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Scripture for May

John 15:12-17
"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

In our world today, we like one day holidays, one day to celebrate Christmas, one day to celebrate Easter, and even one day to celebrate birthdays. But Easter is special. It was never meant to be one day. In fact, in the church calendar Easter Sunday starts the season of Easter or Eastertide. It is actually fifty days, so don't rush to take down your bunnies and egg!

These fifty days allow us to dive in deep to celebrate our risen Lord and Savior. It lets us examine what it really means to say Christ is risen! Christ resurrection changed everything for us. His death reconciled us to God, but his resurrection rescues us from death. Because of both, we can live into a new way of life. This is the power of our faith! Jesus death and resurrection changed the course of history and, we can still experience that change today.

In worship, we will journey on the walk to Emmaus. We will examine the Great Commission. We will see Peter's vision and walk Paul's mission. This will all lead us to Pentecost where we will celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit. I hope you will join us for worship so we can celebrate these 50 days together.

This time also means that Summer is almost here. In May, we will have a blast for Homecoming. We will also be getting ready to host Big House, making plans for Lakeview, and get ready for a new Bible study starting in June.

Also this month, please join us in praying for the Texas Annual Conference Meeting started Sunday, May 26th-May 29th. Chuck Moore, Adrian Early, and I will be attending to represent the churches. The meeting is in Houston and, we will be electing delegates for the 2020 General Conference. I know there will be many things for us to discuss and plan. We will keep you updated about any outcomes.

Enjoy May and celebrate that Christ is Risen!

Blessings,

Pastor Raegan

A quick note about VCI:

We are starting to move with our Vibrant Church Initiative (VCI). The VCI Team for this part of the process will be led by John Gibbs. Sarah Hallum, Andy Woodward, and Katherine Ladd will also be on the team. They will be in charge of getting our self-study completed and preparing us for the VCI Weekend tentatively set for September. If you have any questions about VCI, please feel free to talk to them or myself. We will continue to keep you updated as things progress.

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ~1st Corinthians 15:17-19



LEXINGTON & BLUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



Volunteer Opportunity

Join us the 1st Thursday of the month on the Square as we help distribute food to those in our community who are in need. We meet at 10:30 and start serving at 11 a.m. Typically, we are finished by 11:45 a.m. No experience necessary!



Painting Party in April

We had a great time painting Easter signs at our April get together. We laughed and shared memories together. Be sure to join us at our May movie night.



Tentative Schedule for the Year

- 5/10 @ 6 p.m. Movie Night
- 6/20 @ 2 p.m. Yoga Class
- 7/10 @ 3:30 p.m. Nails at Assisted Living Homes With Youth
- August: TBD
- 9/10 @ 6 p.m. CASA Speaker
- 10/10 @ 6 p.m. Bazaar Prep (evening)
- 11/23 Bazaar
- 12/8 Christmas Party

Where Two or More Gather in my Name

Friday, May 10th at 6 p.m.

We will have a movie night watching a Christian-based movie together. Bring a snack to share. Our scripture is **Matthew 18:20**.

Glorify God in Your Body

Thursday, June 20th at 2 p.m.

A class on stretching and flexibility for all levels of ability. The scripture for this meeting is **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**.

Do Unto Others

Wednesday, July 10th at 3:30 p.m.

The Ladies and the Youth will together go to Oakland Manor to enjoy time with the residents. The scripture for this meeting is **Luke 6:31**.

BLUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Holy Week & Easter



Thank you to everyone who helped out with this year's Maundy Thursday service. What a memorable experience.

"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

A note on membership in the church

Maybe you have visited with our congregation a few times and you have wondered what it would be like to be a member. Or perhaps you have been "visiting" for a few years now and are thinking about making that plunge into membership. No matter what your situation might be, the most important thing about membership is making a commitment to all the other people who are part of this congregation. Members make the commitment to be there for each other; to help each other grow in love of God and love for God's world. If you are considering making that commitment then please contact me to learn more about membership in our congregation.

Be sure to send your pictures from all of the fun events at Blue UMC to Stephanie in the church office at lumcyouth@outlook.com.

Blue UMC Worship Attendance

March	31	42
April	7	25
	14	50
	21	69

May Birthdays

- 2-Carolyn Shirley
- 4-Pr. Raegan Seaton
- 9-Johnny Kidd
- 10-Andrea Harrell
- 18-Jeff Torn
- 29-Mary Stifflemire



UPCOMING BLUE EVENTS

Sunday Mornings

- 9 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday Mornings

- 11 a.m. Prayer Group

MAY

- 6-BVFD
- 12-Mother's Day Breakfast
- 13-Texas Stars
- 28-TEEA



Calendar of Events

Sunday

- Sunday School 9:45-10:45 AM (6-12th grade) With Mr. Stephen
- Confirmation Class 4 PM
- High School Youth 5 PM

Wednesday

- Middle School Youth 3:30 to 5 PM

May

- 19-Senior Sunday
- 22-Baccalaureate
- 30-River Trip



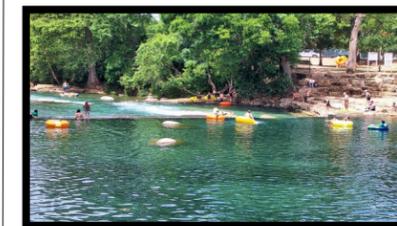
Thank you to all the parents, kids, and adults who like kids who helped with this year's fundraisers for camp. We could not have done it without your help. You are truly appreciated!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Final Fundraiser for Camp

Bake Sale on the Square
 Saturday, May 4th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 We have baked goods to sell at the Fish Fry booth
 Please see Stephanie for more information.



End of Year Youth Party Floating the San Marcos River!

Thursday, May 30th
 Middle School & High School Youth
 The price is \$15 and will need to be paid by Wednesday, May 22nd.

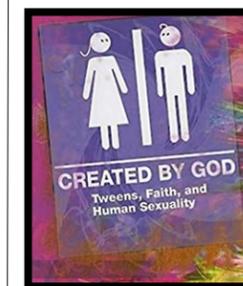
We will leave the church at 10 a.m. and return mid-afternoon. Due to limited transportation and adult sponsors, we will only be able to take kids who participate in Youth, Sunday School or church services.

Summer Dates to Remember

- 5/19 Senior Sunday
- 5/22 Baccalaureate (Holy Family CC)
- 6/6-9 Host BIG HOUSE
- 6/4 Created by God Class (6th & 7th)
- 6/23-28 Camp
- 7/24-28 BIG HOUSE



Middle School Lock-In



Tanya Rhodes will be leading a program for incoming 6th and 7th grade youth called: **Created by God Tweens, Faith, and Human Sexuality**. The class is June 4, will be limited to 10 youth and is \$5 per student. To sign up or for information on the class, please contact Stephanie Kellenberger at lumcyouth@outlook.com.

METHODIST CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



VBS is just around the corner.

July 15th - 17th! 6:00 - 8:30pm

3 nights only

There will be a preschool group for 3 and 4 year olds. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Milissa Davis if you are interested in helping out.



M&M's



We were truly blessed this year with such a large crowd of eager kids coming to M&M's weekly. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers: **Wanda and her team** who organized and served food weekly; **Michelle** for providing kids and volunteers from My Friend's House; **Sarah** keeping the group organized; **Pastor Raegan** for the great messages each week.



Sunday School

Sunday School teachers include Jan Alexander, Jan Lynn, Jennifer Marek, & Trudy Doerfler.

The children's Sunday school curriculum comes from the series, Deep Blue. Children will hear the Bible story, apply the Bible message and then live out the message in their lives.

Each session is divided into three sections. The 1st section is a large group where the children will meet together. Children will be introduced to a Bible story and Bible verse. Then the children will be divided into two age groups. One group will explore the lesson deeper and do a craft activity and the other age group will have a snack, play games related to the Bible story and practice Bible verses. Then the two groups switch.



Children's Church will be taking a break this summer while everyone is off from school. We will resume when school starts back in August.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and allowed their children to be a part of this fun ministry!

May Acolyte: Aiden Newton

BACCALAUREATE

Wednesday, May 22nd
7pm (Gather at 6:30pm)
Holy Family Catholic Church Activity Center
Come and support our High School Graduating Seniors on this night of community worship.

GRADUATE BRUNCH



We will have a brunch on Sunday **May 19th 10:15am** in the Fellowship Hall honoring the Graduating Class of 2019. Everyone is welcome, please join us!

Giving to the General Fund

How your money helps when you give your tithe or offering to the General Fund.

Supplies / Work Areas:

Specific money in the budget is designated to some of our important local ministries in the church. Funds are used to support Vacation Bible School, M&Ms, Youth Groups and Sunday School (all ages). This fund helps to provide curriculum, food, craft items, etc. From time to time, these groups may ask for special donations in case we are unable to cover additional costs.

Lexington Backpack Buddies Update

We have had another wonderful year feeding our future at the elementary and middle schools here in Lexington. This year:

- * We fed approximately 60 students a week which, by the end of this school year, will total **1,980** bags of food
- * Over **100** volunteer hours went into making sure that food was packed and distributed each week
- * Over **\$6,066** was donated through individual donations and fundraisers.
- * Our Account Balance is **\$3,935.08**

If you would like to donate to Backpack Buddies, please make note on your donation that it is for Backpack Buddies (in the memo on the check or on the envelope). Thank you!



A group of men from LUMC and BUMC worked to help build John O'Bier a ramp this past month. It ended up being 76 ft. long. Those who worked on it included John Gibbs, Mike Harrell, Ray Dismukes, Dempsey Stover, Barry Lynn, Bill Cornutte, Matt Everett, and Mike Wright.

A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

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| <i>Building Fund</i> | <i>In Memory of ...Jim Raney</i> |
| <i>In Memory of ...Ann Chernosky</i> | by... John & Janie Johnson |
| by... Willis & Jeannine Brewer | <i>Memorial Fund</i> |
| <i>In Memory of ...Jim Raney</i> | <i>In Memory of ...Pat Marquart</i> |
| by... Dan & Laura Harris | by... Seifert Reunion |
| <i>In Memory of ...Jim Raney</i> | <i>In Memory of ...Jim Raney</i> |
| by... Chester & Norma Thomas | by... Jan Woodward |
| <i>In Memory of ...Jim Raney</i> | <i>In Memory of ...Harold Sandifer</i> |
| by... Matt & Judy Everett | by... Chester & Norma Thomas |
| <i>In Memory of ...Jim Raney</i> | <i>In Memory of ...Harold Sandifer</i> |
| by... Dick & Sarah Hallum | by... Richard & Nancy Smith |
| <i>In Memory of ...Harold Sandifer</i> | |
| by... Dick & Sarah Hallum | |

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Bob Belyeu
- 4-Pr. Raegan Smith
- 6-Natasha Wofford
- 6-Lee Lewis
- 6-Chad Robertson
- 8-Coen Stowers
- 8-Javier Casiano
- 12-Tate Townsend
- 13-Bryan Ladd
- 14-Judy Belyeu
- 17-Laura Harris
- 18-Laurie Brewer
- 21-Barbara Cooper
- 25-Jan Lynn
- 29-Stephanie Kellenberger
- 29-Terrie Smith
- 29-Deb Nuckols
- 30-Lee Marks
- 31-Norma Thomas
- 31-Kylee Retzlaff



Memorials reflect all gifts received and recorded as of April 21st.

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.

"...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

With Gratitude

Thank you **Patti Lerche** for putting on two great Easter egg hunts for our kids. As always, the prizes were awesome and appreciated by all ages. We are truly blessed to have you as part of our church family!

Thank you **Stephen Meuth** for organizing and coordinating the Lent Plays. What a wonderful new tradition to bring to our church. We truly appreciate it and cannot wait for the next round of plays!

Get Connected at LUMC on Sunday Morning

Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Journey Class for Adults

Meet in the Family Life Center with leader, Cinda Lewis

Beyond the Sermon Study

In the Family Life Center at 11 a.m.

Men's Gathering

Meet in the Family Life Center with leader, John Gibbs

Coffee House

10:45 a.m.

LUMC Fellowship Hall enjoy complimentary coffee & pastries

Coffee & Pastries are also available during the 10 a.m. service in the Family Life Center

Thank you to our Lent Play actors for The Potter and Me. You all were great!



Stephen Meuth & Cindy Herklotz

Tina & Louise Woodward

Steven Kellenberger & Payson Eberz

Lucy Reynolds, Peggy Borgfeld & Katherine Ladd

Bill Curnutte & Chuck Moore

John Gibbs

Prison Ministry Update and Thank You!

The Kairos team would like to thank everyone who helped this Luther #6 Weekend. The prayer chain went almost twice around the room and most of the participants remarked how impactful it was to know that so many people were praying for them. Meal tickets were passed out for meals Friday and Saturday. The men asked if we knew the people who bought them. Some of them we did. Again, they were impressed to know that over 400 meal tickets were purchased. We are grateful for the love and care of the table cookies that were prayed over and baked for #6. However, we were not able to use them due to the requirement for them to be baked in a licensed commercial kitchen. The 250 dozen Cookie Monster cookies were WELL received by the total prison population. The placemats used for meals, created by our children, were folded up and take back to their residence by all of the participants. Those really touched their hearts.



The participants remarked often how wonderful they felt loved and prayed over. Love and forgiveness are the keys to our ministry. May God continue to bless the Kairos ministry.

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3

LEXINGTON HOMECOMING

Thurs. through Sun., May 2 through May 5th

Homecoming Sing 6:15 p.m. Thursday

Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. Saturday

Parade 10:30 a.m.

Fish Fry on the Square Sat. after parade

Church Service 9 a.m. (BUMC), 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. (LUMC) Sunday

Homecoming Pancake Breakfast

The men of the church will host this

Traditional breakfast on

Saturday, May 4th from 7-10 am

(or until all of the food is gone)

Come hungry!



Fish Fry

Saturday May 4th

There are many opportunities to help.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - FLC

Saturday 8:00 am - set up on the Square

10:00 - begin Fish Fry.

Need cashiers, servers, fish fryers and will need

a clean up crew when it's all sold out on

Saturday!

If you can help in any way, please

contact Chuck Swisher

Come support the church!

If you are unable to volunteer, we still need you to come eat and support our church programs.



For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. ~Matthew 18:20

LEXINGTON ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

All Funds Balance as of 4/21/19

Bank Balance	\$8359.56
Early Chapel CD	\$19,517.26
RTSB CD #1	\$16,657.76
RTSB CD #4	\$10,840.98

DESIGNATED FUNDS in GENERAL:

Pledge Fund Acct. Balance	\$4,612.25
Early Chapel Cemetery Fund	-\$788.43
Journey Sunday School	\$2.43
Memorial Fund	\$3,041.79

Minimum amount needed to stay within budget:

\$17,660.34 month & \$ 4,075.47/week

2019 District Apportionments— PAID IN FULL

2019 Conference Apportionments - \$3,750.51

Date:		Offering	Worship Attendance
March	31	\$5,634	109
April	7	\$2,981	82
	14	\$3,099	115
	21	\$4,613	222

Annual Church Budget for 2019

Offerings thru 4/21/19 \$54,088.09

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10

St. Stephen's Fund

\$4,955,52

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. To contribute by check, please write "St. Stephen's Fund" in the memo.

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NewsLetter DEADLINE

Newsletter deadline for

June's edition is

May 23rd

Articles and photos are always needed. Please submit yours to Stephanie in the church office.

Stephanie Kellenberger & Pr. Raegan Seaton
Editors of *The Voice*

MAY 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
		10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. Youth	11 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry 11:30 a.m. Free Will Lunch 6:30 p.m. HC Sing		7 a.m. Pancakes 10:30 a.m. Parade 11 a.m. Fish Fry
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Homecoming	7:30 p.m. BVFD (BUMC)	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 11 a.m. Birthday Lunch	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. Youth	10 a.m. Garden Club (FLC) Noon Big House Visit 6 PM My Friends House (FLC and FH)	Homecoming	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day Noon MAD Fundraiser (FLC)	3:30-5 FH Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Texas Stars (BUMC)	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. Youth	6:30 p.m. Lion's Club		
5 p.m. Bible Study Grow at Home	20	21	22	23	24	25
Senior Sunday	3:30-5 FH Cub Scouts	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. Youth 7 p.m. Baccalaureate	Last day of School Noon Bunco at St. Center	10:30 a.m. HOPE Distribution	Graduation
2-3PM Cub Scout Committee Mtg.	27	28	29	30	31	
26	Memorial Day	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. TEEA (BUMC)	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group	Youth End of Year Trip		
5 p.m. Bible Study Grow at Home	Texas Annual Conference					

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Easter at Lexington UMC



Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here,
but has risen.
Luke 24:5

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