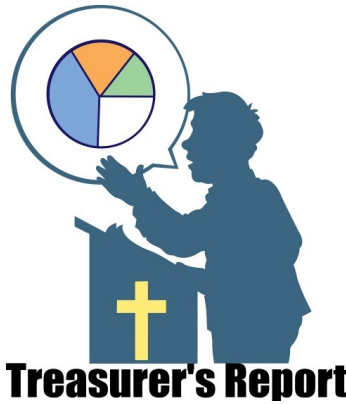


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**WORSHIP: Sundays 11 a.m.**  
Children's Sunday School is 10 a.m.  
Young Couple's Class: 10 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School: on hiatus  
Choir Rehearsal: 10 a.m.  
Worshiping Winds Rehearsal: 9:30 a.m.  
ONLINE: [lexmoumc.org](http://lexmoumc.org)

**March: 2025**



March Offering: \$ 9,387.37  
Mar. Expenses: ~~-\$13,188.73~~  
Total (tithe) ~~-\$ 3,801.36~~  
Year to Date (as of 3/31): ~~-\$ 14,797.88~~  
**\*\*March full finance report is not available at press time.**  
\*Avg. Expenses 2025 \$ 13,641.00 (per month)  
Building Rentals Mar.: \$ 1825.00  
\*Borrowed from Savings to cover four months of church insurance on April 1: \$4,000.00

**Teri James:** Treasurer  
**Liz Johnson:** Finance Secretary  
**Janae Fuller, Mary Kate Alkire:** 2026 Finance Co-Chairs  
**Steven Fuller:** 2026 Council Chair  
**Jim Martin:** 2026 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*



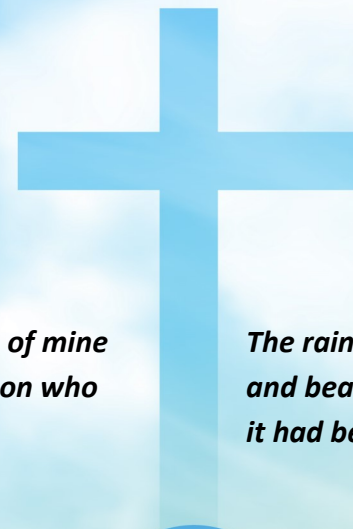
### Welcoming new member

Please extend a hearty welcome to new member Brandon McCulloch, center, who joined our church on Palm Sunday. Also pictured is Pastor Andrew, left, and new Council Chair Steven Fuller, during Brandon's induction to the church family. Brandon has already jumped into church ministries by cooking and serving during the luncheon for Rose Seitz's family.

### Plans to rebuild parsonage

The Finance Committee would like to share with the congregation the plans to rebuild our Methodist Church Parsonage. Bids are being received to rebuild our parsonage. The insurance money has been deposited in FDIC insured accounts. It has been invested in short-term and longer-termed CDs and a money market to take advantage of the best

investment rates available. The money will be available in the stages it is needed for Teri James, our treasurer, to pay the ongoing construction costs. Although a timeline of the construction process is not available just yet, the committee will keep the congregation informed on the progress being made.  
**Janae Fuller, Mary Kate Alkire, Scott Slusher, Steven Fuller and Roger McFadden**



*"Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise person who built their house on rock."*

*The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock."*

~ (Matthew 7:24-25)

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**April 2026**

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*Where We Seek, Serve and Share Christ*

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**Steven Fuller,**  
**Council Chair**

**Sunday worship: 11 a.m.**  
**Children's Sunday School: 10 a.m.**  
**Adult Sunday School: Hiatus**  
**Young Couples Class: 10 a.m.**  
**Youth Group: Sundays 6 p.m.**  
**Worshiping Winds Rehearsal: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Choir Rehearsal: Sundays 10 a.m.**

## We are resurrection people

Spring is here.

New life is pushing through the ground, the days are getting longer, and we are reminded that this is what we believe at our core. We are Easter people. We are resurrection people. And this season, we are seeing that truth lived out right here among us.

Before anything else, we pause and say thank you.

There are seasons when people step forward to lead, and there are seasons when people step back to listen for where God is leading next. Both are faithful. Both are holy.

We give thanks to those who have poured deeply into the life of this church.

Thank you to Sarah Black for her steady leadership across so many areas of the church. For discipling younger couples in Sunday school, supporting countless ministries, and faithfully serving as Council Chair through last year and into this year. Your leadership has helped guide and strengthen this church in meaningful ways.

Thank you to Melissa Beal for her dedication to our youth over the past year and a half. For



**Rev. Andrew Sanders**

showing up, investing in their lives, and walking alongside them in faith. We are also grateful for your involvement in many ministries all through the church, including Whispering Winds, helping lead worship each Sunday morning.

Both of these leaders have given countless hours to the work of the Kingdom right here in Lexington, and their impact will continue to bear fruit.

And even now, God is raising up others. We are seeing new disciples step forward, offering their time, gifts, and hearts. We are grateful for those providing meals for our youth each Sunday.

Thank you to Jennifer Coen and Chelsea Huffman for investing in our youth with your gifts and presence.

Thank you to Steven Fuller, who as Vice Chair, has graciously stepped in to serve as Council Chair during this transition as we prepare to vote for a permanent position.

This is what it looks like to be the body of Christ. People stepping in, stepping up, and

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Choir Rehearsal: 10 a.m.

Sundays at 10 a.m.: Adult Sunday School is on hiatus—if anyone is interested in leading this class, please reach out to Liz J in the church office: 660-259-2483 or secretary@lexmoumc.org.

Sundays at 10 a.m.: Children's Sunday School with Donna Slusher & Katie Dye.

Sundays at 10 a.m.: Young Couples Class, "A Disciples Path: A Guide for United Methodists" by James Hamish, with Sarah Black, facilitator—open to all ages.

BABY GRACE: Call for diaper needs: Jen Coen—660-232-4190.

BABY GRACE HOURS: First Tuesday of the month: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Fourth Saturday of the month: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Mondays: Quilters at 1 p.m.

Monday, April 6: Church office is closed for Easter Monday.

Tuesday, April 7: Election Day in the Buddy Black Family Life Center.

HARVESTERS DISTRIBUTION: Monday, April 13, 9 to 11 a.m.

YOUTH GROUP: Sundays at 6 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH MEET: Friday, April 10, at Noon for carry-in meal in the Choir Room.

Week of April 13: Church office is closed due to vacation.

CHURCH COUNCIL TEAM MEETING: Monday, April 20, 6 p.m.

USDA FOODS: Monday, April 27, 9 to 11 a.m. (Commodities is now USDA Foods and now on the 4th Monday).



April 7 Janet Thompson  
April 8 Samantha Ralston  
April 20 Sutton Eaton  
April 25 Arthur Rowland

\*Did we miss your birthday? Please reach out to Liz Johnson in the church office: 660-259-2483 to let her know of a missed birthday.

# Church COUNCIL

Liz Johnson | Secretary

◆Sarah called the meeting to order and read the church mission and vision statements.

◆Pastor Andrew prayed over the council.

◆Spiritual Development | Pastor Andrew: Pastor read the history of St. Patrick on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, using it as a teaching moment. After St. Patrick returned to Ireland – he used that time for repentance and transformation in teaching the Irish people about Christianity using the 3-leave clover as an example of the Holy Trinity, which he used to explain the Gospels. Pastor asked if we are explaining faith to others so they can understand. To teach faith simply and clearly – and to never lose sight of the power of forgiveness. He read from the Gospel of Luke 19:10 (for the son of man came to see and save the lost).

◆New People: We had a new fellow on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> named Brandon who has been attending for a few Sundays.

◆Minutes of the three previous meetings: February 16, 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> – Sharol moved to approve, seconded by Scott – so passed.

◆Finance Report for February – moved by Sharol, seconded by Jennifer – so passed.

◆Finance Report: With the absence of Teri James, Steven Fuller reported that we have an insurance policy premium payout of \$9,466.98 on April 1<sup>st</sup>, for the past four months while insurance underwriters were working on our policy, plus first quarter taxes are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Steven said we would likely have to take funds from the church savings account to cover these two large bills.

◆Insurance payout: Scott has done the research necessary to report on the best possible place to put the insurance payout monies. Finance will meet again this week to make that determination and get the funds deposited. We received \$476,395 from State Farm.

◆Trustees | Roger McFadden: Roger will have two bids by the April 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Steven he believes the Clearview Drive house can be resurrected. It was also reported that Kenny Nadler's home may be coming available for purchase,

should we decide not to rebuild the Clearview house.

◆Hillside Temporary Parsonage: The Cooley's reported that they will have the patio doors replaced on the Hillside house.

◆General Housekeeping | Sarah Black: Due to the high electric costs, Sarah asked that rental folks do not leave doors to the outside open – this will be added to the building rental contract by Liz J. Liz will also speak with the Harvesters and USDA Foods staff about the doors being left open.

◆Rubbish Removal | Liz Johnson: Liz reported that she has cut our rubbish pick up by Republic Services to twice a month instead of every week – thus reducing our monthly bill in half.

◆Jennifer Coen: Jennifer requested a banner for the church. She also would like to have T-shirts made for us to have during community events. Sarah asked her to put this request on hold until church finances are taken care of – in light of our large insurance bill and taxes due in April.

◆Easter Egg Hunt | Jennier: We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 10 a.m. for age newborn to 10. Liz J will request candy donations in the bulletin and Thursday email.

◆Youth Group | Pastor Andrew: Pastor reported that Melissa Beal has resigned from Youth Group. The youth are now up to 12 kids. Jen will be having surgery, so youth is in need of help while she is recovering.

◆Goal Setting | Sarah: Sarah went over our goal setting: membership, missions, community-minded, fundraisers, youth (growing with three new members).

◆Fireworks: Sharol said we need to move on the fireworks. Steven will reach out to Phillip about having the Scouts assist.

◆Breakout Teams | Steven: After the parsonage business is fully settled, Steven would like to have break-out teams.

◆The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting set for Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

◆NOTE: Following the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, Sarah Black resigned from her position as Council chair. After a discussion with Pastor Andrew, Steven Fuller agreed to assume the position of Council chair for the remainder of this year's term (December 31, 2026). Sarah will remain on the council as lay leader and a member of the nominations team.

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trusting God with the next step.

Church, I believe that we were created for this time and this space.

We have experienced challenges as a town and as a church. We are not immune to the pain of this world. The parsonage fire has been a devastating loss, and we are still walking through that reality.

That home held years of ministry and the lives of pastors and their families. It was more than a structure. It was part of our story. But even in loss, we are seeing blessing. The outpouring of support from this community and surrounding communities has been a powerful reminder that we do not walk alone. We are deeply blessed. And so, we

move forward with purpose.

We will rebuild.

Not just a house, but a continuation of a legacy. A place where future pastors and their families will live, serve, and experience the life of this community for generations to come.

As we rebuild, we are reminded that our true foundation has never been the building itself. Our foundation is Christ.

Christ is the rock on which this church is built. Christ is the steady ground beneath our feet. When the winds blow and the storms come, we remain because we are built on something that does not move. We are seeing this truth lived out right now. Each Sunday, we are seeing growth. People are showing up, engaging in worship, being transformed, and

taking steps in discipleship.

What seemed lost is being rebuilt. What felt uncertain is becoming a testimony. This is resurrection. Not just something we celebrate, but something we live.

So come and be part of what God is doing.

Come and see the evidence of grace at work. Come and grow with us as we continue to build lives rooted in Christ and shaped by love.

This is not the end of the story.

This is a new chapter.

And it is being built on a foundation that will not fail.

Seek. Serve. Share Christ.  
Rev. Andrew Sanders



Steven Fuller, left, was the St. Patrick's Parade grand marshal. He's with LUMC trustee chair, Roger McFadden during the parade line-up.



Ava Herbst, above right, was just one of those who rode on the church's float in the parade, led by Roger McFadden and his giant tractor. At right are Ava's brother and sister, Jase and Gracie Coen. We had a simply beautiful day for a parade.



Julie Sanders has stepped up to help with our Children's Moment. She's pictured with the kids on March 22nd, talking about the five loaves and two fishes.



### PULPIT SWAP

On Sunday, March 22nd, Pastor Andrew and Pastor Colin Brown from Richmond UMC, swapped pulpits. Pastor Brown preached a wonderful message on the five loaves and two fishes.



Saturday, March 14

