen
Williams, Wanda |
| 10/2 Seeby, Braxton
Satcher, Ben
Anderson, Jeffrey
Waters, Pat
Edmonds, Wanda | 10/9 Matthews, Susan
Huffstetler, David
Handell, Kevin
Sansone, Staci | 10/17 Leaphart, Henry
Lambdin, Laura
Teague, Houston | 10/25 Byess, Ann
Harmon, Brian
Wicker, Chris
Hornsby, Richard |
| 10/3 Walsh, Thomas
Sinclair, Tim
Harrison, Frankie
Lawrence, Lacey
Williams, Tyler | 10/10 Romine, Anna Grace
Inabinet, Becky
Williams, Carolyn | 10/18 Robb, Ken
Sheppard, Brett | 10/26 Church, Matthew
Ackerman, Bob
Yarborough, Bob-
by
Edmonds, Ron
Harmon, Amy
Derrick, Peggy |
| 10/4 Walsh, Wendi
Toole, Bonnie | 10/11 Walsh, Jim
Cammann, Calvin | 10/20 Hendrix, Addie
Teague, Haynes
McCall, Vince
Bradham, Anita
Newman, Brenda | 10/27 Taylor, Mary
Selzer, Christian
Spence, Dakota |
| 10/5 Folk, Tom
Epting, Bobby
Morris, Richard
Craig, Justin
Lyons, Michael | 10/12 Ulmer, Ed
Brickle, Jack
Beckum, Cameron
Hornsby, Donna
Monts, Betty | 10/21 Gould, Jack
Crossman, Jennifer
Smith, Donna | 10/28 Epting, Kersten
Burnett, Linda
Hyde, Ray
Renwick, George
Scoggins, Randy
Smiley, John |
| 10/6 Chavis, Peggy
Lawrence, Matthew
Murray, Elizabeth
Cooper, Ralph
Parsons, William | 10/13 Steele, Dianne
Coleman, Sasha
Gore, Dargan | 10/22 Williams, Glenn
Orr, Leslie
Culler, Judy
Corley, Jim
Looney, Jim
Shumpert, Sue | 10/29 Rogers, Griff
Welch, Britt
Welch, Matthew
Power, Kim |
| 10/7 Brown, Dixie
McCormack, Stephen
Chittam, Reese
Burner, Tom | 10/14 Graybill, Will
Gaines, Phil
Power, Henry
Krantz, Gina | 10/23 Neely, Anne
Kinzly, Dan
Fry, Tristan
Jibaja, Jacob
Stilwell, Samantha
Wilson, Logan | 10/30 Harbison, William
Young, Anne
Brailsford, Jane |
| | 10/15 Cook, Richard
McCuen, Sam
Brewer, Deanna
Handell, Jackson
Roland, Morgan | | 10/31 Crout, Leigh |
| | 10/16 Lyons, Kristin
Laisure, Joan | | |

Gifts in memory of:

Ray Marsh
Buddy & Lynn Brewer

Suzanne Cyr
Buddy & Lynn Brewer



Ron & Ina Deeds
501 Laryn Lane
Lexington, SC 29072

Gifts in honor of:

Rick Cunningham
Buddy & Lynn Brewer

Mary Hazelton
Judy Powell

Ken Robbins
Becky Falls



Pearce Anne Minnich
daughter of
Taylor and Mark Minnich
Sept. 27, 2019
Grandparents: Gregg & Donna Hornsby



Congratulations to
Jack Goldsmith
who was named a
Lexington High School
National Merit Semi-Finalist!

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