



APRIL 2015

SUNDAY

9:30 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

6:00 pm

Youth Group

**3rd Sundays Carry-in
Fellowship Meal**

MONDAY

Noon Prayer Group

1:00 pm

Quilting for Homeless

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Choir

**7:00 pm Bible Study
(adults & youth)**

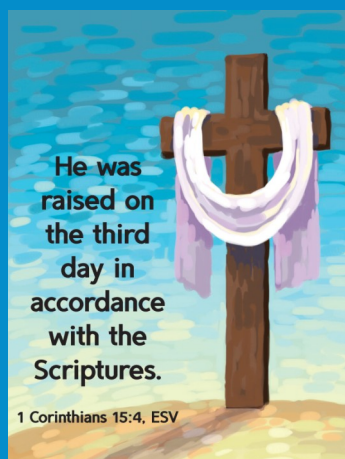
FRIDAY

9:30 am

Stay Strong Exercise

SATURDAY

10:00 am Al-Anon



Lexington United Methodist Church

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As we celebrate Easter this coming week we realize that it is our defining story as the people called Christians. We find our joy as the sun rises on Easter morning in our understanding that Christ has risen from the dead to open wide the gates of Heaven for us! Sin has not triumphed and evil has been defeated. It is truly a day of celebration! If you can, keep this image in your hearts and minds as I move this conversation in a different direction. How do most of our neighbors in our community celebrate Easter? Would they arise at 5:30 in the morning to gather and sing and pray? Would they then come to a sunrise breakfast at 7:30 in the morning on a weekend? Would they then return for a traditional Easter service that is filled with songs and liturgy that is unfamiliar to them? The answer is probably not or most likely not. With this understanding we then have two main choices or options. First, we can forget about our neighbors and continue with our wonderful traditions of worship and praise, being thankful that Christ has risen and brought salvation to us. We can say that they have opportunity to attend if they desire to and why should we change anything to benefit their understanding. After all, is it not their job to catch up with what we have always done? Option number two becomes a little harder to grasp ahold of. What if we thought of our neighbor's first and designed worship that fit their schedule and also made each of them to feel welcome and wanted? Instead of our sacred hymns we sang songs that were simple to learn and repeated so as to be learned quickly? What would happen if we all showed up at the community Easter egg hunt to show our support for their families by providing candy that had a message attached that shared that we care for them very much? It would be very difficult to make this worship shift for most of us, myself included. A group of folks joined me in Columbia for a workshop on how to reach new people and to reconnect the church with the community. Much was said about how "normal" folks think and interact with their community. We, meaning the church, have insulated ourselves from our culture and are meeting inside the "castle walls." Safe from any outside influences. The problem with this is that Christ died for all people. Even those who have never attended any church. Our mission becomes letting down the drawbridge and venturing out into the community. This causes many of us great distress and anxiety! What in the world would we have to talk about or share? Here is an idea: just tell them about Jesus and what He means in your life! Your pastor and agitator!

Terry Cook.



**The Women of the Church
will meet for a carry-in
luncheon at noon on
April 10.**

These past few weeks have been busy with re-organizing offices, closets, and classrooms. Several areas of the church were in desperate need of cleaning and organizing. Please be sure that when using Church items that you help by returning them to their places.

I recently ordered a new set of Biblical Maps that both youth and adult classes can use along with laminated charts showing the books of the Bible for our classes to study from. They're located in our adult classrooms now if you need them for reference. They show Biblical lands the correlate with several studies going on now. Our Middle and High School small groups recently received new NIV Study Bibles which are age appropriate for learning, and our adult classes are using a new series from Adam Hamilton based on Lent and Easter. Again, I'm always thinking and looking for studies of interest, so keep your eyes open. Our church library is soon going to be revisited by Sharol McMullin. She and Karen Vialle will look it over and organize it once again. If you've not browsed around in there, you might take a little time and do so. Good stuff!!!!

Be thinking of a small group you might consider joining!!!
Thanks, Sarah Black

Connectional Ministries Team:

There are now twelve individuals (a good biblical number) helping with the ministry of staying connected with our members who are homebound or in a care facility. In February each of these persons received either a card, call or visit from Carol Busch on behalf of LUMC. Janae Fuller served as contact for those who were sick for hospitalized. Several mugs were delivered to first-time visitors by Kari Heisler and Liz Fenner.

If anyone is aware of someone who is ill and needing assistance or just some TLC, please contact the church office or Liz Fenner (259-2187). Anyone who would like to assist with these ministries may contact the office or Liz, as well.



Thanks to all who have pledged \$60 toward our covenant with the Methodist church in Quelimane, Mozambique. We only need about four more persons or groups to step up to the plate to make our goal of \$990. I'm confident it will happen. We are a sharing people.

LUMC PALM AND EASTER EVENTS

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday (March 29th) will also be our Confirmation Sunday Celebration. This year we will celebrate in our Family Life Center with music by our Praise Band, our service for our confirmands, followed by a potato bar luncheon provided by our Relational Committee led by Terri James. (Do not bring food this time.) There will be baskets for Congratulatory Cards for our confirmands if you choose to do so. Our confirmands this year are:

Brenda Butler

Zoe Goddard

Zack Goddard

Chasidy Hatfield

Seth Seitz

Dakota Yates

CONGRATULATIONS –WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!!

EASTER

Our Easter schedule is full with several exciting activities, so plan on joining us to "Re-live again the magnificent story of Christ's Resurrection."

6:45-Sunrise Service-Roger MaFadden's house (located directly across from the church)

7:30-Pancake breakfast-prepared by Pam and Larry Johnson, David and Cheryl Cooley (in the multi-purpose center)

9:30-Easter Egg Hunt-(in our church yard)- set up by Sarah Black's Class

10:45-Church Service (our choir has several Easter selections)

Plan on joining us for this "Great Day of Celebration!!"

Members in Care Centers & Homebound

Bob Backs (KU Med)

Bonnie Best (Care Center)

Virginia Fetter (home)

Pat Fisher 9833 Overbrook Ct., Leawood, KS 66206.

Geneva Hamilton (nursing home in California)

James Lauderdale (Bristol Manor)

Tootie Mason (John Knox Village, Lee's Summit)

Mary Stephenson (Care Center)

Ruth Wainscott (Colorado Springs, CO)

Alice Wiley (Meyer Care, Higginsville)

Roberta Wyatt (Care Center)



Over the last six weeks, volunteers with Lexington United Methodist Church and Grace United Methodist Church in Higginsville have bagged up more than 1,600 pairs of used

shoes to support Solea Water. This non-profit organization based in St. Louis implements clean drinking water projects for impoverished communities in Latin America, while protecting the environment by recycling old shoes.

If you need a ride to Worship, please call the church office and arrangements will be made ~ 259-2483

Looking for a positive and encouraging radio station? Life 88.5 and 97.3 K-LOVE are great Christian radio stations available in our area! Take the 30 day "only Christian radio" challenge, and see if it doesn't have a positive impact on your life!



Check In at Lexington United Methodist Church on Facebook, Do Good! According to Nielsen, 92% of consumers trust recommenda-

tions from friends over all other forms of media. Who better to spread the word? If everyone from the L.U.M.C. that is on Facebook checks in, don't you think it will generate a buzz in our community? Plus, in March, Check-In Angels were making donations to the North West Haiti Christian Mission. In April, every check-in donates money to the Stop Hunger Now program!

"We're so pleased with outstanding support from throughout Lafayette County for this project effort," says Martha Williams, Project Coordinator. "Our goal was 1000 pairs, and we topped that with 1600." According to Williams, Solea Water works directly with local partners in Latin American to empower communities to develop skills and technology to ensure sustainable water supplies for generations to come. The donated shoes are sold through street vendors in Latin American, thus creating micro enterprises, and funds to support local water projects.

Solea Water is a nonprofit dedicated to the vision of healthier planet and a world without water poverty.

Pictured with the bags of collected shoes are (L to R) Lynda Johnson, Assistant Project Coordinator, Lexington UMC; Martha Williams, Project Coordinator, Grace UMC; and Pastor Terry Cook, minister for both congregations.

A representative from the Missouri United Methodist Foundation will be here on May 17th to present the grant for our new A/V equipment.



*Holy Week Breakfast & Devotions
Monday thru Friday, March 30—April 3
The Ministerial Alliance Holy Week services
will be held at the Presbyterian Disciples Church
Breakfast begins at 6:30 each morning,
and devotions follow at 7:00 am.*

LUMC Ad Team Meeting
March 15, 2015

Members present: Brent Z, Mabel H, Nancy O, Larry Johnson, Sarah B, Roger McFadden, Matt C, Rowdy Y, Annie Y, Suzanne, Jacki W, Janae F, Jamie Lynn and Pastor Terry.

Annie Yates open the meeting in prayer.

Church Coordinator report: given by Sarah Black. Closet organization has been in progress this week. Materials have been labeled by holiday, etc. New maps and charts have been hung. Library is being organized. There are always things to be done! Let Sarah know if there is something that needs attention. She thanks everyone for the support that has been given.

Treasures report: given by Suzanne. She gave the rundown of the report and gave an explanation of spending. Continuing to pay apportionments each month. Motion made to approve report by Nancy Oles. Seconded by Jamie Lynn. All in favor, approved.

Trustees report: given by Matt Coggins and Roger McFadden. Door will be taken care of in the choir room. New weatherstrip will be installed. The van will be looked at soon regarding a pulling issue when slowing down. Matt will help look into this. He wants to set up a routine schedule for van maintenance. We need more people to take a training for driving the van, it is a simple online training.

Roger noted that doors in the Family Life Ctr. will run around \$700 each. Discussion occurred about where the money will come from for paying for the doors. The lights on the sign and in the parking lot were also changed. The baptismal has arrived discussion occurred regarding how where to put it for services.

Missions report: Janae noted that a missions chair meeting has been scheduled March 30. The group traveled to Lazareth Table earlier this month.

Youth report: Rowdy told the group that the youth went to a Jewish synagogue, Roman Catholic church and to a Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist service. It seemed to be an interesting experience for everyone! Upcoming youth events were discussed, along with Confirmation Sunday. This is a very important day for six of our youth. We are hoping that a lot of support is given to them on this day.

Lay leadership report: we want to reach out to the Hispanic group that meets in our church. We want them to feel like it is also their space.

Finance report: given by Suzanne. She gave an overall report of accounts. No upcoming large expenditures are expected. All is going well!





Pastor report: pastor would like to have bathrobes for those who are baptized. He wonders if a group would donate these? Discussion about alternates to expensive robes. Jamie Lynn will look into bath sheets. Also, what to do about making baptismal area non-slick.

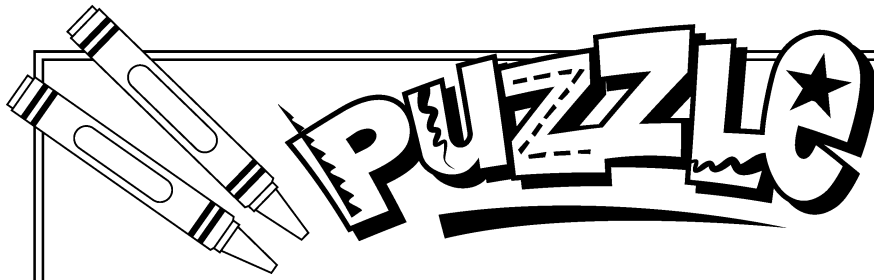
Pastor Terry close the meeting in prayer.

Meeting adjourned.



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OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

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| 5 who was R aised | 8 R ight hand | 6 T o life |
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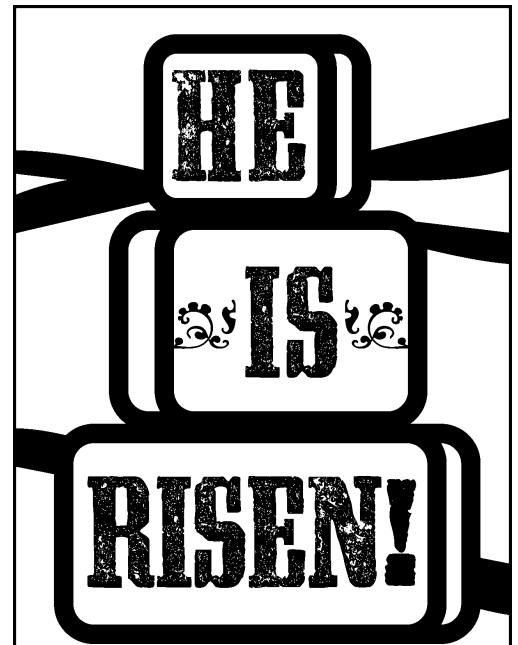
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11 _____ 12 _____ *Romans 8:34, NIV*



Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

1. Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) "He" on the smallest block, "is" on the medium block and "risen!" on the large block.
3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim "He is risen!"

RESURRECTION

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV