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Pastor's Post

Hello everyone and welcome to this edition of our newsletter! As I have said many times it is a joy to be your pastor! It seems that these last few months we have seen a renewed sense of optimism and joy in the church. Our attendance is on the rise and we are seeing new people in worship. What has helped raise my level of joy is how we are working together to realize the kingdom of God here in Lexington.

Late last year we had an all-church discussion night to discern what direction we should go in fulfilling our mission as a church. We came up with three areas to focus on. Those are:

1. Young family ministries
2. Our discipleship process
3. Intentional fellowship opportunities

It has provided us with a game plan for this year that is bearing fruit! Our new children's church program has had up to 15 children on Sunday morning and all of our staff and volunteers have enjoyed the experience. We have had two fellowship events so far with a Valentine's Day lunch and activity and more recently our Spring fling. Our leaders and team have done both of these with excellence and with such positive energy. Our discipleship process has been somewhat slower to gain momentum but it is coming along. I taught a 9 week book study on Methodist fundamentals and we are having a meeting with our younger family parents to see if there is enough interest to offer a small group type setting for this spring and summer.

On top of these areas of focus we have continued to work in areas of mission. The high school is using our family life center for prom for the third time in four years. Janae and Mary helped the youth group to plant part of the community garden this past week and I can't wait to see the plants begin to grow.

There is always opportunities to serve at our church! I think what excites me the most is to see persons living out their faith in serving others! See you soon,

Terry

More Than a Snip It From Mary's Desk

At last the weather seems to be agreeing that Spring is in the air! It's a great time to for renewal and thanksgiving. As I reflect I find that as human beings we tend to at times focus on what is wrong but spring is a good time to take note of what is right in our lives and our church.

I can see wonderful things that happen in our church that we sometimes take for granted so I will mention some of them! We had a lovely Spring Fling last week and all who attended were blessed and our faithful leaders and family members made our fellowship a true joy. We have many faithful members who are willing to serve as liturgist, ushers, greeters, women of the church who help each other and the church, quilters, prayers warriors, teachers, nursery workers, caregivers, baby grace, harvester volunteers, men's group who help with repairs and updates etc.,

Those who help keep programs in place working such as children's time and helped to get volunteers to present lessons and those who step up to give the lesson.

Our new children's church program is moving forward and the children and the volunteers have seemed to enjoy it. We are offering a parent's night on on May 4th for any of our young parents or grandparents who wish to take advantage of it.

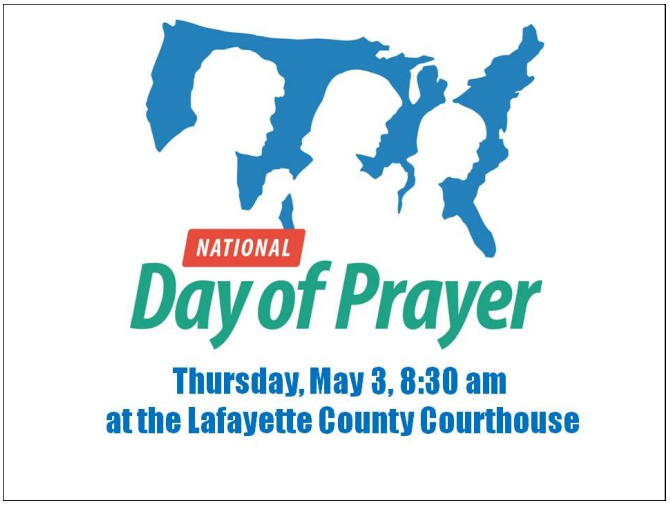
Last but not least our ability to move towards a closer relationship to our Savior and work together in love for the good of the church even though we may have some differences.

Yours In Christ,
Your Coordinator, Mary

CHURCH ON A MISSION

Mission Minute

Please consider how you can help with the following mission related activities this year. So far we have our annual fireworks sale the days surrounding July 4th, National Night Out, August 7th, Serve Day, September 23rd and Chili Dinner, November 6th, election day. If you have suggestions of other mission related activities we can assist with AND ideas for our Serve Day event please contact Janae Fuller, 660-232-1955.



6 Carrie McCarroll
6 William Meierer
7 Lance Anderson
10 Amy Thieman
12 Nadine Burleson
12 Madelyn Stephenson
13 Mark Cado
14 Rick Smith
15 Teri James
15 Jacquie Holshouser
16 Dakota Yates
16 Sharol McMullin
17 Clayton Yates
17 Terry Cook
18 Curt Wilbur
18 Eva Smith
20 James Laddusaw
20 Brian Hoeppner
21 Addison Smith
23 Carter Jenkins
24 Ryan Heisler
25 Cynthia Bowler
25 Kinsley Worthington
25 E J Guevel
28 Michael Dishman
29 Everly Huffman
29 Shirley Guevel
31 Terry Holshouser

Members in Care Centers & Homebound

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

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Anyone interested in a new Young Adults Group please attend

7:00 pm this Tuesday, May 1.

Children 4th Grade & under are welcome to attend Children's Church following the Children's Time.

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

at www.lexmoumc.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.

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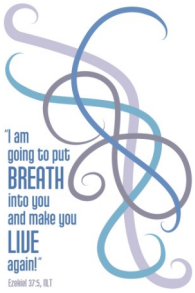
Where We Seek, Serve, and Share Christ

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays: *9:30 am Sunday School* *10:45 am Worship*		1 6:30 pm Boy Scout Dist Mtgs 7:00 pm Young Adults Group 	2 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Youth	3 6:30 Boy Scouts 8:30 am at Courthouse	4 5-9:30 Parents Night Out	5 10:00 am Al-Anon
6 Morton Sisters in Worship Graduate Recognition 3:00 pm Lexington Wind Symphony 3:00 pm Square Dance Lessons	7 Noon Prayer Team 1:00 pm Quilt Group 6:00 pm VBS Meeting @ Pres/Disciples	8 Noon HCC in Conference Rm	9 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Youth	10 6:00 pm Men's Group 6:00 PM Migrant Farmworker Graduation Party	11 Noon Women of the Church Luncheon Baby Shower For Chelsea Huffman	12 10:00 am Al-Anon Noon Girl Scout Mother/Daughter Luncheon 7:00 pm Seth Seitz Eagle Ceremony
13 LHS Graduation 	14 Harvester Food Drop Harvester Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon Noon Prayer Team 1:00 pm Quilt Group	15	16 9:00 am HCC in Conference Rm 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Youth	17	18  	19 10:00 am Al-Anon
20 3:00 pm Lexington Wind Symphony	21 Noon Prayer Team 1:00 pm Quilt Group **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE HERE** 5:30 pm Ad Team Meeting	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 7:00 pm Youth	24 6:00 pm Men's Group	25	26 8:30 am Baby Grace Diaper Distribution 10:00 am Al-Anon FLC Reserved
27 Noisy Offering for Heifer	28 Noon Prayer 1:00 pm Quilt Group 	29	30 2:00 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm Youth	31 5:30 pm Relay for Life Mtg Conf. Room		 June 2018 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

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.

What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.

PUZZLE

WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?

Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

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E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

"__ __ __ __ __ your __ __ __ __ __ __

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Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV