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## 2018 LUMC FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS

Here is what we have for fundraisers and other big events. If we are missing anything (or dates are incorrect), please let Stephanie know.

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|----------------|---|
| Jul. 8-14      | UM ARMY Mission Trip  |
| Jul. 16-18     | VBS   |
| Jul. 15- Aug 5 | School Supplies Drive                                       |
| Aug. 12        | Back to School Bash   |
| Aug. 14        | Ministerial Alliance Back to School Lunch, UMW Prep Meeting |
| Aug. 15        | School Begins   |
| Aug. 20        | Backpack Buddies Power Hour                                 |



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There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

## HOW TO WELCOME A NEW PASTOR

1. Make sure the parsonage and pastor's office are clean and ready. Offer to provide help or a cleaning service if needed.
2. Consult the new pastor on any paint, design, or furnishings issues.
3. Stock the parsonage refrigerator and pantry with some staples.
4. Make sure there are kid-friendly foods and snacks in the refrigerator if children are arriving.
5. Have a small group on hand to greet the new pastor and family when they arrive and to help as needed.
6. Offer child care if there is an infant or toddler in the household.
7. Invite children in the household to do things with others of their same age.
8. Take food over for the first few days. Many churches continue the practice of having a "pounding" for the new pastor when persons bring food items.
9. Provide a map with directions to local dry cleaners, grocery store, drug store, veterinarian, etc., and information on local options for internet and cable television providers.
10. Give gift certificates to several of your favorite restaurants in the community.
11. Give the pastor and family a welcome reception on the first Sunday.
12. Plan a worship celebration of the new appointment.
13. Make sure the pastor's spouse and children, if applicable, are invited to Sunday School and other appropriate small groups.
14. Continue to remember your new pastor and family in your daily prayers.
15. Introduce yourself to the pastor repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn.
16. Wear name tags. Even if name tags are not a tradition, the congregation can wear them for a few weeks to help the pastor learn names.
17. Provide a current pictorial directory of all the church members, if available.
18. Provide an up-to-date list of all church committees and officers.
19. Provide the new pastor with a tour of where things are kept inside the church and perhaps a floor plan of the facilities.
20. Orient the new pastor to information systems and the way records are kept.
21. Have an appropriate person offer to go with the pastor for introductions and support if there are particularly urgent pastoral situations (a member near death or the family of a member who has just died).
22. Offer to help arrange small group sessions to meet and talk with the congregation.
23. Create a "church yellow pages" (a list of people in the church who have specific skills that a newcomer may find beneficial.... auto mechanic, doctor, dentist, dry cleaners, book store, office supply, etc.).
24. Provide local media with information about the new pastor.
25. Introduce your new pastor to other clergy in the community. Provide information on any ecumenical activities or associations.
26. Introduce the new pastor to public and community leaders.
27. Ask church members in civic clubs to take the new pastor to one of their meetings.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Come and join us for fun & fellowship!  
 August 14th: Prep meeting for Bazaar  
 October 6th: Bazaar  
 December: Christmas Party

- ♥ People are often unreasonable, irrational and self-centered; forgive them anyway.
- ♥ If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.
- ♥ If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies; succeed anyway.
- ♥ If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you; be honest and sincere anyway.
- ♥ What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight; create anyway.
- ♥ If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous; be happy anyway.
- ♥ The good you do today, will often be forgotten; do good anyway.
- ♥ Give the best you have, and it will never be enough; give your best anyway.
- ♥ In the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

-Mother Teresa

**THE WOMEN OF BLUE & LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Ruth 1:16*

**Christmas Bazaar**

Our Bazaar will be Saturday, October 6th. This year, we will have vendor booths available. The event will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Prices are \$20 for outside and \$25 for inside booths. Bring your own set ups (tables, chairs, etc.). We will ask that vendors be willing to donate a small raffle item for drawings every 1/2 hour. For more information, please Lora Barlow, Gerri Meuth or the church office.

calling all **Vendors**



**Volunteer Opportunities**

Lexington UMC is sponsoring a monthly free-will lunch on the first Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Family Life Center at LUMC. Everyone is invited! Please come if you can: help prepare/serve/cleanup; come and eat lunch and donate a few dollars to help fund future lunches; eat lunch for free including those that are customers of the monthly Food Pantry, those living at the Savanna Park apartments, and any other people in need of a hot lunch or with any food insecurities. For more information, please contact Lee Marks or the church office. Join us the 1st Thursday of the month behind the Masonic Lodge as we help distribute food to those in our community who are in need. We meet at 10:30 and start serving at 11 a.m. Typically, we are finished by 11:45 a.m. No experience necessary!

JULY 2018							Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	3:00 PM Cub Scouts	10 a.m. Women's Bible Study	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group	4 Independence Day	11 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry 11:30 a.m. Free Will Lunch 6:30 p.m. Lion's Club	6	7						
8	LUMC Host Big House	7:30 p.m. BVFD (BUMC)	No Youth	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group	12	13	14						
15	School Supply Drive (Stacey leaves for boot camp Monday)	10 a.m. Women's Bible Study	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 Youth Help VBS	19	20	21						
22	Parents' Day	10 a.m. Women's Bible Study	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group	26	27	28						
29	School Supply Drive 5th Sunday (LFT)	10 a.m. Women's Bible Study	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group	2	3	4						

# LEXINGTON ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

<i>All Funds Balance as of 6/24/18</i>		Date:	Offering	Worship Attendance	Sunday School Attendance (All Classes)				
General Fund	\$17,834.47	May	27	\$3,357.50	167				
Early Chapel CD	\$19,243.03								
RTSB CD #1	\$16,548.12	June	3	\$3,439	158				
RTSB CD #4	\$10,653.56								
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS in GENERAL:</b>									
Pledge Fund Acct. Balance	\$3,280.45					Annual Church Budget for 2018			\$192,536
Early Chapel Cemetery Fund	-\$788.43								
Journey Sunday School	\$244.30								
Memorial Fund	\$2,482.14								
Offerings thru June 24th				\$92,515.56					
<b>Minimum amount needed to stay within budget:</b>		<i>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</i>							
\$16,045/month & \$ 3,703/week									
2018 District Apportionments- \$2,442.00									
2018 Conference Apportionments - \$1,306.00									

**St. Stephen's Fund**

\$3,145.51

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.

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<h1>NewsLetter DEADLINE</h1>	Newsletter deadline for August's edition is <b>July 18th</b> 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

## Welcome to the Family!

Serenity Jo Smith was baptized this past month. Since the creeks were dry, the family and many members of Blue UMC met in a backyard with a pool.



## Another Great Community Night!



Some of our youngest participants at last month's Community Night enjoying time together.

## Father's Day Fun



Thank you Neta Callahan for sharing your photos from Community Night and Father's Day!

### Blue UMC St. Stephen's Fund \$919.13

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### Blue UMC Worship Attendance

Month	Date	Attendance
May	27	35
June	3	27
	10	54
	17	46
	24	37

### July Birthdays

- 8-Guy Hutson
- 9-Les Morgan
- 9-Keith Drosche
- 15-David Cornelius
- 17-Ruth Hardin
- 22-Kayla Turner
- 29-Cody Morgan



### UPCOMING BLUE EVENTS

- Sunday Mornings**
- 9 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- Wednesday Mornings**
- 11 a.m. Prayer Group
- JULY**
- 2-BVFD
- 4-Independence Day
- 9-Texas Stars
- 13-Community Night
- 24-TEEA



## 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  
9:45-10:45 AM  
(6-12th grade)  
With Mr. Stephen

#### Wednesday

All Youth  
3:30 to 5 PM

#### July

- 4-NO Youth
- 8-14 UM ARMY
- 11-Youth help prep for VBS
- 16-18 VBS
- 18-Youth
- 25-Mystery Trip



It is the time of year when our youth spread their wings and go help others in and around the area through mission work. Here is a little information on two of our favorites, BIG HOUSE and UM ARMY

**BIG HOUSE** is an acronym which stands for Believing in God, Helping Others Understand through Service Everywhere. Our mission is "To prepare youth and adults to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, by providing opportunity to be in mission to churches in need everywhere."

We want to give opportunity for youth to come together and grow in their Christian experience, through all aspects of our mission trip, whether it be on the work site, or in fellowship with one another. Camps include participants who have completed the 6th through the 8th grade from all over Texas. These youth come together with the help of adults to work on churches and homes of those who are in need, and are unable to do the work themselves.

At BIG HOUSE, the students and adults come together on Thursday, meet their teams and begin planning work on their selected site. It could be a home they are painting, or a church they are cleaning and repairing, or perhaps it's working in a church food pantry. The work sites are varied and endless. In the evenings everyone will relax after a wonderful dinner at the evening activities. You might be swimming or playing messy games regardless, there is fun to be had by everyone. The camp wraps on Sunday morning with worship at the host church. BIG HOUSE is a very busy and spiritually fulfilling 4 days for these junior high students.

**U. M. ARMY** – United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth (UM ARMY) began in 1979 with a single work camp in Athens, Texas, where youth groups from several Houston churches gathered to provide home repair assistance to people in need.

Today this organization has grown to more than 40 work camps throughout East and Southeast Texas with over 3,500 senior high youth and adult volunteers annually. Our mission is two-fold; serving people in need, and providing young people an opportunity to mature in their faith-walk and life skills through Christian service.

Our mission is accomplished every summer when thousands of youth and adult volunteers sacrifice a week of their vacation to join God's ARMY. Using a local Methodist church as a base camp where they sleep on the floor and eat ARMY food, participants spend the week providing free home repairs for low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners in the surrounding area.

## Summer Happenings

### Congratulations to our Seniors!

Wyatt Retzlaff & Stacey Washington



### BIG HOUSE: Middle School Mission Trip

Jan Ahrendt, Sophia Keating, Sophia Arenaz, John Gibbs and Josh Gibbs

### District Camp



Campers: Alexis Taizan, Ka'moria Crawford, Cassidy Brown, Chelsea Schneider, Allison Schneider, Annabella Scheel, Emma Smith, Maci Jane Biehle, Aiden Newton, Austin Retzlaff, Cason Carter, Garrett Hutton, Hezekiah Stewart, Jace Bryan, Jace Smith, Tripp Kellenberger, Nolan Schneider, Garret Schneider, Garrett Gerdes, Isaih Washington, Steven Kellenberger, Wyatt Hutton. Counselors: Holly Newton, Julie Hutton, Stacey Washington, Rob Kellenberger and Wyatt Retzlaff.

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20*

## School Supply Drive

We will be collecting school supplies for the Lexington ISD beginning Sunday, July 15th. Please bring in the supplies during service or during business hours. If you would like to make a donation to the drive, please write "school supplies" in the memo of your check on Sunday morning.

Thank you!

Our very generous members of BUMC & LUMC helped to provide much needed supplies to the kids of LISD last year.



## Lexington Backpack Buddies Update

We had a wonderful year of Backpack Buddies. Thank you for your support the program!

### What we did this year:

- ◆ Served 60 students in the elementary and middle school (roughly 10% of our students)
- ◆ Raised \$6,336
- ◆ Had over 50 adults and children volunteer for "Power Hours". Since we've started, 150 individuals have helped at least once with Power Hours!
- ◆ Had 5 ladies dedicate their Friday afternoons to distributing food to our elementary school kids.
- ◆ Had numerous community members volunteer and support our Soup & Bread lunch as well as other various fundraisers.

### This summer we are:

- ◆ Able to provide food for any child on the program that comes / contacts the church for assistance.
- ◆ Beginning to shop for the upcoming school year, looking for any deals we may get during the summer.
- ◆ Pre-planning our next fundraisers
- ◆ Continuing to spread the word to the community about the program
- ◆ Applying for grants to help fund the program



*Thank you for your continued support of this much-needed program!*

*For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'*

*Deuteronomy 15:11*

## METHODIST CHILDREN PROGRAMS

*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*



Grab your cape, it's time to defend God's Kingdom!

VBS is just around the corner.

**July 16th - 18th! 6:00 - 8:30pm**

Notice...this is only 3 nights.

New this year, there will be a preschool area just for 3 and 4 year olds.

Come join the fun: **God is our Hero!**



Children's Church will be taking a break this summer while everyone is off from school. We will resume when school starts back in August. Thank you to everyone who has helped and allowed their children to be a part of this fun ministry!

Sunday School teachers include Jan Alexander, Jan Lynn, Jennifer Marek, & Trudy Doerfler.

The children's Sunday school curriculum comes from the series, Deep Blue. Children will hear the Bible story, apply the Bible message and then live out the message in their lives.

Each session is divided into three sections. The 1st section is a large group where the children will meet together. Children will be introduced to a Bible story and Bible verse. Then the children will be divided into two age groups. One group will explore the lesson deeper and do a craft activity and the other age group will have a snack, play games related to the Bible story and practice Bible verses. Then the two groups switch.



### Lexington UMC Hosts Monthly Lunch for Community

We held our second monthly Free Will/Food Pantry lunch June 7th at the Lexington United Methodist Church. We served 44 people, and \$41 was donated. The money will be used to buy fill-in supplies for next month's lunch, such as cheese, taco shells, flour, sugar, butter.

On the menu was meatloaf, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, carrot cake and apple pie.

Next month, we plan to serve tacos with all the fixings, Mexican rice, beans and corn, and a dessert. The date of next month's lunch is Thursday July 5. The meal serving time will be 11:30 - 1:15.

Thank you all for continuing to spread the word about this event. Please remember to keep reminding people, that we are seeking people not only who are Food Pantry customers, but also people in Lexington who have the means to eat lunch and make a donation, and also people who are available to help with prep and serving.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions or comments - 979-540-6448.

-Cindy Gibson



### Farewell to Pastor Trey



Lexington United Methodist Church celebrated Pastor Trey Comstock's last Sunday with a delicious pot luck lunch. The children of the church presented him with a card and a beautiful cross necklace. Pastor's last sermon was about the Wanderer and the Servant and how the church, as the servant, is privileged to be able to stick around and see the fruits of our labor. Pastor Trey's new appointment is at Grace UMC in Palestine, Texas.



*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11*

### Welcome our Newest Members



Please welcome Bryan and Katharine Ladd along with their daughters Karlye and Katelyn. The Ladd's became members on May 27th and had their daughters baptized that same day. Bryan has been the worship leader for the 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship service in the Family Life Center.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3-Josh Williams
- 6-Hannah Jackson
- 8-Robert Brister
- 8-Carson Jackson
- 8-Genevieve Eberz
- 8-Adam Retzlaff
- 12-Joan Jackson
- 13-Eric Hutson
- 13-Dan Harris
- 15-Jonathan Otte
- 16-Joe Jackson
- 16-Tyler Robertson
- 17-Suzy Borgfeld
- 18-Emily Taylor
- 18-Von Langehennig
- 19-Donn Miller
- 20-Robert Ahrendt
- 20-Willis Brewer
- 20-Regina Owens
- 21-Wyatt Retzlaff
- 24-Darrell Marek
- 25-Susanna Braziel
- 27-Kevin Ahrendt



### A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

Memorial Fund  
In Memory of ...Mary Beth Gibson  
by... Gina Mundy

Memorials reflect all gifts received and recorded as of June 24th



To make a memorial write "memorial" in the memo 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*

**Flower Calendar:** A flower calendar has been placed in the narthex of the sanctuary. June 3 is the first Sunday to sign up for dedicating flowers. Enter the date and your name (under Presented By) on the calendar. If you want your dedication to be noted in the church bulletin, please make sure your entries have been made by the preceding Monday. If you want additional information included (presented in honor/memory of, or birthday/anniversary, etc.) please submit to the church office ([lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com](mailto:lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com)) on that preceding Monday. If you have questions, please call Jan Lynn 979-540-8922 or Judy Curnutte 361-739-5610

