



SOW SEEDS of faith

May 2025

**Lexington United
Methodist Church**

*Where We Seek, Serve and
Share Christ*

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Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday School: On hiatus
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Youth Group, Sundays 6 p.m.
Worshiping Winds Rehearsal:
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal: 10 a.m. Sundays

LET US BE SOWERS OF COMPASSION, GRACE, TRUTH

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow."
– 1 Corinthians 3:6 (NIV)

As spring unfolds and gardens awaken, many of us find joy in planting the seeds we've carefully nurtured indoors. Watching them grow reminds me of another kind of planting—one that happens in our hearts and in the lives we touch every day.



**Rev. Andrew
Sanders**

Each conversation, every interaction, is like planting a seed in someone else's spiritual garden. The question is: What kind of seeds are we sowing? Are they seeds of love or of discord? Do we plant peace or stir division? Are we pointing others toward Christ or toward conflict?

he sows." So let's choose carefully. Let's be sowers of compassion, grace, and truth. Let's cultivate gardens of reconciliation, mercy, and hope. At LUMC, we believe this intentional living is how the Spirit grows our community—through small seeds of faith planted daily.

This growing season, we invite you to join us in worship. Come tend the garden of your faith, and be part of what God is growing right here at LUMC.

Let's grow together—one seed at a time.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you submitted a prayer request, please look at the names on the bulletin. Let Liz Johnson know in the church office if anyone should be removed from or added to the prayer list. Please take the bulletin home on Sunday so you can pray the names on the prayer list. You can reach out to Liz J at: 660-259-2483 or secretary@lexmoumc.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sundays: Worshiping Winds rehearsal
9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal 10 a.m.

Sundays at 10 a.m.: Adult Sunday School.

Mondays: Quilters at 1 p.m.

Wednesdays: Exercise Group 9 a.m.

BABY GRACE: First & Third Saturdays,
10 to Noon.

Wednesday, May 7: Church office opens
at Noon.

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

Sunday, May 11: Mother's Day.

HARVESTERS DISTRIBUTION: May 12, 8 to
11 a.m.

Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m.: Recognition of
our graduates during worship.

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

WEDNESDAY, May 21, 6 p.m.: Finance
Team meeting.

COMMODITIES: THURSDAY, May 22, 8:30
to 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, May 25—June 8: Pastor
Andrew on vacation (ordination is June
8!)

MONDAY, May 26: Church office closed.

YOUTH GROUP: Sundays at 6 p.m.,
except May 25, June 1 and June 8.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays at 10.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: On hiatus.



May 14	Bailee Johnson
May 15	Teri James
May 15	Briley Huffmann
May 16	Sharol McMullin
May 16	Dakota Yates
May 17	Clayton Yates
May 29	Everly Huffman



Liz Johnson | Secretary

Present at April 21 Council meeting: Liz Johnson, Sharol McMullin, Teri James, Sarah Black, David Cooley, Cheryl Cooley, Roger McFadden, Thomas Rowland, Nancy Oles, Steven Fuller and Jim Martin.

Council Chair Sarah opened the meeting with prayer.

♦ **Spiritual Development:** Pastor Andrew was unable to attend the meeting, therefore, we reviewed the pastor's report for this meeting. He confirmed four confirmands at the Easter service and the fifth was confirmed on April 27.

♦ **Approval of March Minutes:** Roger moved, seconded by Sharol to pass the March minutes. So passed.

♦ **Finance Report:** Teri said the utilities (electric) were high again for April. We are -\$5,700 for year to date and would need \$9,500 in offering between Sunday, April 20th and Sunday, April 27th to break even in April.

♦ Sarah asked if we needed to have a pledge drive. Liz J suggested we have a church leader (such as Sarah, Steven or Teri) speak to the congregation about the state of our finances. All of this will be reviewed with Pastor Andrew.

♦ Thomas suggested that we need to set up digital offering capabilities – this has been an ongoing issue for several years and to date – we still need someone's social security number to be able to utilize Venmo or PayPal to open a church account. Steven has offered to work on this and get a church PayPal up and running. Cash App was also suggested as it doesn't require a social security number. (**Note:** Liz J has set up a Cash App account for the church, however, they only accept a debit card at this time – not the church bank account. The church does not have a debit card. So this is still being investigated).

♦ Sarah asked Liz J to check with supplier Cokesbury about a new giving program booklet.

♦ Pastor Andrew's ordination is during

the Annual Conference, Sunday, June 8. It was suggested we put a group together to attend. (St. Louis)

♦ **Trustees:** Roger said Curt (Curt's Heating and Cooling) has programmable thermostats for the Buddy Black Family Life Center to install. Liz J will be put on the app to maintain heat or a/c for use of that room. He said the parking lot will be re-paved when it gets really hot.

♦ **Graduation:** Nancy said a \$25 gift certificate from the Lexington chamber will be given to the three graduates we have this year during a Sunday service (May 18). Our graduates are: **Andrew Dye, Elisabeth Staus and Chloe Heisler.**

♦ **Trade Days:** Sharol said that Kathryn Roberts was meeting with Liz J on Tuesday, April 22 to get flyers and applications set up. The first Trade days is set for May 24th. Kathryn has put out feelers with invites to vendors and food trucks.

♦ **Hicklin Hearthstone Tour:** Marcia Hicklin has someone to help with parking and tickets, including some reenactment friends to assist as tour guides. It was suggested that possibly our youth group could handle the bake sale – we will run this by Pastor Andrew.

♦ **Harvest Dinner, Nov. 1st:** This will be a community event with a silent auction. Cost will either be free will or \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children under age 10. The dinner and possible events during the dinner are still under discussion. Cheryl suggested a pie auction versus a regular silent auction. We need enough entertainment to keep our guests there for more than just the meal.

♦ **Explosion Victims Donations:** Liz J stated that we had a lot of donations come in during Holy Week and that we needed to move the donations to another room and sort them for distribution before facility rentals take place in May. Thomas volunteered to reach out to the Ministerial Alliance to coordinate volunteers for Thursday, April 24th at Noon.

♦ **First Quarterly Meal:** Teri said The meal has been moved to July 13th or 20th – yet to be determined.

♦ **The May council meeting** will be Monday, May 19. Liz J is unable to attend, so Cheryl Cooley will take notes that night.

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kids of the church, and a few adults, gather around Pastor Andrew (not pictured) who taught Children's Moment on Palm Sunday.



The kids eagerly gathered for an Easter Egg hunt before the 11 a.m. service. Left: Released to find eggs, the kids take off for the Buddy Black Family Life Center. Above right: Arthur Rowland carefully puts an egg in his bucket while his dad watches.



Four Confirmed on Easter Sunday

Pastor Andrew had five confirmands studying and preparing to be confirmed on Easter Sunday. **Left:** Cooper Davis, Mylan Huffman, Everly Huffman & Sutton Eaton and their family enjoyed a small reception prior to the service. Many thanks to Patty Skelton for being the reception's hostess. Missing is Ava Herbst, who was confirmed the following Sunday. **Bottom left:** Pastor Andrew also baptized Everly Huffman. **Bottom right:** The confirmands are initiated into Christ's holy church by Pastor Andrew.



Help needed for historic June Hicklin Hearthstone tour



We are partnering with **Marcia Hicklin**, owner of historic property, **Hicklin Hearthstone**, on June 20th & 21st with a home tour. We're looking for volunteers to help with the tours through 2-hour shifts in various rooms.

June 20th is 1 to 5 p.m., June 21st is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All information is provided for this air conditioned environment. Proceeds will benefit church missions. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the church hallway.

Please reach out to **Liz Johnson** for more information: 660-259-2483.

DID YOU KNOW?

When reaching out to **Liz Johnson** in the church office after office hours (**Mon.-Thurs., 9-2**), please send her an **email** instead of a **text**.

If your message is a 911, it is okay to send a text up to 7 p.m.

Also, building rentals are updated regularly in the calendar section of our website: lexmoumc.org.

Children's Sunday School

We are in need of **two Children's Sunday School teachers** to continue the 10 a.m. Sunday classes. Please reach out to Pastor **Andrew** and/or **Sarah Black** if interested.

We're so grateful to **Bria Dobson & Jess Eaton** for their time of service. The kids love them!

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ONLINE: lexmoumc.org



Treasurer's Report

April: 2025

April Offering:	\$12,513.00
Reimbursements:	\$ 2,150.95
April Expenses:	-\$15,371.29
Total	-\$ 707.34
Year to Date (3/31):	-\$ 5,700.00
*Avg. Expenses 2025	\$ 13,641.00 (per month)

(April expenses include quarterly taxes & Easter offering of \$2,540). April Treasurer's report not in yet.

Teri James: Treasurer

Liz Johnson: Finance Secretary

Sharol McMullin: Finance Chair

Sarah Black: 2025 Council Chair

Jim Martin: 2025 PPR Chair

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Sanders

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

LEXINGTON TRADE DAYS

MONTHLY EVENT
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

MAY 24 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Goods, Food, Activities for All Ages

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Join us for our First annual Lexington Trade Days to take place in the parking lot of Lexington United Methodist Church on the fourth Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We'll feature lots of vendors and food trucks with a wide variety of wares to sell and delicious food and treats. Plus, activities for children. We have plenty of parking available, restrooms and fun for everyone!

Our Fourth Saturday Trade Days will run May through November with fall themes in September and October, and a Christmas theme in November.

**SATURDAY
MAY 24**

First Trade Days
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY
JUNE 28**

Summer Trade Days
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY
JULY 26**

Back-to-School
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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