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## Lexington United Methodist Church

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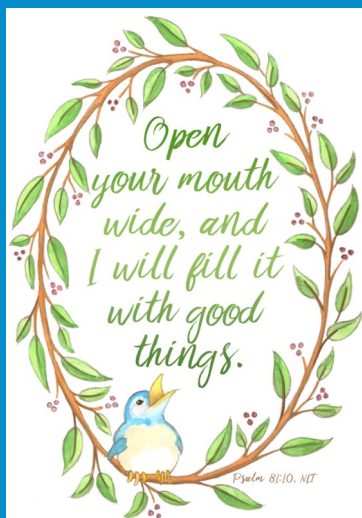
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## Pastor's Post

I pray that everyone had a wonderful and safe Memorial Day holiday! We almost made it without rain which seems to rarely happen. With summer now upon us it is time for my speech

about summer expenses at the church! We all realize that summer is a time for vacations and weekends at the lake. Many of our families can only take time off during the summer months when the children are out of school. I believe that spending time with your children is vital to all family relationships!

As you plan your summer I ask that you remember your church! The church will be having Sunday worship every week regardless of the time of year! Our youth programming continues along with most of our ministries. Our costs for cooling and electricity often are elevated during summer months. Before you leave town drop by the office and leave your tithe or offering, believe me it makes a big difference! This may be a revelation to you but many folks only give for the Sundays that they attend. There is no thought to paying ahead or making up their offering for a week or weeks that they are absent. This really does affect the budget and our ability to keep our utilities current. We are not in danger of shut off notices but we do not want to be in that position either!

Now that I have shared the need for your financial giving let me share some successes with you! Our summer schedule for Wednesday nights is food at 6:30, worship at 7:00 followed by Bible study/Christian conversations. We finish at 8:00. Children's church has been a great success and our Sunday morning worship attendance has been strong! Our relations committee has been active, having planned and implemented two community meals and activities that have been well attended. We have much to be thankful for and lots to look forward to in the months to come!

As always it is an honor and a joy to be your pastor! Terry

## SNIP-ITS FROM MARY'S DESK

Children's church program is going great! Kids like it and it is a joy to have so many volunteers to help and get to know and guide the children in our faith! Tina McFadden has done a great job putting things together for us We can always use a few more helpers. Don't miss this opportunity, Volunteer!!!

We have started our new youth group format. We look forward to a growing and vital ministry. I want say a big thank you to Thomas, Jordyn , Lauren and Pastor Terry for helping to get things rolling. I would love to see some more volunteers in the area of Sunday School teachers, ushers and Miss Shirley is taking a break from making early morning coffee so after July we would like an August volunteer. Liz and Nancy have volunteered for June and July! Thank you girls. If you would like to teach Sunday School for a month this summer please call me at 816-739-1190 or church 660-259-2483. Don't miss this opportunity to serve!!!

Have a great summer and stay cool!!!!

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE DEFINED

The annual conference is the basic body of the church. The term dates back to the early days of the Methodist movement when founder John Wesley established a conference to instruct and supervise Methodist preachers. We use “annual conference” to reference both the body and the gathering of the body. The annual conference approves candidates for ordination and handles all matters concerning clergy. The annual conference equips its local churches for ministry and provides a connection for ministry beyond the local church.

The annual conference meets yearly and may be called to special session for specific purposes. The bishop presides over annual conference and sets the time of meeting. Membership includes clergy members and an equal number of laypersons elected by a charge conference, designated as members due to their leadership roles.

The annual conference has many powers and duties, including the credentialing and admittance of clergy, ratifying constitutional amendments and electing clergy and lay members of General, jurisdictional or central conferences. It is responsible for guiding the mission and ministry of the church within its boundaries and structuring and funding ministries and agencies to accomplish its purpose.

*(from The United Methodist Church Handbook)*

## 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

Our church will be making a small donation to the three special offerings at annual conference this year:

### *Mozambique Sustainability Reboot*

This offering will relaunch the Mozambique Initiative’s efforts to create opportunities for church-going entrepreneurs through sustainability projects. In 2012, the Mozambique Initiative added sustainability as a key component to our partnership. After reviewing projects completed during the 2012-2017 program, we believe the best way to reboot is by focusing on smaller projects (\$400 or less) for individual entrepreneurs. The goal for this offering is to provide microloans for at least 25 entrepreneurs in Mozambique.

### *Pathway Out of Poverty*

Gifts shared in this offering will be distributed for the work of administering our Pathway out of Poverty initiative focused on literacy. Your gift to this initiative will help us equip local churches to connect with schools in their communities and provide them with relationship-building resources. Research shows that children who struggle to read in first grade are 88 percent more likely to struggle in grade FOUR. And those who struggle in fourth grade are four times more likely to drop out of school. With this offering we seek to break cycles of poverty by connecting with our schools.

### *Puerto Rico Disaster Response*

The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico continues to rebuild following the devastation of Hurricane Maria in the fall of 2017. Thirty-eight churches were damaged with 10 nearly destroyed. Yet, the people of Puerto Rico have remained strong. Your gift will help rebuild a Methodist health clinic on the island of Vieques. This clinic will be the primary point of care for the island’s population of 12,000 people—care that is desperately needed as residents wait a projected two years for electricity to be fully restored.

## **The LUMC adopted a simplified structure of Church Officials several years ago. We still have some confusion what that means. Here is a brief explanation.**

### **What is a simplified structure?**

A simplified structure pulls several administrative committees into one leadership board. The separate committees of Church Council, Finance, Trustees, and Staff-Parish Relations come together into one Administration Team. This Team consists of nine members, three each Finance, Trustees, and SPR, nominated by the Committee on Lay Leadership. Ex Officio Members with vote are representatives from UM Men, UM Women, and UM Youth. In addition, the pastor and treasurer are ex officio members without vote. Staff cannot serve on the Team.

Persons on the Ad Team serve a term of 3 years. During that time they are expected to make every effort to attend Ad Team Meetings, held every other month (odd months of the year) on the third Monday at 5:30 pm. Meetings are open to all church members, unless they are closed for personnel matters.

Although the Ad Team works as a whole, three individuals each are designated as Trustees, Finance, and Staff-Parish Relations to fulfill requirements in the Book of Discipline. When decisions are made regarding Trustee issues the entire Team functions as Trustees, etc.

The intent of the simplified structure is straightforward: by moving people off committees, we encourage more time for ministry and mission. The underlying assumption is that we don't want to say to someone, "We're so glad that you're excited about Jesus and your faith walk! Now, let's put you on a committee!" As we seek to be in ministry with busy families, we don't want to burden them with lots of administrative meetings and duties. We would prefer that their time be spent in worship and in service.

With this model our decision-making process is streamlined. No longer does someone need to consult with several different groups before moving forward with a new ministry initiative. Instead, ministry ideas can be presented at one time, with all of the decision-making people in the room. Not only that, but every decision concerning our ministry is made with all of the players sitting together, focusing on the mission of the church.



## From our Friends at Lazarus Table

This is a season of celebration. We've turned the pages of our calendars to welcome the months when we honor and recognize moms, dads and grads. We reflect on the ways our parents fostered and encouraged our dreams (or how we as parents are committed to the love and care of our own children), and we send a new generation into the world to achieve theirs.

Life gives us all challenges and heartbreak, but those who don't have a strong support system can find it harder to overcome those obstacles that stand in the way of a healthy, fulfilled life.

Lazarus Ministries, and the hands and hearts of the donors and volunteers who provide a hot meal, clean clothes, and a warm smile, provide strength and support to those who seek our care and services. **Because of YOU**, we can provide the nourishment and encouragement to help make today better than the day before, which can turn into the very beginning of brighter days ahead.

**We thoughtfully ask you to consider a special spring time gift to Lazarus Ministries, to help us continue to support those who are struggling.** Your donations to Lazarus Ministries have a direct, profound impact on the lives of the men, women and children that we serve.

Lazarus embodies family; a place where deep meaningful relationships are cultivated, and fellowship is fostered. Thank you for being an important member of our family of faith.

With gratitude, Jessica Brooks-Byron, Executive Director

## About reStart —- Where Our Sleeping Bags Go!

Since 1981, reStart's goal has remained the same—to end homelessness in Kansas City. This ambitious goal has made reStart a leader in innovative approaches to ending homelessness. Their innovation has opened doors to all homeless persons in need.

In 36 years, the overnight shelter turned non-profit organization has grown and served more than 28,406 homeless individuals, including 11,174 children and youth.

reStart provides housing and supportive services to help homeless men, women, youth and families move toward independence and self-sufficiency with the goal of ending homelessness in our community.

reStart is the only homeless agency in Kansas City serving all homeless populations—singles, couples, gay, straight and trans-gendered individuals, and unaccompanied youth ages 12-18, as well as non-traditional families, persons with HIV/AIDS, and individuals recently released from prison or from psychiatric hospitalization.

reStart provides services free of charge. We admit clients with active substance abuse disorders or mental health problems as long as they are not a danger to themselves or others, and we don't require clients to participate in religious services as a condition of housing.

Our mission

reStart's mission is to provide housing and supportive services for homeless youth, families, women and men to end homelessness in our community.



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- 7 Janice Tubiolo
- 7 Dana Smith
- 12 Blake Johnson
- 12 Brandon Reynolds
- 14 Stephanie Davis
- 15 Tom Ehler
- 18 Nicole Backs
- 18 David Oles
- 19 Gavin Goodloe
- 20 Cooper Lynn
- 22 Sheri Chandra
- 25 Rowdy Yates
- 25 Robert Yates
- 26 Ryan Graff
- 27 Beth Simnitt
- 27 Stephen Coggins
- 30 Butch Caldwell

## Welcome

On May 20 Jordyn Schieber & Loren Foster joined our church family. They are both already active by leading our Youth! Welcome Jordyn & Lauren!

## Miss a Service? Away on Vacation?

Now there are more ways to watch



Download the **SERMON.NET** app on the above platforms. Search for Lexington United Methodist Church within the app.



Or watch online [www.lexmoumc.org/media](http://www.lexmoumc.org/media)



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

Tootie Mason (John Knox Village, Lee's Summit)  
 Dawn Meierer (Carrollton Care Center)  
 Beth Simnitt (Care Center)  
 Mary Stephenson (Care Center)  
 Alice Wiley (Care Center)  
 Roberta Wyatt (Care Center)

# VBS

Community Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday—Wednesday, July 8—11, 6:00—8:30 pm at the Presbyterian Disciples Church, 914 Franklin Ave. Plus a pool party is planned for VBS participants on Thursday, July 12. Mark your calendars now!





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## Where We Seek, Serve, and Share Christ

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# DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



## What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame



## What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best \_\_\_\_\_ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



# Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

*Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.*

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty; "2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV"