



Lexington UMC  
Household of Faith



Living God's Word~  
Sharing God's Love



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THANK YOU, LORD!

*When the peace of Christ rules in our hearts, thankfulness overflows. Even in the darkest of times, we can praise God for His love, His sovereignty, and His promise to be near us when we call.*

*Psalm 145: 18*

Thank you, Lord, for your peace that transcends understanding and your love that endures forever.

Amen!



October 20, 2020

Greetings:

I pray this letter finds you healthy and well. Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center, Inc. (dba Cooperative Health), a non-profit community health center, remains devoted to our mission of providing quality health care services in the spirit of the Good Samaritan. For nearly 40 years, we've delivered primary and preventative health care services to South Carolina's most marginalized populations residing in the Midlands. In 2019, more than 61,000 individuals entrusted us with their health care needs, of which 96 percent are at or far below the federal poverty level.

This year, our patients faced even more distress and financial strains with the pandemic. With the growing instability of our nation's economy the holidays may not be warmly welcomed. We want to provide a little warmth during these unstable times by planning a Thanksgiving dinner for residents of the communities we serve.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020, we will open Cooperative Conference Center located at 169 Laurelhurst Ave. to serve and cater a warm Thanksgiving meal to those in need. Adhering to social distancing guidelines from the CDC and SCDHEC, participants can either dine in, dine out or have a meal to go. We are reaching out to you to help make this Thanksgiving memorable for those in most need.

We kindly ask for a tax deductible monetary contribution (Federal Tax Identification Number: 57-0965445) and/or in-kind donation (see below for requested item list) to help offset the cost of the dinner. If your organization would like to donate, please contact **Jennifer Glover-Hawkins, Director of Public Relations**, at [jglover-hawkins@cooperativehealth.org](mailto:jglover-hawkins@cooperativehealth.org) or by phone at (803) 210-9588, or me at the information below.

We look forward to your support in assisting us with caring for our communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Ware  
Community Outreach Coordinator  
Email: [yware@cooperativehealth.org](mailto:yware@cooperativehealth.org)  
Phone: (803) 803-727-5130

Requested in-kind contributions: turkey breast or legs / canned green beans / stuffing / potatoes, boxed or fresh / cranberry sauce / gravy / desserts / tents / folding chairs / folding tables / plates / silverware / linen napkins (*All in-kind food contributions need to be unprepared upon donation.*)



Trunk  
or Treat

Thank you to all of the families who participated in the Pumpkin Painting Contest, Halloween Scavenger Hunt, and Trunk or Treat. It was a great time of Fellowship and activities. I hope this brought some Halloween fun to your holiday.

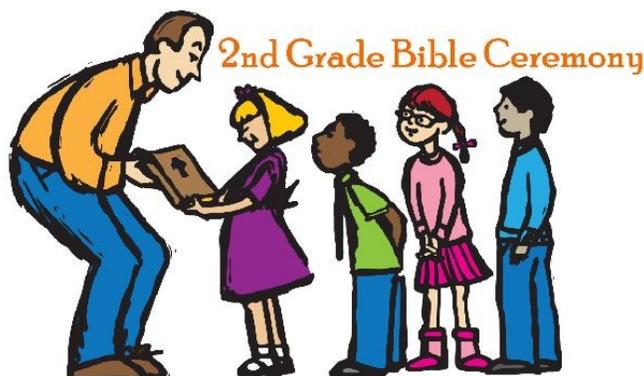
Congratulations to Ella Maxwell for winning the Pumpkin Painting Contest. Enjoy your gift card to Menchie's!



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bible Ceremony will be November 29<sup>th</sup> during the 9a service.

We will acknowledge the following recipients:

Mia Louise Willis  
Madeline Grace Masters  
John Brooks Collum  
Mac Alexander Dunbar  
Elsy Coleman  
Calvin William Cammann  
Rylie Hollynn D'Amico



I want to welcome our new Children's Ministry leader, Heather Connor. We are so excited to have you!



Happy  
Thanksgiving



**Thanks to all of our youth families that helped with the Trunk or Treat! We had a great time!**

**For the month of November, the youth group will meet at the church from 4:30pm till 6pm outside. Please bring a tailgate chair.**

**Each week we will focus on a different mission opportunity! There will be no youth on Sunday, November 29 in observance of the holiday.**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Save The Date  
for Mission Lexington's  
Month of Trunk Show Treasures**

Mark your calendar and join us the WHOLE month of November at the Mission Lexington Thrift Store for our Trunk Show Treasures!

In light of the recent concerns related to COVID-19 virus, our Trunk Show will look a little differently than in years past. But do not fret because we are still selling all of your favorite trunk show items, just in a safer manner for all staff and shoppers.

Throughout the month of November, the Mission Lexington Thrift Store will have a special area at the front of the store dedicated to displaying all of your favorite high-end items.

These items include home decor, holiday decor, designer handbags, clothing, jewelry, shoes, and more! The treasures for sale are an assortment of gently used and brand new items for stellar prices. New items will be refreshed daily. Make sure you visit us to purchase all the beautiful & unique finds you might need!



MISSION LEXINGTON THRIFT STORE  
MONTH OF NOVEMBER  
MON-THURS, 9AM-12:45PM

Lexington United Methodist Church has been recognized by Mission Lexington as their church of the month! They touted us in October for having the most volunteers that serve on a monthly basis and consistent donations to their food pantry.



**HOLIDAY BASKET  
WISH LIST**

- \$10 GIFT CARD FOR TURKEY OR HAM**
  - CANNED SWEET POTATOES**
  - CANNED COLLARDS/TURNIPS**
  - CANNED GREEN BEANS**
  - STUFFING MIX**
  - CRANBERRY SAUCE**
  - CORNBREAD MIX**
  - GRAVY MIX OR JAR**
  - BROWNIE MIX**
- Drop Off Mon-Thurs, 10am-1pm  
At Our Donation Door  
216 Harmon Street, Lexington,  
SC 29072  
Questions? Email  
lauren@missionlexingtonsc.org

**Holiday Meals for Neighbors**

During November and December, we offer pre-packed holiday food bags to those we serve. Families may pick up a bag beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> which includes the essentials for a festive holiday dinner. Last year Mission Lexington gave out 1,040 holiday food bags. We ask you to consider donating again this year.

Donations will be accepted from now through **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Pre-pack a Holiday food bag, or simply donate items needed. Feel free to add a personal note or prayer for the family.

**You will see on our meal wish list that we are asking for \$10 gift certificates for turkeys and hams this year, as we are tight on space.**



**Connecting with the Evans Family**

The daily family life of Ashley and Jonathan Evans is much like that of other young families within LUMC. They continually balance the joys and challenges of raising active young children, with many other personal and family responsibilities. In recent months, they have also had to adapt and balance the changes that have occurred with the COVID pandemic.

The Evans family has lived in Lexington for 14 years, and they have been members of LUMC since 2008. Ashley, a Clemson graduate, arrived here by way of Greenville, SC. Jonathan is from Richmond, Virginia and attended the University of Richmond. They both moved to Columbia, SC shortly after college. It was obviously a great move for both, as they met and were married at Shandon United Methodist Church. They have two children, Carter (13) and Laurel (10). Prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom when Carter was 3, Ashley worked in printing, advertising, and printing paper sales. Jonathan is an assistant treasurer and manages several different departments at Dominion Energy.

Ashley and Jonathan are very involved in ministries and activities at LUMC. They are in the Reconciling Ministries Covenant Group, which they consider to be a very important part of their family church life. They also are members of the True Believers & Disciples Sunday School Class. Ashley is a member of the F.A.I.T.H. Circle and helps with many UMW (United Methodist Women) projects. She has served faithfully in many other LUMC programs/projects, including VBS and the coordination of the church directory. Jonathan was the Cub Master of LUMC Pack 507 for four years, and he is now involved in the Boy Scouts program at the church. Ashley and Jonathan love LUMC as their church home, and they feel their family has thrived here over the years. They are pleased that LUMC provides an amazing support system and circle of friends who share ideals similar to those of their family.

The Evans kids also stay active and very busy. Carter attends Meadow Glen Middle School, and is on the River Bluff High School Cross Country team. He is in the Boy Scouts program at LUMC, and he has been in Scouting since he started as a Cub Scout in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade. He is also in his second year of participating in the Youth Group at church. Carter also enjoys tennis and playing on the Xbox. His younger sister, Laurel, is a student at Meadow Glen Elementary School. She absolutely LOVES dancing, especially ballet. She also enjoys cooking and working with crafts. As a family, they like the mild SC weather, and they can often be found enjoying outdoor activities. They enjoy travel, as well as spending time with family, friends, and their pets—two dogs and a bearded dragon!

The COVID pandemic has, of course, led to changes in the Evans household. However, they all have adjusted, and things are working well for their family at this time. Jonathan will be working at home, at least through the end of the year, and the kids are attending all virtual school. As a family, they have found many blessings during this time of ‘slowing down’ and spending more time together. They have learned to cook new things that they never had time to try before—even homemade pasta! There’s been much more time to enjoy walking trails, kayaking, paddle boarding, & swimming. Ashley feels that the pandemic has put so many things in perspective. She says their hearts go out to those who have suffered and lost loved ones. And her hope is that her own family, as well as others, can continue to slow down and prioritize the things in life that matter the most.

-Vicki Boylston

**RED CROSS  
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2~7pm**  
in Asbury Hall. To schedule  
your appointment, visit  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).  
(Code: lexingtonumc) or please call:  
1-800-RED CROSS. You may  
also walk-in. Thank you for  
your donation!

**Blood Donation FAQs**

**Why Should I Give Blood?**

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Only 37% of the population is eligible to give blood.

Less than 10% give annually.

One in four people will need a blood transfusion sometime in their lifetime.



LUMC Preschool is selling Butter Braids again this year. They are delicious! You keep them in the freezer until you are ready to let the dough rise and then bake. You and your guests will be impressed with the fresh bakery smell and taste. Order at church between the two Sunday services, at the church office or on the church web page [www.Lexumcsc.com](http://www.Lexumcsc.com). We're only selling them until **Tuesday, November 3rd**. So if you miss it, you won't get another chance until this time next year! So don't miss out! Thank you from 49 smiling preschool faces, and thank you for supporting this important church ministry.

Lexington United Methodist Preschool is looking to hire a part-time Teacher working Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:15am until 12:15pm and as part of our substitute Teacher pool on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as needed. The applicant must have experience in Preschool, Kindergarten, Elementary, or a related field. We are looking for reliable applicants who love working with children, have good communication skills, and who work well as part of a team. If you feel you meet these requirements and would like to apply, please forward a resume' to [jenny@lexumcsc.com](mailto:jenny@lexumcsc.com) including a contact number where you may be reached. We will be contacting eligible applicants to schedule an interview. Teacher's Preschool-age children attend at no cost.



*Thank you for your continued support in supplying the preschool with these much needed items!*

**If you prefer to shop from home!**



[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/U4A65LTFD4N2?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/U4A65LTFD4N2?ref=wl_share)



## Habitat Home Visits

If you are looking for a rewarding outreach, please consider joining the Habitat for Humanity Home Assessment Committee. You will visit with and meet some wonderful people, especially the children who deserve a better living situation. You will also meet some very kind and dedicated people who serve on this Home Assessment Committee.

For anyone who is interested in joining the committee. (The meetings will have the option to attend in-person or via Zoom)

\* **Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30pm**

\* **Tuesday, January 12th at 12pm & 5:30pm**

For questions about home visits, you may contact Mike [mmitton@outlook.com](mailto:mmitton@outlook.com) or Susan Mitton [swmitton@gmail.com](mailto:swmitton@gmail.com).

For information about home visits or about the information sessions for joining the committee, please contact Emily Fernald at [Emily@habitatcsc.org](mailto:Emily@habitatcsc.org)

*Make Christmas Merry!*



## Opportunities to Make Christmas Merry!

There are at least 3 opportunities for our members to brighten the Christmas season for children who are less fortunate.

The **Angel Wish** program is a chance to provide a gift to children at Epworth Children's Home. Lori Torbett is so dedicated to helping the children at Epworth. For additional info from Lori 803-629-7126 [Ldtorbett@gmail.com](mailto:Ldtorbett@gmail.com)

The **Angel Tree** program is a chance to provide a gift to children who have an incarcerated parent. Rachel and Matt Buchanan are coordinating the Angel Tree program for LUMC. Be on the lookout for information on how you can participate in Angel Tree.

**Operation Christmas Child** Shoebox Ministry is already taking off. Shoeboxes can be picked up at the church and filled with items for a child of a specific age and then returned to the church. Vicki Boylston is your contact for this Ministry. [vboylston@aol.com](mailto:vboylston@aol.com)

*Please participate in one, two, or all three of these opportunities.*



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available at the church outside of Wesley Hall and outside of the main office for those who would like to participate. This ministry is sponsored by the Samaritan's Purse organization. It provides a great opportunity for us to ***Live God's Word*** and ***Share God's Love*** with children in need around the world. It's as simple as

packing shoeboxes with small gifts that will delight children and bring them hope. And with the Coronavirus pandemic, now more than ever, children need to feel love and hope. The label for each box can be found inside the box. Labels should be attached to the filled boxes, but it is not necessary to 'activate' them as shown (unless you would like to track your box to its final destination). Please enclose a check for \$9 for shipping, & return it to the church by **Tuesday, Nov. 10th**. Thank you!

## Epworth Children's Home Angel Wish Mission

Hello LUMC family! It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We are finally getting a little chill in the air...and Epworth Children's Home Angel Wish mission is underway! The mission will work the same. If you would like a "wish" email or text/call me and I will give you an item to purchase (you are committing to that particular item). I can give assistance on where to purchase if you need help. You can also choose to donate money and we can purchase items for you. However you wish to participate is so very much appreciated! As we all feel like "fish out of water" these days and very disconnected, these kids I am sure feel it even more so with whatever family or life situation placed them with the Epworth Children's Home. Let's do what we do best...and that is giving these kids/young adults the best possible Christmas! Again, please let me know as soon as possible if you would like a wish or if you plan to donate for us to shop for you! Once I hear from you, I will begin signing up for wishes!

Much love and blessings,

Lori Torbett

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*Christmas*  
with Epworth

## *What is a Prayer Shawl?*

As Christians, when sickness, tragedy, or accidents happen to those we love, or even strangers, our first response is to pray and ask God to heal and help those in need.

Prayer Shawls have a way of bringing comfort and healing to those in need as well as the person making the shawl. With each stitch that is created, repetitive prayers are being said for the person who is to receive the shawl. When the shawl is received, the person who wears it will know so many people love them and are praying for them to be healed and helped in whatever ways they need. This repetitive action of praying also brings peace to the creator of the shawl.

If you or someone you know needs a prayer shawl, please stop by the church to pick one up. We ask if you take one, please sign the clipboard with your name and recipient's name.

They are located in room 154 in a cabinet with a sign that says "Blessed Prayer Shawls". If you don't know where room 154 is, please stop by the office and they'd be happy to show you.

If you are in need and are unable to pick one up, please contact Jeannie Ridgeway 803-261-4249.

Many Blessings,

*The Prayer Shawl Committee*



## UMW SOUP SALE FUNDRAISER

It's definitely soup weather now so you're in luck! The United Methodist Women will have soup for sale by the quart on **Saturday, November 7th** from **10am** until sold. The cost is **\$10.00 per quart** and we have a great variety. We have chili, vegetable beef, chicken stew, potato, sausage and corn and black eyed pea & collards and others. We also have several kinds available for our vegetarians such as vegetable, potato, split pea & barley and bean soup. Come pick up some to feed your family or pick up a quart for a friend in need or someone you just want to reach out to. We can take cash or check but we have no way of taking cards. If you would like to pre-order to be sure you get what you want, please call **Trudy Huffstetler** at **803-920-4999**. Don't miss out on these great soups made by some great cooks!! Remember this is drive thru at the church breezeway by the main office so you don't even have to get out of your car! Thank you for your support!



Snack Sack started serving our schools the first week of October. Currently, we serve 400 students in eight schools in Lexington School District One.

Fortunately, Lexington School District Two will serve food to their students through the end of 2020.

Thankfully, we did receive enough money in donations to pay our October Invoice of \$13,500. However, the November invoice is approximately \$9,500 and we still need your help. Please donate to this vital Ministry.



Individual Apple Sauce	Individual Instant Oatmeal
Cereal Bars	Individual Grits
Bottled Water (8oz.)	Individual Boxes of Cereal
Fruit Cups	Raisins
Juice Boxes	Pudding Cups
Ravioli (Canned Meat)	Peanut Butter Crackers
Ramen Noodles	Snack Crackers
\$\$\$	Granola Bars

## BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

We have been busy keeping the Blessing Boxes stocked with food during the month of October. We do not limit access to our food boxes. The last week and the first week of each month are our busiest times. We are a backup to Mission Lexington. We provide the same foods they do. Once individuals reach their limits at Mission Lexington, they come to our Blessing Box for help.

Please continue to help this Ministry feed the needy.

We need donations of money or non-perishable food.

The Snack Sack Food listed above is also used for the Blessing Box.

Thank you for your continued support!

11/1 Catie Cagney Henry Crosswell Chelsea Driggers Alexandra Taylor Tammy Wiggins	11/7 Dixon Brooks Jr. Chip Mallard Jr.	11/16 Gardner Chittam Willie Fender Dianne Sparrow	11/23 Myra Kumar Patrick Rodden
11/2 Margie Drexelius Justin Felder	11/9 Edie Goldsmith Shannon Kirby Will Spence	11/17 Davis Cammann Winston Harrison Clyde Smith	11/24 Ty Coleman Jr. 11/25 Shirley Ford
11/3 Holly Bragdon	11/11 Aaron Fleming Meredith Koss	11/18 Heather Connor David Teague	11/26 Beau Harmon Rex Newman
11/4 Alice Jackson Ralph McGee Peyton Schnee Shawn Stewart	11/12 Joyce Adams Luther Duffie Keith McCawley	11/20 Bobbie Athey Carolyn Horn Russell Spence Molly Wilson	11/27 Sydney Field Anthony Peake
11/5 Preston Sansone	11/13 Sarah Rolf Josh Watts	11/21 Danielle Johnson Alexis Wojtylak	11/28 Susan Brickle Erin Casey Mary Rogers
11/6 Annaclare Coleman Meg Roberts	11/14 Kim Dunbar Flo Hornsby	11/22 Ronnie Gibson Austin Wicker	11/29 Billy Willis 11/30 Gene Brown Jimmy Gatch Taylor McCormack Alexander Watts

**Member News:**

*Gifts in memory of:*

**Charlie Jackson**  
Buddy & Lynn Brewer

**Charlyn Deremo**  
Buddy & Lynn Brewer  
John & Joyce Bumgarner  
Mike & Terrie Morrison  
Terry & Daisy Hicks  
Larry & Pam Hayes  
Pat & Al Borsum

**James Numberger**  
Jeannie Ridgeway

**Frances Gardner**  
Terry & Daisy Hicks

**Bobby Bowers**  
Wanda Pettus

**Dolores Gatch**  
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**Pat Bickel**  
Wanda Pettus

**Donna Lesperance**  
Wanda Pettus

**Sam Addington**  
Wendall Anthony  
Ginny Kurtz  
Woody & Brenda Manus  
Terry & Daisy Hicks  
Wade & Alice Jackson  
Open Door SS Class  
Buddy & Lynn Brewer  
Wade & Alice Jackson

	<b>Week 42</b>	
	10/25/2020	
	\$13,705.00	
	\$20,616.00	
	\$865,872.00	
	\$719,390.00	
	\$731,155.00	
	<b>-\$11,765.00</b>	



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