

Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

Psalm 66:8, NIV



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Psalm 105:1-4

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon
his name;

make known his deeds among the
peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek
the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

May the praise of God overwhelm us this season. I am thankful for each of you as we continue working towards the future. I am excited to see the Holy Spirit moving in our midst.

In the month of August, we had Bailee Smith and her son Brigham join the church, which also included their baptisms. Last month we welcomed Stacy Davidson and her daughter Lillian as members of the Lexington UMC congregation.

Person's being moved to be in worship, becoming members, being baptized, becoming involved, these are all signs of the Holy Spirit at work in our midst! I am excited by the way the Spirit is moving because I and the lead-

Andrew Sanders | Pastor

ership team have been planning of what is to come.

I'm sure many of us have heard that we have Rev. Rob Gordon coming to the church bringing a visioning process that is meant for us to work together so that we can dream a comprehensive vision for our church. The vision process will involve each of us that are a part of this church. A vision will give us goals that as a church we work towards. Our church goals will develop from the visioning process that sends out teams from our congregation into the community to gather information of individual / group needs, potential partnership, ministry ideas ... etc.

Our goal at Lexington UMC is to have a "vision driven ministry." Each aspect of ministry is looked at through the lens of our vision which should guide the missions, outreach and all of church life to work together. In our desire to fulfill the mission of Christ of making disciples for the transformation of the world, we continue to work for God through the congregation of our UMC.

Come and join us to see what the Spirit is doing in your church. We look forward to worshipping with you.

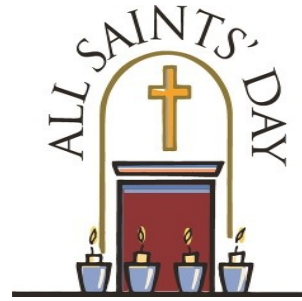
Bible Study: "Five Practices for Fruitful Living" Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Facilitators: Liz Fenner & Pastor Andrew. The study continues to Tuesday, November 21st at 6 p.m.



- 11/1 Robert Sollars
- 11/15 Jase Coen
- 11/27 Nathan Sollars
- 11/28 Gracelyn Coen
- 11/28 David Cooley
- 11/29 Kyra Casto

Do we have your birthday? If not let Liz know in the church office!

We will be observing All Saints Day on Sunday, November 5th here at Lexington UMC. We will have a time of quiet reflection as we remember the saints who passed away this year: **Mary Alice McFadden, Beth Simnitt and Byron Tretter.**



thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints!" said Wesley in 1756. Year after year, he commented on the celebration of the saints. It was a festival he dearly loved.

This is a day of looking forward, even as we remember the past we

We will also light a candle and remember those loved ones we have lost.

shared with the beloved of God. We long for the fulfillment of the promises and the in-breaking of eternity that we might stand with those who have gone before. So, while there is sadness and the grief of loss, there is also the joy of the promise.

John Wesley considered All Saints Day one of the greatest celebrations in the life of the church. "How superstitious are they who scruple giving God solemn

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 11 a.m.

-Luncheon following Sunday, Nov. 5 service in the Family Life Center at 12:30 p.m., to include LUMC, Waverly, Grace and Concordia. Please bring desserts and crackers. Soup and beverage provided.

-Choir Rehearsal is Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

-Church office will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 22nd and Thursday, Nov. 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.

-Small Group Study: Five Practices of Fruitful Living: Tuesdays through Nov. 21st. At 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Mondays: Quilters at 1 p.m

Wednesdays:

Exercise Group: 9 a.m.

Youth Group: 7 p.m.

BABY GRACE: First & Third Saturdays, 9 to 11 a.m. (Lauren Negrete, volunteer)

MEN'S GROUP: First Saturday, 8 a.m. at McDonald's in downtown Lexington.

HARVESTERS DISTRIBUTION: Monday, November 13, 8 to 11 a.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, November 13, 6 p.m., Choir Room.

WOMEN'S GROUP: Carry-in Lunch, Noon, November 10, in the Choir Room.

COMMODITIES: Changed to Tuesday, Nov. 21st, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

RENTING THE LUMC FACILITY

We have a lovely facility here at Lexington UMC in which different parts can be rented for all sorts of events, from large/small meetings, to showers, birthday parties, holiday gatherings, etc. Plus, for those who plan on serving food, we have a large kitchen available!

ALL rentals must go through the church office where we can be sure no event is double-booked and all church policies can be followed including administering a temporary door access code.

Please refer anyone inquiring about renting a part of our building to Liz in the church office: **660-259-2483** or secretary@lexmoumc.org.

JOIN US for our Nov. 5 LUNCHEON

Plans are underway for a luncheon to follow our worship service this Sunday, November 5th – All Saints Sunday.

Pam Johnson, Teri James and Cheryl Cooley will once again be cooking up something delicious for a meal we hope to share with our sister churches, Waverly, Grace in Higginsville and Concordia. The meal will begin around 12:30 p.m. once the other churches and Pastor Julie have joined us.

At this time, the meal will be soup and beverages provided by Pam, Cheryl and Teri. We ask that those attending the luncheon bring a dessert and/or crackers.



First Sunday of Advent

The first Sunday in Advent is Sunday, December 3. Please join us for this joyous season as we celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. Worship is at 11 a.m. Sundays. We will have a Christmas Eve service here at LUMC, service time is to be determined. Plus, we will have poinsettias for adoption again. Keep and eye out in the bulletin for more info.

LUMC given discount from new insurance company



Liz Johnson | Editor

Last month we informed congregants that our previous church insurance carrier had cancelled our insurance, along with 40% of other churches had covered. In searching for a new company to cover LUMC for insurance, our agent, Derek Savage, could only find one insurance company willing to cover our church, GuideOne, a fairly common church insurance company.

newsletter, we were told our insurance would increasing by \$18,000 more a year than we paid with Grinnell to a total of \$30,139, or approximately an additional \$1,500/month more than we've been paying. However, a week into the month of October, Savage informed us that he was able to convince GuideOne to give us a 15% discount on our insurance premiums.

Not only did that reduce our first month's payment by \$1,300, it also reduces our monthly payments from \$2,500 to \$2,009!

Therefore, at the time of our October

Knipmeyer praise Band livens up October 29th worship service.



On Sunday, October 29th, the Knipmeyer Band performed the music for the 11 a.m. worship service. Pictured from left are: Mark Simmons, Aaron Knipmeyer and Bill Fricke. Mixed Blessings, another praise band will perform during the November 5th All Saints Sunday service at 11 a.m. Please be sure to join us for this joyful time of worship and praise!

WORSHIP: Sundays 11 a.m.

Sunday School: on hiatus at this time

ONLINE: lexmoumc.org



Treasurer's Report OCTOBER 2023

October Offering:	\$9,858.76
Plus Reimbursements:	<u>+\$3,246.63</u>
Total	\$13,105.39
Less Expenses:	<u>-\$15,826 (Incl. Insur.)</u>
Total	-\$2,720.61

Lea Ann O'Brien: LUMC Treasurer

Teri James will take over as Treasurer Jan. 1, 2024

Liz Johnson: Finance Secretary

Liz Fenner: Finance Chair

Steven Fuller: Council Chair

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Sanders

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." ~ Proverbs 22:9

Update email, phone, mailing address

If you have moved recently, eliminated your landline, changed your phone number and/or have a new email address, please let Liz Johnson know in the church office: **660-259-2483**, or email at secretary@lexmoumc.org.

Feel free to fill out the attendance summary in the tear-out section of the Sunday bulletin and place it in the offering plate.



Baby Grace in need of diapers, supplies

Baby Grace volunteer, Lauren Negrete, has informed us that our Baby Grace supplies are running low. We are in need of the following items:

Diapers size: **4, 5 and 6** ♦ **Baby Wipes** ♦ **Baby Bottles**

Plus, we have a family who is in need of **18-month size footed onesies**.

Items may be donated after the worship service or during the church office hours (Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) or Baby Grace hours: First and third Saturdays, 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, reach out to Lauren at: 660-251-8109. Monetary donations may be made, too. Please put "Baby Grace" in the message line. God bless!



This wee pumpkin looks unsure of all the goings on, but bravely managed to get some treats. (Photo courtesy of Marcia Hicklin)

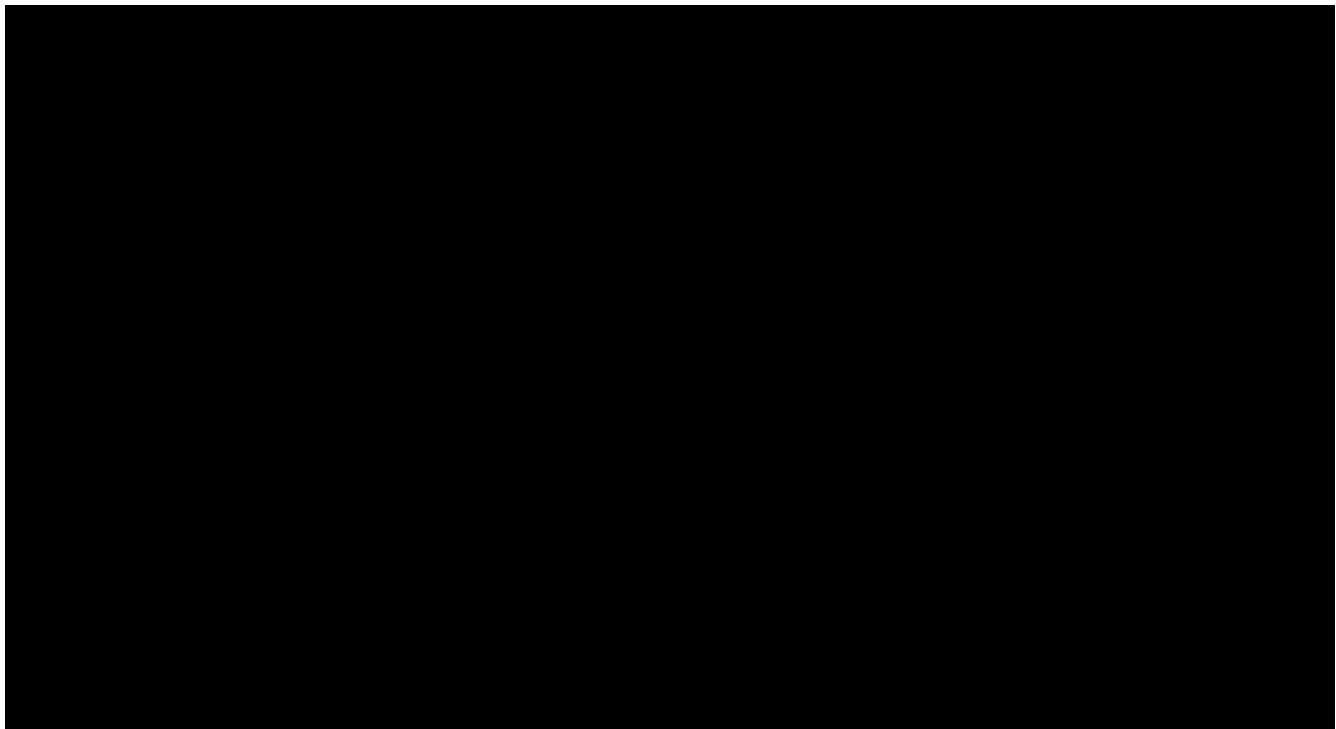
Our Trunk or Treat, spear-headed by Teri James, took place Sunday, November 29th from 5 to 7 p.m. This year, due to inclement weather, we had ours inside the Family Life Center, which really seemed to add to the spooky atmosphere. Teri said she believes we had about 340 children!

Above, children and parents are lined up to enter the spooky Family Life Center to get some candy. We also had a Boo Basket raffle, which folks signed up to win. Many thanks to all the volunteers, candy donors and gift basket donors!



This little robot costume was made by the young man wearing it. Very creative! (Photo courtesy of Janae Fuller)

Photo of kids posing in front of ghoulish decorations courtesy of Marcia Hicklin.



More Trunk or Treat photos on reverse and on our Facebook page.



PPR Chair Bill Fricke kicked off Pastor Appreciation Sunday with a tribute to Pastor Andrew and his work at LUMC.



Our Pastor Appreciation theme was to “Pound the Pastor” with gifts amounting to a pound in weight. Congregants brought up their contributions after Prayers of Joys and Concerns. Left, Pastor Andrew enjoys the line of folks adding their pounds of gifts.



Sarah Black, not pictured, read from 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, in which folks are asked to esteem those very highly in love because of their work. (Referring to the leadership of Pastor Andrew)

Pastor Andrew, left, was scary in green make up and spooky eyes as he manned the first candy table with Nancy Oles and Steven Fuller. (Photo courtesy of Liz Johnson)

It takes many volunteers to set up Trunk or Treat and their hard work paid off with the stunning decorations that greeted kids and parents alike. Below are Janae Fuller, David Cooley and Tony James setting up the spooky entrance. (Photo courtesy of Steven Fuller)

