

Lexington United Methodist Church  
 1211 South Business Highway 13  
 Lexington, MO 64067

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**WORSHIP:** Sundays 11 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 10 a.m. Adult & Children's  
**ONLINE:** [lexmoumc.org](http://lexmoumc.org)



**Treasurer's Report**  
**MAY 2024**

May Offering:	\$10,735.11
Plus Reimbursements:	+\$2,398.98
Total	\$13,133.71
Less Expenses:	-\$15,497.82
Total	(\$2,364.11)

\*\*Note: the May expenses includes \$2,862 paid to apportionments from March/April overage in checking—10% of that overage. Teri has not yet closed out May's accounting.

**Teri James:** Treasurer  
**Liz Johnson:** Finance Secretary  
**Sharol McMullin:** Finance Chair  
**Phillip Davis:** 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*



**TITHE & CHECK-IN ONLINE!**  
 You can scan this QR code with your phone camera and be redirected to our website where you tithe an offering and/or check-in for the service attendance.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 10 a.m.  
**SUNDAYS**

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** with Bailee Smith, Christ Kids 1 Room  
**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** with facilitator Sarah Black, Former Youth Room

**HELP FOR OUR QUILTERS**

Our devoted quilters, many of whom have been quilting sleeping bags for the homeless since 1989, have requested helping hands! Volunteers are needed. You don't have to be able to sew to help these ladies. Please reach out to Liz in the church office if interested, or: Janet Cado, Nancy Oles, Susan Small, Mable Hawkins or Sharol McMullin. Quilters meet at 1 p.m. Mondays.



**Baby Grace News**

Baby Grace volunteer Lauren Negrete reports that Baby Grace still needs: **wipes, bottles, clothing and formula.**

Lauren says May was a bit slower, though more people are coming during the week. They're waiting for the Scouts to move out of the Scout room before Baby Grace can get the room ready and move in.

Our Noisy offering each month will benefit the Baby Grace program. Bring your coins to fill the buckets on the first Sunday of the month.

**JUNE 2024**

**Lexington United Methodist Church**

*Where We Seek, Serve and Share Christ*

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**Sunday worship: 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday School: 10 a.m.**  
**Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.**

**Join us in living in community with others at the 2nd Baptist Juneteenth service June 16**

*"Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." ~ Philippians 2:1-5*

I pray that as we find ourselves in June already that each of you have had some time for rest and recuperation. Julie and I just enjoyed a weeks' vacation celebrating Drew, our youngest daughter's graduation! Celebrations are fun to be a part of whether it is in our personal families or growing in community partnerships through involvement.



**Rev. Andrew Sanders**

Juneteenth. This means that on **June 16<sup>th</sup>**, we will not have worship at LUMC. Our congregation at LUMC will join the 2nd Baptist church at 11 a.m. June 16th for worship @2nd Baptist. Please make plans to join us.

What is Juneteenth? To comprehend the meaning of this holiday, it

As your pastor I have been pleased to see the way that we continue to live into the Lord's sanctifying grace. Sanctifying grace is the grace that leads us to be more Christ-like looking beyond ourselves, living in community with all of God's people. Our changes come from the Holy Spirit that Christ gave to humanity for the chance that those who choose to live into Christ's Spirit will be transformed.

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In our quest to be more like Jesus, your LUMC Council Team and I have voted to join our community in celebration of

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY WORSHIP: 11 a.m.

-Sunday June 16, we will not have worship here at LUMC. We will gather at the Second Baptist Church and celebrate Juneteenth in community with them.

-Sunday School Adult Class: Sundays at 10 a.m. in the former Youth Room.

-Children's Sunday School Class: Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Christ Kids I room with Bailee Smith.

-Membership Class, Wednesdays at 6 p.m., in Pastor's office—through June 5.

Mondays: Quilters at 1 p.m

Wednesdays: Exercise Group: 9 a.m.

BABY GRACE: First & Third Saturdays, 10 to Noon. (Lauren Negrete, volunteer)

MEN'S GROUP: This group will be starting back up soon. Ideas? Talk to Phillip Davis.

HARVESTERS DISTRIBUTION: Second Monday of the month 8 to 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S GROUP: Friday, June 14, Noon for carry-in lunch.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, June 17, 6 p.m., Choir Room.

COMMODITIES: Thursday, June 27, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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The 2024 Lafayette County MO Juneteenth Celebration will take place, June 14, 2024, and June 15, 2024, in Higginsville, MO. Juneteenth activities in Lexington on June 16, 2024, will include a worship service at the Second Baptist Church (11 a.m.) and a Gospel Concert at The Lex. The Lafayette County Juneteenth Foundation is the sponsor. All activities are free and family friendly.

You can find out the whole list of activities by going to <https://lafayettecountyjuneteenth.blogspot.com/>



The 2024 Church Council leaders met on Monday, May 20.

Pastor Andrew opened the meeting with our mission and prayer.

As part of our Pathways to Discipleship, Pastor Andrew and the Leadership & Development Team are working on spiritual development and determining what our vision is. Pastor Andrew talked about Spiritual Development by reading Mark 6:30-34 where Jesus commands his disciples to "go and do." In Matthew and Luke we see that the disciples do go and share the Gospel.

So why not now? We must go and share the Gospel.

**Reach. Teach. Mend. Send.**

We continue to work on Encouragement/Welcome bags that will contain a tumbler, which have been ordered, Fruits of the Spirit magnets, prayer cross, Welcome card, prayer cards, information about our ministries, HomeTouch weekly devotionals and more. These will soon be ready.

**Children's Moment and having an acolyte bring the light of Christ into the sanctuary (and exiting, too) has begun. We now have people on a rotating schedule for Children's Moment—though volunteers are always needed.**

**Liz Fenner is now leading the acolytes and getting them scheduled each Sunday. To reach Liz Fenner, call 660-232-4481.**

**Please reach out to Liz in the church office (660-259-2483 or secretary@lexmoumc.org) or to Pastor Andrew or Sarah Black (660-232-2457) for all other areas on our ministries.**

We are still looking for volunteers to help head up Youth Group so we can get it started again. Please reach out to Pastor Andrew if interested in this ministry, or to Sarah Black.

Vacation Bible School will be here at LUMC Sunday July 14 through Thursday, July 18, 6 to 8 p.m. Volunteers Lauren Negrete, Bailee Smith and Jordyn Ortega will head it up. We are looking for additional volunteers to assist. Please reach out to Liz in the church office, Sarah Black or Pastor Andrew if interested and able to help.

We are in need of substitutes for our Sunday nursery program in case either of our nursery attendants are unable to be here. Please reach out to Sarah Black or Pastor Andrew if you are able to help. Anyone working with children will need to be Safe Gatherings certified, which is a short course taken online that is paid for by the church. Liz Johnson can help with Safe Gatherings certification.

The Nursery is in need of snacks and juice for the kids. Juice should be juice boxes, preferably apple juice. Snacks can be Cheerios, Rice Krispies, Graham crackers or Gerber Graduates. Nothing with nuts please.

**A motorcycle group organized by Pastor Kaps of the Heart of God Fellowship in Buckner will be stopping by LUMC about 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22nd where they will take a break from their Poker Run, use the facilities and pass out water. Please join us in welcoming this ministry to our community by coming out and meeting them. Their Poker Run benefits Camp Quality, a group that helps children with cancer.**

Please keep our church leaders in your prayers as we navigate this new year in our mission, "To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

# What Is Juneteenth?

Andrew Sanders | Pastor

Here's what everyone needs to know about Juneteenth history and the Juneteenth federal holiday.

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### Why Is It Called Juneteenth?

To anyone unfamiliar with its history, the exact date indicated by "Juneteenth" might seem a little vague. As a reference to the date on which General Granger arrived in Galveston, it was coined as a simple combination of the words "June" and "nineteenth." (When in doubt, remember that the last consonant in the former word is the first letter in the latter).

Because Juneteenth is effectively America's second independence day, the holiday is also known as "Juneteenth Independence Day," "Freedom Day," and "Emancipation Day."

### Here are some key things to know about the history around Juneteenth:

On the eve of January 1, 1863, which is the date the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, African Americans held gatherings in churches and homes waiting to hear that the law had taken effect. Churches continue to bear a strong symbolic connection with Juneteenth observances today.

After the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, Union soldiers traveled throughout the South reading copies of it to the public as they spread the news. Many of these soldiers were Black, a fact which must have made this pro-

cess all the more empowering and joyful for these men and for the communities they liberated.

Although President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, making it effective immediately, the law could not actually be enforced in areas still under armed Confederate control as long as the war continued. Texas was the last standing state of the Confederacy, which is why enslaved African Americans in Galveston weren't actually liberated until two years after the Proclamation was signed.

The Emancipation Proclamation only applied to slaves in Confederate states. Even though Juneteenth marks the day that the last remaining slaves in the final Confederate holdout were freed, slavery was not actually abolished as a matter of national policy until the Thirteenth Amendment was ratified on December 6, 1865.

### How Juneteenth Is Celebrated Today

Today, America's second independence day is celebrated in many of the same ways as its first. Here are some of the most important elements of Juneteenth observances that have survived from 1865 to the present:

Church services. Faith and gospel music were deeply important for helping many Black Americans to endure slavery, particularly given the Biblical parallels with the bondage of the Israelites in Egypt. These cultural elements have continued to strengthen Black Christians through modern history as they have coped with systemic racism and racially motivated violence. For these reasons and others, church services form an integral part of Juneteenth celebrations.

Cookouts. As they are for all Americans, cookouts are important communal events for Black Americans. They are joyful, relaxing, and comforting events that allow people to spend quality time with family, friends, loved ones, or even a whole neighborhood or town. For African Americans in particular, cookouts are events where people can be themselves and embrace parts of their cultural identity that white Americans may not understand.

Parades and festivals. Just as there are July 4th parades and festivals, so there are for Juneteenth as well. These events are elaborate official celebrations that connect people



- 06/06 Jordyn Ortega
- 06/07 Terrie Dishman
- 06/12 Yolanda Guzman  
Brandon Reynolds  
Blake Johnson
- 06/14 Stephanie Davis
- 06/19 Gavin Goodloe
- 6/25 Rowdy Yates

Let Liz know in the office if we don't have your birthday!

### A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition (Contemporary Version)

I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,  
Praised for you or criticized for you.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.  
And now, O wonderful and holy God,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
you are mine, and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

across entire cities and geographic regions.

Music. It's hard to have a major celebration without music, especially since music has the power to express what words cannot. Particularly on an occasion that is both so solemn and so joyful, concerts are an excellent way to help communities tap into all the complex emotions to which Juneteenth gives rise.

Please plan on joining us for this wonderful celebration of freedom and recognition of all being equal. See you there!!