



Lexington United Methodist Church

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Hello Church.

Students and staff, I hope the school year has started off well for you. Everyone else, I guess I hope you are doing well too. Last Sunday, in our Children's Lesson, we talked about gifts. Gifts, of course, are supposed to be put to use. Using the gifts we receive shows our thankfulness. I asked the children what are some of the gifts God has given to us. I was expecting answers along the lines of abilities. So, if one of the children had said drawing, I could have asked them how they use the gift of drawing to show thankfulness to God. They might have responded by saying that they draw pictures for friends or family as a loving gift. Or if they had said the gift of food, after my question about putting the gift to use, they could have said they cook food for other people. While those answers would have been great, I got other great answers like "hope" and "love." Coen Stowers gave the answer "life," which was another unexpected great answer. It has made me think a little.

What does it mean for us to put the gift of life to use?

Usually when we talk about gifts from God, and putting those gifts to use, we think in terms of doing a certain thing.

"God gave me the gift of administration, so I am going to help the church be organized, and make sure the ministries of the church run properly."

"God gave me the gift of encouragement, so I am going to call a friend and tell them how much they mean to me."

When we think of ministry, we can end up compartmentalizing it. Some people of the church participate in children's ministry. Others participate in the ministry we have for middle and high school students. There is the ministry of Sunday School, which you are invited to join. We all have personal ministries, things we do, ways we use our God given gifts, to show God's love for others. While all this is good, let us remember to appreciate not just the compartments, but the whole. That our gifts are not just things we are good at that we do to show God's love for others, but our very lives are to be the gift that shows God's love and glory. Your ministry is not simply something you participate in. It is not about certain things we do or say, but about all that we do and say. Colossians 3:4 begins with "When Christ who is your life is revealed..." I love those opening words. That Christ is our life. As we have the gift of life through Christ, let us live in thanks by putting that life to use. Whether we are at church, home, work, or class, no matter the activity, let us live in such a way that we are always displaying the hope and love of Christ to those around us, and to ourselves. What is our ministry? Our very lives.

With the hope, love, and life from Jesus,
Pastor William



M&M's starts **Wednesday September 9th!** We are Celebrating our 30th Year of M&M's!
We have **68 kids** registered to be with us this year!!



Ways you can help:

- 1. Your time!** We are looking for volunteers to help watch over the children when they are in the sanctuary and activities; as well as someone to clean tables after eating.
- 2. Donate items!** Please see our Wal-Mart and Amazon Wishlist by scanning the QR codes above, in the weekly email, in service or contact the church office.



Fall Calendar

M&M'S Begins - 9/9

Last M&M's for Semester - 11/18



Middle School and High School Youth Groups have started back!!

Middle School Youth starts at 3:45pm but latecomers (due to sports are always welcomed) This year Middle School Youth will run until 5:20PM. Middle schoolers can walk over from the school.

High School Youth Group starts at 6PM and will end at 7PM.

Each group will enjoy food, fellowship, lessons and recreation. If you are interested in helping with a Youth Group this year please reach out to Holly Newton in the church office.

Safe Sanctuary Training We will have 2 sessions for Safe Sanctuary Training. This **Wednesday, September 2nd** at **5PM** in the Fellowship Hall and Next **Sunday, September 6th** at **10:35AM** in the FLC. Please plan on attending one of these trainings and if you can not make it please get with Pastor William.



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! If you would like more information about prayer group please reach out to the church office.

Weekly Emails

If you'd like to be added to the weekly email please send your e-mail address to: lexingtonunitedmethodistchurch@outlook.com Or call the office at (979) 773-2728.

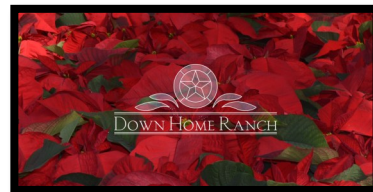


One Board Meeting

We invite **all** church members to stay connected and be a part of what is happening in our church. Our next One Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, September 16th at 7 pm** and **everyone** from the church is welcome and encouraged to attend. Come hear about upcoming plans, ministries, and opportunities for our church!

Help us decorate for Christmas! Poinsettia's ordered in Memory of and/or in Honor of will be placed in the front of service for all to enjoy! **Poinsettia Orders** for Christmas Eve Service are due by Sunday, September 28th. Orders can be placed by filling out a form at the church and returning it to the church office.

Poinsettia's are **\$13 per plant**. Poinsettia's are purchased from Down Home Ranch. Plants can be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.



4—Kaleigh Taizan
7—Tara Schaffer
7—Stacey Washington
9—Jan Woodward
11—Michael Brewer
13—Pat Rao
14—Chris Borgfeld
15—Austin Retzlaff
15—Dana Brewer
20—Misty Schumpert
25—Suzanne Wacha
26— Priscilla Brister



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



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Total Monthly Offerings for
July were \$20,072.
Thank you for continuing to send
in your tithes!

A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

In memory of Robert Abrendt

by... Earl & Sharon Gandy

In memory of Robert Abrendt

by... Joe & Cindy Jackson



"...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.

Children's Sermon



Lexington UMC Membership

We would love for you to become a part of the Lexington United Methodist church family. Our church community promises to nurture your faith and walk with you through the journeys of life. As you get involved in small groups, Bible studies or missions, you will enjoy faith – filled relationships with others. If you are interested in joining, please let the Pastor know on Sunday or call the church office.

Pastor Chris will walk you through the membership process, and will help you pick a Sunday to take your vows of membership at the end of a worship service.



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, September 1st.**

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



This Sunday, September 6th, 2026.

We will have Communion in both services
at 9:30 AM 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.