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Dear LUMC Family,  
He is Risen!

Easter is one of my favorite holidays of the year. I have so many great memories of Easter. I remember one year when Diana and I lived in New Jersey. Our church would always do a combined sunrise service with the Presbyterian Service out by the lake. It was a beautiful spot to worship, and seeing the sun rise over the lake was just one of those images that would remind you of how beautiful God made our natural world. Last year, however, Easter was early. March 27th. And that year, we had just been bombarded by arctic cold fronts week after week. So, this particular Easter morning, it was a balmy 39 degrees. And with wind chill, it was even colder.

Surprisingly, it was still fairly well attended, about 50 of us huddled together and crammed a 40-minute service into 14 minutes. We sped through hymns, skipped some liturgy, the pastor trimmed his prayer to just "god we're grateful," and everyone shouted their amen. We sped through the scripture; large sections of the sermons were cut out; we said the benediction, and we all ran back to the Presbyterian church to eat brunch together in their warm fellowship hall.

Absolutely nothing went according to plan, yet it was one of the most memorable Easters I can remember. The joy was palpable! As the old cliché goes, misery loves company. It's so easy to get frustrated when things don't go according to plan.

I think God understands that deeply. I'm not sure God wanted to or planned for humanity to sin in the garden, for us to violate or break our covenant with God, or for us to crucify his son. But the good news we see in Easter is that God's plans are always greater than our faults. And if God can transform the brokenness and sinfulness that crucified his only son, then surely God can take the messy broken parts of our lives and transform them into something new.

This Easter season, I invite you to look at the broken, unplanned, messy parts of your own life. Where do you see God at work? Where have you experienced resurrection in unexpected places? Maybe it's in a relationship restored after years of distance. Maybe it's in finding purpose after loss. Maybe it's simply in discovering that God meets us not in perfect moments, but in the honest, difficult, ordinary moments when we show up together.

The message of Easter is radically simple and profoundly transformative: Death does not have the final word. Brokenness is not the end of the story. Our mistakes, our failures, our pain, none of these define our future. God has already written the next chapter, and it begins with resurrection.

So whether your Easter is filled with sunrise services and springtime warmth, or found in some other season of your life, know this: You are invited into the same transformation Christ embodied. The same power that rolled away the stone from the tomb is available to you, not to erase your struggles, but to transform them into testimonies.

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris

## LUMC Women's Group

Our LUMC Women held a Bingo Night on March 27th at to help raise funds for our Youth to attend both summer camp and Big House mission this summer. This was a fun way to get together and help out our youth. There were about 70 people in attendance. We played 10 rounds of Bingo and had 3 live auction items. We raised \$2,363. **THANK YOU** to all who helped plan, set-up, donated and played!

Be on the Look Out for our next Women's Gathering! If you are interested in getting group text or emails please reach out to the office.



### Heritage Sunday

On **Sunday, April 26th** we will celebrate Heritage Sunday at Early Chapel Cemetery. We will join for worship at **11am** with one service, and then have a potluck picnic afterwards. Make sure you bring chairs, blankets, a picnic basket, and your yeti coolers. We will provide the bathrooms! We hope you will join us for this special event as we celebrate and remember the legacy of faith left for us. Everyone is invited to enjoy this annual event.

### Homecoming 2026

May 2nd LUMC will have the Men's **Pancake Breakfast at 7AM** in the Family Life Center.

We will also have a **Food Booth** on the Square. We will have shifts set up and will be selling Frito Pies and Nachos this year. Along with Sodas and Water.



**Please be on the lookout for the sign ups!**

Please reach out to the Church office if you are interested in helping in either event!!

## A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

In memory of Randy Scruggs

by... Seifert Reunion

In memory of Bobby Rodgers

by... Jan Alexander



*"...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.



Our Youth going to Camp and Big House this summer held a garage sale during the City Wide to help raise the funds. Thanks to generous donations we were able to **FILL** the Family Life Center for the 3rd year in a row!!! We raised \$1,018. **THANK YOU** to all who donated, helped or shopped!!

Up Next we will have our annual **Bake Sale** at Snow's BBQ on **April 25th**.

\*If you are able to make something to help out please reach out to Holly Newton in the church office 979-571-6934.

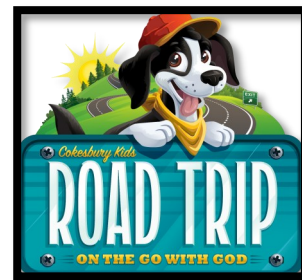


**May 17th**  
Graduation Sunday  
**May 20th**  
Baccalaureate  
**May 22nd**  
Graduation



**Easter Sunday Services:**  
April 5th  
Egg Hunt 10:45 AM  
Picture with Pastor 11:10 AM  
One Service 11:15 AM

**VBS 2026** This year we will host "Road Trip: On the Go with God" in July in the evenings like previous years. Days are TBD. If you are interested in helping please let the office know!



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, April 7.**



**M&M's and Youth**  
Help us finish out the year strong! **ONLY 4 Wednesdays left!**  
**WISH LIST**—Chips, Cookies, Hawaiian Punch, Grape Kool-Aid, Welch's Fruit Snacks, Apple Sauce and Pudding cups. Individual Packages are appreciated.  
We have been blessed with another amazing year with M&M's and Youth. Thank you so much to our volunteers both new and regular for making this happen.  
**Our last is Wednesday, April 29th.**



**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 25th.**

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!



**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



**Summer Dates**

**BIG House—June 10-14th**  
**Camp—June 22nd-26th**



- 3—Eleanor Waks
- 3—Isaiah Washington
- 4—John David McKinley
- 5—April Herklotz
- 10—Aiden Newton
- 11—Jennifer Stowers
- 17—Brad Aduddell
- 18—Maiken Ahrendt
- 22—Crystalyn Keating
- 24—Kristal McKinley
- 26—Sophia Keating
- 28—Donna Harbers



Total Monthly Offerings for **February were \$9,013**

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



**This Sunday, April 5th, 2026.**  
We will have communion in both services at 9:30 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.