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Hello everyone.

I hope it has been a good summer break for you all, even though I know we still have a while to go when it comes to the Summer Season. I am incredibly grateful for the hospitality you have all shown me. When I have talked to friends and family, they asked how I am liking the church so far, and I told them how welcoming you all have been, how great the parsonage is, and how helpful it was that I came into a home with a stocked refrigerator and pantry, as well as cleaning supplies. I know there can be times when, for various reasons, a pastor does not receive such a warm welcome, or the pastor is not warmly receptive to their new congregation. I've heard stories of people who have visited churches where no one greeted them or said anything to them. Feeling dejected, they never visited those churches again.

Needless to say, it is important for people in a church to be welcoming, the pastor included, of course. We are to be welcoming not because we want to fill the pews, but more importantly, we should be welcoming as God is welcoming. Jesus welcomed the children (Mark 10:13-16), as well as tax collectors and sinners (Matthew 9:9-14). We can think of "being welcoming" as being a good hospitable in our homes, or, again, welcoming a visitor at church, but you might notice that in a lot of stories of Jesus being welcoming, it isn't simply people coming up to him, but he is being welcoming as he is out and about. Do others feel "welcomed" when they are around us? Would the waitstaff at a restaurant or the clerk at a grocery store describe us as hospitable? Some people are extroverted and might be quick with a smile and saying hello to everyone around them, while introverts tend to be a bit more reserved. Regardless of our personalities, we can still show God's welcoming care to those around us through being polite to one another, showing concern for one another, and letting others know we are grateful for them. If you have ever felt not welcomed you know how much it hurts so as we are out and about let us build up the people we encounter with God's care.

With God's welcoming love,
Pastor Wiliam

VBS 2026: On the Road with GOD!



Sunday, August 3rd, 6-8PM at the FLC. We will have Food, Drinks & Fun!! Everyone, all ages & all families are welcome!



It's that time of year again! The Ministerial Alliance is hosting the Lexington Back-to-School Teacher's Luncheon scheduled for **Thursday, August 6th at 11:30am** in the **FBC Youth Activity Center**. **LUMC is in charge of making Banana Pudding Pans!** Please let Holly Newton know if you are willing to make a pan. (979) 571-6934



Sunday, August 9th, during both services, we will have Back to School Blessings! Join us at either the 9:30AM or the 11:15AM service to hear all about BIG House, Camp and VBS this summer!

Sundays Children's Church



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.



Middle School and High School Youth Groups will start back on **Wednesday, August 19th.**

Middle School Youth starts at 3:45pm but latecomers (due to sports are always welcomed) This year Middle School Youth will run until 5:30PM. 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.



Please join us...M&M's planning meeting **Thursday, August 13th at 4:30 PM** in our **Family Life Center**. Be a part of our Christian outreach program that provides a loving and Christ centered after school program for local children Kinder-5th grade. Our M&M's program is every Wednesday, starting in mid-September. **Volunteers are always needed and we need you!**



1-Jordan Marek
2-Harleigh McHenry
3-Charlotte Tillery
8-Cindy Jackson
8-Wayne Retzlaff
8-Cynthia Lockwood
8-Doug Ramsey
15-William Murphree
15-Barbara Demeree
16-Chuck Swisher
19-Holly Newton
19-Carolyn Weisz
21-Gail Baker
21-Samantha Retzlaff
24-Kevin Everett
30-Melanie Ramsey



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.



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



Total Monthly Offerings for **June were \$11,192.**
Thank you for continuing to send in your tithes!

A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

In memory of Diana Massengale

by... Janie Ahrendt

In memory of Robert Ahrendt

by... Ahrendt Family Reunion



"...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.

Pastor William Murphree's first month with LUMC was full of excitement! Hosting VBS and celebrating his new home with LUMC. He also blessed the dinner at the Lion's Club Annual Fundraiser.



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, August 4th.**



This Sunday, August 2nd, 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.

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

See the miracles in person by attending the closing ceremony on August 23rd after church.

Kairos Torch is a positive, interactive, and thought-provoking program for young offenders 25 years of age and younger. By developing reasoning and holistic life skills, and engaging in the Torch mentoring program, participants are better able to see balance in their lives. Kairos Torch encourages these youth to realize their God-given potential through the creation of a safe environment allowing them to learn what life can be like in a loving, caring, and trusting community. While Kairos Torch may be the youngest and least well-known of the three programs of Kairos Prison Ministry International, like Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside we are advocates of Jesus Christ and the return of outcasts to society. Torch, like Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside is an international ministry program active in two foreign countries and 16 states here in the United States and with a total of 26 individual communities.

Torch is a faith-grounded, evidence-based behavior modification ministry program. It is designed for use in secured facilities allowing for presentation in the presence of minimal competing entities such as gang activities, video games and other such distractions for the youth to choose from while incarcerated. The Torch program encourages youthful offenders to realize their potential by creating a safe environment that allows them to learn what life in a loving caring and trusting community can be like. The operational foundation of this holistic program is weekly or bi-weekly one-on-one mentoring with formal and structured mentoring guides with 62 weekly sessions. There are guides for boys and for girls that, where applicable, address gender-specific concerns. The guides are flexible and can be adjusted to address specific needs of the individual child as determined with the assistance of the facility counselors.

Pray for all the volunteers and participants for Giddings Torch #6 on August 22-23, 2026.

Torch team volunteers commit to a weekly or bi-weekly mentoring process with the youthful offenders for six months after the Weekend, which includes:

- Discussion of self-esteem and anger management
- Short- and long-term goal setting
- Monthly or bi-monthly group Reunions
- The adult mentor also provides a positive role model for the youth.

