

THE VOICE

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Happy May!

I'm writing this article at the end of April. Governor Greg Abbot just announced the slow reopening of the state of Texas. At this time, it does not mean we will be resuming worship in person. I want you to know a couple things about this decision. I am not making this decision on my own. I am in contact with our church leadership regularly and will keep in contact with them to make this decision together. We are also getting advice and instructions from Bishop Scott Jones. We will continue evaluate the situation as things change. Please know that we want to make the best decision we can to resume meaningful worship while still keeping everyone safe.

So what do we do in the meantime? We keep on keeping on! I don't know about you, but I've taken a lot of comfort in two songs lately, We Believe by Newsboys and Waymaker by

Leland. We Believe says the following:

And the gates of hell will not prevail

For the power of God, has torn the veil

Now we know Your love will never fail

We believe, we believe

These words come from the Gospel of Matthew where, after Peter declaring who Jesus really is, Jesus says: And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' The church stands on the foundation of who Jesus is and the gates of Hell will not prevail against the church. There is eternal hope because of what God has done through Jesus Christ.

In Waymaker, the bridge says:

Even when I don't see it, You're working

Even when I don't feel it, You're working

You never stop, You never stop working

You never stop, You never stop working

I needed to hear these words this week. I needed to be reminded that God is always working. Let's be clear, God did not cause this. This is not a punishment or a test. But God can work through all things. If you find yourself losing hope or being frustrated with circumstances, remember that God is still at work. Ask God to show you what He is doing and ask how you can be a part of it. Keep the faith and your hope in God!

Blessings,

Pastor Raegan

LEXINGTON UMC ONLINE WORSHIP

We will have four ways to worship on Sundays:

1. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LexingtonMethodist/> You do not have to have a Facebook Page to watch it.
2. YouTube: search Lexington United Methodist Church Texas
3. Our Website: www.lexingtonumc.org. Go to our website Sunday morning after 10:00am. Click Worship then Video Gallery.
4. Read a written copy! Call the office or e-mail us and we will mail you the sermon on Mondays.

Summer Youth Activities

As many of you know, **Lakeview summer camp** and the **Big House** mission trips have been canceled for this summer. At this time Stephanie and Pastor Raegan are working on substitute events we can do locally for those that were wanting to go to camp or on the mission trip. Stay tuned for more information on what is to come!



Weekly Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Monday at 6 p.m. on our Facebook page is a self-guided Bible Study that changes weekly.

Tuesday at 10 a.m. is Prayer Time. If you have any requests, you can send those to the church. Prayer time is also posted on the Facebook page.

If you do not have access to Facebook, we can email you these as well.

Memorials

Memorial Fund

In Memory of ... Robert Brister

by... Shelley Huettel

by... Willis & Jeannine Brewer

by... Jan Woodward

by... Mike & Nancy Organ

by... Dick & Sarah Hallum

by... Matt & Judy Everett

by... Patti Lerche

by... Oscar & Mary Ann Hillegeist

by... Clifton & Cathy Marek

In Memory of ... Mark Jackson

by... Bob & Judy Belyeu

In Memory of ... Rev. Albert & Gwendolyn Peterson

by... Carolyn Peterson Weisz & Gloria Peterson Hardin

In Memory of ... Charles & Mary Peterson

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Mobile Food Pantry

May's Mobile Food Pantry has been rescheduled to **Friday, May 8th from 11 a.m. to noon** at the Lexington Park Pavilion. This month's distribution will be similar to last month's where clients will remain their cars and pick up food in a drive thru line.



Sunday School teachers are continuing their lessons through e-mail. Lessons and crafts are sent out prior to Sunday. If you would like to be included on this email, please contact the church (lumcyouth@outlook.com).

All craft items can also be found in the library.

Ways to Help

We have volunteer opportunities available at this time and none involve leaving your home!

1. Call other church members to see how they are doing.
2. Send in prayer requests. You can reply to this email.
3. Write to our shut-ins and those in assisted living. Reply to this email if you would like a list of those included.
4. Let us know if you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, financial assistance, etc.



Tithes & Offerings



We want to provide alternative ways to give so that everyone can remain faithful in their financial stewardship. **Ways to give:**

1. At Church: there is a drop box on the office door for checks. We will check the box daily.
2. Online: www.lexingtonumc.org on the "donate" page.
3. Mail or Bill Pay (through your bank): PO Box 116 Lexington, TX 78947

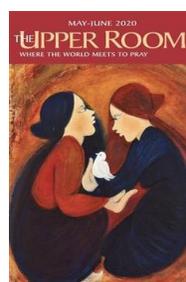
Church Directory



Make sure to stay in touch with fellow church members. On your phone, go to your app store and search "Instant Church Directory". Put in the email you have given the church to access the directory. Need help or prefer a hard copy? Call or email the church.

Upper Room

The Upper Room, a daily devotional magazine for May and June, is now available and can be found in the pass thru (library) at the church.



The Voice

May's newsletter will be emailed and mailed out this week. If you do not receive one, extras will be available in the Pass Thru / Library of the church.