



**DECEMBER 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**

**Rehearsal**

**7:00 pm "Believe"**

**Bible Study**

**7:00 pm Children &  
Youth Bible Study**

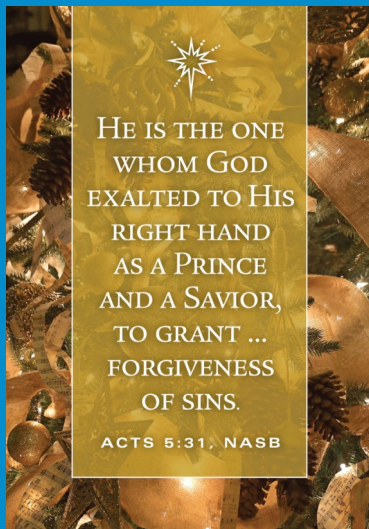
**FRIDAY**

**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

December is upon us which signals several thoughts. First, winter is just around the corner with its cold and snowy days. The daylight hours are becoming shorter and shorter. I used to love the snow and the cold but the older I become I realize that it is not fun to scoop snow off of the driveway and sidewalks. It is not fun anymore to start the truck in cold weather or to drive on icy roads. It could be depressing if it were not for my next thought: It is Advent season! Christmas is coming! There is something special about Advent services and Christmas Eve services! We often experience bigger crowds and a more generous spirit in just about everyone. We hear the sound of the Salvation Army bell ringers as we shop for that special gift for our loved ones. It is fun to see the Christmas lights on the houses and the nativity scenes in the front yards. It helps to reinforce for us who identify as Christians that God is truly with us and cares about our well-being! This year we are going to hold a pre-Christmas service at the new Lex at 11th and Franklin streets. It is my hope that we might share the Christmas story with all of our friends and neighbors in one venue. The reason for doing this off-site and not on Christmas Eve is to give each of you an opportunity to invite at least one neighbor or friend to join you. There is no inconvenience of trying to get home to open presents or share your traditional family meal, etc. Also, I am in need of volunteers to hand out candles, to greet folks, etc. We need to share the love of Christ with everyone! Please plan to attend as a servant of Christ and use this opportunity to serve others. This is meant for both of churches to come together for a great cause! We will have our time to be served at our traditional Christmas Eve services at 5:00 at Grace and 6:30 at Lexington on December 24th. As you will see in other articles in this newsletter we do have some special events planned. December 5th the Chorus of Friends group will be at Lexington for an afternoon concert. The Lexington High School chamber choir will be singing for us in our Sunday morning service on December 6th, our church choir will be singing for us on December 13th. That evening will also be our Christmas pageant that the children and youth have been practicing for. Grace will be having our youth pageant on Sunday morning of the 13th during our morning service. As always I want to say it is an honor and a privilege to be your pastor. Merry Christmas!

Terry.



### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Sign up sheets for  
Bell Ringing  
are available  
on the table in the entryway  
Openings available  
Fridays & Saturdays Thanks-  
giving to Christmas at Dave's  
Save-A-Lot and Dollar General  
85% of the funds raised stay  
here in Lexington with the  
Ministerial Alliance.

Whoever borrowed the red bow tie from Sarah's office,  
please return it. We need to use it for our play Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

### Walker-Nadler-Fuller funeral Home Christmas Remembrance Service

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2:00 pm

This service is offered to reinforce the love and memories you have of your loved one. If you have suffered a loss this year and would like to attend, whether or not your loved one's service was at our funeral home, please call 259-2245 by Dec. 1 and we will be glad to add his or her name to our list of persons to be remembered.



*Our Christian Sympathy  
to family and friends of  
John Morrison who died  
on November 16. John  
will be greatly missed by  
his church family.*

### ENJOY CANDLELIGHT HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS - DOWNTOWN LEXINGTON DEC. 5

People come to see Lexington's magnificent historic churches year round, but these houses of worship are especially beautiful when decorated for the holidays.

Three of Lexington's downtown historic worship sites will open their doors to the public from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday evening, December 5th, 2015 in conjunction with the other 1st ever "YuleFest" activities that will also take place in the downtown area. These church spires that highlight the Lexington skyline have become a symbol of Lexington's distinguished heritage and beauty. Outside luminaries will attract visitors to these sites, where they will enjoy tours, seasonal music and fellowship.

Congregational members will act as hosts to greet visitors and answer questions about the history of the churches. This free- to- the- public walking tour includes the following worship sites: the Christ Episcopal Church located at 1300 Franklin Avenue, the Presbyterian Disciples Church located at 10th and Franklin Avenue and the Second Baptist Church located at 1201 Main Street.

So put the date, December 5th on your calendars and plan to stroll down our lovely downtown streets and visit these churches dressed for the season and warmed by candlelight for what will be an enchanting evening. You can also add another historical gem to your evening itinerary by visiting the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site from 6 pm to 8 pm., where you will enjoy a decorated Anderson House along with Christmas desserts and music. Please visit the following website, [www.historiclexington.com/events](http://www.historiclexington.com/events) for the "Yulefest" schedule of events regarding activities, time and location.

### December Birthdays

2	Janet Cado
5	Mable Hawkins
6	Emerson Worthington
6	Betty Davis
12	Pam Stewart Hughes
13	James Lauderdale
15	Sarah Black
18	Lauren Stephenson
20	Roger McFadden
21	Cassie O'Brien Graham
25	Kari Heisler
27	Annie Yates
27	Chris Huffman, Jr.
30	Powers Alder
31	Patty Sollars
31	Pam Johnson

If your birthday is not listed, please  
contact the church office,  
[patty@reachingforyou.org](mailto:patty@reachingforyou.org) 259-2483.

Check out our up-  
dated Library! Lots  
of great resources!





## *All Aboard!* **THE POLAR EXPRESS**

**BABY GRACE Polar Express Pajama Party**  
**TUESDAY, Dec 15, 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center**  
**Get your pjs on and join us for a fun night of the Polar Express!**  
**Free and open to the public! Ornament for each child**  
**Storytime—Cocoa & Cookies—Craft**

Grace UMC will be hosting a Santa Store for the Baby Grace families at their church.

They can use more help -

Friday, December 11,  
3:00—6:00

Saturday, December 12,  
9:00—noon

### ***Notes from Sarah:***

Our next Sunday School teacher's meeting is set for Tuesday, December 1 at 9:30 am.

Our children's classes are preparing for our Christmas pageant called, "The Story of Christmas." Practice begins each Sunday at 9am before Sunday School. The pageant is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. During Sunday School the classes are studying the coming of Jesus along with their practice.

Plan on joining us for Advent beginning on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Each Sunday we'll be reading about the importance of this season and it's meaning for the Church. Plan on coming and celebrating with us.

An Advent Study:

The Explore's Class is starting, during the season of Advent, a new study titled, "When God Comes Down." Based on Isaiah 64-1 which says, "If Only You Would Open The Heavens and Come Down." Watch, wait, and prepare to bare witness to the coming of the true light of God's presence in Jesus Christ. Along with this study, a daily devotional will be read titled, "A Different Kind of Christmas." These studies will be facilitated by different people each week beginning November 29<sup>th</sup>. Come join us at 9:30 in the Explorer's Classroom.

The Discover's Class is continuing their study of, "I Have Sinned but Have Several Good Reasons Why." Facilitated by Sarah Black, this class meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. All are welcome to attend.

LUMC leadership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please plan on coming or let Sarah know otherwise.

# **WELCOME**

## *New Member*

*Congratulations  
to our newest member!*

*Jennifer Herren officially joined on  
November 22. We are so glad to  
welcome Jennifer!*

PPR committee are collecting monetary donations the entire month of November for staff Christmas gifts. Church members can put their contributions in an envelope marked "Staff Christmas" in the collection or drop by the church office at their convenience. We plan to give them out during church the second Sunday in December.

Thank you, Jamie Lynn

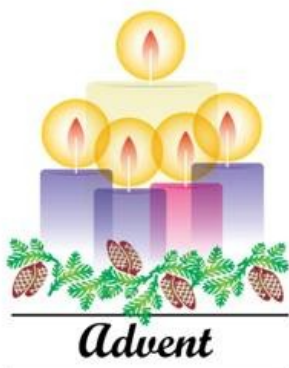




You are invited to join us for some special Christmas Events coming up!

## Pre-Christmas Eve Service for Everyone!

**Tuesday, December 22, 7:00 pm**  
**at THE LEX, 11th & Franklin Streets, downtown**  
**featuring Christmas music by The Wrights**



Join us at the Lexington United Methodist Church,  
1211 S Business Hwy 13 for Sundays of Advent  
leading up to Christmas (Nursery provided for children under 5)  
**Sundays at 10:45 am:**  
Nov. 29 "A Time Foretold"  
Dec. 6 "Prepare the Way"  
Dec. 13 "A Love Story"  
Dec. 20 "An Unexpected Journey"

**Children's Christmas Program Sunday, Dec. 13 at 5:00 pm**  
(Visit Santa at the reception following)

*Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. "A Savior is Born!"*  
*Thursday, Dec. 24, 6:30 pm*



**Christmas Eve**  
**CANDLELIGHT**  
**SERVICE**

### **Members in Care Centers & Homebound**

Bonnie Best (Care Center)  
Virginia Fetter (home)  
Pat Fisher, Leawood, KS  
Geneva Hamilton (nursing home in California)  
Alma Hicklin (hospice in Florida)  
James Lauderdale (Bristol Manor)  
Tootie Mason (John Knox Village, Lee's Summit)  
Dawn Meierer (Care Center)  
John Morrison (St. Mary's Manor)  
Mary Stephenson (Care Center)  
Ruth Wainscott (Colorado Springs, CO)  
Alice Wiley (Care Center)  
Roberta Wyatt (Care Center)

Dear Pastor Cook,

Two friends from Independence and myself attended the salute to veterans program presented by the Lexington Symphonic Band and the American Legion. It was a very enjoyable experience. We would like to thank the Methodist Church for providing the facilities to offer such a program.

Sincerely,

Bob Merritt, Lee's Summit, MO

Dear LUMC,

We want to thank you so much for your generous hospitality last Sunday the 8th. Over 150 people were in attendance to celebrate Veteran's Day with the Lexington Wind symphony and American Legion Post #60.

All of us felt great—it had to have been our best concert in our 4 hear history! Everyone enjoyed refreshments in Hicklin Hall afterwards. Thanks again for your support.

Lexington Wind Symphony, Julie Capps, Director

House of Hope needs help collecting donations!

Cleaning Supplies (including brooms & mops)

Laundry soap                      New bed pillows

Bath towels & wash rags        Craft material

Snacks & drinks (juice boxes) Kitchen towels

Non-perishable food            Dish soap

Dishwasher soap                Toiletries



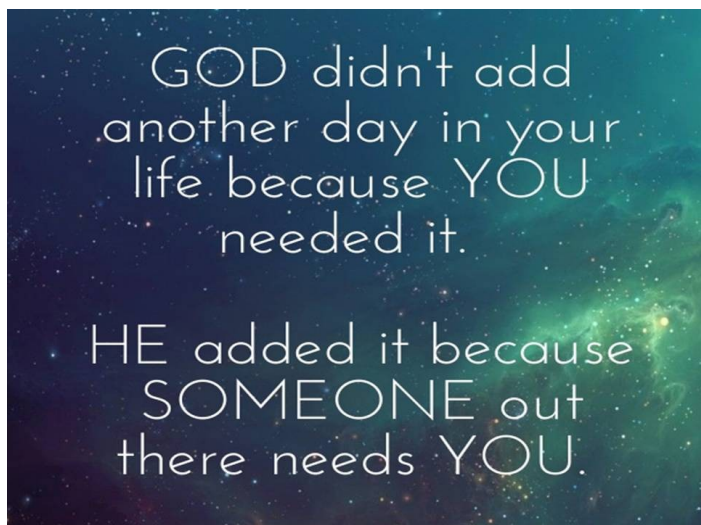
**The Women of the Church**  
**will meet for a carry-in**  
**luncheon at noon**  
**Friday, December 11**  
**ALL WOMEN INVITED!**

Lexington United Methodist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life LineScreening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 12/22/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**



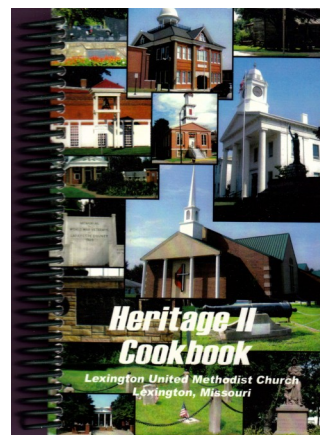
Thanks to all who helped with  
Hanging of the Greens!

**Last week's results:**



**Check-in on Facebook!**

**Remember we still have Cookbooks  
written by the best cooks around!  
\$10 each available in the church office.  
Great Christmas Gift!**












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



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Answer: "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." Matthew 2:10, NIV