



**AUGUST 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**

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

**THURSDAY**

**10:00 am Bible Study**

**FRIDAY**

**9:30 am**

**Stay Strong Exercise**

**SATURDAY**

**10:00 am Al-Anon**

Let Heaven and  
earth praise Him,  
the seas and all  
that move in them.

psalm 69:34, niv



## **Lexington United Methodist Church**

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# Pastor's Post

It sure is hot! I could use the joke that some of us had better get used to it, referring to our final destination! The only problem is that it is not funny or something to brag about. I could not count the times I have heard someone say "at least I will have lots of company." The tragic fact is that they could be more right than they realize. I have never been one to preach that we are going to Hell for our transgressions as much as to preach that we can be forgiven our trespasses when we humble ourselves, ask for forgiveness and accept Jesus' sacrifice on the cross as our means of receiving salvation. My experience of conversion was being loved into the kingdom, not condemned for my bad choices. It was not until after I accepted Christ that my behavior and demeanor began to change. I did not want to disappoint, or let down my Heavenly father. In my opinion only, I believe many people are still trying to earn their way to Heaven by doing acts of kindness and acts of mercy. This is not, nor ever has been, the way to receive salvation. There is some merit to this philosophy in what Christians call the Old Testament or Hebrew Bible. To keep the commandments was to please God. They also believed that when bad things happened to them God was punishing them and likewise when things were going well God was rewarding them. As Christians we realize that our salvation and happiness are not contingent on our current circumstances! I do not believe God punishes us as much as we ourselves are the originators of our problems and trials. I believe we are saved unto good works, that is, it is out of the overflow of grateful hearts that we care for and serve those around us. We understand that but by the grace of God go us!

Your servant in Christ, Terry Cook

## Connectional Ministries Update Liz Fenner

The Connectional Ministries Team continues to keep in contact with members of our church family in a variety of ways. Each month from March-June, cards were sent or visits made to twelve who are home-bound or in a care facility. Food has been taken to several others who have returned home after being hospitalized. In addition to this, Rev. Cook makes out of town visits to several members on a regular basis.

Mugs, with a church brochure and pictorial directory of members, have been taken to more than ten first-time visitors in the past four months.

Members of the team include Mary Kate Alkire, Melissa Beal, Carol Busch, Ginger Castro, Liz Fenner, Janae Fuller, Mable Hawkins, Kari Heisler, Nancy Oles, Beth Simnitt, Kay Skinner, Kathy Uptegrove, and Karen Yates. Many others have responded with food and visits to members when the need arises.

We are considering expanding the work of this ministry to include sending birthday cards to members and forming a calling chain for members living alone, who might need a daily contact. This will, of course, require more participants. Anyone who wishes to share in any part of this ministry should call Patty at the church office, 259-2483, or Liz Fenner, 259-2187. THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE.



## July 19 Ad Team Meeting

In attendance: Terry Cook, Pam Johnson, Larry Johnson, Annie Yates, Rowdy Yates, Brent Zweifel, Janae Fuller, Nancy Oles, Powers Alder, Mable Hawkins, Teri James, Patty Sollars

Pastor Terry opened with prayer.

Powers Alder called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report - Teri James reported \$5,000 deposited from Fireworks. She is learning the church accounting system. Motion to approve the Report made by Rowdy, seconded by Brent. Approved.

Old Business:

Larry is picking up the doors for the FLC! Hoping to have them installed this week.

Trustees: Basement flooding is better, but we need to get out the old carpet.

Serenity Seekers submitted a written proposal to use our building Tuesdays from 7-8 pm. Jan Wright has agreed to be the church representative during their meetings. Annie made the motion to approve, Rowdy seconded. Approved.

SPRC Report - things are going well.

Gym membership for Terry approved for outreach.

The Youth has been going great! Our kids rule, our missions have been going fantastic!

WRDC (Wilderness Camping and Retreat Association) sent a written request for support from the local church. While we support WRDC's efforts, we need more information before making a commitment.

Charge Conference will be held Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 pm at Grace UMC. The SPRC and Nominations Committee will soon be meeting to prepare.

NAEIR Trip - Terry & members of Grace UMC will be going July 30. Those benefiting from NAEIR include the nursing home, migrant ministries, angel tree, trunk-or-treat, prom, the food pantry,

The Committee agreed to change our meetings from Sunday afternoons to second Mondays at 5:30 pm beginning September 14. \*\*Update: Terry realized that Grace UMC's Ad Team meets 2nd Mondays; LUMC Ad Team members approved via email to meet Third Mondays at 5:30 pm, with the next meeting September 21.

Terry in planning an additional Christmas Eve Service on a day prior to Christmas Eve, in a different location.

Serve 2015 will be held October 3 & 4. One of the possible projects is cleanup of the cemetery on Golf Road.

The St. Francis Xavier Hispanic Ministry will be held in the FLC Sundays in September & October.

A motion was passed to replace all the EXIT signs with LED signs with funds from the Fireworks.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Annie Yates

## **LUMC Mission Team Updates**

Your LUMC Mission Teams have been busy with a number of projects these past few months. All church members are welcome to get involved in any of these efforts. Volunteer – get to know your fellow church members, have some fun, and put your talents and faith into action!

**Community Outreach** – Terry and Jaquie Holshouser, Co-Chairs. Team members have been busy helping individuals from our church and in the community with a variety of projects ranging from changing batteries in smoke detectors to remounting air vents. In addition, work has been done in The Well (youth meeting room) at church that sustained water damage due to onslaught of rain the last month or so. More work is needed. In addition, team members helped with efforts to put up the high tunnel greenhouse behind the Lexington High School. Plans are also underway to assist an individual needing help removing tree limbs and storm debris in her backyard.

**Lazarus Table** – Our youth group volunteered to help serve the meal for the homeless at the UMC Grand Ave Temple in Kansas City on Sunday June 28. The group also attended their church services as well. LUMC church will need volunteers to help at Grand Avenue Temple on **August 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to be part of this rewarding experience, sign up in the narthex, or contact Lynda Johnson for more information. Volunteers car-pool, and generally leave at 8 a.m., and return by 2:30 p.m.

**Heifer International** – Ashley Zweifel, Chair. Our children are raising money for this mission through the “noisy offering” held the last Sunday of each month. The Heifer International mission funds are used to purchase small animals (chickens, pigs, goats, etc) for impoverished families in Central America and Africa to create a sustainable food supply and potential income. To date, our children have raised over \$380, and will be collecting through the end of the year.

**Migrant Farm Workers Outreach** – LUMC will assist with distributing food, blankets, and clothing to the migrant farmworkers of Lafayette County on **Mondays September 14 and October 12**. Beginning time for volunteers is 3:30 – 4 p.m. and finishing by 7 – 7:30 p.m. Distribution is held in the parking lot of UMOS Head Start (former school district Success Center/Skating Rink). Beginning in August, LUMC will collect bags of dry red beans and white rice (not instant) to donate, in addition to brown paper grocery sacks. Look for more information in upcoming weekly church bulletins. Save the dates, mark your calendar! If interested in helping, contact Lynda Johnson.

**SERVE 2015** – The last few years, United Methodist Churches across our State have joined efforts in September to make a difference in their community through various acts of service and efforts to reach out and show we care. This year churches are free to select their own date. **Our LUMC SERVE 2015** will be held on **October 4<sup>th</sup>**, with October 11<sup>th</sup> as a backup date in the event of inclement weather. We will have various volunteer opportunities so that everyone can get involved. Committee will soon be forming. Look for more information in upcoming weeks. If interested contact Janae Fuller or Lynda Johnson.

**Volunteer and be part of something special! Grow Your Faith!**

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### **Kids in the Community Mission Team:**

Due to the overwhelming support of MVCAA by the churches in Higginsville, the Back to school Bash at LUMC has been canceled. MVCAA will be able to meet the needs of the community with backpacks and school supplies, so we have found other needs in the community to meet! The supplies collected this year will be distributed to the Lexington R-V school for use as needed!

August 3rd we will be writing thank you letters, and making goodie bags for the teachers in the Lex. R-V district, from the LUMC. We will meet in the Explorers Classroom at 6pm. Please join us!!

Do you have clean, gently used or new stuffed animals? Consider donating them to be a LUMC Blessing Buddy. Each month we will place new stuffed animals in the pews at LUMC. The Blessing Buddies will stay in the pews, hearing our worship, prayers, and sermons. At the end of the month they will be donated to various organizations in Lexington, to be a blessing in the life of a child experiencing trauma. Please consider donating, or even making, an animal to help a Kid in our Community!!

## Notes from Sarah:

Promotion Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, August 23 during the worship service. We will be recognizing our Sunday school teachers and young people who are moving up to new classes in the fall. After church, we'll celebrate with hot dogs and chips for everybody to enjoy. The following Sunday, our new classes begin with exciting new curriculum and activities. Plan on attending and enjoying the day with us. (do not bring food this time)

Dancing With a Star Retreat is coming in September. Ladies mark and plan on attending this event on Saturday, Sept. 12th, here at the church from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This event is free with lunch provided along with a nursery. A free will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of lunch. Our program will be provided by a worship team comprised of women from around the state. Our topic of discussion will be how women today maintain their faith and spirituality when all of society tells us otherwise. All women from around our area are invited to attend. It will be an uplifting, informative, and fun day, so ladies grab your friends and come join us. Please let our church office know if you're attending and if you need nursery care.

A big, "THANK YOU," goes out to our vacation Bible school volunteers. We had great attendance and several workers. A big thanks also to The Women of the Church who provided the Tuesday night meal. It was a great time for all!!!

Our new fall classes begin August 30th so get involved and plan on joining. Our youth (nursery-elementary school) are doing a new study called "Deep Blue." It is a weekly adventure through the Bible including stories, science experiments, arts and crafts along with games and videos. Our middle school kids are doing a study very much like Deep Blue with a little more in depth Bible study. Our adult classes begin with a new class called "The Call" by Adam Hamilton. This six-week study takes us through the journeys of the Apostle Paul. It follows Paul from the road to Damascus to the lands of modern Greece and Turkey. You meet in the Chapel room with Lynda Johnson as the facilitator. The Explorer's Class is "Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus." It focuses on the discipline of prayer in our lives. This class is facilitated by Karen Yates. The Discover's Class is facilitated by Sarah Black. This class is looking at child rearing and ways to help young parents with family and careers, and our Progressive class led by Liz Fenner is based on Women's study. As you can see, we have a variety of classes to choose from, so join us and grow spirituality by becoming involved in a class of your choice.

### August Birthdays

2	Cheryl Cooley	10	Molly Chandra
4	Kaye Worthington	14	Joey Mizell
5	Zoe Goddard	19	Chloe Heisler
6	Marilyn Grafton	22	Kennedy Lynn
7	Dalton Grafton	24	Bob Backs
7	Dillan Grafton	31	Patty Skelton

If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office, [patty@reachingforyou.org](mailto:patty@reachingforyou.org)

### Members in Care Centers & Homebound

Bob Backs (home)  
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)  
Dawn Meierer (Care Center)  
Mary Stephenson (Care Center)  
Ruth Wainscott (Colorado Springs, CO)  
Alice Wiley (Care Center)  
Roberta Wyatt (Care Center)

### Lex. United Methodist Church **FREE** Friday Nights at the Movies



July 31

August 7

August 14

**Come Join the Fun, and bring a friend!**  
**Fridays at 6pm/LUMC Sanctuary/Bring a Snack**  
**Nursery provided!**



**The Women of the Church  
will meet for a carry-in  
luncheon at noon on  
Friday, August 14**

**ALL WOMEN INVITED!**  
**If you've never attended—  
we'd love to have you!**



**Sundays:**  
**9:30 am Sunday School**  
**10:45 am Worship**  
**6:00 pm Youth**

# AUGUST

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**“Where We Seek, Serve, and Share Christ”**

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# DANCING WITH THE STAR

## A Women's Retreat Saturday, Sept. 12

9 a.m. to 3 p.m

Lexington United Methodist Church

Childcare and Lunch Provided

Free Will Offering Accepted

Topic: Dealing with Issues as Women in  
Today's Society

Led by a Worship Team from Throughout  
Missouri

Sponsored by: Lexington, Odessa, Orrick,  
Richmond Methodist Church and Lexington  
Episcopal Church

RSVP by Sept. 1, 2015 to

*Sarah Black*  
*660-259-2483*





## LUMC Missions to Help Migrant Farm Workers

**SAVE YOUR PAPER GROCERY BAGS!**  
Migrant Farm Workers Program  
Re-uses Them for Food Distributions

Also collecting bags of red beans  
& white rice (not instant) for  
Migrant Farm Worker Program.

Drop off box  
in the church entryway.



## LUMC Blessing Buddies

We are collecting  
stuffed animals to  
be donated to  
various organizations  
in Lexington, to be a  
blessing in the life of  
a child experiencing  
trauma.

Next  
Opportunity to  
serve at  
Lazarus Table  
Aug 9



Sign up sheet in  
the entryway!



## Reaching New People Gathering for Laity at Glenwood Park UMC in Independence

Meet at church 5:30 pm to carpool.  
Please let Pastor Terry know  
if you can attend.

## BENEFIT RUMMAGE and BAKE SALE FOR SARA TUTTLE INMAN IN HER BATTLE WITH BRAIN CANCER

Grace United Methodist Church 16 W 15th  
Higginsville  
Friday, August 7th 8 AM -6 PM  
Saturday, August 8th 8 AM—NOON

Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches \$3.00

ITEMS SOLD FOR DONATIONS ONLY

If you wish to donate clean, gently used items, bring them  
to GUMC on Monday, Aug. 3rd or Tues. Aug 4th (8AM—5PM)

LUMC is  
ordering  
t-shirts!!

Sign up sheet  
on the table outside the sanctuary!  
\$10 each. Ordering August 4.



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and find us  
on  
Facebook!

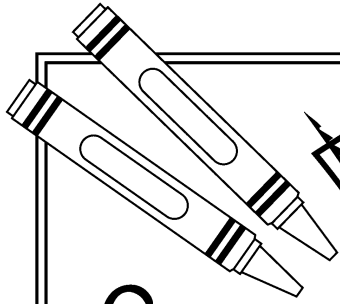
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## LUMC Missions to Help Migrant Farm Workers

LUMC helps with  
Migrant Farm Worker food distribution  
Sept. 14 & Oct. 12 from 4 to 7 p.m.  
at the UMOs Headstart Building.  
Volunteers Needed!

Call the church office if  
you can help.








# PUZZLE

## Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



*Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a  around words describing God's actions. Draw an  around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.*

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,  
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,  
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar...



*Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.*

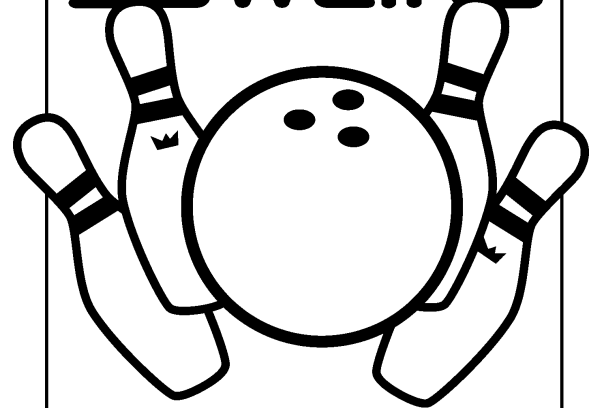
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## GLOW- IN-THE- DARK BOWLING



Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

### What you need:

- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape

### What you do:

1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.