



Lexington United Methodist Church

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Dear LUMC Family,

What is your favorite Easter memory? Maybe it occurred when you were a kid and involved in an egg hunt at church. Perhaps the food and family took place at an easter meal after worship. It may be more recent and involves your family being together for worship, despite the chaos it may have taken to get everywhere dressed and ready.

I have a few fond memories of Easter. One of my earliest memories was making Easter Eggs with classmates at the local United Methodist day school. I still remember the strong smell of vinegar and my dismay when my egg didn't quite turn out as colorful as I hoped. A more recent memory I think back on is the sunrise service we'd do at my last church in Galveston. We'd get out there early in the morning while it was still dark, much like the disciples do on Easter morning. And we'd get everything set up. One year there was a woman who was upset we'd be having a church service out there because it would be "too loud" and she wanted to go back to bed after her walk. We assured her that we had all the necessary permits from the city, had done this for a while, and had never received a noise complaint. This, however, did not appease her concerns. We tried to take the high road as Jesus would and invited her to come back around 7 and see what it was all about. She did in fact come back, with bread. Hoping to, and I quote, "throw it on the ground and attract seagulls to shoo everyone away." We joked about that one for years. But that was always such a wonderful service. We had hundreds of folks who would come out to worship with us. And it was such a great way to start Easter.

However, I must admit that I often found myself preoccupied with what was to come rather than fully immersing myself in the celebration. My mind was consumed with thoughts of my Easter sermon, the logistics of getting back to the church on time, the number of attendees, the possibility of something going wrong, the arrangement of the church, the availability of communion supplies, and even the lady who threatened to disrupt our service by throwing bread. Upon reflection, I realized I had been missing out on the beautiful things God was doing in those moments of worry.

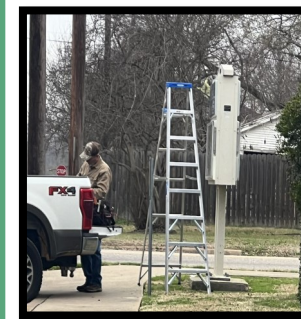
It reminds me of that great moment in Luke 10, Jesus and the disciples were coming to Martha's home. Martha has a sister named Mary who instead of helping with the preparations, cleaning the house, washing the sheets, vacuuming, sweeping, cooking, cleaning, tidying, etc. sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teachings. Martha, scripture tells us, was "distracted by all the preparations that had to be made" (Luke 10:40) goes to Jesus and complains to him asking him to ask her sister to start helping.

Martha was so busy preparing to receive Jesus into her home that she missed Jesus showing up. How much in our preparation for something? Do we miss out on it actually happening? Have you ever hosted some friends at your house, and by the time you get to the end of the night, you realize you barely spoke with them since you were so busy preparing for them? It is easy for us to get caught up in our preparation and miss the actual moment.

This Lenten season, as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection! I invite you not to be like Martha and miss out on Jesus because you're busy preparing for Jesus. The food can wait a little longer, the house can be dirty, and the placemats can be imperfect. Because what matters is how you and I serve and worship a risen savior!

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris

**M&M's and Youth—**On Ash Wednesday are youth programs learned about the meaning of Ash Wednesday and imposition of ashes.



With several meetings under their belt for 2024, our trustees are getting things done! Chuck Moore was able to use his electrician skills to fix the lights in the marquee and Stephen Meuth used his plumbing skills to replace the sink faucet in the fellowship hall women's restroom!

Thank you  
trustees for your dedication!

Chase Newton has put his wood working skills to use by creating an information wall and offering table for the Family Life Center. Stop by and take a look!



**Bake Sale Fundraiser—**Saturday, March 23rd @ Snow's BBQ 8AM to 1PM . **Any Donated baked goods are much appreciated!** Anyone wanting to attend summer activities is should plan on helping. All Sales go towards BIG House Mission Trip and Lakeview Summer Camp.

**Easter Egg Hunt—**The Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner and we are looking for donations. If you'd like some ideas of what we are looking get with Holly Newton in the office. **The deadline for donations will be March 19th.** Donations can be brought to church services or the church office. Thank you!



**Summer—**If you are interested in your youth attending BIG House or Lakeview Summer Camp this year please reach out to Holly Newton (979) 571-6934. **We will also be needing Counselors!!** Please let us know if you or someone you know would be interested.

**BIG House—June 19th-23rd**  
**Lakeview—June 24-28th**



DAYLIGHT  
SAVING  
TIME  
*Spring*  
FORWARD



### Memorials

*In Memory of Greg Knowlton*

by... Lexington Senior Citizens

\*as of January 31, 2024

*"...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.

### Scout Sunday

February 11th was Scout Sunday at LUMC. We had a wonderful group of Scouts attend and help with service! Good Job!!



On February 24th Pack 142 held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet where they celebrated the achievements of all of our cubs and leaders through the last year and each scout made rank, meaning they completed all requirements to move up to the next den. We also celebrated three scouts who achieved the highest scout Cub Scout rank - Arrow of Light - and crossed over to new adventures beyond the pack.



From our youth—**THANK YOU!!!** for coming by the free-will Ash Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner to support us going to summer camp and BIG House in 2024!!



### MARCH Birthdays

1—Derek Jackson  
1—Daniel Brade  
3—Stuart McHenry  
4—Margaret Woodward  
6—Dawn Stefek  
6—Judy Everett  
7—Linda Wright  
12—Logan Marek  
18—Orean Frankeny  
18—Chase Newton  
19—Mike Wright  
21—Matt Everett  
22—Ryann Retzlaff  
24—Cindy Herklotz  
24—Jacklynn Casiano  
27—Erin Truho

### LENTEN Schedule

**Palm Sunday**  
March 24th  
**Maundy Thursday**  
March 28th 7PM  
**Good Friday**  
March 29th 7PM  
**Easter with Egg Hunt**  
March 31st

**Easter Sunday Services:**  
March 31st  
**Contemporary** 9:30 AM  
**Egg Hunt** 10:45 AM  
**Picture with Pastor** 11:10 AM  
**Traditional** 11:15 AM



### Scholarship Applications

High School Seniors—The school has posted the Lexington United Methodist Church Scholarship Application. If you have questions please get with your counselor or Holly Newton.

**Applications are due by April 26th.**

### Tithes & Offerings

Total Monthly Offerings for  
**January were \$23,545**

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](http://www.lexingtonumc.org) on the "donate" page.
3. **Mail or Bill Pay** (through your bank):  
Po Box 116 Lexington, TX 78947



**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 with leader, Cinda Lewis

**Children** - 3rd classroom; with leader Jennifer Stower  
**Youth** - FLC Youth Room; with leaders Jan Alexander and Holly Newton

### Weekly Emails

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

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



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, March 5th.**

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.

The Free-Will Lunch will be at the Family Life Center on **March 5th.**

This Month's Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice, and Apple Crisp.

**There will be no M&M's or Youth on Wednesday, March 13th**

