



APRIL 2016

SUNDAY

9:30 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

6:00 pm

Youth Group

3rd Sundays

Fellowship Meal

MONDAY

Noon Prayer Group

1:00 pm

Quilting for Homeless

TUESDAY

7:00 pm

Serenity Seekers

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Adult

Bible Study

7:00 pm Children &

Youth Bible Study

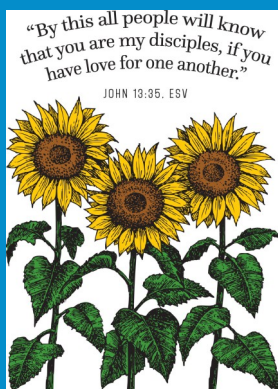
FRIDAY

9:30 am

Stay Strong Exercise

SATURDAY

10:00 am Al-Anon



Lexington United Methodist Church

SEEK ~ SERVE ~ SHARE

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Pastor's Post

What a joy this past Easter season has been! Our Lenten studies were well attended and so were our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Sunrise services and two Easter egg hunts. Rising early to attend the 6:30 morning services were truly a delight! Our worship numbers reflect our efforts to be invitational and welcoming. Between our two churches our total count, not counting anyone twice, was 385 people! That is a large increase from last year despite the pouring rain and snow flakes. We had many persons attending this year who were not part of our church families a year ago but are now becoming fully involved! It is not uncommon now to see 12-20 children come forward for children's time in each church! Both churches are doing some interior decorating to spruce up the space. Our new floors are in at Grace but we still have some painting to finish up and office furniture is almost complete. At Lexington check out the new welcoming center with new tables and 3 computer terminals. We are in the process of adding new tables and a welcome/hospitality booth in the foyer. It will be a good change for the atmosphere in that area! I believe God is blessing both of our churches and that we are building some momentum for the kingdom of God! We will take a breather here after Easter and begin intentional planning for this summer's ministries! Come be a part of the process! Terry

Our Worship services are available LIVE on line

(10:45 am Sundays)

at www.reachingforyou.org under "MEDIA".

MISS A SUNDAY?

The videos will remain accessible for at least a month after their broadcast.

Don't have internet or a computer?

DVD's are available on the table in the church entryway.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all my church family for the cards, calls, visits, food and prayers during my recovery from knee surgery. I am doing well and planning to return to church on Palm Sunday. You, my community of faith, have been a tremendous support in the healing process. Liz Fenner.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the encouraging words & special cards & visits. We feel so blessed having friends like you.

Bob & I both wish you the best and pray for all of you. People like you make our church the wonderful organization it is.

Bob & Jerry Warner

Thank you to my Church Family,

For all your cards, visits, phone calls, food and especially for all the prayers. When you have to lay down 16 hours out of 24 and cannot read, you can feel the prayers helping you through. My eye is getting better.

Thanks again. Blessings to all.

Shalom, Janet Cado

Dear Friends,

Your donation has helped us provide Kansas City's most vulnerable members with a safe, warm place to sleep, eat, and access assistance to seek permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Your recent gift of 26 sleeping bags, 2 pillows, 4 comforters, and 2 jackets is vital for them.

We are truly blessed by your commitment and partnership.

Sincerely, Evelyn Craig, MA, CFRE, reStart President & CEO

Pastor Terry,

Thank you so much for allowing me to come and minister/share with your congregation about what God is doing in Kenya. As a Missionary I do need to find a team of individuals and churches who would be willing to partner with me. There are 2 ways to give:

1) Through the mail. You can send pledge form and a check to Assembly of God World Missions, 1445 N Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO 65802 If doing a monthly commitment you can send in a check every month. Checks can be made to AGWM with my name & Acct #2955748 in the memo.

2) you can give online at sl.ag.org/glanzer

Again, thank you so much for allowing me to come and considering partnering with me. I pray God's blessings over you and your church! May God strengthen you and keep you as you faithfully do His work!

Blessings, Melissa

Thank you for everything during the Coles' time of need. Your special ways and generous heart make a beautiful difference.

Thank you so much, The Cole Family

Lexington United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your hospitality on Saturday, March 19, 2016 and for letting us use your facilities. The breakfast and lunch were both amazing and we are thankful for the donations. You have a beautiful church and we are lucky to get the opportunity to stay here.

Thank you again,

University of St. Thomas

Students Today Leaders Forever



The Well is finished and back open for the Youth!

THANKS to Seth Seitz, his Eagle Scout volunteers, the Trustees, Pastor Terry, the Youth and Youth Leaders Annie & Rowdy for completing this project!

Thanks to a generous donation of computers and expertise from David Cooley, we now have 3 computers available for your use in the hospitality room! These are internet password protected. Please see Patty in the church office for more information.

If you would like to learn how to use the internet, email, etc. OR if you'd like to TEACH some folks how to use the computers, please contact David or Patty.



Last year at UMC Missouri Annual Conference we elected 12 lay and pastoral delegates to represent Missouri at General Conference.

The United Methodist Church's top legislative body will meet at the Oregon Convention Center, on May 10-20, 2016.

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church which meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.

Please keep all those attending in your prayers! Please pray for wisdom and guidance for our laity and our pastors voting on changes to our Book of Discipline.

To learn more about General Conference 2016, and to stay connected during the May 10-20 meetings, check out www.umc.org.

Also, information will be given at Missouri Annual Conference this year, June 3rd-6th. We are happy to represent LUMC and the Heartland District.

Yours in Service, Annie and Rowdy Yates



Our sympathy to the family of long-time member Virginia Fetter who died March 5.

Our sympathy to Andy Kohly's family who died on March 24. Andy was confirmed as a youth in our church, and in more recent times had attended with his father, John Morrison.



The Women of the Church
will host a Bridal Shower
for Hayley James along
with their monthly

carry-in luncheon Noon, Friday April 8
ALL WOMEN INVITED!

April Birthdays

4 Carol Busch
7 Janet Thompson
7 Chasidy Hatfield
10 Alice Wiley
22 Bradley Grafton

If your birthday is not
listed, please contact the
church office,
patty@reachingforyou.org
259-2483.

March for Babies—Walk for Meredith—May 1

Your gift matters

Funds raised in March for Babies support research and programs that help moms have full-term pregnancies and babies begin healthy lives. And they will be used to bring comfort and information to families with a baby in newborn intensive care.

Meredith's Minions Why I walk—Hayley Shroyer

Meredith was born 2-16-16. Her due date was April 23. She was born 10 weeks early. Before Meredith was born I was on ante partum for 7 weeks to prevent her from being born any earlier than she was. I began to develop an infection, which caused the labor and was rushed into an emergency c section. When I was at 19 weeks gestation my water broke, and they assumed my baby was not going to make it. She is currently in the NICU and doing better every day. She does not have anything serious to overcome, just a lot of getting bigger, eating on her own, and maintaining her own body temperature while also having no "spells". She is expected to be there until at least mid to late April. I believe she is doing as well as she is thanks to things like steroids which helped develop her lungs, and other medication that was given to me to help her neurologically.

<https://www.marchforbabies.org/meredithbutler>

Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired
medication for safe disposal
Saturday, April 30th,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Visit www.dea.gov
or call 800-882-9539
for a collection
site near you

*Only accept
Pills or Patches

Lafayette Regional
Health Center
- Main lobby

dispose
unused
Rx

For more
information,
please visit
www.dea.gov

Members in Care Centers & Homebound

Betty Davis (home)
Pat Fisher, Leawood, KS
Geneva Hamilton (nursing home in California)
James Lauderdale (Bristol Manor)
Tootie Mason (John Knox Village, Lee's Summit)
Dawn Meierer (Care Center)
Mary Stephenson (Care Center)
Ruth Wainscott (Colorado Springs, CO)
Bob Warner (Care Center)
Alice Wiley (Care Center)
Roberta Wyatt (Care Center)

We will honor our High School Seniors on May 15. Our listing of who will be graduating at the end of this school year include: Joey Chandra, Cody Ellison, Carter Jenkins, Blake Johnson, Cooper Lynn, and Jamie Weisbach. If there is anyone we have missed, please contact the church office at patty@reachingforyou.org

Notes from Sarah

Sunday school and small groups are in full swing this Spring. Our Sunday morning children's classes, (ages nursery-early elementary) are studying "Deep Blue" which is a weekly adventure through the Bible. The class uses Bible stories with stickers, games, storytelling, music, and many other exciting ways of telling the story of Jesus. Our middle school ages discuss varying subjects from Bible based stories to social issues. We use a variety of ways to again tell the story of Jesus. Our newly formed high school class discusses current events of the day and how our lives are effected by these events. We're working to form all of our young people into good, solid, Christian people, who can learn to deal with life daily. If you're child is not involved in small group worship, plan on getting them started weekly beginning at 9:30. We'd love to have them.

The Explorers class is beginning a new study called, "He Still Moves Stones." This book tells what Jesus did and still does today. And to be reminded that what He did then, He will do today. It tells of the purpose for Jesus in our lives and what God does for people that they can't do for themselves. The goal of this book is to witness the tenderness of Christ. They meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

The "James Gang" meets every other week and discusses "Weird, Because Normal is not Working." This class last met on Thursday, March 24th beginning at 7:30 at the James' house 12042 Larkin Lane. Empty nesters, or soon to be, have great discussions. Come join us if this works best for you.

The young adult couples class has just started meeting every other Friday night taking turns for the group at their houses. The study of discussion is still so new it's not been selected, but just discussed. They first met on March 18th and are setting up their schedule. If you're a young adult couple, think about joining this great group.

In addition to these opportunities to learn, there are seasonal studies going on as well. I continue to work to get new and interesting topics of study, so keep me posted of your thoughts.

I'm beginning to look into workshops for summer and fall attendance. I know Resurrection has a great leadership conference in Oct. along with other opportunities to grow. If you're interested in a particular area of growth, get with me and we'll see what's available.

College students from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul Minnesota enjoyed their visit to Lexington. The group called Students Today Leaders Forever stayed overnight at the church and ate breakfast and lunch. Thanks to Rowdy and Annie Yates for staying overnight with the group and Mary Routh and volunteers for cooking a hearty breakfast. Finally thanks to the church family for brining extra food for the carry in dinner. The youth were very pleased and complimentary of everything AND they were great help in their service projects which were mostly gardening and clean-up at the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site.



The city-sponsored cleanup is slated for the week of April 16-25. As a mission project I would like to offer the elderly, homebound and disabled help in moving large items to the Public Works Building. They will

be accepting electronic waste, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, dishwashers and such. We are looking for a few folks with or without trucks to assist with moving and transporting these items. I will be taking the calls, screening them and putting together a schedule for pick-up and removal. Please let me know if you can help and the best time(s) during the week. Also, if you have a truck we can use. My phone number is [660-232-1955](tel:660-232-1955). Janae Fuller

Fundraiser for the Baraka Presbyterian Ministry in Bethlehem

During our visit to Israel in January, Pastor Terry, Janae Fuller & Patty Sollars along with the rest of the tour group had the opportunity to spend some time with Pastor Dany Awad of the Baraka Presbyterian Church and toured their Day Care in Bethlehem. Their ministry is one of few that offers worship in both English and Arabic.

They have developed various ministry programs in which to support and encourage those living in Bethlehem, many of which are refugees. Baraka is constantly trying to re-evaluate and improve on the ministries that will help the people the most. The strongest need of those in the area is affordable child care, now a growing ministry of Baraka.



The building in which the nursery is located is a two story building. The upper floor has a small play area which is also their kitchen / dining space. There are also three classrooms and restrooms upstairs. This facility has a small outdoor space and playground.

What it does not have is an indoor recreation space. The hope is to remove three walls and transform classrooms in the lower level of the

building into a multi-purpose space for indoor play, exercise and group activities.

The estimated cost of remodeling the building is \$8,000.

The project has been divided into three phases:

Phase 1 – wall removal and building prep – cost of \$2,500

Phase 2 – establish new structure for recreational use – cost of \$4,500

Phase 3 – finishing touches (paint/trim) to the new structure – cost of \$1,000



We would like to partner with the Memphis UMC and other United Methodist Churches who had members on the trip to help make the Baraka Church's dream come true.

On Sunday, April 17 the Women of the Church will host a Baked Potato Bar after Worship as a fundraiser to be used for renovations at the Baraka Presbyterian Church Nursery in Bethlehem. A free-will donation will be taken. In conjunction with the meal, the Women will also sponsor a silent auction. Donations of items to be auctioned are vital to the success of this effort. Items may be brought to the church office.

Janae will be presenting information on Baraka during Worship on the 17th, and Pastor Terry will give a slide presentation from his Israel trip during the lunch.



Please plan on staying for great food, fellowship and to hear more about our 2 weeks in Israel!





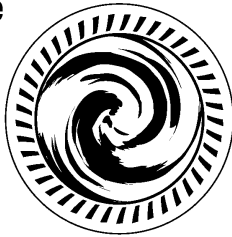
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"Where We Seek, Serve, and Share Christ"

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SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.

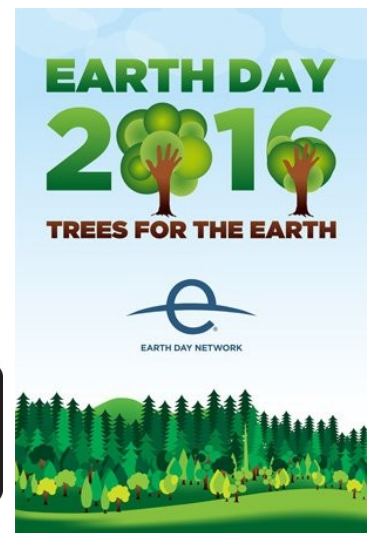


What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.



PUZZLE

A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

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The _____ is _____, _____, and _____, the _____, and _____ 24:1, NIV

Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV