

# Welcome

one another as

# Christ

has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7,

**AUGUST 2024**

**Lexington United  
Methodist Church**

*Where We Seek, Serve  
and Share Christ*

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**Sunday worship: 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday School: On hiatus**  
**Adult Sunday School: On hiatus**

## Making Disciples for the Transformation of the World

"Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God."  
~ Romans 15:7

**YOU'RE INVITED:** What a great time to come together and see what is happening

at your church. This past month at LUMC we have been busy. After a successful small study, *Disciples Path*, we have had participants step up taking on vital roles in our children's ministry, filling the pulpit and most recently, Liz Johnson our office manager, joining LUMC! We are very excited to welcome her as a member of LUMC.

**Everyone is invited:** Let our visitors know; if you are interested in learning more about our denomination, I encourage you to join me in a condensed version of The Disciples Path study. This one hour Coffee with the Pastor is informative about our denomination, your faith, and the local church. (Even if you don't like coffee...you're invited)

**Sunday August 25th, 12 p.m., Coffee with the pastor, Pastor's office.**



Rev. Andrew Sanders

I have already seen people stepping forward to join our music ministry, children's ministry, ushers, servers and greeters. Acolytes have been leading the light of Christ into each service.

This last month I have also enjoyed our VBS where over 100 kids attended. The week I spent dancing and singing VBS songs next to Lauren Negrete to all those kids was a spirit-filled week. The church on our last day was full of parents, kids, teachers and the Holy Spirit. Thank you to all our volunteers, Jordyn Ortega, Lauren Negrete, Bailee Smith, Tony Negrete, David Cooley and Pam Johnson, Cheryl Cooley and Teri James (who prepared

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Mondays: Quilters at 1 p.m**

**Wednesdays: Exercise Group: 9 a.m.**

**BABY GRACE: First & Third Saturdays, 10 to Noon. Now in its new location next to the Nursery room.**

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

**WOMEN'S GROUP: Friday, Aug. 9, Noon for carry-in lunch.**

**BACKPACK ASSEMBLY & BLESSING: Sunday, Aug. 11 at Noon in the Family Life Center.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, August 12, 6 p.m., Choir Room.**

**BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION: Tuesday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m. at the Gazebo on Main St., Lexington. Volunteers are needed.**

**COMMODITIES: Thursday, Aug. 22, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS: Sunday, Aug. 25 at 9:30 a.m., choir room.**

**COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR: Sunday, Aug. 25 at Noon, Pastor Andrew's office. See blurb on back of newsletter for more info.**

**TUESDAY, AUG. 27—LABOR DAY: Liz Johnson is on vacation. Sarah Black will have limited office hours Aug. 27-Aug. 29. Please call ahead.**

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the LUMC meal for VBS), that made VBS possible. I look forward to the near future where our church is filled like the last day of VBS again each Sunday.

As we look to the future we know that it is vital to disciple the next generations. We have teachers that are willing and ready for this awesome task. Thank you Bailee Smith. In order to continue growing we need people who will be willing to support our teachers. You can support our teachers and

youth by becoming a substitute. To apply for this ministry you will need to be Safe Gathering certified.

If you are interested in children's ministry remember to get Safe Gathering Certified. Here is the link: [safegathering.com](http://safegathering.com) Please reach out to Liz in the church office as well. She is our Safe Gathering's administrator.

Remember, you're invited. We would love to see you this Sunday, bring a friend.

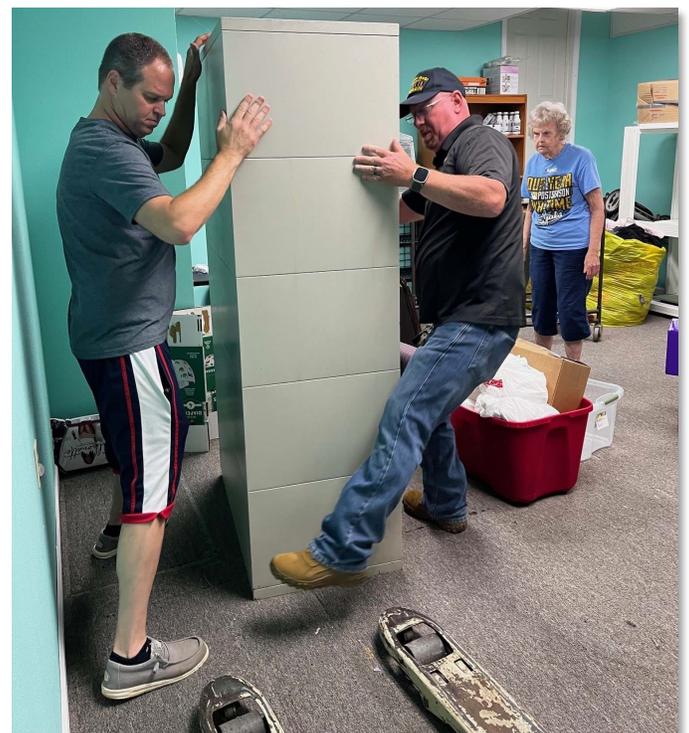


## BABY GRACE HAS MOVED

Baby Grace has moved into the former Scout Room next to the church nursery room. Lauren Negrete and volunteers are busy getting the room organized and set up. As of this publication, the room is being freshly painted. To date, hours are still first and third Saturdays, 10 to Noon.



Baby Grace was moved from its old location off the Family Life Center Saturday, Aug. 3rd to the former Scout Room next to the nursery. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped! Right: Pastor Andrew & Aaron Nelson move one of the metal cabinets housing pre-packaged diapers.



Above: Janae Fuller & Nancy Oles pack the little red wagon with clothes to move to the new room. Right: Steven Fuller rearranges the totes brought over to the new room. The new location will offer more organization and visibility to this ministry as we watch it grow.



# MEMORIES

Community VBS was held here at  
LUMC July 14-18, 2024



Thanks to charitable offerings, a check was presented to the Be the Hope charity, operated by the Lawn Kings who mow yards, weed eat and clean the sidewalks for free for folks unable to keep up their yardwork. In June alone, they mowed 26 yards! From left: John Ellison (Be the Hope), Rev. John Swisher (Presbyterian Disciples Church), Devin Due (Be the Hope), Rev. Andrew Sanders (Lexington UMC) and in front, Candy Bryant-Myers (Lexington Community VBS) organizer.

- 08/02 Cheryl Cooley
  - 08/04 Kaye Worthington
  - 08/10 Jeff Simpson
  - 08/17 Cain Vernon
  - 08/20 Cooper Davis
  - 08/31 Patty Skelton
  - 08/31 Ava Herbst
- Let Liz know in the office if we don't have your birthday!

This year's VBS wasn't possible without all the volunteers, parents and others who planned, contributed and helped make this year's VBS a huge success. We had approximately 100 kids here for VBS. VBS had a scuba theme: **Diving into Friendship with God.**



Volunteer Lauren Negrete and daughter Emalie take a selfie after a dip in the pool on VBS Pool Night.



VBS kids assemble in the sanctuary after a Bible-based, fun week of Vacation Bible School!

Right: LUMC volunteers Jordyn Ortega & Lauren Negrete offer big VBS grins!



Left: Briggen Johnson makes a necklace in the pre-school VBS class.



Fifth & Six graders enjoy some fun recreation outside.

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Class  
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**WORSHIP:** Sundays 11 a.m.

**FALL Sunday School:** 10 a.m. Adult &  
Children's (on summer hiatus)

**ONLINE:** [lexmoumc.org](http://lexmoumc.org)



## Treasurer's Report July 2024

July Offering: \$ 8,514.01  
Less Expenses: -\$12,031.89  
Total: **(\$3,517.88)**  
\*\*Note: Expenses include quarterly taxes.

**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*



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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 12 p.m.**  
**PASTOR'S OFFICE**

## A FEW THINGS TO CONSIDER

**OUTSIDE TRASH:** Please be sure not to overload our trash bin outside as our rubbish company is unable to empty the bin if it is overloaded past the lid.

Please keep the lids down on the rubbish bin and take care when opening in case a critter has gotten into the bin.

Please do not leave trash stacked up outside.

**LEAVING A DONATION:** Please be sure to bring any donation items to the church either on Sun-

day or on a day the church office is open (Monday-Thursday, 9-2). Anything left outside the doors renders items to the weather and critter elements.

**LIGHTS & DOORS:** Using the church facility? Please be sure all lights are turned off and doors shut tightly and locked before leaving. If using the kitchen, please be sure it is clean and orderly before leaving.

Thank you for your consideration! - Liz Johnson

