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Scripture for Mission Work

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28:19-20

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8

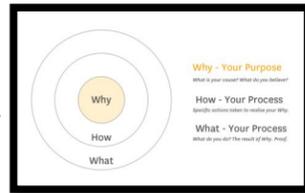
"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."
Mark 16:15

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."
1 Chronicles 16:24

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Start with why....

There is a wonderful Ted Talk by a man named Simon Sinek called Start With Why. You can watch it by searching on Google for "Simon Sinek Ted Talk Start With Why." It is pretty short to watch. In it, Simon suggests that people don't buy into the what but to the why. As he puts it, "people don't buy what you do, people buy why you do it. He explains it with the Golden Circle.



He also uses the examples of the Wright Brothers and Martin Luther King. Both King and Wright were able to accomplish more than anyone thought possible because they had a compelling why and they inspired others with their why. Simon Sinek uses this idea to motivate leaders to inspire their employees and to tap into something more than just getting a lot of money. He says: "Trust begins to emerge when we have a sense that another person or organization is driven by things other than their own self-gain."

Now you might be thinking, what does that have to do with us? Well, the same idea applies to the church. While it is wonderful to have programs and events, what really gets people plugged into and excited about church, is our why.

Why do we exist as a church? Is it for ourselves or for God? Why do each one of us believe in God? I personally think the church has the best why ever. We believe in a loving God who created us. God who came down in human form to show us how to live and love. A God who died for our sins, was resurrected, and lives and reigns forevermore!!! What good news we have to offer the world. The good news of Jesus Christ who loved us before we loved Him. And we believe that God wants everyone to be His children. I want to encourage you to think and pray about the church's why and your why. What do we believe? Why does it matter? What difference does it make?

As you think about your why, I'd like to introduce you to our Vibrant Church Initiative Team. John Gibbs will be our team leader and the rest of the team will be Sarah Hallum, Andy Woodward, and Katharine Ladd. They will be gathering all our information for our VCI weekend and facilitating that weekend. If you have any questions about VCI, they would all be happy to answer.

Please join me in praying for this team and the VCI process.

Blessings,

Pastor Raegan

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

Schedule for 2019

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



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Join us Monday mornings starting June 17 through July 29 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for our study by Lisa Harper, "Job: A Story of Unlikely Joy". Books are \$13.

"Joy is the constant companion of the woman who trusts in the Lord. And while you can find it in friends, family, and circumstances, unflinching, persistent joy will only ever overflow from your relationship with Jesus. Just ask Job, the man from Uz who clung to God's goodness while all his worldly joys were stripped away.

But how is it possible to hold onto such joy in times of sorrow? In this 7-session study, discover the redemptive facet of Job's suffering. Learn to view pain as a way to strengthen your faith, point others to the gospel, and trust in the Lord. Because His providence will never take you to a place where His grace will not sustain you."



We watched "War Room" in May for our Movie Night. There were 11 adults and most of the 6 kids watched "Finding Nemo". It was so much fun to get together that we plan on doing it again in August.

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 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

Mother's Day at Blue UMC



Mother's Day breakfast prepared by the great dads in Blue, Texas.

Save the Date Church Campout

June 28-30 At Lockhart State Park

This is the 30th year to have our annual Church Campout. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

We will have Washers and Horseshoe Tournaments, crafts, and best homemade ice cream contest!

Please contact Carolyn Hutson for more information. See you there!



Blue UMC St. Stephen's Fund \$986.13

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.

Month	Week 1	Week 2
April	28	49
May	5	32
	12	59
	19	37
	26	27

June Birthdays

- 5-Steven Kell
- 6-Rodney Casey
- 15-Amy Drosche



UPCOMING BLUE EVENTS

Sunday Mornings

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

Wednesday Mornings

- 11 a.m. Prayer Group

JUNE

- 3-BVFD
- 10-Texas Stars
- 25-TEEA



Calendar of Events

Sunday

Sunday School
9:45-10:45 AM
(6-12th grade)
With Mr. Stephen

Wednesday

All Youth
3:30 to 5 PM

June

- 5: Created by God Class
- 6-9: Big House Lexington
- 23-28: Camp
- 26: NO YOUTH
- 7/24-28: Big House Pasadena

YOUTH PROGRAMS

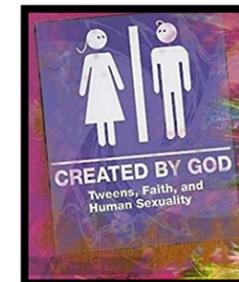
"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Congratulations to
our Senior, Jordan Marek!

"May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans!" Psalm 20:4



Created by God Class



Tonya 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 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch included) and will be limited to 10 students. The price for the class is \$5 per student. To sign up or for information on the class, please contact Stephanie Kellenberger at lumcyouth@outlook.com.

Youth Program this Summer

We will continue to meet on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. There will be a few weeks where we are unable to meet, but will let the kids know in advance. **Incoming 6th grade youth will start coming Wednesday, August 14th.** As always we invite everyone and encourage them to bring a friend! ****We feed them snacks each Wednesday. If you are able to provide a snack one week, please let Stephanie or Pastor Raegan know—we really appreciate it!****

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

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.

June Acolyte: Joshua Seaton



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!

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.



LUMC SPRC 2nd Quarter Update

submitted by John Gibbs, Chair LUMC SPRC

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) met on May 14th. First, we brought the committee up to speed on the Vibrant Church Initiative (VCI). The committee fully supports our VCI. Our basic purpose this quarter was to monitor progress of long range plans and see where we could take some action. One of the plans was to see where we could do a better job with some of our processes. We chose to look into our current Building Use policy and into developing an Employee Handbook. Also I am reviewing a Conflict Resolution Policy from another church. We will discuss if this is a good fit for our church at the next SPRC meeting. On the new school year calendar, long weekend holidays of Friday off, back to school on Monday has been changed to Monday and Tuesday off. We asked Pastor Raegan to work with the staff during the next school year to ensure the office is open on these Mondays and Tuesdays (unless it is a Federal Holiday on Monday). Pastor Raegan and the staff are coordinating their summer vacations to ensure office coverage. Our next meeting will focus on staff salaries for the 2020 budget process. Please contact me if you have any questions.

BIG HOUSE is coming back to Lexington!

The Lexington United Methodist Church is excited to again host about 75 mid-high youth and adults **June 6-9**. *What is BIG HOUSE?* It is an acronym which stands for Believing in God, Helping others Understand through Service Everywhere. BIG HOUSE Texas is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with offices in Deer Park, Texas. Their mission is "To prepare youth and adults to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, by providing opportunity to be in mission to churches in need everywhere." BIG HOUSE gives opportunity for youth to come together and grow in their Christian experience, through all aspects of the mission trip, whether it be on the work site, or in fellowship with one another. Mission experiences include participants who have completed the 5th through the 8th grade from all over Texas. These youth come together with the help of adults to work on churches and homes of those who are in need, and are unable to do the work themselves.



At BIG HOUSE, the students and adults come together on Thursday, meet their teams and begin planning work on their selected site. It could be a home they are painting, or a church they are cleaning and repairing, or a yard they are cleaning up, or visiting a nursing home, or perhaps it's working in a church food pantry. The work sites are varied and endless.

If you or someone you know could benefit, please submit your request to the Lexington United Methodist Church office at lumcyouth@outlook.com.

A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

Memorial Fund

In Memory of ...Harold Sandifer

by... Agnes Aldridge

In Memory of ...Jim Raney

by... G.E. Riedel

In Memory of ...Jim Raney

by... John & Ann Gorrell

In Memory of ...Eloise Philp

by... Mike & Nancy Organ

In Memory of ...Jim Raney

by... Richard & Wanda Townsend

In Memory of ...Jim Raney

by... Chester & Terrie Smith

In Memory of ...Harold Sandifer

by... Richard & Wanda Townsend

Memorials reflect all gifts received and recorded as of May 26th.

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4-Elania Dodds
- 10-Charlotte Woodward
- 11-Jesse Taizan
- 12-Cory Robertson
- 13-Sophia Newton
- 13-Pat McKinley
- 16-Savanna McKinley
- 21-Nancy Organ
- 21-Louise Woodward
- 25-Audrey Nuckols
- 26-Peggy Borgfeld
- 26-Alex Demeree
- 29-Sтивен Kellenberger
- 30-Courtney Jackson



With Gratitude

The Homecoming Fish Fry was a huge success thanks to the amazing work by our church members. After a rainy mess, the skies cleared for a beautiful Saturday. Our volunteers slopped in the mud to make some amazing fish, and we sold out!! Thank you to the cooks, cashiers, servers, runners, and clean-up crew who made this event possible. A special thank you to Chuck Swisher, Jan Lynn and Sarah Hallum for leading another successful fish fry. We greatly appreciate everything you did for this function. And if you missed the festivities, especially the parade, you missed our float with the LUMC Church, complete with steeple and cross on top! It won 2nd places!! A special thanks to the Borgfields, Ladds, Reynolds, and Schumperts for creating the float. Finally, thank you to our United Methodist Men for getting here early that morning and serving the traditional pancake and sausage breakfast. Hope to see all of you next year!

Welcome New Members



Please welcome Gary (not pictured) and Becky Sims to Lexington UMC!

Why VCI? From Andy Woodward



Pictured above are the VCI Leadership team for LUMC: Andy Woodward, Sarah Hallum, Katharine Ladd and John Gibbs.

By objective measurements, Lexington UMC is doing great. Our outreach programs are reaching more community members than ever before. We have new and renovated facilities. Membership and attendance are increasing. Why, then, are we beginning the Vibrant Church Initiative process?

We can do better, and it's our obligation to try.

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:4 (NLT)

Pastor Raegan mentioned the Vibrant Church Initiative (VCI) in last month's newsletter and a recent sermon. VCI is a church enhancement program sponsored by our local branch of Methodists, the Texas Annual Conference. Through the VCI process, outside Methodist leaders examine the church to evaluate strengths and opportunities. The Lexington UMC Administrative Council—all church members are members of the Council—voted recently to join VCI. The idea of change can be scary. However, positive changes are exciting. Imagine a time when you first stepped onto a stage, into a church camp, a new job, or a new school. Was your stomach upset? Did your heart pound? Momentary discomfort is a side effect of healthy growth, a sign of excitement that marks the importance of new opportunities.

Comedians walk out, get a feel for the crowd. If it's not going good, we change directions. If we got to drag your momma into this thing, we will. Whatever we got to do.

Steve Harvey

We have formed a small committee to begin the exploration of what VCI can do for our church. Our group leader, John Gibbs, is working closely with Pastor Raegan, church staff, and volunteers to collect information about church history, ministries, and missions.

Everyone who attends worship, participates in church programs, or benefits from church programs is part of VCI. Some of the beneficiaries are not even part of the church yet. Right now, they are sitting alone in dark rooms, thinking their years of usefulness are in the past. They are parents whose lives are consumed with worry about paying the bills, with no room left for God or service. They are Lexington school kids worrying about how to get food over the summer.

What can everyone do to support VCI and help our church grow in service?

1. **Pray.** Pray for wisdom. Pray that we all hear the Holy Spirit through this process.
2. **Answer.** Answer questions and respond to surveys. To make good recommendations, VCI leadership needs to have the best information possible about the current state of the church and our programs.
3. **Engage.** Welcome visitors. Patiently answer their questions. Engage in holy conversations about the church's past, present, and future.
4. **Dream.** Dream about what our church can become. Dream about how we can reach those searching for meaning in life. Dream about how our church can do even more for our community.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

LEXINGTON HOMECOMING

A great time was had by all this Homecoming! Our United Methodist Men cooked pancakes, our float won 2nd place in the parade (behind our very own Sophia Keating's float!), many volunteers helped to make the fish fry another success and we were able to end the weekend with some wonderful services.



And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." Mark 5:19

LEXINGTON ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

<i>All Funds Balance as of 5/26/19</i>		Date:	Offering	Worship Attendance	
Bank Balance	\$9,598.07				April
Early Chapel CD	\$19,735.06	May	5	\$11,018.97	97
RTSB CD #1	\$16,766.32		12	\$2,935	127
RTSB CD #4	\$10,840.98		19	\$2,533	106
DESIGNATED FUNDS in GENERAL:		26	\$4,512	95	
Pledge Fund Acct. Balance	\$3,938.54	Annual Church Budget for 2019			
Early Chapel Cemetery Fund	-\$188.43	Offerings thru 5/26/19			\$76,972.06
Journey Sunday School	\$87.25	General Fund			\$9,610.39
Memorial Fund	\$3,466.79	<i>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</i>			
Minimum amount needed to stay within budget: \$17,660.34 month & \$ 4,075.47/week 2019 District Apportionments– PAID IN FULL PAID 2019 Conference Apportionments - \$5,000.68					

St. Stephen's Fund
\$5,222.52
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	Newsletter deadline for July's edition is June 19th Articles and photos are always needed. Please submit yours to Stephanie in the church office.
	Stephanie Kellenberger & Pr. Raegan Seaton Editors of <i>The Voice</i>

JUNE 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	1 FLC Reserved (Lerche)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5 p.m. Bible Study Grow at Home	6:30 p.m. Summer Soul Series: 7:30 p.m. BVFD (BUMC)	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 11 a.m. Birthday Lunch	9 a.m. God Created Me Bible Study 11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group	11 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry 11:30 a.m. Free Will Lunch	LUMC Host Big House	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Pentecost	6:30 p.m. Summer Soul Series: 7 p.m. Texas Stars (BUMC)	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. Youth	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. Youth		
LUMC Host Big House		Cub Scout Day Camp - Bastrop - Van Reserved				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day Raegan Out	10 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Summer Soul Series	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. Youth	2 p.m. WMYoga 6:30 p.m. Lion's Club	10:30 a.m. HOPE Distribution	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
2-4:30PM Cub Scout Meetings 5 p.m. Bible Study Grow at Home	10 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Summer Soul Series	10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. TEEA (BUMC)	11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 11 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry ND Youth			
30	1	District Camp (Lakeview)				
6 p.m. 5th Sunday Sing HFCC						

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2019 LUMC FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS

Here is what we have for fundraisers and other big events. If we are missing anything (or dates are incorrect), please let the church office know.

- Jun. 3-Aug. 5 Summer Soul Series Bible Study
- Jun. 5 Created by God Class (Middle School)
- Jun. 6 First Thursday Lunch & Food Distribution
- Jun. 6-9 LUMC Hosts Big House Mission Trip
- Jun. 17- Jul. 29 Women's Bible Study
- Jun. 20 Yoga Class
- Jun. 23-28 District Camp
- Jun. 26 July Mobile Food Pantry
- Jun. 30 5th Sunday Sing (Catholic Church)
- Jul. 24-28 Big House Mission Trip: Pasadena
- Jul. 14- Aug 4 School Supplies Drive
- Jul. 15-17 Vacation Bible School
- Aug. 13 Ministerial Alliance Back to School Lunch
- Aug. 14 School Begins, Youth Back to School Lunch

