



FEBRUARY 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

9:30 am

Stay Strong Exercise

6:00 pm Choir

6:30 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Bible Study

FRIDAY

9:30 am

Stay Strong Exercise

SATURDAY

10:00 am Al-Anon



Lexington United Methodist Church

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Things are happening here at Lexington UMC that I find to be very exciting! Our attendance is steadily growing and I believe our worship services have been inspiring and well planned. Jan Thompson deserves a lot of credit for providing us with a wide range of worship music from our choirs, our musicians, the Mixed Blessings band and a blend of contemporary videos. This is not as easy as one might think but she works diligently and with an open mind to the working of the Holy Spirit.

Our Sunday school classes are filling up and new ones are starting. Praise God! If you are not attending a class right now please contact Sarah Black and she will share the options available and get you connected. It is our plan to also incorporate some small groups at various times and locations but we are working on the basics for right now. Debbie Hatfield is one of our newest teachers for the children and she will do an excellent job! Annie and Rowdy Yates are doing a great job with the youth and they cannot wait to share some of the exciting things they did at WOW this year.

A great blessing for me is teaching confirmation class. I cannot wait for Confirmation Sunday as these youth confess before us and God their love and acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! We will have several baptisms that day along with a live band and a meal. Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 29th for this very special event.

Sarah Black and her team leaders are working diligently to help all of our committees and ministries become more organized and keep the train on the tracks. It is going to be a great year!

Your servant in Christ, Terry Cook

**Check out
our van ~
It made its first
trip with the
youth last
weekend to
WOW!**





The Women of the Church will meet at noon on Friday, February 13

Carry-in Luncheon

Members in Care Centers & Homebound

Bob Backs

Bonnie Best (Care Center)

Virginia Fetter (home)

Pat Fisher—New Address (Jan. 2015):

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)



BIG NEWS!!

LUMC is teaming up with Baby Grace, and will be serving as a satellite location for Grace UMC!! Fridays from 10:30am-2pm, parents can pick up diapers and wipes at LUMC. Martha Williams, Jennfer Zumalt, and volunteers from Lexington will help package and hand out items as needed! This is a great opportunity for our two churches to work together, and we are looking forward to serving along side!

It's time for a Baby Shower!

February 15th, along with our 3rd Sunday Dinner we will be serving cupcakes and punch to celebrate this new ministry. We need diapers and wipes donated! Please bring a package or two of diapers and wipes to the dinner, or you can get them to Jennifer Zumalt in our LUMC nursery! Thank you for meeting the needs of so many in our community!

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, February 14, 8:00 am
at McDonald's
ALL MEN INVITED!

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

LUMC,

Thank you so much for the finals care package! I look forward to it every semester & only have one more to go! I was also happy to see some of you around town while working there this summer. If I'm ever in Lexington on the weekend, I'd love to come to a service. Hope everyone is doing well. Thanks again & happy holidays! Nicole Smith

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18 this year.

Christians have observed this season of the church year since the fourth century. It's traditionally a time of reflection, penitence and spiritual renewal before Easter.

During Lent, some Christians give up something that hinders their relationship with God. Others do something extra for their spiritual growth or make a special sacrifice. The key is to make Lent a memorable season of sincere spiritual growth — a time that can set the tone for the rest of the year.



For our February Mission Moment

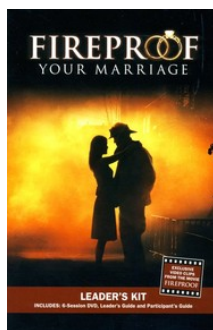
Liz Fenner will be sharing information about our 15+ year covenant with the Quelimane UMC in Zambezia, Mozambique. Our \$990 per year donation to the Mozambique Initiative helps with the pastor's salary there

(Rev. Nelson Viriato Bene, pictured). We are able to fund this partnership by 17 people from our congregation giving \$5/month (\$60/year) towards it. You will have an opportunity to join in this ministry by pledging your support with Liz. Information about the Mozambique Initiative with pictures from the Quelimane church are on our website, www.reachingforyou.org.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Pat Arthur	15 Matt Coggins
5 Kyla Jenkins	17 Betty Smith
6 Geneva Hamilton	17 Susan Worthington
6 Valerie Laddusaw	19 Patrick O'Brien
7 Stephanie Goddard	20 Sylvia Singleton
7 Debbie Hatfield	20 Kay Alder
8 Elizabeth Coggins Hoffman	23 Sharon Williams
8 Heather James	23 Nanette Holt
9 Buddy Black	23 Monica Hamacher
13 Lyndsay Reynolds	25 Clay Worthington
13 Joe Chandra	25 Juliann Zweifel
	28 Sullivan O'Brien

On Sunday, January 25th, two new classes started at LUMC. The first is an adult class called Fireproof Your Marriage discussing how to keep your marriage alive and well led by Sarah Black, the second a Pre-Kindergarten class for 3-5 year olds led by Debbie Hatfield. Coming soon a new Lenten study will start in the Discover's Class. If you're not involved in small group study, please give one of our classes a try!! You might find you've been missing out! Contact Sarah Black with new ideas or questions about existing classes.



Greetings from "the Well". We are small but we are mighty, both in stature and numbers,

but we don't let that stop us from marching on towards the church's mission.

With our upcoming trip to Weekend Of Worship in Springfield and plans to attend Dare to Share in Kansas City in late March we'll be seeking God's grace through awesome worship, fellowship with new friends and making memories that will shape our lives into tomorrow's Christian leaders in your congregation.

We're excited to serve, as God has called us to do; with upcoming opportunities at Lazarus' Table, locally in our hometown Food Pantry, and with all the success we were able to assist with while bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

We've also been sharing the love of Jesus Christ by inviting new friends to come to youth and by writing and sending cards to residents of our neighboring nursing home who need encouragement and a reminder that someone is thinking about them.

Our upcoming fundraising event: The Mystery Dinner, on Valentine's Day is just around the corner. It will, without a doubt, be your best choice for whatever you're looking for. If that's an evening of good food and laughs, a romantic and fun dinner destination, or a rejuvenating night away; it'll have it all. We can't wait to see you there.

We can't thank you enough for all the support and encouragement you as our congregation have given us over the last few weeks. You've helped us do amazing things, have blessed opportunities, and grow, all in the name of Jesus.

LexUMC Youth



Pictured: Youth filling out cards for nursing home residents.



The Kids in the Community Mission Team has scheduled another day, February 7, to help with the school green

house. Special Thanks to those that helped on Jan 17th! What a great resource this will be for our school district!

In February, we will be collecting pencils and colored pencils for the Back to School Bash on August 2nd. Please donate, so we can support our local families and teachers this fall!



Lexington UMC and Grace UMC are taking donations of shoes. New or used, as long as there is still wear in them, we will accept them! Our goal is 1,000 pair of shoes by March, so

spread the word and clean out your closets!! The shoes donated will be donated to Solea (formerly Shoeman) Water project, helping to provide much needed water in Latin America.



Are you tired of the same old Valentine's routine? Would you like to try something new, and have a lot of fun? Dinner will be served at 5:30 on Saturday, February 14th. What you get to eat is up to you! The youth will be serving a four course Mystery Dinner as a fundraiser for an up coming Dare to Share youth event, as well as some youth team building events this spring. Free will donation, Reservations required by February 13th.

Ad Team Meeting—January 18, 2015

Members present: Powers Alder, Nancy Oles, Brent Zweifel, Roger McFadden, Terry Cook, Teri James, Suzanne Hoepner, Matt Coggins, Annie Yates, Jacki Worthington, Terry Holshouser, David Cooley, Rowdy Yates, Sarah Black and Jamie Lynn.

Powers called the meeting to order. Pastor Terry opened in prayer.

Terry reported that we had a 5 % increase in attendance this year. He also reminded the group that he would be taking a week vacation after Easter.

Suzanne discussed the budget, item by item. Questions were raised and answered about where funds would come from for certain items, such as education, etc. Group discussion took place with no changes noted at this time. Powers commended Suzanne for her hard work and dedication. Nancy made a motion to accept the budget. Annie seconded. All members were in favor of approving the budget.

Powers asked for additions or corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. There were none, motion was made by Rowdy to approve the minutes, Suzanne seconded. All were in favor of approving minutes.

Suzanne discussed the Treasurer's Report. She discussed item by item. In terms of the year as a whole, we did wonderfully, financially. Giving was up and all apportionments were met on time. As for the month, everything was normal, no unusual spending. Motion was made by Annie to approve the report, Rowdy seconded. All were in favor of approving the report.

Rowdy brought to the group a request to purchase a 15 passenger van for the church. The price for the van is \$3000. He checked on Kelly Blue Book and it is priced under the value listed. Questions were raised about the cost of insurance, maintenance, etc. Rowdy answered questions to the best of his ability regarding the condition of the van, tires, etc. Another church is selling the van. Terry Cook is also in favor of purchasing it. The group requested that we offer \$2500 and that we find out how much insurance will cost asap. A loose motion was made to buy the van with the cap of \$3000 for the purchase of the van and a \$500 maximum for insurance, by Rowdy. Seconded by Jamie Lynn, all in favor of moving forward. Rowdy will keep everyone updated by email. If the purchase of the van goes through with the above mentioned guidelines, Terry Cook would like to ask the congregation for donations assist offset the cost of the van, licensing, insurance and maintenance.

Sarah Black gave the group an update on the Leadership Committee that has been meeting. Great things are happening! There will be small group meetings, outings and events, including 2 new Sunday School classes, starting January 25th. She mentioned several adult training opportunities that are available. She informed us of some upcoming events during the church service, i.e. Scout Sunday, etc. We aren't where we want to be YET, but we are heading in the right direction!

David Cooley was present to discuss the work that has been going on in the church with the technology booth, etc. He is grateful for all of the help and support during the process. In February, he guesstimated the cost would be \$5856.00. Some additional cameras and supplies were purchased, but he is thinking that that the final amount will be less than \$5400 after all is said and done. The Cooley's donated some materials to help minimize the cost, along with memorial money, and a grant that will go towards offsetting the cost of the project. He feels that all functionalities of the project (live streaming, recording, screen projecting, visuals, microphones, etc) will be up and running in a few weeks. He answered many questions for the group. Brent Zweifel requested that we have someone who knows something about telephone systems to come and take a look at the church's telephone system. To withstand all of the upgrades we are looking towards in the not too distant future, we need to really take a hard look at this. We need a team of technology minded people to discuss IT upgrades, i.e., where to get hotspot services, higher grade DSL, etc.

Roger McFadden did not have anything outstanding to discuss for the Trustees.

Pastor Parrish committee reported that the dogwood trees planted with memorial money have died. It has been requested that they be replaced in the Spring.

Jamie Lynn brought up several concerns and requests from the congregation.

Annie Yates asked if we could use one room of the church on Friday's to use as a Baby Grace satellite campus for distributing diapers, formula, etc. Everyone agreed that it was a worthwhile cause.

Rowdy announced Youth events that are coming up, including WOW and the Mystery Dinner.

Terry Holshouser made a motion to adjourn. All in favor.

Rowdy closed the meeting in prayer.

WOTC Information: “Women of the Church”

Who are we? A group of Lexington United Methodist Women of faith who choose to “Seek, Serve and Share” with others in a number of different ways. Any women who attend our church is automatically a “Woman of the Church” member. Any and all are most welcome to participate.

When & Where? We gather on the second Friday of each month at noon. We meet in the church conference room. If we need more room, we will move to the Family Life Center.

What do we do? We have a wonderful seasonal luncheon (potluck, salads or soup & sandwich) along with great fun and fellowship.

A brief meeting to update any projects, needs or concerns is conducted by Nancy Oles, president, along with a brief devotion.

In the last couple years our projects have included:

- Family bereavement meals/receptions are one of our on-going services to our church family.
- Furnished 18 bed pillows for the boys at the Waverly Youth Home, along with undershirts, socks & hats, and a \$500 donation towards birthday gifts & Legos for their community room.
- Purchased 6 oblong tables for use in the church’s conference room
- Prepared food for the Lay Speakers Dinner
- Contributed to the Heifer Project in honor of Rev. Paul Smith
- Made donation to Imagine No More Malaria
- Donated towards Michael Heath’s missionary project
- Donation to the Lafayette Cancer Coalition
- Donated towards the Lex RV School Wind Tunnel Greenhouse project
- Purchased 2 new kitchen carts for the church
- Provided cake for Christmas Program reception
- Delivered poinsettias to homebound church members
- Hosted baby showers for members
- Donated towards needs of Lexington Middle School children
- Adopted an Angel Tree child
- Sent cards to homebound & hospitalized members

How are these activities paid for?

In past years we held large rummage sales. Also, we compiled cookbooks and still sell them for \$10 each. (They make nice gifts!)

Families of bereavement dinners have been most generous with their donations although this is not requested or required.

Although we don’t have “dues” in WOTC, members who want to participate, pay 10 cents per year of age to the “Birthday” fund. This is often most interesting & much fun.

The next WOTC meeting will be February 13th. Come and join us for a potluck luncheon, good fellowship and plans for this new year.

Lexington United Methodist Church

“Where We Seek, Serve, and Share Christ”



March 2015						
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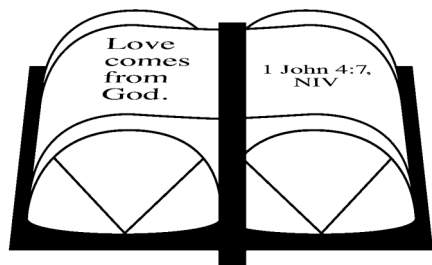
Sundays
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
6:00 pm Youth

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1:30 pm St. Francis Xavier Ministry in FLC	2 5:30 am Workout Noon Prayer Group 1:00 pm Quilting for the Homeless 6:30 pm Workout	3 5:30 am Workout Noon Leadership Team 6:30 pm Boy Scout District Roundtable 6:30 pm Workout	4 5:30 am Workout 9:30 am Strong Women Exercise Worship Meeting 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 pm Workout 7:00 pm Bible Study	5 5:30 am Workout Noon HOH 6:30 pm Boy Scout Commissioner's Meeting 6:30 pm Workout	6 9:30 am Strong Women Exercise	7 10:00 am Al-Anon 10:00 am work on VoTech Green- house
8 Boy Scout Sunday	9 5:30 am Workout Noon Prayer Group 1:00 pm Quilting for the Homeless 6:30 pm Cub Pack 440 Committee 6:30 pm Workout	10 5:30 am Workout 6:30 pm Workout 6:30 pm Ministerial Alliance	11 5:30 am Workout 9:30 am Strong Women Exercise 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 pm Workout 7:00 pm Bible Study	12 5:30 am Workout Noon HOH 6:30 pm Workout	13 9:30 am Strong Women Exercise	14 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Al-Anon 5:30 pm Valentine's Day Mystery Dinner 
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22  Volunteer at Lazarus Table 6:00 pm River City	23 5:30 am Workout Noon Prayer Group 1:00 pm Quilting for the Homeless 6:30 pm Workout	24 5:30 am Workout 5:30 pm MVCAA New Directions 6:30 pm Workout	25 5:30 am Workout 9:30 am Strong Women Exercise 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 pm Workout 7:00 pm Bible Study	26 5:30 am Workout Noon HOH 6:30 pm Workout	27 9:30 am Strong Women Exercise	28 10:00 am Al-Anon

GOD'S

SWEET WORD

Share this Bible treat — and God's love — with a special valentine.

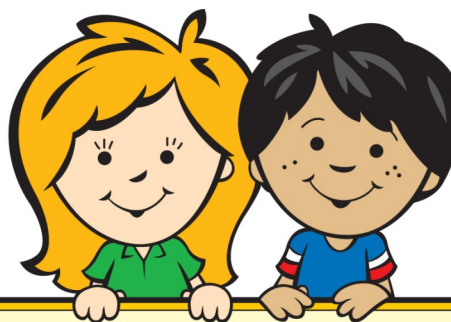


What you need:

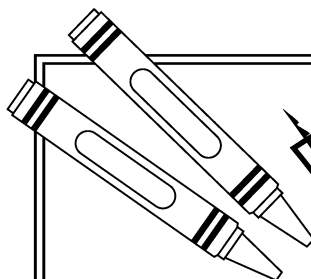
- Black card stock or construction paper (2" x 1.5")
- Double-sided tape
- 2 wrapped Hershey's Nuggets candy bars (silver or gold)
- Pen or marker
- White paper (2.75" x 1")
- Thin sliver of red paper or ribbon
- Scissors

What you do:

1. In the center of the black paper, tape down the candy bars side by side.
2. On the white paper, write a short Bible verse about love. Then wrap it around the candy bars horizontally and tape it down.
3. Place the red paper or ribbon between the two candy bars, and tape the top of this "bookmark" to the Bible.
4. Give away this fun, sweet message of God's love!



KIDS PAGE

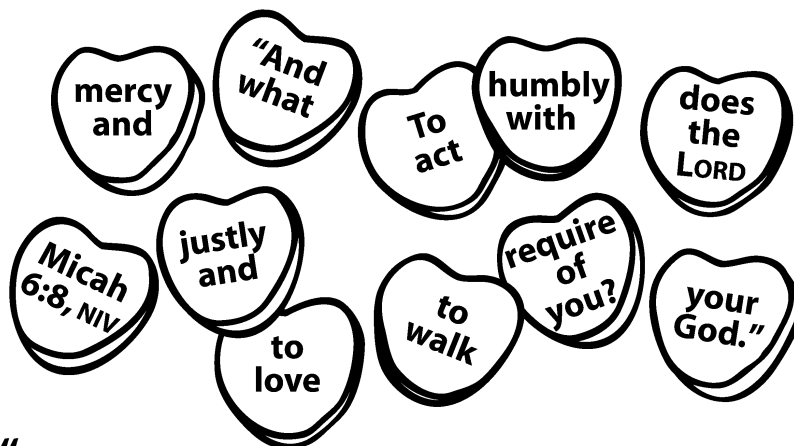


PUZZLE

Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.



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_____ ? _____

_____ " _____

_____ 6:8 , _____

Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV