



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 7 p.m. at LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST

*"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

*~ 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)*

**FEBRUARY  
2024**

**Lexington United  
Methodist Church**

*Where We Seek, Serve  
and Share Christ*

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**A**s they say, "time flies when you're having fun." Well, the time is flying here at LUMC as we have moved into a new month. Our activities are ramping up as we have been planning for the Lenten season and all it has to offer. I look forward to journeying with you as a church as we explore our faith starting with Ash Wednesday – a day that reminds us of the great sacrifice of the Lord on our behalf. We reflect and repent for the times that we have pushed God away causing space to be between God and us.

When one is on a journey through Lent, it is very similar to an Easter egg hunt. We know that things are laid out to be found, however, it is only those that search that will find the prize. *Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."* As we search for a deeper relationship with Christ, we invite you to join us for the opportunities laid out before you.

**At 7 p.m., February 14th** make your Valentines special as you join us for a time of reflection of the greatest love in the universe, the love of God. This is a day that we celebrate God's love for



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humanity in recognizing that humanity has a broken relationship with our Lord. It is through our acts of love and responding to the Lord's grace that we begin to live a life for Christ. The simple act of repenting ready's our hearts for replenishment of the Spirit.

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.,** we have an opportunity to have the combined Lenten services of Lexington UMC, Grace UMC, Waverly UMC and Concordia UMC. My wife, Reverend Julie Sanders and I, will be swapping pulpits for the evening services, preaching in each others churches. A light dinner will follow with ample time for fellowship!

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.,** you are invited to for a Maundy Thursday service remembering Jesus' servitude and the institution of the Lord's supper before demonstrating his willingness to go to the cross.

**Then, Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.,** we approach the service with a somber tone as we remember the day that

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY WORSHIP: 11 a.m.

-Choir Rehearsal is Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

-Sunday School Adult Class: Sundays at 10 a.m. in the former Youth Room.

-Children's Sunday School Class: Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Christ Kids I room with Bailee Smith.

Mondays: Quilters at 1 p.m

Wednesdays: Exercise Group: 9 a.m.

BABY GRACE: First & Third Saturdays, 10 to Noon. (Lauren Negrete, volunteer)

MEN'S GROUP: This group will be starting back up soon. Ideas? Talk to Phillip Davis.

HARVESTERS DISTRIBUTION: Second Monday of the month 8 to 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S GROUP: Friday, February 9, Noon for carry-in lunch.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, February 19, 6 p.m., Choir Room.

COMMODITIES: Thursday, February 22, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**REMEMBER TO TURN OFF LIGHTS AND SHUT DOORS TIGHTLY PLEASE:** Those who are here in the church entering through the digital access door, please be sure to pull the door closed tightly when entering or leaving. Please be sure to turn off all lights when leaving the building.

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Jesus was nailed to the cross to pay for our sins.

All of our celebrations conclude on **Sunday March 31st** as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and His promise that we to shall have eternal life through him.

Folks, we have ample opportunities to search out Christ. May we spend ample amount of time searching for Jesus this Lent. See you in service in your congregation at Lexington United Methodist church.

# Church COUNCIL

The 2024 Church Council leaders met on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> after an ice storm forced the cancellation of the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Lexington UMC had been approached by **Melanie Allen of River City Players** the previous week to request utilizing the Family Life Center through certain dates in March and April for its Spring play. Because they were requesting numerous dates, the decision to extend the building usage to RCP was put before the Council.

Melanie attended the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to answer questions from leadership. It should be noted that River City Players is now under new management with a new board of directors. They are now producing family friendly plays.

After some discussion with Melanie, and the Council visiting the Family Life Center to see how RCP would be utilizing the facility, she left the meeting and a vote was taken by the Council.

We are pleased to announce that we've approved River City Players to use the Family Life Center for specific weeknights during March and April with performances **Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 and May 3 and 4.**

This will not only bring River City Players into the church, but also a number of community members here to see the play.

In addition, there is an election on **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, in which the Family Life Center will be in use by city election officials all day, as well as April 1 and 3<sup>rd</sup> for setting up and tear-

ing down voting booths.

Anyone interested in renting a part of Lexington UMC, please reach out to **Liz Johnson in the church office: 660-259-2483 or [secretary@lexmoumc.org](mailto:secretary@lexmoumc.org)** to make arrangements. You can also visit our website at: **lexmoumc.org** and click on the calendar to see if the facility is available for the day you want to rent.

We are also pleased to announce that the **Baby Grace room is being moved to the Boy Scout Room** where the room has heat and air conditioning as well as much more storage. Meanwhile, the Scouts will use the former Baby Grace room for storage. Stay tuned for the date Baby Grace will make its move.

Currently, Lauren Negrete is on maternity leave (**Congratulations Lauren and Antonio on the birth of your son Graecyn!**). The moving date of Baby Grace is yet to be determined. Lauren has also announced that upon returning to her full volunteer duties in April, she is hoping to expand and grow the Baby Grace ministry.

**Exciting news! New member Bailee Smith has volunteered to be a Sunday School teacher here at LUMC!** With a curriculum already in hand, **Bailee will start classes this Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Christ Kids I room, across the hall from the nursery.**

**More exciting news! A new adult Sunday School Class will begin this Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, too!** The class will meet in the former Youth Room at 10 a.m., facilitated by Sarah Black. Grab a doughnut and a cup of coffee and join us!

Please keep our church leaders in your prayers as we navigate this new year in our mission, "To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



**Lent begins Wednesday, February 14 with Ash Wednesday.** Join us at 7 p.m. here at LUMC as we have the imposition of ashes and begin this time of reflection and renewal.

- ◆ **Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m.:** Ash Wednesday service at LUMC.
- ◆ **Sunday, Feb. 18, 5 p.m.:** Lenten Service here at LUMC with Rev. Julie Sanders preaching, followed by a meal.
- ◆ **Sunday, Feb. 25, 5 p.m.:** Lenten Service at Grace in Higginsville, followed by a meal.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 3, 5 p.m.:** Lenten Service at Waverly, followed by a meal.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 10, 5 p.m.:** Lenten Service at Concordia UMC, followed by a meal.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 24, 11 a.m.:** Palm Sunday. Holy Week begins.
- ◆ **Thursday, March 28, 5 p.m.:** Maundy Thursday Service at LUMC.
- ◆ **Friday, March 29, time to be determined:** Good Friday Service at LUMC.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 31, 9 a.m.:** Easter Egg Hunt.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 31, 9:45 a.m.:** Pancake breakfast.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 31, 11 a.m.:** Celebrating the resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. **HE IS RISEN!**

## CHARGE CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 11

CHARGE CONFERENCE is this Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m. at First Sedalia Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St., Sedalia. All are welcome to attend, as well as all church leaders. It's a great time to carpool!



- 02/01 Tucker Herbst**  
**02/07 Debbie Hatfield**  
**02/09 Buddy Black**  
**02/11 Seth Seitz**  
**02/13 Lyndsay Reynolds**  
**02/17 Susan Worthington**
- Please wish a belated birthday to the following birthdays ... missed in January:
- 01/18 Scott Slusher**  
**01/25 Marcia Hicklin**
- Let Liz know in the office if we don't have your birthday!

## Shoes for Orphan Souls Collection

A collection tub is by the table outside the sanctuary for your GIFT OF NEW SHOES.

We are collection NEW Shoes for Orphan Souls, which helps put children on a path to better health, education, hope and opportunity. This is through our Rotary and [buckner.org/shoes](http://buckner.org/shoes). Your gift of shoes will change lives!

## JOHN KNOX VILLAGE EAST FACTS & SNACKS & MORE

On Sunday, Feb. 25, at 1:30 p.m., folks will enjoy a time of painting and wine in the Gathering Room. Cost is \$40. (wine, drinks & appetizers provided). Lead artist is Misty Williams.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m., Tabby Reeves with R & R Travel will provide attendees with some fun ideas for trips for seniors. RSVP to Kurt at: 660-584-4416.



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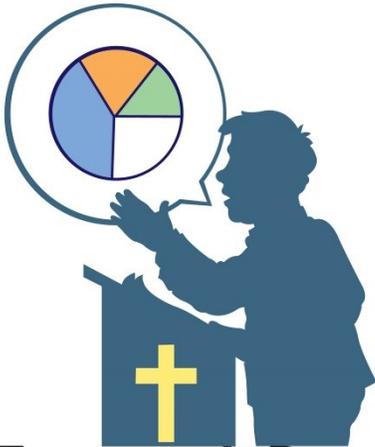
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**WORSHIP: Sundays 11 a.m.**

**Sunday School: 10 a.m. Adult & Children's**

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## Treasurer's Report JANUARY 2024

January Offering:	\$6,913.17
Plus Reimbursements:	<u>+\$ 269.16</u>
Total	\$7,182.33
Less Expenses:	<u>-\$16,500.00</u> (Incl. Insur.)
Total	<b>-\$9,317.67</b>

**Teri James: Treasurer**

**Liz Johnson: Finance Secretary**

**Sharol McMullin: Finance Chair**

**Phillip Davis: Council Chair**

**Pastor: Rev. Andrew Sanders**

*"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." ~ Proverbs 22:9 I*



**From Liz Fenner:** "Thank you to each one who helped me celebrate 90 years. You are each a blessing in my life."—Liz Fenner

**From Sharol McMullin:** "Many thanks to everyone who reached out during my recovery with calls, prayers, and well wishes." —Sharol

### Volunteers Needed!

Baby Grace is in need of volunteers to help with distribution and other duties in this active ministry. Lauren Negrete is on maternity leave and needs help. This is a growing ministry that has served more than 100 children in the last year and 30-40 families per month. Please call the church office to volunteer: 660-259-2483. Baby Grace will soon be moving to the Scout Room!

**BEHOLD**  
Your  
**KING**  
is  
**COMING**

