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Scripture for back to school

Proverbs 3:5-6  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

Philippians 4:13  
I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

1 Timothy 4:12  
Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

Matthew 19:14  
But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ~Jeremiah 29:11*

I know we often have plans that we make. We have ideas about how things are going to go, and perhaps even how we are going to get there. But have you ever thought about the fact that God has plans for you?

It is so easy to get caught up in the day to day of life and our plans that we miss the movement of God in our midst. We have work to go to, kids or family members to take care of, doctors visits, and trying to find some time for fun. We get in these routines and plans that we tune out what God is doing.

It is also easy in the church to keep doing what we have always been doing and miss the new direction that God is leading us. We do good work helping others, going to worship, studying scripture, etc., but often we get so focused on the doing that we again are not aware of God moving in our midst.

The people of Israel, during the time of Jeremiah, were living in exile. Jeremiah encourages them to settle in Babylon and accept where they are. BUT! They are also to remember that God was still with them. God still had plans for them, good plans. They could not lose sight of that even in the midst of exile.

We know the rest of the story. We know that God returns His people to their land. But God didn't stop there. God sent His Son to save them and us. And God continues to be at work with good plans for us!!

As we look into the future, let's not get caught up in the motions of doing ministry that we miss where God is moving us. Let us join in prayer and earnestly seek what God has in store for us as a church and as a people.

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

- 9/10 @ 12 p.m. Lunch & Visits
- 10/10 @ 5 p.m. Bazaar Prep (evening)
- 11/23 Bazaar
- 12/8 Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8th  
2:30 p.m.

Place is TBD  
Bring a wrapped ornament for the Christmas

exchange and a dessert or dish to share.

Bring a friend too ~ the more the merrier!



### CASSEROLE PRE-ORDER NOW AVAILABLE!

Pre-orders for the Fall casseroles will be take through October 14th. Forms are available at the church or online ([lexingtonumc.org](http://lexingtonumc.org)). Options are as follows:

Breakfast Sausage, Egg, Cheese	8x8 (\$10)	9x13 (\$20)
Mexican Casserole	8x8 (\$10)	9x13 (\$20)
Chicken Spaghetti	8x8 (\$10)	9x13 (\$20)
King Ranch Chicken	8x8 (\$10)	9x13 (\$20)
Broccoli Rice	8x8 only (\$8)	

Pick up is available Monday, November 18th through Thursday, November 21st 9 a.m. to noon and on Saturday, November 23rd 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or contact Lora Barlow or the church office to make other arrangements).

### Goodie Bags for Assisted Living

We will be putting together bags for those in assisted living. If you have small items you are willing to donate, please bring them to the office (or to church) throughout the month of August.

### Sharing Gifts

Date: September 10th at 12 p.m.

We will meet at Herk's for lunch then go visit folks in assisted living in Giddings. Our VBS kids made beautiful bags that we will fill with small gifts to take with us to give out.



# BLUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Save the Date:  
 Sunday, September 22nd.  
 Hope you can join us!  
 Please see the weekly bulletin for more information.

## Revival at Blue



Blessing of the Backpacks before school began on Sunday, August 11th.

### Blue UMC Worship Attendance

August	4	42
	11	31
	18	41
	25	38

### September Birthdays

- 10-Ben Harrell
- 12-Ben Berg
- 19-Nolan Hutson



### UPCOMING BLUE EVENTS

#### Sunday Mornings

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

#### Wednesday Mornings

- 11 a.m. Prayer Group

#### SEPTEMBER

- 2-BVFD
- 3-NWLC 4H
- 9-Texas Stars
- 24-TEEA

### Blue UMC St. Stephen's Fund \$977.33

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.



## 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*

### Calendar of Events

#### Sunday

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

#### Wednesday

Middle School Youth  
 3:30 to 5 PM  
 High School Youth  
 5:30 PM to 7 PM

#### September

- 4 Youth Resumes
- 6 5th Quarter
- 11 Youth Council Mtg.
- 13 5th Quarter
- 27 5th Quarter

## Youth this Fall

We will resume on **Wednesday, September 4th**. We will have a split Youth this fall. One will be from 3:30 to 5 (geared toward Middle School but High School is certainly invited) and 5:30 to 7 (flipped - geared for High School but Middle School is invited).

Also beginning in the fall, we will have Youth Council meetings the **second Wednesday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 7**. All youth (Middle and High School) are encouraged to participate. The Council will discuss youth activities at the church and what activities they would like to participate in. Any adults who would like to volunteer are always welcome!

*If you feel led to helping with, or leading, either group, please let Stephanie know ([lumcyouth@outlook.com](mailto:lumcyouth@outlook.com)).*



## 5th Quarter

Youth 6th grade to seniors are invited to join us for fun, food & fellowship after all Lexington home games at 5th Quarter in the Family Life Center. Invite your friends!

### Dates:

9/6, 9/13, 9/27, 10/4

**We always need volunteers to help with 5th Quarter.** If you would like to help, please contact the office or see Lee Marks.

## 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*

**September Acolyte:**  
**Carson Jackson**



Back in school...Yay! But we're always in God's school—sharing, listening, learning the joys of being in the light of God as His family... Children, please come and share learning and exploring how special it is to be God's kids through our "Deep Blue" series of Sunday school lessons. We'll draw nearer to God through the love of His Son Jesus Christ in our large group intro of prayer, Bible story and lesson, and music; and then, divide into two age groups to enjoy snack, Bible verse study, activity and craft time. We begin at 9:45am, and conclude at 10:45am. We teachers-Jan Alexander, Jan Lynn, Jennifer Marek, and Trudy Doerfler look forward to seeing you all there!



## Midweek Methodists

M&M's is our community-wide after school program for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. It runs from 3:30-5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during the school year. Each week children are picked up by bus at Lexington Elementary School and dropped off at the church where they enjoy a snack, music, bible story, crafts, and outdoor recreation. We sincerely believe that your child will be blessed as they study God's word each week with their friends! We hope your children can join us this year!

### Calendar

- M&M'S Begins - 9/4
- Thanksgiving Holiday - 11/27
- Last M&M's for Semester - 12/4
- Spring Semester Begins - 1/22
- Spring Break - 3/11
- Last M&M's for Year - 4/29



We are **looking for someone** who would like to help facilitate Children's Church. We have great volunteers willing to help, but need someone to organize it. Please let Pastor Raegan know if you are interested.

## CALLING ALL KIDS & YOUTH

The **Christmas Program** will be Sunday, December 15th at 6 p.m. All kids (toddlers to teens) are invited to be a part of this annual tradition. Please let Jennifer Marek know if you would like to be in the program. Practices are held on Sunday's during Sunday School (9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.) and will begin in October.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' "When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' *Matthew 25:35-40*



## Kairos Prison Ministry: Luther #7

Kairos Prison Ministry International (KPMI) is a ministry of the church ... a ministry of the apostles whom Jesus Christ has called into community and sent forth into the environment of correctional institutions. KPMI has been called the best example of the early church in existence today. Kairos incorporates curriculum designed to build and encourage pro-social character and behavior. Society spends over \$60 billion/yr. to keep 2.3 million inmates incarcerated. The Kairos program, 100% funded by private donations, is offered at no cost to State and Federal Institutions. It's best illustrated by an inmate's witness, "It's been said that it cost the government \$1 million to keep me locked up and a \$250 program from Kairos set me free". You can support this ministry by buying meal tickets, donations, making cookies, and prayers. See Barry Lynn or John Gibbs. Donations may be sent to Kairos (Luther in memo), PO Box 91281, Austin TX 78709-1281.

## Free-Will Lunch Update

### Home Food Deliveries:

7/29/2019	6	individuals	enchiladas, rice, beans
7/29/2019	1	family	enchiladas, rice, beans
8/8/2019	6	individuals	sandwiches
8/15/2019	6	individuals	beef tacos, sliced tomatoes
8/15/2019	1	family	beef tacos, sliced tomatoes
8/16/2019	1	family	chicken enchiladas

### August 1 Free Will/Food Pantry Lunch:

Menu: Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, charro bean, jalapeno corn bread and Texas Sheet Cake  
86 people served and \$69 donations

Be sure to join us **Thursday, September 5th** for a delicious meal (11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center).

### This month's Menu:

King Ranch Chicken, Black Bean and Corn Salad, Cheddar biscuits, Blueberry Crisp  
Ice cream, Tea

### A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

#### Memorial Fund

<i>In Honor of ...Robert Ahrendt</i> by... Julie & Dale Ahrendt	<i>In Memory of ...Kermit Langebennig</i> by... Helen Hobbs
<i>In Memory of ...Kermit Langebennig</i> by... Jesse & Kaleigh Taizan	<i>In Memory of ...Kermit Langebennig</i> by... Deckie Knipstein

Memorials reflect all gifts received and recorded as of August 25th.

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



#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4-Kaleigh Taizan
- 7-Tara Dodds
- 7-Stacey Washington
- 9-Jan Woodward
- 10-Richard Townsend
- 11-Michael Brewer
- 13-Pat Rao
- 14-Chris Borgfeld
- 15-Austin Retzlaff
- 15-Dana Brewer
- 20-Misty Schumpert
- 26-Priscilla Brister
- 28-Lorene Hall



Poinsettia Orders for Christmas Eve Service are due by **Sunday, September 22nd**. Orders can be placed online at [www.lexingtonumc.org](http://www.lexingtonumc.org) or by filling out a form at the church and returning it to the church office.

### 2019 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

We are looking for devotionals to put into this year's book. It can be a story, song, prayer, or whatever you may feel is appropriate. Please send your devotional to the church office no later than **Monday, November 4th**. They can be e-mailed to [lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com](mailto:lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com).

#### Visitation

On Tuesday, August 20th, Pastor Raegan Seaton, Priscilla Brister, Carl Letterman, and Stephanie Kellenberger went to visit Lorene Hall in Brenham. Lorene was so happy to see them. They enjoyed lunch and great conversations. She is looking forward to seeing everyone



### New Program at the Lexington Middle School is Looking for Volunteers

Lexington Middle School is seeking male volunteer mentors to be part of a group called the DadSquad. The purpose of the DadSquad is to increase the male presence on our campus and provide students with more positive male role models. Volunteers can be as involved as they wish. For example, they could volunteer to walk the hallways during passing periods, help monitor the cafeteria during lunch, or go as far as meeting with students who need someone to talk to. Please contact Andre Johnson if you'd like to volunteer (979) 773-2254.

Lexington Elementary and High Schools have volunteer opportunities available as well. Please contact their offices for more information (same phone number as above).

#### Get Connected at LUMC on Sunday

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

#### Journey Class for Adults

Meet in the Family Life Center with leader, Cinda Lewis

#### Men's Gathering

Meet in the Family Life Center with leader, John Gibbs

#### Beyond the Sermon Study

In the Family Life Center at 11 a.m.

#### Coffee House

10:45 a.m.

LUMC Fellowship Hall enjoy complimentary coffee & pastries



*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."*  
2 Timothy 3:16

**Flower Calendar:** A flower calendar has been placed in the narthex of the sanctuary. Enter the date and your name (under Presented By) on the calendar. If you want your dedication to be noted in the church bulletin, please make sure your entries have been made by the preceding Monday. If you want additional information included (presented in honor/memory of, or birthday/anniversary, etc.) please submit to the church office



([lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com](mailto:lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com)) on that preceding Monday. If you have questions, please call Jan Lynn 979-540-8922 or Judy

### School Supply Drive

Thank you to everyone from Blue and Lexington UMC (and Vacation Bible School kids) for your generous donations of school supplies for Lexington ISD.



Lexington Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack are starting meetings.

If you have a child or grandchild interested or know of someone who'd like to join please have them contact Holly Newton at [lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com](mailto:lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com)

The Scouts had a great summer and are looking forward to new Scouting Year. Pictures are from Day Camp at Lost Pines Tom Wooten, Webelo Extreme Camp and NASA Overnight Camp.



Backpack Buddies Update

Thank you to My Friend's House for helping with our first Power Hour for the school year. We had 35 little (and big) helpers. Food Distribution begins Friday, September 6th at the elementary and middle school. If you would like to help out with Backpack Buddies, please contact Sarah Hallum or Stephanie Kellenberger for volunteer opportunities. Monetary donations can be made out to Lexington Backpack Buddies and brought to the church office.



LUMC ADMIN COUNCIL REPORT

LUMC Administrative Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00pm. Members reported about their various committees and the activities being held at the church for the last two months. Chuck Moore reported the outside signage for the Family Life Center should be installed in the next two weeks. John Gibbs reported the SPRC will be holding meetings in September and October to review staff job descriptions and strategies for 2020. The SPRC will need to complete reports for the annual Charge Conference that will be held later in 2019. The monthly budget and bills paid was reviewed by members present and presented by Robert Ahrendt. M & M's report was presented by Sarah Hallum stating currently we have only 9 children who have turned in forms. M & M's starts in September 4th, but expect to have a full house again this fall. 5th Quarter was discussed as it kicks off on Friday, September 6th with the first home football game this season. Volunteers are always welcome to come and help on Friday nights by interacting with the local youth who attend. Pastor Raegan gave an update on VCI with information specifically related related to the VCI weekend events September 6 - 8, 2019. All members of the church are welcome to attend Administrative Council meetings. We will be having our next meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. We usually meet every other month.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca French  
LUMC Admin Chair

LEXINGTON ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

<i>All Funds Balance as of 8/25/19</i>		Date:	Offering	Worship Attendance 10am/11am
Bank Balance	\$4,675.85			
Early Chapel CD	\$19,753.37			
RTSB CD #1	\$16,766.32			
RTSB CD #4	\$10,909.30			
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS in GENERAL:</b>				
Pledge Fund Acct. Balance	\$2,265			
Early Chapel Cemetery Fund	\$(2,218.43)			
Journey Sunday School	\$213.25			
Memorial Fund	\$4,055.97			
<b>Minimum amount needed to stay within budget:</b>		Annual Church Budget for 2019		
\$17,660.34 month & \$ 4,075.47/week		Offerings thru 8/25/19		
2019 District Apportionments- PAID IN FULL		\$115,865.53		
PAID 2019 Conference Apportionments -		General Fund		
		\$19,417.10		

*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**

**\$5473.72**

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<h1>NewsLetter DEADLINE</h1>	Newsletter deadline for October's edition is <b>September 18th</b> 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>

SEPTEMBER 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Noon VCI Reading of Report VCI (FLC SS Room)	2 Labor Day (Office Closed)	3 10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 7 p.m. SPRC mtg. - FH 7 p.m. NWLC 4H (BUMC)	4 11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. M&Ms & MS Youth 5:30 p.m. HS Youth	5 11 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry 11:30 a.m. Free Will Lunch 6:30 p.m. Lion's Club	6 BPB Distribution Begins 10 p.m. 5th Qtr FH Reserved (6:30 pm)	7 FH & FLC Reserved (all day)
8 Noon VCI Reading of Report VCI (FLC SS Room)	9 7:30 p.m. BVFD (BUMC)	10 10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 9:30 a.m. Min Alliance Mtg Noon WM Lunch & Visit	11 11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. M&Ms & Youth 5:30 p.m. HS Youth	12 11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. M&Ms & Youth 5:30 p.m. HS Youth	13 VCI (FLC SS Rooms)	14
15	16 7 p.m. Texas Stars (BUMC)	17	18 11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. M&Ms & Youth 5:30 p.m. HS Youth	19 6:30 p.m. Lion's Club	20 10 p.m. 5th Qtr	21
22 Blue Progressive Dinner 2-3PM Cub Scout Committee Mtg. - FH Cub Scouts - Classrooms	23	24 10 a.m. Lex Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. TEEA (BUMC)	25 11 a.m. Blue Prayer Group 3:30 p.m. M&Ms & Youth 5:30 p.m. HS Youth	26	27 10 p.m. 5th Qtr Cub Scouts Van	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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## Back to School Bash

Thank you to everyone who came out, helped, volunteered, and had a great time at this year's event!

