

GRACE & PEACE



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**Lexington United
Methodist Church**

*Where We Seek, Serve
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Grace and Peace to You From God Our Father

Colossians 1:2

As I began to write this newsletter, I couldn't help but to think of the above words that the Apostle Paul uses in most of his greetings to churches that he was in communication with. I come to you with the same salutations as your new pastor, "grace, and peace to you."

I am fueled this morning by a cup of coffee in one of my favorite coffee mugs. On one side of my cup it says, "Redwood National Forest." On the other side it simply says, "take a hike." I love this coffee cup for two reasons. Hiking is one of my favorite past times so the "take a hike," message resonates with me deeply. I find renewal and spiritual refreshment while outdoors, hiking and enjoying the beauty of God's creation. The side that reads Redwood National Forest reminds me of the memories that our family made during a vacation in Oregon three years ago. We spent a few weeks exploring the Oregon caves, driving down to the coast of California, and hiking the Redwood Forest.

I have numerous coffee mugs that help me to remember events that I attended,



**Rev. Andrew
Sanders**

churches I've been a part of and places I've visited. One of my coffee mugs is from the Badlands of South Dakota where my youngest daughter Drew braved a half day hike through the Badlands National park with me. I smile when those memories cross my mind filling my heart with joy and peace.

I cherish the memories I have associated with those mugs. As I come to Lexington UMC as your pastor, I bring my mugs that fourteen years of ministry has given me, but I assure you that I continue to have space on my shelf for future coffee mugs. I look forward to the many memories that we will create together as ministry happens.

May the grace and peace of God our Father be given to you. ~ Pastor Andrew

Pastor Andrew's first Sunday is July 9, with service times at 11 a.m. Following the service will be a Carry-In dinner with all four churches. We will provide the main dish & beverages. Please join us!

“He surrounds me with loving-kindness and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things!” ~ Psalm 103:4-5

Youth Group of 27 worship with Baptist youth ministers

On June 21st, we had two guest speakers at Youth Group (a husband & wife) who led worship and gave the message. We also invited the Baptist youth minister and his crew, which also gave us a full band - drums, bass, guitar, 2 vocalists. We had a great time, and had 27 people in the youth room! (Photo provided by Thomas Rowland)



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BABY GRACE LEXINGTON has a new Facebook page: "[Baby Grace Lexington MO.](#)" Please help us support this Lexington UMC mission run by volunteer Lauren Negrete. Visit the Baby Grace page and like, follow and/or share the page.



Baby Grace Lexington, Missouri

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Open First & Third Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Diapers, Wipes, Baby & Children's Clothing, Gently Used items
Monetary donations welcome, payable to Lexington UMC (Baby Grace in message line). Donations of clean & gently used baby items welcome.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you submitted a prayer request, please look on the middle back panel of the Sunday bulletin. Let Liz Johnson know in the church office if anyone can or should be removed from the prayer list. Let Liz know if someone needs to be added to the prayer list. Please take the bulletin home on Sunday so you can pray the names on the prayer list.

A WESLEYAN APPROACH TO GIVING



As we enter the summer season, we anticipate a busy time in the life of Lexington United Methodist Church. We are welcoming our new pastor Rev. Andrew Sanders and his wife, Rev. Julie Sanders. Pastor Andrew will be ministering to LUMC as well as

Waverly UMC. Pastor Julie will be ministering to Higginsville and Concordia UMC.

As we welcome the Sanders family into our churches, we look toward growth in attendance, missions, ministry and stewardship.

It is difficult to be an active part of the church family without being present. We look forward to seeing each of you again soon. With fewer in attendance, it is no surprise that the finances of the church are suffering, too. Many are stretched economically in today's world. But even in tough times, if everyone gives something, our church will grow, not just financially, but spiritually as well.

Please consider your financial gift to the church not as an option, but as a priority. The following are verses from the Bible that point to our gifts as a means to honor our Lord and Savior.

- ◆ **Malachi 3:10** – “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse...”
- ◆ **Proverbs 3:9** – “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce.”
- ◆ **Acts 20:35** – “In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
- ◆ **2 Corinthians 9:7** – “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 11 a.m. beginning Sunday, July 9.

Choir Rehearsal on hiatus until September

Mondays: Quilters at 1 p.m

Wednesdays:

Exercise Group: 9 a.m.

Praise/Worship Team: on hiatus

Youth Group: hiatus until mid-July

BABY GRACE: First & Third Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Lauren Negrete, volunteer)

MEN'S GROUP: First Saturday, 8 a.m. at McDonald's in downtown Lexington.

HARVESTERS DISTRIBUTION: Monday, July 10, 8 to 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S GROUP: Carry-in Lunch, Noon, July 14, in the Choir Room.

COMMODITIES: Thursday, July 27, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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Tuesday, July 4: Church office closed for Fourth of July holiday.

Sunday, July 9, 11 a.m.: Rev. Andrew Sanders first Sunday at LUMC. A Carry-In meal follows the service.

Monday, July 10, 6 p.m.: Church Council meeting.



07/03 Joshua Casto
Joshua Laddusaw
Emalie Negrete

07/05 Tony Hoepfner

07/14 Maxine Palmer

07/16 Jessi Harlan

07/19 Kathy Uptegrove

07/28 Lea Ann O'Brien

07/30 Janae Fuller
Jackson Goodloe

07/31 Hayley Noynaert

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First
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WORSHIP: Sundays 11 a.m. (July 9)

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

ONLINE: lexmoumc.org



VBS: Vacation Bible School 2023

Parents and kids, Vacation Bible School time is quickly approaching, so save the date! **Sunday, July 16 through Thursday, July 20, 2023, hosted by the Assembly of God Church, 2090 Berkley Street, Lexington.**

Lexington UMC will be responsible for providing the Sunday night meal from approximately 6 to 6:30 p.m. Pastor Sanders will open with prayer.

On Tuesday night there will be a Pool Party from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lexington public pool, 750 Poolview Drive, Lexington.

There will also be an offering taken each evening. It is, as of this printing, undecided as to what charity will benefit from the offering.

Please reach out to our VBS representative, Tina McFadden for more information: 660-232-0044.

Mission Minute

July 3-11: Puerto Rico Service/Mission trip—Youth will be working with SBP USA on home rebuilding and hurricane relief in San Juan. (sbpusa.org) Three leaders will accompany the youth. Help support this mission trip if you can. Prayers for all of those participating in our third mission trip!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 a.m. SUNDAYS**

We're talking about "Equipped for Life" by Rosekidz! Join us at 9:30 and bring a friend!