



Lexington United Methodist Church

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Hello everyone.

I hope Fall has started off well for you. I was at the Clergy Gathering earlier this week, and Bishop Harvey spoke to us about calling. Bishop Harvey emphasized that it isn't just about clergy being called by God, but that she wanted lay people to figure out and step into their calling too.

In 2nd Timothy 1:6-14, which I encourage you to read, Paul reminds Timothy to “fan into flame the gift of God.” He says, “the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.” In verse 14 Paul says, “Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.” The Holy Spirit is a gift, and the Holy Spirit empowers us each with certain gifts. In addition to gifts of the Spirit, God grants us all different abilities, things we are good at. Let us, like Timothy, fan into the flame of the work the Spirit is doing within us. Let us not be timid about our gifts and abilities. Instead, we “guard the good deposit that was entrusted to us” by using our gifts and abilities. God calls us to step into certain roles as we put our gifts and abilities to use.

So, what is your calling? Maybe it is teaching. So you can teach others about the love and grace of God. Maybe it is administration. You can then use that gift to organize the work of the church so that as a body we can better share God's love and grace. Maybe it is encouragement. You're able to remind others of God's love and grace during their days of difficulty. And let's remember that we step into our calling, putting our gifts and abilities to use, not only in the church building, but also out in the community.

I hope you know your gifts. If not, I would encourage you to be in prayer, and talk to the Christians around you who can help you discern your gifts. I, too, would love to talk to you about it. If you do know your gifts, I hope you are putting them to good use. I wonder what your long (er) term call is? How is God calling you to use your God-given gifts in the coming weeks, months, year, or years? Or, how is God calling you to put to use your God-given gifts to simply help someone today? I am reading a book called “Humor Us” that references the term “soft-eyes”. Having soft-eyes means you are not too narrowly focused, but rather your eyes are open to recognizing the world around you. I encourage you this fall, to have your eyes, mind, and heart open to recognizing ways, and opportunities to step into your calling, and to make use of your God-given gifts.

Also, I am curious who all reads this. As a test, whenever you see me, tell me your favorite movie.

Praying for you,
Pastor William Murphree

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SPONSORING FOOD AND DRINKS

October 9th
October 16th
October 30th

5TH QUARTER

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AFTER THE HOME FOOTBALL GAMES FOR FUN FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

ends at midnight

High School Students only

Daylight Saving—Sunday, November 1st Don't forget to set your clocks back!



October is Here!!

Saturday, October 31st starting at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center we will have Tables set up for anyone who wishes to set up and hand out candy or have fun games for the trick or treaters to play on Halloween Night. We will also have 2nd street blocked off by the city to allow for Trunk or Treat.

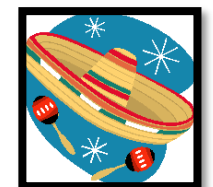
If you would like to **donate candy**, it can be brought to church service or the church office during business hours.

If you have any questions please reach out to the church office!



Enchilada Lunch

Sunday, November 1st
Serving begins at 11 a.m.



We need help on Friday, October 30th, and Saturday, October 31st to prep and setup. We will also need help on Sunday, November 1st 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.

****We will be pre-selling meals to members. Be on the look out for more information.****



In 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.

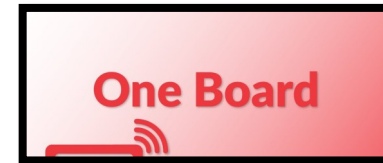
Weekly Emails

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.

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.

This year Charge Conference will be held at **LUMC on October 11th at 1:30 pm in FLC.**

All are invited; especially board members to join!



One Board Meeting

We invite **all** church members to stay connected and be a part of what is happening in our church. Our next One Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, October 21st at 7 pm** and **everyone** from the church is welcome and encouraged to attend. Come hear about upcoming plans, ministries, and opportunities for our church!



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
14—MaryAnn Hillegeist
16—Adam Everett
20—Allison Crow
25—Daryl Janda
27—Wendy Stover
28—Bob Rao
30—Alaya McKinley



Total Monthly Offerings for

August were \$18,468

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



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Through August 2026:

Income: \$129,779

Expenses: \$191,630

Expenses exceed income by \$61,851

Bank balances totaled \$550,779

Prepared by Andy Woodward; September 16, 2026

A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

"...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.

Children's Christmas Program

Our Children's Christmas Program will Sunday, December 20th at 6:00 pm. Please reach out to the church office if your child/ren will be joining us!



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.



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 6th.**



This Sunday, October 4th, 2026.

We will have Communion in both services at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM.

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.

Sunday Morning @ LUMC

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