



**MARCH 2016**

**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**

**TUESDAY**

**7:00 pm**

**Serenity Seekers**

**WEDNESDAY**

**7:00 pm Adult**

**Bible Study**

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

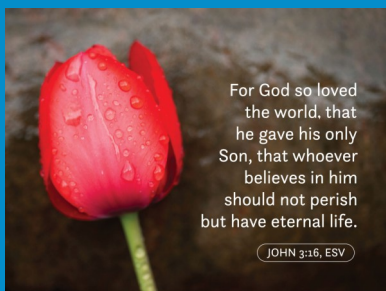
**FRIDAY**

**9:30 am**

**Stay Strong Exercise**

**SATURDAY**

**10:00 am Al-Anon**



For God so loved  
the world, that  
he gave his only  
Son, that whoever  
believes in him  
should not perish  
but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16, ESV

## **Lexington United Methodist Church**

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# Pastor's Post

With Easter approaching rapidly we have seen a pleasant increase in worship attendance in both churches! This truly makes my heart glad to see new and familiar faces worshipping together. I think that springtime always produces a sense of hope and renewal after the gloominess and dark of winter. I do not know if this holds true when we have such a mild winter as this one. After the great success of holding a pre-Christmas eve service off campus we have decided to try holding our Easter sunrise services off campus as well. Grace will hold their service at John Knox village in the activity room just as we did last year. We had a great turnout and hope for an even bigger crowd this year. Lexington will be meeting at the battlefield at 6:45 to view the sunrise and worship together. We need some volunteers to be there early to hand out song sheets and coffee/hot chocolate. There are further details on our breakfast and church service in another article. It has been good for us to study Mike Slaughter's latest book the "Renegade Gospel" for Lent. He has been challenging us tremendously! I have enjoyed it because it is not the same old church rhetoric but more of an in your face message that truly makes a person think! If you are not in our Lenten Study check his book out in the library! One last thing: Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor and I want to thank you for being a Christian witness in your homes and community!

Terry Cook

## **Our Worship services are available LIVE on line**

**(10:45 am Sundays)**

at [www.reachingforyou.org](http://www.reachingforyou.org) under "MEDIA".

## **MISS A SUNDAY?**

The videos will remain accessible for at  
least a month after their broadcast.

Don't have internet or a computer?

DVD's are available on the table in the church entryway.

## Understanding Autism

Baby Grace will be offering a program at Grace UMC in Higginsville on autism Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm. Jennifer Benton, mother of triplets and expert on the needs of children with autism will present a thought-provoking program on autism and what we can do to understand the disorder and assist children with this disorder.



*Thank you so much for the wonderful meal provided after Bonnie Best funeral Service for our family. It was so very much appreciated. It warms our heart to know Bonnie was a part of this church body and ministry.*

*United Methodist Church Parishioners,  
Thank you so much for your recent donation to assist with needs of the students in the Lexington R-V School District. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

*Sincerely, Nicky Bennett  
Lexington R-V School Social Worker  
(Our Christmas Eve offering was donated to the school)*



## Heifer International Update

The children chose how our 2015 Noisy Offering was spent by Heifer:

**Nursery:** Sheep (\$120), Flock of chicks (\$20)

**Christ Kids 1:** Bees (\$30), Flock of chicks (\$20),  
Tree seedlings (\$60)

**Christ Kids 2:** Goat (\$120), Flock of chicks (\$20)

**Youth:** Send a girl to school (\$275), Rabbits (\$60)

### March Birthdays

2	Mary Beal	If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office, patty@reachingforyou.org 259-2483.
9	Brad Cooley	
13	Nathan Cooley	
14	Bailey Anderson	
16	Philip Davis	
22	Tootie Mason	
22	Marion Couch	
23	Larry Johnson	
28	Libby McCarroll Baker	



**Surf Shack VBS**  
will be  
**July 17-20**  
**6:00-8:30 pm**  
**at the LUMC!!**

There were 8 people at the February planning meeting, representing 3 different churches! We have much of the basics lined out, and LUMC is providing dinner on Tuesday (July 19).

Co-leading this year's Community VBS will be Annie Yates, Lauren Stephenson and Patty Ellison. The next planning meeting is Monday, March 14th at 7 pm.

## 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).



Thanks to all those who traveled to Grand Avenue Temple on February 21 to help with the Lazarus Table meal! Our next opportunity to serve will be Sunday, June 12.

**Serenity Seekers** is a support group for addictions. No specific addiction, just a general approach to basic commonalities of addictions. They meet at LUMC Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. For questions, please contact Jan Wright, 259-9148.



Time to  
Spring Ahead

Daylight  
Savings  
Time  
begins  
Sunday  
March 13.

## Youth News

Family Dinner is so important in the lives of young people. That's why I love that we have had such great support in our Sunday night youth dinners. Thank you to all that have made or brought a meal! The youth



enjoy sharing their "High/Low" for the week and discussing the Sunday Sermon during dinner. If you could help prepare a meal in March, it would be greatly appreciated! We eat around 6pm Sunday nights! Please contact Annie Yates at [660-232-2340](tel:660-232-2340) if you'd like to help!

Special Thanks to the volunteers that have been helping with the Youth Group the past few weeks, while Rowdy is away for work. I love that our youth, and our volunteers are getting a chance to build relationships!

- Annie



The Women of the Church  
will meet for a carry-in  
luncheon at noon  
Friday, March 11

### Members in Care Centers & Homebound

Betty Davis (home)  
Virginia Fetter (home)  
Pat Fisher, Leawood, KS  
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)  
Bob Warner (Care Center)  
Alice Wiley (Care Center)  
Roberta Wyatt (Care Center)

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY— RIGHT HERE AT HOME



We are expecting 35 college students from Minnesota to be in Lexington March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be doing community service throughout the town Sunday morning from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. They will arrive on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> and be sleeping in the FLC. We would like to provide them breakfast that Sunday morning. They are leaving at 1:30 and would also like to join our third Sunday lunch so we need extra food!!!! ***Please contact the church office if you can help with breakfast or if you can provide extra food for the lunch.***

Here is their summary: they are a of 35 college students from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul Minnesota (right on the Mississippi River). Their club is called a Students Today Leaders Forever and they do a spring break trip to a destination city every spring. This year they are headed to Austin, TX and are stopping to do service projects in St. Joseph, MO, Lexington, MO, Tulsa, OK, Oklahoma City, and Temple TX.

Kelli Linehan is in charge of organizing the housing and service project in Lexington. They chose Lexington because it is the site of the First Battle of Lexington from the Civil War, and because of Lexington's proximity to the Missouri River - a site they have worked to clear litter from in the past!

Do you have a new email address or  
know someone who wants on our  
mailing list? To receive LUMC e-news  
please email the church office at  
[patty@reachingforyou.org](mailto:patty@reachingforyou.org).



## Mission Minute

Below is a list of suggestions from the congregation and mission team. They have been divided into mission and community outreach/activities. We invite you to review the list and if you have a heart for any please contact the person listed beside it to find out how you can help. If no one is listed and you want to find out more contact Janae Fuller at 232-1955. Those things that do not generate any interest will be dropped from the list. We plan on reporting our activity in each newsletter and present mission moments during the service with the pastor's blessing.



### *On-going Missions:*

Sleeping Bags for Homeless--**Beth Simnitt**

Mozambique--**Liz Fenner**

Lazarus Table--**Janae Fuller**

Local Food Pantry-- **Jan Wright**

Heifer International--**Ashley Zweifel**

### *Annual Missions*

Spring Clean-Up- Continued clean-up and assistance at the Forrest Grove cemetery as well as helping with the City clean-up which usually occurs in the spring. Assist in getting large items to the street corner for folks who cannot, and/or pick-up trash along streets -- **Janae Fuller**

Fall Work Day as part of SERVE- Similar to the spring clean-up-- **Janae Fuller**

VIM Trip- Assist with projects at Wilderness Camp, could be combined with a retreat in the Fall per Pastor Terry. There are several really cool ideas per contact Beau Tucker. More on this in the next newsletter or contact Janae Fuller to find out now

### *Past Missions*

House of Hope-- Assistance with the building, maintenance/construction- **Terry Holshouser**

Assisting with food distribution at the Lexington Migrant Center

One Great Hour of Sharing - **Liz Fenner**

Fundraising Dinner during November Election- Raise money for mission related activities--**Liz Fenner**

Prison Packs for Christmas for the women at the Vandalia Correctional Facility (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.) to be taken to Annual Conference on June 3. This is a joint project of the Missouri UMC and Festival of Sharing.

### *Community Outreach/Activities*

Assist Health Department with Kindergarten Screening. This would be a one day event. They need help directing parents and children to locations for the screenings and folks to keep those waiting busy with games, etc. This would occur the end of April and **they need to know if we can help early March**. Contact is Martha Mc Reynolds

Involvement in Community Events. For example, at Heritage Days selling cookbooks and youth selling food. Assisting with other things such as baseball games, sporting events. I have talked to Deb Bagley to let her know we are interested in helping.

Breakfast for Teachers in the Fall. This should happen before school starts and could include handing out some of the materials we get from NAEIR.

### *Worldwide Mission*

**PET carts** - Personal Energy Transportation vehicles. These three wheeled vehicles give those who are disabled the ability to be mobile. More on this in an upcoming newsletter or contact Janae Fuller.

**Bethlehem Day Care** - Raise money to build renovate the day care visited by several who went to Israel. More on this in an upcoming newsletter or contact Janae Fuller.

**JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY!**

**EASTER SUNDAY ~ March 27**  
**Community Sunrise Service**  
**6:45 am at the Battlefield**  
**Community Breakfast**  
**9:00-10:00 at United Methodist Church**  
**Community Egg Hunt**  
**10:00 am at the Battlefield**  
**Easter Worship Service**  
**10:45 am at United Methodist Church**  
**1211 S Bus Hwy 13 ~ Nursery available**



**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Sarah Black will be in touch about cooking, hiding eggs, and setting up for Sunrise Service.



This year we will be decorating our sanctuary with fresh potted plants on Easter.

Please bring plants to the church the week of March 21 or see Jacki Worthington with questions.

The Eco-Palms we use on Palm Sunday have been sustainably harvested and fairly traded. The purchase of these palm fronds directly benefit the communities in Guatemala where the fronds were harvested. These benefits include sending young girls to school, employing women, and building community centers, as well as giving gatherers an important source of income.

These palms are harvested in an environmentally friendly way. New harvesting practices minimize the impact on the natural ecosystem, ensuring that the same quality of these palms will be there for years to come.







Annual Conference is just 3 months away! June 3rd-6th in Springfield, Missouri This year's theme is Radical Hospitality! Since this is Bishop Robert Schnase's final year with the Missouri Annual Conference there is a dinner planned Sunday, June 5th to honor him, and his family's hard work in our Conference!

— Annie Yates (*Annie & Rowdy will both be serving as District Representatives at this year's Annual Conference*)



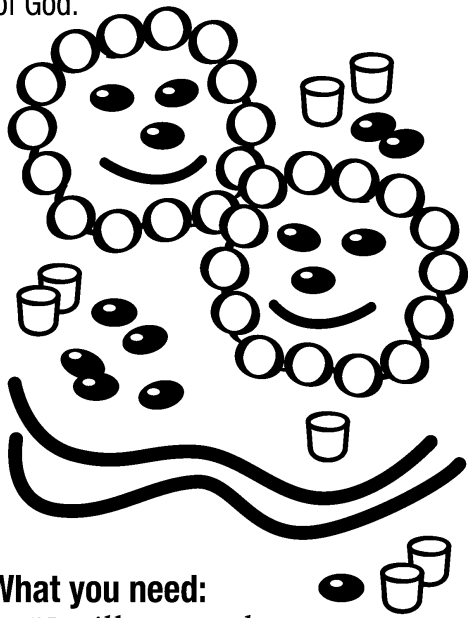
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# LITTLE LAMBS

Make these cute treats as a reminder that Jesus our Savior is also the Lamb of God.



## What you need:



- Vanilla cupcakes
- Vanilla frosting
- Butter knife
- Mini marshmallows
- Jellybeans
- Red licorice

### What you do:

1. Bake and frost the cupcakes.
2. Place marshmallows around the edge of each cupcake.
3. Cut green or blue jellybeans in half and place two on each cupcake as eyes. Cut pink jellybeans in half and place one below each pair of eyes as a nose.
4. Cut thin strips of licorice, and place one on each cupcake as a mouth.
5. Enjoy!



# Lamb of God

 John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah –  
and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus. 

*Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.*

