



Lexington United Methodist Church

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Greetings, LUMC.

I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to get to know you as a church. While I know this is a season of surprising transition for all of us, it might be helpful for you to hear a little about my story as a way of getting to know each other.

I grew up in Arizona, where we attended a non-denominational church. The church was always a deep part of my life. My running joke was that it wasn't a question of if we were going to church but when we would get there. Our family was deeply involved. I remember going with my Dad to the church on Saturdays to change all the air filters around the building. Or how I'd help him on Sundays when he signed up for one too many volunteer jobs.

When I was at church camp, in my freshman year of high school, wanting to do what any young teenage boy wanted to do at church camp, meet girls. I remember being in the elevator when one of the volunteer leaders asked me what they thought God was telling me at camp. Knowing that 'meeting girls' wasn't an acceptable answer, I blurted out the first thing that came to my mind. Be a pastor. He looked at me, probably a bit surprised, but told me how wonderful that was. And I walked away thinking, where in the world did that come from?

However, God's prevenient grace is always ahead of us. While in college, I discerned a call to ministry thanks to the help of the wonderful friends and mentors who poured deeply into my life and helped point me to all the places God was working in my life and calling me to ministry. I went to undergrad at Azusa Pacific University in California, where I studied Theology and learned more and more about my faith. And went to Seminary at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey, where I received my M.Div.

While at Princeton, I prayed deeply about what denomination I wanted to be a part of. I grew up non-denominational but felt God was leading me elsewhere. At that time, Diana and I started attending a little Methodist Church in Kingston. It was such a welcoming and loving place that cared deeply for us as seminary students who wouldn't be there for long. They were invested in helping us grow as pastors and even more as people. After much prayer and discernment, my wife and I realized we were called to the United Methodist Church, and I started that ordination process.

Since then, it's been an exciting ride, and we're grateful for where God has brought our family. I also appreciate folks who could see where my story was headed, even when I needed more clarity. I know we grew up in the churches for some of us, and for others, it's something we're still learning. I'm excited to learn more about your story. But, even more than that, I'm excited to see where our story can align with God's larger story. I can't wait to discover how God will use our collective giftedness to invite folks around us into.

Rev. Chris Waks

Christmas on the Square



Enchilada Lunch

Just a few photos of the dedication helpers at this year's Enchilada Lunch.



Children's Christmas Program



Pastor Chris Waks first Sunday service will be on **January 8th 2023**. We will have communion in both services at 9:30 and 11:15 AM. We hope you can join us!



Please join us in welcoming Pastor Chris Waks and his family with Welcome Luncheon on **January 8th 2023 at 12:15** in the Family Life Center. **Please let Holly Newton** know if you can bring a dish, side or dessert. We hope to see you all there!



- 1—Christy Concan
- 3—Milissa Davis
- 3—Callie Gerdes
- 4—Chester Smith
- 9—Gabriel Turner
- 10—Dorothy Moore
- 10—Tanner Taizan
- 10—Tierra Turner
- 11—Tina Woodward
- 11—James Borgfeld
- 11—Ella Boettcher
- 12—Phillip Eberz
- 14—Annie Borgfeld
- 15—Elaine Gibbs
- 16—Sherry Hearon
- 18—Wanda Townsend
- 19—John Gibbs
- 19—Oscar Hillegeist
- 21—Payson Eberz
- 24—Evon Hutson
- 24—Belinda Robertson
- 28—Betty Sandifer
- 28—Kyle Brewer
- 28—Lexa Robertson
- 29—Fred Ahrendt
- 30—Tracie Aduddell
- 31—Derek Schumpert

The Central Texas Food Bank is bringing free, healthy food to Lexington! Every month the food pantry is held at the Lexington City Park starting at 11 a.m.. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this program please let them know. This month's mobile food pantry is **Tuesday, January 3rd**. Distribution will be similar to the recent ones where clients will remain their cars and pick up food in a drive thru line.

Lexington UMC sponsors a monthly free-will lunch each month starting at 11:30 a.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 clients 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. Tuesday, January 3rd at 11:30 a.m. and this month's menu: Vegetable fried rice with shrimp or chicken, buttered peas and carrots, cheesy yeast rolls and cherry-lemon cake. Served as carryout only.



“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19



Our Wednesday **Youth** will resume on **Wednesday, January 18th**. We will have a split Youth. 1 will be from 3:45 to 5 (geared toward Middle School but High School is certainly invited) and 6 to 7 (flipped - geared for HS but MS is invited). Our Wednesday **M&M's** will resume on **Wednesday, January 25th**. If you are interested in volunteering for either program, please let the office know.

Memorials

In Memory of Jim Davis
by... Priscilla Brister
*as of December 30, 2022

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.

Get Connected at LUMC on Sunday Morning

Sunday School 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Children; meet in Fellowship Hall

Youth 6-12th grade; meet in FLC Classroom

With leader, Stewart Hervey

Men’s Gathering; meet in the 2nd classroom with leader, John Gibbs

Journey Class for Adults; meet in the 1st Classroom with leader, Cinda Lewis



Poinsettias are ready! If you purchased poinsettias you can pick them up December 29th during office hours or after service this Sunday, January 1st. If you have not paid for yours please place in the offering plate. Thank you!



During the Sunday School hour we will all join for Brunch! Please bring your favorite dish to share!

Church Directory

Make sure to stay in touch with fellow church members. On your phone, go to your app store and search "Instant Church Directory". Put in the email you have given the church to access the directory. Need help or prefer a hard copy? Call or email the church.

Tithes & Offerings

Total Monthly Offerings for November were **\$14,111.**

Thank you for continuing to send in your tithes and offerings!

Ways of sending in your monetary gifts:

1. **At Church:** during service, at the church office, or the drop box on the office door.
2. **Online:** www.lexingtonumc.org on the "donate" page.
3. **Mail or Bill Pay** (through your bank):
Po Box 116 Lexington, TX 78947

Weekly Emails

If you’d like to be added to the weekly email please send your e-mail address to: lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com
Or call the office at (979) 773-2728.

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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.

Text for Info: We have enrolled in a text service so that we can text you updates about Church Events! All you have to do is text **LUMC** to **833-676-4943** to subscribe for church info. If you want to know about Youth events then text **YOUTH** to **833-676-4943**. We will have more groups coming soon!!

**Lexington United Methodist Church
2023 Ministry Teams**

Administrative Council

Chairperson	Rebecca French
Vice Chairperson	Donna Harbers
Lay Leader	Chuck Moore
Lay Member of the Annual Conference	Chuck Moore
Board of Trustees Chair	TBD
Staff Parish Relations Chair	Tina Woodward
Finance Committee Chair	Kristin Swisher
Treasurer	Holly Newton
Council Secretary	Peggy Borgfeld
Financial Secretary	Judy Everett
Church Historian	Pat Rao
Missions Chair	
Memorials	Sarah Hallum
Sunday School Superintendent	Jennifer Marek
President of Women's Ministry	TBD [Elected by Women's Ministry]
President of Men's Ministry	John Gibbs [Elected by Men's Ministry]
Youth Coordinator	TBD
At Large Members	Any church member present at the meeting

Lay Leadership Committee

Chair: Pastor		
<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Donna Harbers	Chris Borgfeld	Sarah Spivey
Cara Carter	Phillip Eberz	TBD

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Tina Woodward		
Standing Members: Admin Chair, Lay Member of the Annual Conference, Lay Leader		
<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Peggy Borgfeld	Trent Carter	Christy Concan
Tina Woodward	Sarah Spivey	Judy Curnutte
Chuck Swisher	Ashlyn Boetcher	Willis Brewer

Finance Committee

Chair: Kristin Swisher
 Standing Members: Adm. Council Chair, Trustees Chair, Lay Leader, SPRC Chair, Financial Secretary, Lay Member of the Annual Conference, and Treasurer

Board of Trustees

Chair: TBD		
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Chase Newton	Phillip Boetcher	Stephen Meuth
Stephanie Kellenberger	Julie Brade.	Tana Keeling
Phil Concan	Jesse Taizan	Misty Schumpert