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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

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Scripture for May

John 15:12-17
"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

In terms of the Christian year, we are the Easter season, the 50-day period between the celebration of the Resurrection and the celebration of the Holy Spirit's arrival at Pentecost. For us, Pentecost is the last big piece of the story to fall into place. It's one of my favorite topics to preach on because it is the birth of the thing that we've been doing ever since – the church. All who believed in Christ were gathered together. All who believed in Christ were given the power of the Holy Spirit. All who believed in Christ were sent out to do something with that power. This same process has been happening in churches around the world for 2,000 years. It's why there are two billion Christians in the world, and it's why God's truth reached us at some point in our lives.

The real life blood of the church for the two millennia of its existence has been ordinary people doing extraordinary things for God. Church leaders get a lot of mention in the history books. We know their names – Peter, Paul, Augustine, Martin Luther, John Wesley, etc. However, the success of all those leaders and the thousands of others across time was reliant on many more thousand ordinary people, with day jobs, coming together to support the ministry. Paul gives us a window into this sometimes, when he takes time to thank people in his letters. We hear about wealthier Christians who opened their homes so that the early church had a place to meet. There is special mention of female leaders charged with taking care of the poor in their midst. We now remember Paul's name and remember his legacy, but he knew the fuller truth. The church's success hinged on the efforts of all.

Across the 160-year history of our two churches, the bishops have sent dozens of pastors, and if we dig deep enough into our records, we could name all of them. However, could we name all the Sunday School teachers? Youth workers? Bible school helpers? Choir members? History is bad at recording such facts; yet, it is the continued efforts of those individuals that truly provide the through-line of church history. Pastors come and go. Our lay volunteers are the ones who keep the candle of our churches burning.

As such, I want to take some time and thank everyone who works to make our churches possible. I often joke that 26 people run every Methodist church, but we have a lot more than 26 people striving to build God's Kingdom in the place. From our M&Ms folks to our youth team to our Admin Councils to our financial teams to our worship leaders to our Sunday School teachers to our prayer warriors to our sanctuary decorators to our meal cooks to our fundraiser wranglers to our building builders, God has called so many hands to carry the load. I am deeply thankful to all of you for your efforts. You are the reason that our doors are still open more than a century later. You are what make the community a thriving outpost of God's kingdom.

If you are currently not involved or as involved as you'd like to be, there are several avenues on the horizon for you to dive into. Vacation Bible School (VBS) is always needed a lot of help, and this year's will be particularly large as we've planned an ambitious program. We are always looking for more musicians to participate in worship – as a choir leader, choir member, soloist, instrumentalist, etc. Also, we need help with ideas that we haven't even thought of, so if you have an idea that you want to run with, let us know. Many hands make for light work and make the church possible.

Vaya con Dios,
Pastor Trey



Our annual Easter picture with the Pastor



And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

UPCOMING UMW EVENTS

- Come and join us for fun & fellowship!
- May
- 9 UMW Program
- 14 Mother's Day
- June
- 13 Speaker with Redeemed Ministries
- July
- 11 Health Kits for UMCOR

UMW COLLECTION

We are always collecting the following items:

Used eye glasses

Pull tabs

Used batteries

Collection bins are located on the UMW table in the Fellowship Hall



BLUE & LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

A Call to Community

May Program: Mothers In Action

Join us on May 9th at 2 p.m. as we celebrate Mother's Day and learn how the role of mothers in the Bible saved children's lives and the priority we have as UMW to improve the health of mothers and their children around the world.



June Program: Redeemed Ministries

Save the date for Tuesday, June 13th as a representative from Redeemed Ministries will speak to us about the fight against human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation here in Central Texas.

Redeemed Ministries, founded in 2005, is a faith-based non-profit 501 (c) 3 incorporated in the State of Texas. We are composed mostly of volunteers with our people serving from a wide variety of church backgrounds with our unity found in serving Jesus our Lord and Savior. Because we have seen and understand the problem in our community, we have set our core competencies to include Outreach, Aftercare and Advocacy giving churches and their congregations the opportunity to network and find their place in the fight against human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Being a faith-based organization, it is our desire to share our passion and to bring unity to the whole church body and giving them the opportunity to engage as they feel led and called to use their gifts and talents in partnering with us to provide holistic care.

Outreach: Our Outreach is handled by our Field Ministry Group. This group is responsible for prayers, direct contact work with women in the commercial sex industry, and research.

Aftercare: Our Aftercare is managed by our Survivor Resources Group. This group is tasked with identifying resources, networking with pro bono service providers and churches, providing care needed by survivors to have a fresh beginning. This group is also responsible for our safe house operations and host family support.

Engagement: Our Advocacy Group provides a voice to the voiceless. This group empowers individuals and communities to seek changes at all levels of government and engage the church in its mission to work with the "least of these."

Health Kits

In July, we will be collecting items to put together health kits for UMCOR. Watch for supplies list to come in the next few months.



		MAY 2017						
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
30			10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Webelos 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7 p.m. NMLC 4H (BUMC)	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. JH Youth 5:00 p.m. Confirmation	3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:15 p.m. Homecoming Sing 6:30 p.m. Lion's Club	Homecoming	6 7 a.m. Pancakes 10 a.m. Parade 11 a.m. Fish Fry	
7		7:30 p.m. BVFD (BUMC)	9:30 a.m. Min Alliance Mtg 10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 2 p.m. UMW Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	10 11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. JH Youth 5:00 p.m. Confirmation	11 11 a.m. Garden Club 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7 p.m. Trustees Mtg	12 19	13 FH Reseved (T. Smith) 20 Youth Fiesta Texas	
14	5:00 PM Sr. High Homecoming Mother's Day 7:30 a.m. Mother's Day Breakfast (BUMC) 5:00 PM Sr. High	1 7:30 p.m. BVFD (BUMC)	2 10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Webelos 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7 p.m. NMLC 4H (BUMC)	3 11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. JH Youth 5:00 p.m. Confirmation 7 p.m. Admin Council Mtg 7 p.m. Baccalaureate Svc.	4 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:15 p.m. Homecoming Sing 6:30 p.m. Lion's Club	5 Homecoming	6 7 a.m. Pancakes 10 a.m. Parade 11 a.m. Fish Fry	
21	10:30 a.m. Senior Sunday 5:00 PM Sr. High	22	23 10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. TEEA (BUMC) 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	24 11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. JH Youth 5:00 p.m. Confirmation	25 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Lion's Club	26 27	27 Graduation	
28		29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30 10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	31 11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 5:00 p.m. Confirmation	1 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	2 3	3	

Texas Annual Conference

LEXINGTON ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

<i>All Funds Balance as of April 17, 2017</i>		Date:	Offering	Worship Attendance	Sunday School Attendance (All Classes)	
General Fund	\$17,094.25	April				
Early Chapel CD	\$18,918.51		2	\$3,471.00	57	21
RTSB CD #1	\$16,208.66		9	\$3,182.00	76	21
RTSB CD #4	\$10,496.00		16	\$4,122.00	161	33
DESIGNATED FUNDS in GENERAL:		April 23 and 30 will be in June Newsletter.				
Pledge Fund Acct. Balance	\$9,637.61	Annual Church Budget for 2017		\$199,699.00		
Early Chapel Cemetery Fund	\$(-188.42)	Offerings thru April 17, 2017		\$55,362.02		
Journey Sunday School	\$93.30	(Behind \$4,052.98 for the year)				
Memorial Fund	\$2,347.42	Minimum amount needed to stay within budget:				
Methodist Men	\$0	\$16,640/month & \$ 3,840/week				
Quintet	\$0	2017 District Apportionment - \$2,018.04				
Youth Fundraisers (camp fund)	\$4,334.87	2017 Conference Apportionments - \$14,251.00				

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

St. Stephen's Fund

\$2,686.43

On Communion Sunday's (the first Sunday of the month), we take a special offering at the rail for the **St. Stephen's Fund**. This money is used to help those in need in our community. With this fund, we help people in emergency situations and those that may need some help with their utilities. To contribute by check, please write "St. Stephen's Fund" in the memo.

OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS: lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com

	Newsletter deadline for June's edition is May 17th Articles and photos are always needed. Please submit yours to Stephanie in the church office.
	Stephanie Kellenberger Editor of <i>The Voice</i>

BLUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A few photos from Holy Week at Blue UMC. Photos include those from Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. Thank you Neta Callahan for sharing!

Blue UMC Worship Attendance		
April	2	33
	9	41
	16	71

May Birthdays

- 2-Carolyn Shirley
- 9-Johnny Kidd
- 10-Andrea Harrell
- 18-Jeff Torn
- 29-Mary Stifflemire



UPCOMING BLUE EVENTS

Sunday Mornings

- 9 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday Mornings

- 11 a.m. Prayer Group

MAY

- 1 BVFD
- 2 NWLC 4H
- 8 Texas Stars
- 14 Mother's Day Breakfast
- 23 TEEA



Save the Date
Church Campout

July 7 to 9, 2017 At Lockhart

The is the 28th year to have our annual Church Campout. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. We will have Washers and Horseshoe Tournaments, crafts, and best homemade ice cream contest!

Please contact Carolyn Hutson for more information. See you there!

Blue UMC St. Stephen's Fund \$832.54

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Calendar of Events

Sunday

Sunday School
9:45-10:45A
(6-12th grade)
High School Youth
5 to 6:30P

Wednesday

Middle School Youth
3:30 to 5P
Confirmation Class
5 to 6:00P

May

17 Bacc. Svc.
20 Fiesta Texas
21 Last Youth/Sr.
Sunday
24 Last Youth

Summer Dates to Remember

6/3-Confirmation Dinner
6/4-Confirmation Service &
Safe Sanctuary Training
6/11-17 UM ARMY
6/25-30 Camp
7/17-21 VBS
7/20-23 BIG HOUSE

Our Middle School Youth program learned John 13:1-17: Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet. During the lesson, they were able to wash each other's feet.



Adult Counselors Needed!

So far, we have 16 kids signed up for camp and are expecting another 8 or so that have shown interested in going (must sign up before May 1st) which means we will need 5 to 6 counselors to accompany are kids to camp. So far, we have 2 counselors which means we still need **3 or 4 more**. If you are interested or know someone **18 years or older interested**, please let the church office know or see the weekly email blast for a link to register directly. Thank you for helping us to again send kids to camp!



Registration for camp this year **must be** completed online no later then **Monday, May 1st**. We need to know how many kids are going to camp so we know how many counselors we will need and how much money we will need to provide in scholarships. The church office is available to help with registration (computer use) but we cannot complete it for you.

Thank you again for your prayers and donations . Because of you, we are able to continue to send church and community kids to camp this summer. We couldn't do it without YOU!



Easter at Lexington UMC



Thank you Holly Newton for sharing some of your photos with us.

Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from harm that it may not pain me!" And God granted him what he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:10

Family Life Center

Join us for our first church service in the Family Life Center the Sunday of Homecoming. More details to come in the May newsletter as well as information about our "grand opening".



Thank you for your continued prayers and support in growing God's Kingdom.

52ND ANNUAL LEXINGTON HOMECOMING

Thurs. through Sun., May 4 through May 7th
 Homecoming Sing 6 p.m. Thursday (on the Square)
 Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. Saturday (Fellowship Hall)
 Parade 10 a.m.
 Fish Fry on the Square Sat. after parade
 Church Service 9 a.m. (BUMC) 11 a.m. (LUMC) Sunday

Homecoming Pancake Breakfast

The men of the church will host this Traditional breakfast on **Saturday, May 6th at 7-10 am** (or until all of the food is gone) in the LUMC Fellowship Hall. Come hungry!



Fish Fry Saturday May 6th

There are many opportunities to help.
 Friday 9:00 am - prep in Fellowship Hall
 Saturday 8:00 am - set up on the Square
 10:00 - begin Fish Fry.
 Need cashiers, servers, fish fryers and will need a clean up crew when it's all sold out on Saturday!
 If you can help in any way, please contact Jan Lynn, 979.540.8922

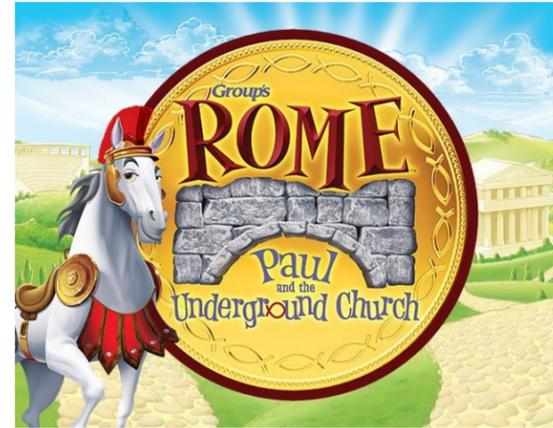
Come support the church!

If you are unable to volunteer, we still need you to come eat and support our church programs.



For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” ~Matthew 18:20

METHODIST CHILDREN PROGRAMS



Vacation Bible School will be a Rome experience unlike anything we have ever done before. We will be immersed in Bible-times culture, the reality of God's love gains new meaning and relevance to everyday lives. Plus, we'll have an amazing time trying out new Bible-times crafts, games, songs, and more! VBS is the week of July 17-21, Monday-Friday, beginning with supper at 6 p.m. for ages 5-10.

We need 30 adults to sign up to make this an enjoyable experience for everyone. Please contact Jan Alexander (979-773-4277) or Milissa Davis (512-470-1657)

Supplies Needed for VBS. The following is a list of things we will need to make Paul come alive in Rome. Look over these things and look around at home to see if you have anything you could share. Next week, we will have the list go around where you can sign up for items you can contribute:

- 3 small plastic pools
- 8 small plastic buckets (Like beach pails)
- 3 clear plastic pitchers (will have dirty water in them)
- 5 wooden top kits - \$ donation of \$15 per 10 pk
- 10 sheets of fine sandpaper
- 10 wooden mallets or hammers
- 20 water color paints (little tray with brush)
- 5 - 2ft 8inch diameter cardboard tubes
- 6 tennis balls (used is fine, but not dog toy)
- 1 set of 10-20 marbles
- 3 rolls of brown paper (3ft wide- like wrapping paper)
- 10 rolls -1 inch ribbon - variety of colors
- 4 rolls double-sided sticky tabs - scrapbooking tabs
- 5 bulla kits \$ donation of \$10 per 10 pk
- 2 bags of small craft jewels
- many plastic foods, fruits, bread, cheese
- 4 bags of mulch - 40-50 lbs each



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

The Acolyte for May is Alexus Taizan



BACCALAUREATE

Wednesday, May 17th
 7pm (Gather at 6:30pm)
 Holy Family Catholic Church Activity Center
 Come and support our High School Graduating Seniors on this night of community worship.



GRADUATE BRUNCH

We will have a brunch on Sunday **May 21st 10:15am** in the Fellowship Hall honoring the Graduating Class of 2017. Everyone is welcome, please join us!

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

If you plan to help with VBS or are a counselor for one of our mission trips or camp this summer and you have not completed your safe sanctuary training, there will be a class on **Sunday, June 3rd immediately after service.** You will need to be a part of this training to work with our youngest and most vulnerable.



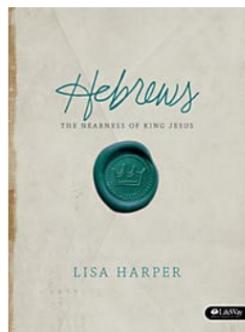
CONFIRMATION

Sunday, June 4th at 11 a.m.
 Dinner on Saturday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Lead by Cinda Lewis
 Beginning June 12th
 7 Sessions on Monday mornings
 Books are \$13
 Childcare Provided

Please let the church office know if you are interested in participating in the study.



Lexington Backpack Buddies Update

We have had another wonderful year feeding our future at the elementary and middle schools here in Lexington. This year:

- * We fed approximately 60 students a week which, by the end of this school year, will total 1,980 bags of food
- * Over 100 volunteer hours went into making sure that food was packed and distributed each week
- * Over \$5,800 was donated through individual donations and fundraisers.
- * Our Account Balance is \$5026.48

If you would like to donate to Backpack Buddies, please make note on your donation that it is for Backpack Buddies (in the memo on the check or on the envelope).

A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

Memorial Fund

- In Memory of ...Margo Maddux* by... James & Barbara Jeppe
- In Memory of ...Margo Maddux* by... John Ness
- In Memory of ...Margo Maddux* by... Chuck & Pam Pannell
- In Memory of ...Margo Maddux* by... Gary & Carla Hoagland
- In Memory of ...Margo Maddux* by... Don & Kati Stacy
- In Memory of ...Margo Maddux* by... Jason & Julie Smith
- In Memory of ...Margo Maddux* by... Shelley Huettel

Building Fund

- In Memory of ...Margo Maddux* by... Bob & Judy Belyeu
- In Memory of ...J.D. Turner* by... Bob & Judy Belyeu
- In Memory of ...Neil Ahrendt* by... Sophia Keating
- In Memory of ...Bess Duenwall* by... Willis & Jeannine Brewer

Memorials reflect all gifts received and recorded as of April 17th. To make a memorial place "memorial" in the subject line of your check & place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

"...I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestor did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers."
 2 Timothy 1:3



With Gratitude

Dear women of Lexington Methodist,
 Thank you so much for the lovely lunch buffet you served on the day of J.D.'s funeral. It was a wonderful demonstration of how you cared for him.
 Sincerely,
 The Turner Family

To: The special women who provided the luncheon for our Dad's service,
 Words cannot tell you how wonderful it was to have that meal following our Dad's service. When things seem a little hectic it is so good to just sit and remember that day. Our Dad (JD Turner) loved his church and community so once again thank you.
 The Family of J.D. Turner

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Bob Belyeu
- 6-Natasha Wofford
- 6-Lee Lewis
- 6-Chad Robertson
- 12-Tate Townsend
- 14-Judy Belyeu
- 17-Laura Harris
- 18-Laurie Brewer
- 21-Barbara Cooper
- 22-Jim Raney
- 25-Jan Lynn
- 28-Thomas Comstock
- 29-Stephanie Kellenberger
- 29-Terrie Smith
- 29-Deb Nuckols
- 30-Lee Marks
- 31-Austin Robertson
- 31-Norma Thomas
- 31-Kylee Retzlaff



Get Connected at LUMC on Sunday Morning

Sunday School
 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Journey Class for Adults
 Meet in the Church Library with leader, Cinda Lewis

Men's Gathering
 Meet in the Fellowship Hall with leader, John Gibbs

Coffee House
 10:45 a.m.
 LUMC Fellowship Hall enjoy complimentary coffee & pastries

