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Dear LUMC Family,

Let me tell you about the most faithful evangelist of LUMC since I have been here. They've never missed a Sunday, they're always here for M&Ms and Youth. They never complain; they're always there to greet you before church, through rain, heat & humidity, snow, and storms - they are always present. They've stood as a part of the church for countless years.

Out of guesses? It's the basketball hoop in front of the FLC. Now, you may be surprised, but let me tell you the story. Over the last year, several groups of boys have been playing basketball at various times in front of the church. I'll drive by on a Friday morning in the summer, and I'll see a few boys playing. Sometimes, I walk over to the FLC on a Saturday to prepare for Sunday, and there they are playing. I came out of church at 10:30, and there they were playing.

Now, you might say to me, Chris, 'They should be in church listening, not outside of church playing.' But I'm just glad they feel comfortable enough to play. What a gift it is that they think of this church as a place where they can come.

One day, a few of them were playing last spring on a Wednesday around 6:00pm. All our Youth had wrapped up, and there was just a small group of us there for confirmation. Some of our students who knew the group of kids leaving popped up and told them they needed to come in to church and invited them to confirmation class. "We have snacks," they said, as the key to their sales pitch. Now, to confess, I was a bit annoyed. We had a lot of material to get through and not a lot of time to do it. I don't need kids who aren't part of this class making it a distraction rather than finishing what we need to discuss.

Boy, was I wrong. In Mark 5, Jesus is asked by Jairus, the leader of a synagogue (i.e., a pastor), to heal his daughter. She's dying, and Jairus knows that Jesus is his only hope, and time is of the essence. While he and Jesus are on the way there, an unnamed woman comes up to Jesus, who, like Jairus' daughter, is also ill and suffering and in need of Jesus. Jesus stops his journey to Jairus' house to tend to this woman. I have to imagine if you're Jairus, you're shouting at Jesus like, "We have to get up and go! What are you waiting for? We have no time for this!" For Jairus, this isn't the time for interruptions. While Jesus is tending to this other woman, a report comes from the house that Jairus' daughter had passed. Maybe, just maybe, if they had made it there faster, Jesus could have healed her in time, is what I imagine Jairus thought. To all of us, our best laid plans are well-intentioned. But the good news is that God's plans are always better than our plans. And in the end, God always makes a way. Jairus' daughter is healed by Jesus, in a miracle he couldn't have even ever imagined.

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Going back to that confirmation class. What I thought would derail a really well-thought-out lesson, if I do say so myself, actually became one of our most fruitful conversations. As we discussed as a group, the importance of being part of a church. Kids who had grown up their whole lives in LUMC, kids whose first time entering a church was in that moment.

As of this year, a number of those kids have moved from playing basketball outside to joining us inside for Youth. They eat, play games, listen to the lesson, and become a part of this church. Part of the beauty of it and part of the real, long, slow work of ministry to kids and Youth is the reminder that you never know what's going on in their lives. Yes, we teach them about Jesus, and that work is essential. But, we also get to model Jesus' love and grace to them.

A kid here might be a little loud, a little rowdy, and they might spill their food and drink. But the church might be the only place they can do that without the threat of abuse. A kid may have come in here because they were walking home with a friend, when a parent was too drunk and forgot to pick them up.

These are real issues, real stories, real moments our kids face. Part of the power of our ministry each week is that we get to show them the hope that there's a different way of life. There's a hope in the hard times, and his name is Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Chris



A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

In Memory of Zunker Family—Paula, Reece, Kyle & Holland

by... Matt and Judy Everett

In Memory of Anna Hodgkins

by... Jan Woodward

"...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

To make a memorial write "memorial" in the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.





1—Ron Brewer
 2—Patsy Durkin
 6—Jan Alexander
 7—Peggy Wacha
 7—Alexus Taizan
 10—Kristin Swisher
 12—Marc Owens
 12—Andy Woodward
 12—James Brewer
 16—Adam Everett
 20—Allison Crow
 25—Daryl Janda
 27—Wendy Stover
 28—Bob Rao
 30—Alaya McKinley

One Board

LUMC's
 One Board
 meeting for
October will be on
 the **15th at 7PM**
 in the Family Life
 Center.
 All are welcome to
 join!



Total Monthly Offerings for
August were \$17,231.

Thank you for continuing to send in your tithes!

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
4. QR Code



You will always harvest what you plant
Galatians 6:7

Halloween Fun

2nd Street will closed off on Halloween Friday, October 31st if you'd like to set-up a trunk for the trick-or-treaters! No need to let us know, just show up and have a great time. The FLC will be closed but the outdoor restrooms will be open for your use. Please let Holly Newton in the church office know if you have any questions!

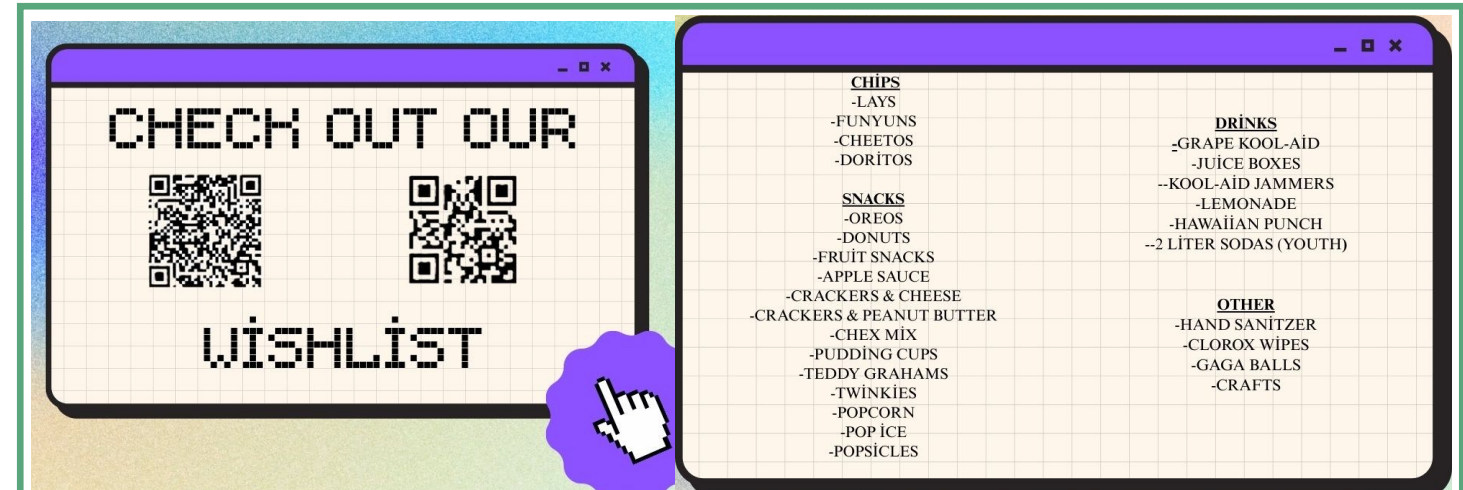


Midweek Methodist (M&M's) and Youth Group

Over the years our program has been growing!! This year we have **76 elementary** kids in the M&M's program and for Youth we have had between **43-46 middle** schoolers every Wednesday! What a Blessing! What a blessing it is to see their smiling faces! What a blessing to get to pray with them before food! What a blessing to get to share the word of God with them! What a blessing to watch 76 of God's children worship him through songs! What a blessing to let them be children while they play! But our biggest blessings are our volunteers and those who help donate to our programs! With out our volunteers and donations we could not make this program happen!

Ways you can help:

1. **Your time!** We are looking for volunteers to help watch over the children when they are in the sanctuary and activities; as well as someone to clean tables after eating.
2. **Donate items!** Please see our Wal-Mart and Amazon Wishlist by scanning the QR codes above, in the weekly email, in service or contact Holly Newton in the church office.
3. **Pray!** Please pray for Volunteers (current and needed). Please pray for donations. And please pray for all the children we get to bless with our program and their families!



Backpack Buddies

You know Backpack Buddies as a program that helps feed children in our community, but did you know the recent shift to a four-day school week means we're now sending kids home with more food to last the long weekend? With the new four-day school week, we're now packing heavier bags to ensure children have enough food to get through the three-day weekend. We currently feed **55-60** children each week.

We can't do this alone. Your generosity helps keep this program going. Thank you to the many who currently support this program. You are so appreciated!

Join us in making a difference - one backpack at a time.

- **Donate:** Your financial support makes this program possible. Please add a note to your check or online donation to the Lexington Methodist Church to designate your gift for Backpack Buddies.
- **Volunteer:** Join us for a fun and rewarding packing session. We need groups and organizations to help us pack bags every 5-6 weeks.

Contact Terri Nolker at 512-964-5411 or terribowdenolker@gmail.com to schedule a time or get more information!

A huge **thank you** to the homeschool Co-op for recently packing 300 bags!

Next month, our **LUMC youth group** will be helping out!

Your support, whether through donation, prayers, or volunteering, makes a real difference.



Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1Peter 4:10

Thank You Matt Everett

Lexington United Methodist Church celebrated Matt Everett with a beautiful reception.



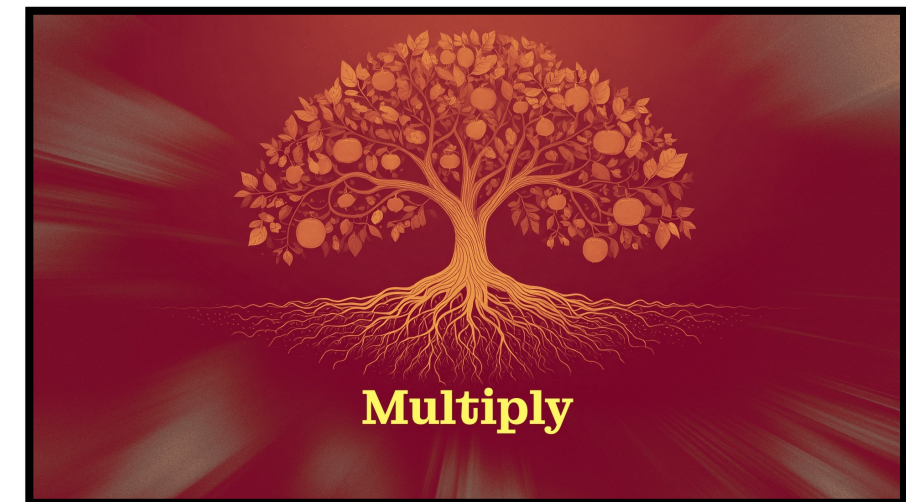
Matt has decided to 'retire' from playing piano for the church. We have been incredibly blessed by his faithful dedication to playing over the last 20+ years. His music has inspired us, his humor has made us laugh, his friendship has filled us, and most importantly, his faithful playing has helped us each draw closer to God in worship. The good news, however, is that Matt and Judy aren't going anywhere. Matt is just moving from the piano bench to the pew.



Like his cake said

"Thank You Matt! We Love You!"

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

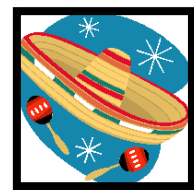


October Sermon Series

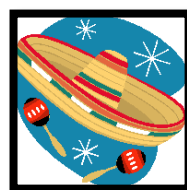
We are all here (literally and spiritually) because of others who came before us. They saw themselves less as consumers of faith and more as producers of faith. We too need to recover a sense that God calls us not to simply consume the faith given to us by others, but help produce that faith in new generations of people. Remembering our roots reminds us of our mission.

Charge Conference is once again upon us and one of our joys every year is the celebration of how God is working in our churches! We celebrate what God has done and look forward to how we will follow God's direction in the year ahead. LUMC needs a few members to attend. If your interested in going please let Pastor Chris Waks know.

November 2nd - 5 pm
at A&M UMC
417 University Dr.
College Station, TX 77840



Enchilada Lunch
Sunday, November 2nd
Serving begins at 11 a.m.



We need help on Friday, October 31st, and Saturday, November 1st to prep and setup. We will also need help on Sunday, November 2nd with serving. Helpers don't have to stay the whole time, please come when you can and go as you need. We are also looking for individual desserts.

Thank You Stephen Meuth

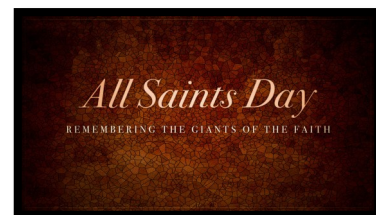
For a little over a year Mr. Stephen Meuth has been a volunteer, changing the church Marquee as needed. Stephen did a great job keeping up with announcements as well as adding a little religious humor to our lives! Stephen and Gerri are moving. Please be in prayer for their transition.

With that we are looking for someone who may be interested in this task. Please let Holly Newton in the church office know.



Daylight Saving Time Ends
set your clocks back an hour
at 2:00 a.m.

Daylight Saving—Next Sunday, November 2nd
Don't forget to set your clocks back!



All Saints

On November we will be celebrating All Saints; where we will remember those in our church who have joined the church triumphant in the last year. If you have a family member you'd like to remember please contact the church office.

"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



The **Central Texas Food Bank** is bringing free, healthy food to Lexington! Every month held at the **Lexington City Park** at **10 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, October 7th.**

Children's Christmas Program

Our Children's Christmas Program will Sunday, December 21st at 6:00 pm. Please reach out to the church office if your child/ren will be joining us!



Communion—Will be on October 5th, 2025. We will have communion in both services at 9:30 and 11:15 AM. We hope you can join us!

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.



Weekly Emails

If you'd like to be added to the weekly email please send your e-mail address to:

[Lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch](mailto:Lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com)

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Or call the office at (979) 773-2728.

Our Prayer Group meets **every Tuesday** morning at **10 AM** in the middle class room to pray for those on our prayer list. Everyone is invited to join!



Lexington UMC Membership

We would love for you to become a part of the Lexington United Methodist church family. Our church community promises to nurture your faith and walk with you through the journeys of life. As you get involved in small groups, Bible studies or missions, you will enjoy faith – filled relationships with others. If you are interested in joining, please let the Pastor know on Sunday or call the church office. Pastor Chris will walk you through the membership process, and will help you pick a Sunday to take your vows of membership at the end of a worship service.

Get Connected at LUMC on Sunday Morning

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

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

Journey Class for Adults; meet in the 1st Classroom