Lexington United Methodist Church

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MAY 2016

SUNDAY
9:30 am
Sunday School

10:45 am
Worship Service
6:00 pm
Youth Group

3rd Sundays
Fellowship Meal

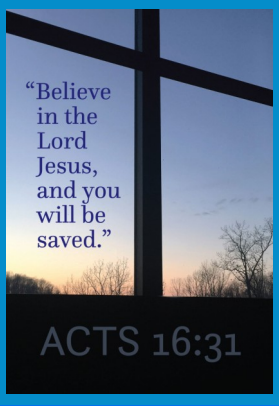
MONDAY
Noon Prayer Group
1:00 pm
Quilting for Homeless

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



Pastor's Post

What is it that captures the most time in your life? What is it that motivates you to do your best? What are your first thoughts when you wake in the morning and your last thoughts as you drift off to sleep? Where do you invest your time, energy, and your pocketbook? The answer to these questions help you to define your priorities in life. The more that I interact with our congregations the more one thought comes to mind: We are so busy! There are our jobs which help us to pay the bills, save for retirement, and fund our standards of living. There are the activities of our children which are a joy to us. There are the demands of our social life with our friends, neighbors and extended family. After all of these time requirements are filled we often find that we are exhausted! It is often the case that when we are running this treadmill we define as our lives we wish we could slow down! Oh what we would give for an extra week of vacation, for a day off during the week, or just an afternoon with no plans! With all of these thoughts in mind, think about your reaction when your pastor asks you to partner in ministry with him (or her). Often our first thoughts are we have no time to finish the tasks we have now and we cannot take on another task. I understand where that is coming from. We often feel guilt and even remorse when we decline, partly for the pastor or church's sake but even more so because we do want to have a purpose in life that helps to change our world. Jesus understood this as He asked his disciples to come away with Him to a quiet place to pray and to seek rest for their souls. It is timely wisdom for today! What this article is truly about is a change of heart and direction for each of us! Jesus said clearly that we cannot serve both God and man. Priorities must be established for our good and for the good of our families and community. Perhaps it is time for each of us to re-evaluate our priorities; to say no to some of our busyness so that we might find time to live into a stronger, deeper, more fulfilling life with Jesus. To quit "doing" church and start living as disciples of the living God! Your church needs you to embrace your spiritual gifts and use them to transform not only yourself, but our church, our family, our community, and the world!

Your servant in Christ, Terry.

Our Worship services are available LIVE on line
(10:45 am Sundays)
at 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.

Grace UMW Circle Two
Women's Fellowship
Sunday, May 1, 4:00 pm
Church Fellowship Hall
Grace UMC
15th & Walnut, Higginsville

Join us for a delicious dinner and demonstration of Polynesian dancing from the professional group of Hula Hale O'Kiahahi

Tickets $10 Children 6-12 $5

Pastor Terry presents our check for the Forrest Grove Cemetery fund to Alonzo Hannon.

United Methodist Church,
The Forest Grove Cemetery Project Committee would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere THANK YOU for your $305 donation toward the installation of a wrought iron fence.
This effort is truly a community endeavor that includes Lexington residents and extends far beyond the city limits.
Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.
Nina Wilkerson Jones, Sec'y

Dear Church Members,
Thank you so much for the care and support we received during our mother's passing. Your cards and attendance at the visitation and funeral were very much appreciated.
Willa Mae McKean was a loyal Methodist all of her 97 years. She lived a good, long life.
Mary Kate Alkire and her sister, Meryl Lin McKean

CHURCH ON A MISSION

Prison Pack Collection for Annual Conference
This year at Annual Conference Session the office of Mission, Service and Justice Ministries will be collecting prison packs. For information about how to assemble prison packs, visit http://www.festivalofsharing.org/packs-and-patterns.html and check out the shopping tips. This includes approved brands and suggested locations for purchase, along with a picture of a complete pack. Please note, if shopping is not possible, Festival of Sharing is thrilled to receive donations ($12/pack) to host packing events at the new warehouse space.
*Donations may be left at the church any time before June 1. If giving a monetary donation, make your check out to the LUMC, marked "Prison Pack".

Mission Minute
Busy month thanks to the Women's Group and others in the church. The potato bar and silent auction raised over $800 toward the Baraka Mission in Bethlehem. Money was also raised over $300 for the Forrest Grove Cemetery cast iron fencing. As part of the City-wide clean-up, several LUMC members assisted those in need move some large items to the Public Works for disposal. Painting continues at the House of Hope. If you have a heart to help with repairs or painting, contact Terry Holshouser at 816-456-5779.

Baby Grace Collection
BABY GRACE
CHANGE$ LIVES!
Mother's Day to Father's Day
Collect your spare CHANGE
to help make a difference.
On Mother's Day, May 8, Baby Bottles
will be available to use to collect your change.

Heifer International Update
The last Sunday of each month the children take a "noisy offering" collecting change (and paper money, too!) to purchase animals for Heifer.
So far in 2016 we have collected $194.57

Danny O'Brien died April 23. Our deepest sympathy to Lea Ann, Patrick, Cassie, Sullivan, Janet Cado and the rest of his family..

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
Carry-in luncheon Noon, Friday May 13.

We will be hosting a Baby Shower for Hayley Shroyer and baby Meredith!
ALL WOMEN INVITED!

We will be honoring our High School Seniors on Sunday, May 8. LHS Graduation ceremonies will be held on Sunday, May 15. By holding this the week prior to graduation we hope that all this year's Seniors will be able to join us. We want to honor and celebrate their accomplishments!

15th Annual Cannon Ball 5K Run/Walk
Saturday, June 18
7:30 am
To benefit Habitat for Humanity
For more information:
lafcohfh@yahoo.com
Registration forms are available on the church entryway table.

The Foster Grandparent Program is seeking volunteers. Local volunteer stations include Lexington Middle School, Leslie Bell elementary School, and the MVCAA Head Start.
To volunteer or contribute financial support, please contact:
Foster Grandparent Program
1812 Main
Higginsville, MO 64037
660-584-7421

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for our nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Since its inception, this day has continually united Americans from all socio-economic, political, and ethnic backgrounds in prayer while also encouraging personal repentance and righteousness in the culture. The National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans and is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens to celebrate our most beloved freedom; the freedom to humbly come before God and seek His guidance in prayer. Join us as we pray for our nation at the Margaret Gray Center on Thursday, May 5th from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. (And stay for lunch!)

April Birthdays

12	Nadine Burleson	20	Jaime Laddusaw
12	Madelyn Stephenson	23	Carter Jenkins
15	Teri James	24	Ryan Heisler
15	Jacquie Holshouser	25	Dee Weisbach
16	Sharol McMullin	25	E J Guevel
16	Dakota Yates	25	Kinsley Worthington
17	Pat Fisher	29	Shirley Guevel
17	Terry Cook	29	Everly Huffman
17	Clayton Yates	31	Terry Holshouser

If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office, patty@reachingforyou.org 259-2483.

Members in Care Centers & Homebound
Betty Davis (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)

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

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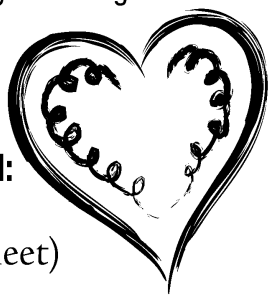
"Where We Seek, Serve, and Share Christ"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Steward: Annie Yates 5:00 pm Lexington Wind Symphony Concert	2 Noon Prayer Group 1:00 pm Quilting for the Homeless	3 6:30 pm Boy Scout District Commissioners 7:00 pm Serenity Seekers 730 pm Boy Scout District Roundtable	4 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Youth & Adult Bible Study	5 ★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER 10:30 am Service @ Margaret Gray Center Noon House of Hope 6:30 pm Boy Scout District Committee	6 9:30 am Strong Women Exercise	7 10:00 am Al-Anon
8 	9 Noon Prayer Group 1:00 pm Quilting for the Homeless 6:30 pm Cub Pack 440 Committee 7:00 pm VBS	10 6:30 pm Ministerial Alliance here 7:00 pm Serenity Seekers	11 7:00 pm Youth & Adult Bible Study	12 Live in Lexington 9:00 am Adventures in Mothering Noon HOH 6:00 pm Fierce	13 9:30 am Strong Women Exercise Noon Women of Church Luncheon & Baby Shower for Hayley Shroyer	14 10:00 am Al-Anon FLC Reserved
15 Carry-in Meal 3:00 pm LWS 5:00 pm Choir Rm & FLC Reserved (Graduations)	16 Noon Prayer Group 1:00 pm Quilting for the Homeless 5:30 pm Ad Team	17 5:30 pm Relay for Life Committee 7:00 pm Serenity Seekers	18 7:00 pm Youth & Adult Bible Study	19 Noon HOH	20 9:30 am Strong Women Exercise Newsletter Deadline	21 10:00 am Al-Anon
22 3:00 pm LWS 5:00 pm Square Dance Lessons 6:00 pm Square Dance	23 Noon Prayer Group 1:00 pm Quilting for the Homeless	24 5:30 pm MVCAA New Directions 7:00 pm Serenity Seekers	25 7:00 pm Youth & Adult Bible Study	26 Noon HOH	27 9:30 am Strong Women Exercise 10:00 am Baby Grace Diaper/ Wipes Pick-up	28 10:00 am Al-Anon Alma Hicklin Memorial Service 5:00 pm Baker Renewal of Vows
29 Noisy Offering for Heifer 3:00 pm LWS	30 Memorial DAY Noon Prayer Group 1:00 pm Quilting	31 7:00 pm Serenity Seekers				June 2016 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

An up-to-date calendar is available on our website, www.reachingforyou.org

A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

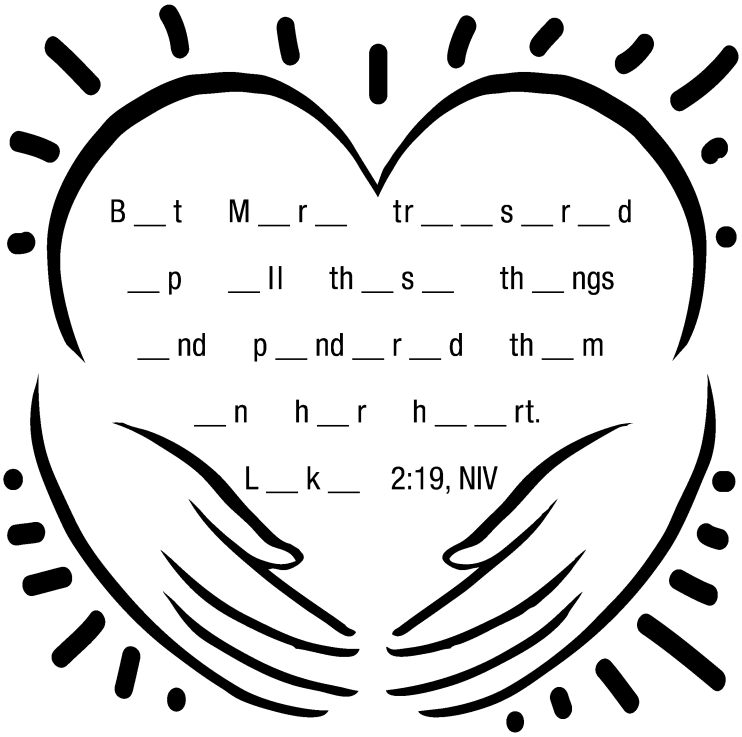
1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift – and a hug!

A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: *Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.*

A E I O U Y



Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV