



**MARCH 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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Jennifer Zumalt, Nursery Attendant

Susan Short, Custodian

Easter is coming! As we move into our 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent I will be doing a sermon series on some of the sayings of Jesus about his impending death and resurrection. As I shared last Sunday at Grace my theme is "Jesus said it and I believe it!" In this culture we live in it seems we do not know who to trust. Public officials have let us down. Pro athletes are involved in everything from domestic violence to drug addictions to even murder. There have been people of faith who have done great harm by their actions and attitudes. There are times when we wonder if we can even trust ourselves. I find that in the words of Christ there are never any contradictions. His message was always the same regardless of someone's importance or social stature. The one common theme is that He, meaning Jesus, was going to Jerusalem where he would be arrested, put on trial, and be killed. He also said that in three days He would rise from the dead. That is a story I never get tired of hearing!

I want to update the churches on the direction we are moving in. It has been approved by both church boards to move towards being more lay-led churches. What does this mean? It means that I will be doing the preaching and most pastoral care while allowing the laity to run the day to day operations and ministries of the church. Under the direction of our new position of church coordinator there will be teams organized and trained to do the various ministries. Our 5 teams are connectional, relational, education, worship, and missions. It will be the church coordinators job to help train and provide resources to equip these teams. It is our hope to involve every person in both churches to be in some type of learning environment and also in a place of service to the church or community. This can all be wrapped up in two words "accountable discipleship." I believe this is the best vehicle to move our churches forward with a sense of ownership and excitement. Lexington UMC has hired Sarah Black to be their church coordinator and she is doing a great job. We are still in the process of discerning and praying for who our church coordinator will be for Grace UMC. In the coming weeks we will hear much more on what our process will look like and function as. I think this is very exciting! If you would like to discuss this with me feel free to stop by the office. As always, I give thanks to God for each and every one of you! God Bless!

Terry



The Women of the Church  
will meet for a carry-in  
luncheon at noon on  
March 13.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!!** Come out and celebrate on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm!! Everyone is encouraged to wear their best Green "St. Patrick's" outfit and bring your favorite Green Snack to share. We look forward to your creativity!! A prize will be given for the best outfit!! We will spend the evening playing games, snacking, and just having fun! Hope to see you there!!

Teri James

Jacki Worthington would like donations of large stones or large river rock, faux ficus trees and moss and a large cloth painters tarp for an upcoming alter decoration. Items are needed by the end of March. Please contact Jacki or the church office if you can help with these items.

There will be a VBS planning meeting March 10th at 6pm, at the Presbyterian Disciples Church.

With Lent upon us and reflecting on our relationship with God and His church, maybe you've realized that there is an area of interest that you might like to join within the church. We have many areas to choose from such as Missions, Education, Youth, Men and Women's groups with many more. If you need more information or are interested in joining a team please let me know or contact our team leaders: Liz Fenner, Jacki Worthington, Teri James, and Lynda Johnson. This is a perfect time to SERVE!!

Sarah Black



Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, March 21  
8:00 am  
at McDonald's



The children of the church will continue to collect money for our Heifer International mission. Collect your change and be ready for our Noisy Offering collection on March 29th!

Ashley Zweifel

Highlights of the **Community Outreach** group so far:

- Mission Statement: Help Homeowners help themselves, relating to small construction/rehab projects and maintenance.
- Scope: small exterior build/rebuild projects, yard work, etc. (Seniors / people in need)
- Financing: homeowner pay for materials if at all possible, allowing more projects to be done.
- Current status:
  - o We have been replacing light bulbs that are generally out of reach, helping assemble products,
  - o As soon as the weather changes, we have exterior steps to replace, and complete a front porch that we started last year
  - o Sign-up sheets are on the information table in the front hallway – SPREAD THE WORD.

Terry Holshouser



We will be collecting markers in March!! Please help us to bless the Kids in the Community! Please leave your donations in the bin in the Narthex! Thank you for all of your help so far!- Annie Yates

### Mozambique Initiative

It is time to renew our covenant with our partner church in Quelimane, Mozambique. Each year Methodist churches in Missouri covenant with churches in Mozambique to help pay pastor's salaries, build parsonages, churches and other ministry needs. The people of Mozambique are rich in spirit, but poor in material resources. This outreach is supported in our church by individuals agreeing to pay \$5.00/month or \$60/year. This second-mile giving is above and beyond giving toward the yearly church budget. We need 17 pledges to meet our commitment. If you wish to be a part of this important ministry, make checks to LUMC and mark them Mozambique. If you have questions, call Liz Fenner at 259-2187 or email at [lizfen@embargmail.com](mailto:lizfen@embargmail.com).



*Saturday night,  
March 7!  
SPRING  
FORWARD*

**Members in Care Centers & Homebound**

Bob Backs

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)

Mary Stephenson (Care Center)

Ruth Wainscott (Colorado Springs, CO)

Alice Wiley (Meyer Care, Higginsville)

Roberta Wyatt (Care Center)

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

**First Responder's Recognition March 1, 2015**

You are invited to attend a Cadet review parade on Sunday March 1, 2015 at 1 PM in WMA's Wikoff Athletic Center to recognize Lexington Police Dept, Lexington Fire and Rescue, Lafayette County Sheriffs Dept, and State Troopers of Lafayette County.

Each of these men and women serve our community and county everyday many times putting their lives in harm's way for our safety and security. We appreciate all they do and we want to pause and say thank you for a Job Well Done!

They will each be introduced and thanked for their service during the parade.

The citizens of Lexington and all citizens of Lafayette County are welcome to come and say thanks to each of these folks.

The Connectional Ministry Team is asking for unused greeting cards to use for ministry. Blank, birthday, get-well, or any kind of cards, along with the envelope may be left in the box on the Narthex table.

Liz Fenner



**Confirmation Sunday**

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is when we will celebrate confirmation with our youth! We will have 7 youth joining our church that day and several of them will be baptized. This is a day for our extended church family to gather for worship and to celebrate the work of Christ in each of these youth's lives. We will have the band playing and also a church dinner and reception. It would be awesome if everyone would bring a card of congratulations or a small gift for each of the confirmands. At this time we are thinking the service will be held in the Family Life Center so that we can use our new church baptismal tank! Our confirmands are Dakota Yates, Seth Seitz, Chasidy Hatfield, Zachary Goddard, Zoe Goddard, Brenda Butler, and William Butler.

Small Group Studies are in full swing with several interesting topics to choose from. If you would like to join a class or have an interest in a particular topic, please contact me and we'll see what we can find for you. Belonging to a small group helps make us more connected as well gaining information from our discussions with like minded people. What are you waiting for; come join us this Sunday!

Sarah Black

The Nursery is collecting food for the Lexington Food Pantry in March. They are in need of peanut butter, soups, cereals, and other boxed/canned food items.

Jennifer Zumalt



## Ad Team Meeting - February 15, 2015

Ad Team members present were: Powers Alder, Nancy Oles, Brent Zweifel, Larry Johnson, Rev. Terry Cook, Lynda Johnson, Terry Holshouser, Jamie Lynn, Sarah Black, Steve Fuller, Janea Fuller, Suzanne Hoepfner and Mable Hawkins. Powers called the meeting to order and offered prayer. Powers asked for approval of the minutes from the January 18 meeting. There being no additions or corrections they were approved with Suzanne Hoepfner making motion to accept and Lynda Johnson seconded the motion. Treasurer Suzanne gave a detailed report of the finances. The new sound booth that is being constructed will be paid for with a \$3,000 gift from the conference and the remaining money will come from Dorothy Bryant Memorial fund. The van insurance, license and insurance has been taken care of for one year. The youth were able to take it to Springfield for WOW weekend and it ran good. Jamie asked about the way gas for the van is purchased. Normally the person driving it would fill it up and then could be reimbursed for the amount. The van was purchased for \$3,000 and there was an account balance of \$2,700 from a previous van account. Pastor Cook asked for donations from the congregation to make up the difference. Sarah Black asked about driver qualifications. Minimum age is 25, and maximum age is 70; no CDL required, but driver must take a required test online for the insurance company. New business. Finance Chair, Suzanne reported that the church is in good shape financially. Higginsville Grace church has rented their parsonage as Sarah has moved, so they will be responsible for half of the Lexington parsonage utilities. Trustee Chair Roger McFadden, reported nothing new, everything is running smoothly. The media center project is looking good and thanks goes to all the men who have worked long, hard hours to get it completed. Roger reported that one of the furnaces in church had blown a fuse, but was an easy fix and when weather gets warmer it will be permanently fixed with a covering over some wires. Sarah Black reported on the discipleship meeting. To quote Sarah "things are rolling and looking good." Sarah is not through yet. Her couples class is going good. In absence of Rowdy and Annie Yates, Pastor Terry reported that the youth are doing okay. They are meeting on Sunday evenings with about 8 kids enrolled. They hosted the Mystery dinner on Saturday evening and it was great fun for those in attendance. Good food and good fellowship. Jamie Lynn reported on the PPR Committee. Since Sarah Thompson is no longer employed as a part-time assistant, Jamie suggested that a church coordinator be hired for LUMC. This would be someone to assist Pastor Terry. (Higginsville is also going to hire a coordinator for Grace.) Jamie suggest approximately eight hours per week with a salary of \$10 to \$14.25 per hour. Sarah Black was suggested as the person to be the coordinator, as it is what she has been doing the past several months. After discussion, a motion by Jamie and seconded by Terry Holshouser was made. Motion carried with a salary of \$14.25 per hour. This will help relieve Terry of some stress and will be a big help to everyone. Pastor Terry suggested that the church purchase a portable baptismal. He had a flyer that showed the portable ones. Pastor was familiar with one that was in a previous church he pastored. The cost to be \$2,200 plus shipping with the money coming from memorials. After discussion Suzanne made motion to purchase the baptismal and Jamie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Hopefully it will be in place by Palm Sunday when there are five young people going to be confirmed. Pastor said we may want to purchase some white robes for the ones being baptized could use. There will be a pre-conference training in Kearney on March 7. Pastor will drive the van for anyone interested in going. Pastor Terry has one week of vacation planned after Easter and requested another week. Ad council approved. No other business the meeting was adjourned with Powers offering closing prayer.

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### Indulge for Lent?

Rather than sacrificing something for Lent — especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate — Patty Kirk, in *Guideposts* magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But Kirk offers these ideas:

- Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.
- Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25:31-46).
- Pray for the "little things," coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.
- Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.
- Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you "sacrifice" the tendency to wallow in worry.

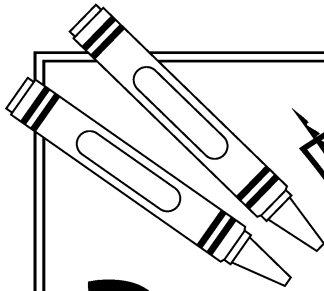
**Sundays**  
**9:30 am Sunday School**  
**10:45 am Worship**  
**6:00 pm Youth**

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## "Where We Seek, Serve, and Share Christ"



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## POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do — any time and anywhere.

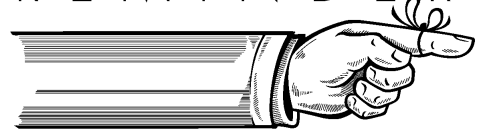
**Directions:** Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

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<b>6</b> rest requests relax	<b>7</b> God George Greg	<b>8</b> puddle peace pond	<b>9</b> transcends train truck	<b>10</b> unusual unique understanding
<b>11</b> guard giraffe gorilla	<b>12</b> hearts hold held	<b>13</b> many minds more	<b>14</b> Philadelphia Pennsylvania Philippians	

“Do not be \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> about anything, but in  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> situation, by \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> and  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>, with \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>,  
 present your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>. And  
 the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> of God, which \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup>  
 all \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup>, will \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup>  
 your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> and your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>13</sup>  
 in Christ Jesus.” \_\_\_\_\_<sup>14</sup> 4:6-7, NIV

Answers: 1. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving, 6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard, 12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Philippians

# PRAYER REMINDER



Use this fun family activity to remember to pray for other people.

### What you need:

- White index cards (at least six)
- Markers or colored pencils (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and brown)
- M&M's candies



### What you do:

1. On each card, write a group of people to pray for (family members, friends, teachers, sick people, etc.). Use a different color of writing utensil for each card.
2. While sitting at a table, divide the M&M's among family members.
3. Spread out the cards and explain that each color represents a group of people to pray for. Have each family member choose one candy and consider who they'll pray for.
4. Designate one person to start praying aloud. Go around the circle, and have the last person close.
5. At the end of that round, eat those M&M's.
6. Continue until you've prayed for all the cards. (Make more, if you'd like!)