

# The Lexington United Methodist Church

an inclusive and reconciling United Methodist Congregation

## Newsletter

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### From the Pastor's Study...

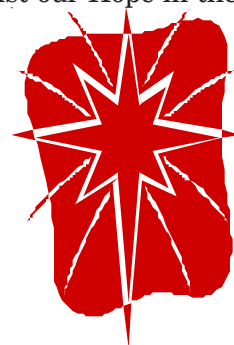
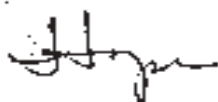
Each year, when the winter holidays approach, I find myself getting more and more excited. Like a child, I can't wait to see what the season will hold. With all the lights, the carols, the cheer and the parties, it is a season I relish and one that I, like that old song says, wish would last all year. But I have to admit that the most wonderful season of all has a dark side. One of my friends calls this "Hallow-Thank-Mas" because the holidays from Halloween to Christmas all run together. Think about it. In August, the stores were stocking Halloween decorations. By September, we were inundated with Thanksgiving paraphernalia. In October, commercial Christmas was upon us.

Smoldering under the surface of the holiday cheer is the reality that for many people the holiday season is in fact one of the hardest times of the year. During this season, for a multitude of reasons, people are at a greater risk for depression, self-medication, abuse and harm. So how could a joyful holiday manifest itself both as celebration and depression? Recognizing all that this season brings up for us, how can we understand Advent as a season of hope and not just a season of hype and a season of harm?

Advent is a season of waiting. It is a season of anticipation and expectation. Advent is a season of hope. Right now we are called in Advent to suspend our disappointment and disbelief and to go deeper into the cosmic story of redemption, grace and love. We are called to enter into the story of our faith and recognize that an incarnate God chose to be born and to live among us. And we are asked in this season not only to remember Christ's birth, but to celebrate with anticipation and hope Christ's triumphant return. We are being asked to remember that God loves us with an everlasting love and that with steadfast faithfulness God will continue to be with us in this emotionally difficult season in a world caught between frills and frailty – between surface and authenticity – between incarnation and humanity. In our ordinariness, in our daily existence, God is with us in the now and in the not yet, or as the psalmist reminds us, from this time on and forever more.

Joining together as a community of faith to face the reality of a dark world in the midst of the season of celebration, joy and light, we are reminded that God is present with us in this and every season. Sharing the Light of Christ with us, Bob Miner will nudge us awake in 11<sup>th</sup> Hour as he shares a plan for an "Alternative Christmas." Then on December 4, the second Sunday of Advent, we will experience an Alternative Christmas for ourselves and our families by reaching out and helping others in our community and around our world have a better Christmas by investing our time, our energy and our resources in people who aren't as fortunate as we are.

The first Sunday of Advent is designated as the Sunday of Hope. Through the lighting of the first Advent candle, we are reminded of Christ our Light expelling the darkness in our lives and Christ our Hope in the darkest of seasons. As a people of faith we are challenged to remember from the first Sunday in Advent throughout our lives that our hope is not in the holiday season, but in our relationship with our Holy God and his Christ who is our Messiah – our Living Hope.





# December 2005 Worship Schedule

Join us for . . . THE ADVENTURE OF ADVENT



## November 27: First Sunday of Advent

- 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music  
Nursery Care
- 9:30 am *Godly Play*

As we deck the halls and decorate the church with a liturgy of the Hanging of the Greens, we will hear a meditation called, “**Did I Miss Something?**” based on passages from Isaiah 64: 1-9 and Mark 13: 24-37. This is a service people of all ages will enjoy.

Please join us for the *adventure* of worship during this *Advent* season.

## December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music  
Nursery Care
- 9:30 am *Godly Play*

Join us for a unique progressive worship service that incorporates our Alternative Christmas market, making worship a truly tangible experience for one and all. Our worship service will begin with a Call to Worship in the Sanctuary and then will process downstairs into Martin Hall where we will worship together through hymns, prayer, reflection, and communion. During this service, we will light the Advent candle for Peace remembering Christ, our Promised Prince of Peace. The meditation, based on the Gospel lesson Mark 1:1-8, will be called, “**What Did You Expect?**” This is the first week of the Nicaragua Material Aid collection for our friends in La Borgoña, Nicaragua.

## December 11: Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music  
Nursery Care
- 9:30 am *Godly Play*

The Senior Choir will sing sections of Mary’s song of joy, the Magnificat, during the morning service. The morning meditation will be based on Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 and the Gospel of John 1: 6-8, 19-28 and will be called, “**Garlands of Joy and Garments of Salvation.**” The Advent candle for Joy will be lit during this service weaving together light, music, hope and peace, which will be for us a joyful and transcendent occasion. This will also be the second week of the annual Nicaragua Material Aid Collection. Following the service, don’t miss a chance to join the annual Advent letter writing campaign for Amnesty International.

## December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Roxbury Food Cupboard Collection

- 9:00 am Holy Communion in the library
- 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music  
Nursery Care
- 10:30 am Brunch and Caroling

Our darkness is becoming lighter as we light the fourth Advent candle for Love. The whole congregation will join forces with the children in this year’s Christmas Pageant. Join us with your enthusiasm, your character, your creativity and your love.



Brunch will be served after the Pageant and the church family will go Christmas caroling following the brunch.

## December 24: Christmas Eve

- 5:30 pm Worship

Wrapped in the light of hope, peace, joy and love, we’ll gather together in the warmth of the sanctuary for a service of *Las Posadas*. *Las Posadas* is a traditional Hispanic worship service of Shelter for the Holy Family. This service will include familiar hymns, prayers from our children, our youth and the adults in our church family. It will require open hearts, open minds and open doors. It is a service that includes all of us and challenges us to live radically; loving, welcoming, and embracing all people with God’s own radical love for the world. A brief meditation based on Luke 2: 1-20 is called “**Treasure in a Stable.**” Our service will end with candle lighting and the singing of that great Christmas hymn, “Silent Night.” Hope you will bring your family and join us for an exciting Christmas Eve.

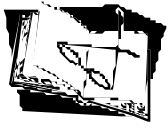
## December 25: Christmas Day

### Celebration of Holy Communion

- 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music  
Nursery Care

Yes, Christmas Day is on Sunday and we are having church! Join us for a beautiful service of lessons and carols with a meditation on John 1: 1-14 called, “**Gift Wrapped.**” During the service we will celebrate Holy Communion.





# Adult Study Opportunities

## Sunday Mornings 11<sup>th</sup> Hour

### God's Politics

We are continuing our study of Jim Wallis' book *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*. This book (and our conversation) has drawn us into engaging the unspoken and often unexamined connection between religious communities and our government, and how we are all accountable to key values of justice, peace, environment, equality, and maintaining a consistent ethic of life. Throughout December we will discuss the values of love, justice, reconciliation and community that Jesus taught and that are the core of what we believe.

Join us at anytime during the eight week study of *God's Politics* during 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Adult Study.

❖ **December 4** - Bob Miner will lead our discussion on chapters 18-20 called, *Spiritual Values and Social Issues: When did Jesus become a selective moralist?*

❖ **December 11** - Hope Luckie will guide us through chapter 21 and the epilogue in a session called *Spiritual Values and Social Change*.

❖ **December 18** - During brunch, we will talk about how we can put into action what we have read, discussed and learned in 11th Hour. Come with your thinking caps on and your energy to put our faith into action at the beginning of a brand new year.

❖ **December 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!** Enjoy your families and celebrate this amazing holiday. No 11<sup>th</sup> Hour today!

### Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels will gather for study, prayer and fellowship on Monday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 am. We are currently viewing the *Faces on Faith* video series. Speak to Rev. Luckie if you need child care.

### Afternoon Tea

Join us for afternoon tea in the parlor each Thursday at 3:00 pm through December 15. **Please note that we will start at 3:00 pm in December and, starting in January, we will meet for tea time on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm.** Hope you can make it!



# Growing Together in Grace and Generosity

## Stewardship Campaign

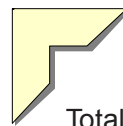
*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*

*2 Corinthians 9: 7,8*

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your responses to our Stewardship Campaign for 2006. We invite your prayers for this year's campaign and trust that everyone will give both generously and joyfully.

Remember to return your Pledge Cards as soon as possible. A full accounting of the Stewardship Campaign will be published in the January 2006 newsletter.

- *Clint Fawcett*  
Chair, Stewardship Committee



## Finance Corner

Total 2005 receipts to LUMC through 10/31/05:  
\$207,996

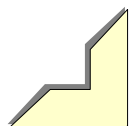
Total 2005 expenditures by LUMC through 10/31/05:  
\$215,470

Total 2005 expenditures budgeted through 10/31/05:  
\$218,680

Revenues have fallen further behind expenditures this month. Our income is running about \$7500 behind our expenses and over \$10,000 behind what we had budgeted. So it is still very important for all of us to keep up with our pledges. Also if you have not returned your pledge card for the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, please consider giving as generously as you can for next year. LUMC is a great church and it is worth everything we can do for it. We are it!

Thanks again for everything,

-*Keith Herndon*  
Chair, Finance Committee



## Charge Conference Report

Pride doesn't begin to describe my feelings about our church community. On Saturday, 5 November, nine of us from Lexington United Methodist Church made the trip to St. John's UMC in Watertown for our annual business meeting called Charge Conference. We were by far the largest representation from any church in our cluster and we were able to listen, pray and share with other church communities our celebrations and concerns. We also took some time to be about the business of our local church. We voted to implement the new internal structure called NOW which will honor our commitments, time, and energy by consolidating our current committee structure from eleven down to four committees. See the brief article below for information regarding who, what, when, where and how this will happen.

Thank you for taking time on a Saturday to participate in this important meeting. Thank you to those who weren't able to attend, but who held us in prayer and in love. It takes an entire community to embrace the present and to move forward into our future with hope. Thanks for your faith, your hard work and your hope. As my mentor used to say, ONWARD. . .

- Hope Luckie

## "Everyone Included; Everyone in Service"

During the last few weeks, the Lay Leadership Committee has met to pray together, to reflect on and discern who we will ask to serve on our new consolidated committees. We are working on how to implement these changes as smoothly and easily as possible. In the next few weeks, expect a phone call and an invitation to serve in a new and creative way. If there is an area in which you would like to serve (nurture, outreach, and/or witness) and share your God given gifts with the LUMC family, please let us know. Our goal is to begin meeting in this new structure in January 2006. We are committed to trying NOW for the period of six months and evaluating together how we as a community feel it is working. So, don't be shy. Let us know where you would like to serve and how you think things are going. Let's all keep this process and our church family in prayer.

- Lay Leadership Committee

Helen Einstein, Keith Herndon, Jane Hogan,  
Louise Kreutziger, Hope Luckie,  
Bob Miner, and Bob Rings

## LUMC/St. John's Corporation asks for your help!

The Corporation members (which includes trustees from LUMC and St. John's Korean UMC, the two pastors and the co-directors of the Methodist Weekday School), ask for your help in reducing building energy costs this winter as well as year-round.



How can you help? Everyone needs to turn off lights, close windows and doors when leaving the building. If you are in the building and find the lights on, turn them off. If the heat is up, turn it down.

Bill Kim, a trustee from St. John's Korean UMC was able to secure a price of \$2.10 a gallon for oil this year compared with \$1.37 for last year. For reference, we used 6145 gallons of oil during the 2004-05 heating season. If we use the same amount this year, our heating bill will be \$12,900 for this heating season.

Now it's our turn to be energy efficient! Let's dress warmly this winter and conserve on oil. The members of the Corporation appreciate everyone's assistance.

## Taizé Prayer on Wednesday Evenings

- 6:30 pm** Quiet Center - a time for individual silent prayer and meditation - come and go at will  
**7:00 pm** Taizé Prayer Service (30 minutes)



Please note: There will be no services on Wednesday, December 28.

## LUMC Book Club December 5, 7:30 pm

*The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci is the Book Group's choice for its December 5 meeting at Smoki Fraser's home at 7:30 pm (32 Winchester Dr., 781-862-7394).

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

## SEEKING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR AGAIN!

In mid-November 2005, we hired a Christian Education Director, Al Porter. He was also interviewing for positions in his chosen profession of recruiter, one in New Hampshire and one in New York. Al had informed us of this during his initial interview, but he felt that he would be offered the position in New Hampshire and so would be able to do both the Christian Ed director position while also working as a recruiter. Unfortunately for LUMC but fortunately for Al, he was offered and has accepted the position in New York. So we find ourselves again seeking candidates for the position of LUMC Christian Education Director. If you know of someone who may be a good candidate, please contact Rev. Hope Luckie, or Bryon Lavalla of the Staff/Parish relations committee. Allyson Printz, LUMC office manager, can provide a copy of the job description upon request.

## EVENT UPDATE: HARVEST HUNT IS POSTPONED

The Harvest Hunt event planned for November 20<sup>th</sup> has been postponed. We will reschedule this for later in the Spring. (Please see the November 2005 newsletter for a complete description of this event.) The Youth met for Methodist Youth Fellowship instead.

### Methodist Youth

### Fellowship

Our December Methodist Youth Fellowship group will meet on Sunday December 4 and Sunday December 18 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in Martin Hall. We have fellowship time and dinner together, and then a Bible study. Friends and newcomers welcome!

## GODLY PLAY CLASS SCHEDULE

The season of Advent begins November 27, and the Advent stories are the focus of our *Godly Play* classes. The schedule during the holiday season is below:

Sunday	Lesson	Teachers
11/27/05	<i>Advent I: The Prophets</i>	Kurt Gunter and Tim Gunter
12/4/05	<i>Advent II: The Holy Family</i>	Kathy Parks and James Swanson
12/11/05	<i>Advent III: The Shepherds</i>	Rae Lavalla and Jane Atkins
12/18/05	<b>Christmas Pageant</b> <i>No Godly Play Class.</i>	
12/25/05	<i>No Godly Play Class.</i> Children remain in worship with their families.	
1/1/06	<i>The Glorious Impossible</i>	Kathy Parks and James Swanson

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"Everyone included;  
Everyone in the story"

Polish up your halos, shake out your sheep suits, lift high the star, and spread your wings... it's Christmas Pageant time! Our humble LUMC stable will be filled with kings and shepherds, angels and stars, and that means you! With our children and youth leading the whole congregation in song and story, Christ's coming will unfold in our midst on December 18 with this year's Christmas Pageant. All children and youth will meet after church on December 11 to assign halos and crowns (and speaking parts!). On Saturday, December 17, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, we will practice our game plan and Sunday we lead the congregation in storytelling. Call Jeanne Lucas 781-665-6481 or Kathy Parks (781-861-9686) for more information



# REACHING OUT. . .

## THE NEW OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our committee is in the process of reorganizing and expanding in keeping with the decision at the charge conference to reduce the numbers of committees. If anyone is interested in joining our committee, please let any of the current members know.

We will lead a discussion during the 11th Hour Adult Study regarding the holidays on November 20 in preparation for the Alternative Christmas Market on December 4.

Our budget request for 2006 is \$1,000.00, an amount that has not gone up in 4 years.

To respond to the concerns for more local outreach, we intend to continue our involvement in the Safe Havens program and the Roxbury Food Cupboard (over 1,000 items collected so far). We are investigating a possible connection with Immanuel UMC in Waltham which, among other things, runs a soup kitchen, food pantry, and health clinic, and we will continue our involvement with the Lexington Food Pantry ASSUMING members of our congregation choose to volunteer.

Do you know about "**LUMC-ACT**"? It is an e-mail list to which is sent action alerts on matters of Justice and Peace. Would you like your name added to the list? See Bill Santelmann or Bob Miner for further information.

Did you know that changing 5 incandescent bulbs for compact fluorescents can save \$9.00/mo. on your electric bill in the winter?

By Bob and Linda Miner

## FOUR TO VISIT LA BORGONA

A group of four LUMC members will fly to Nicaragua on February 17 for a week with our brothers and sisters at our sister church in La Borgoña. The group, led by Nicaragua Committee chairperson, Linda Rings, includes our pastor Rev. Hope Luckie, Julie Munro, and Janet Melcher.

A goal of the trip is to meet with FINCA International in Managua, microcredit bankers with years of experience in Nicaragua. We hope FINCA can help us develop La Borgoña into a self-supporting community capable of working with us in helping another Nicaraguan town.

## WAL-MART:

### THE HIGH COST OF LOW PRICE

Approximately 90 people, most from outside our LUMC community, attended the two showings of this powerful documentary by Robert Greenwald on November 14 and 15 in the LUMC library and Sanctuary. It portrays how unrestrained corporate power can become a rapacious economic monster. If you missed the movie, try to view another showing! Thanks to Bob Miner for making it available to us and to Janis Roihl for her promotion and presence.

### EVERY CHURCH A PEACE CHURCH!

The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour adult study group has been reading the superb book, *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*, by Jim Wallis. His thesis is that "Moral Values," so important in the last presidential election, concerns far more than abortion and gay marriage. "Moral Values" also includes poverty, justice, health care, hunger, and war and peace.

On page 77, he writes, "The truth is that there are more churches committed to justice and peace than belong to the religious Right. It's time the voice of those congregations be heard and their activism be mobilized to become the conscience of American politics in a time of crisis."

The LUMC Vision Statement ends with, *Transformed by God's love, we bring that love into the world to make it a place of peace and justice.*

Should the LUMC become a "Peace Church"? There is an organization, *Every Church a Peace Church*, ([www.ecapc.org](http://www.ecapc.org)) that the Outreach Committee finds very attractive. Its web site proclaims:

***Our GOAL and MISSION is to invite churches to make this AFFIRMATION and to act upon it:***

***Following Jesus in nonviolent struggle for justice and peace, we love our neighbors and enemies as God loves us all, becoming a peace church to share in God's work to save the world.***

It recommends a four-step process in becoming a Peace Church, as outlined on the web site: PARTNER, UNITE, GROW, and TRANSFORM. Please view this website and make your thoughts and opinions known to Outreach!

For the Outreach Committee by Bill Santelmann

*It's That Time of Year Again!*

## Advent Material Aid Collection for Nicaragua

December 4 and 11

We invite you to make any of the following contributions to our Advent collection on December 4 and 11. Material aid is one way we can make a significant difference to those who live in poverty.

### Health

- Antibiotic ointment
- Band-aids
- Cotton balls
- Headache and cold remedies
- Shampoo and soap
- Combs
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Vitamins (children and adult)

### School Supplies

- Crayons and markers
- Backpacks
- Notebooks and paper
- Pens (especially "click" pens)
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpeners

### Sewing supplies

- Buttons
- Metric measuring tape
- Needles
- Pinking sheers
- Pins
- Sewing scissors
- Thread

### Clothing

- (new or like new)
- Shirts/blouses
  - Shoes/sneakers
  - Slacks/jeans
  - Socks
  - Underwear
  - Sneakers



If it is easier for you to make a donation, we will use that money to purchase the needed supplies. Your check can be made out to LUMC (indicate Nicaragua-Material Aid on the note line) and placed in the offering plate.

- Linda Rings

## Alternative Christmas Market

December 4

8:30 am - 9:15 am

(before Worship)

and 10:30 am - 11:00 am

(after Worship)

Mark your calendars for our annual Alternative Christmas Market! Through this unique way of giving, your loved one is honored and someone in the Global Community unknown to you will have an opportunity for a more just and abundant life.

Cards and gift certificates will be available for contributions made to:

- ◆ Heifer International
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity (local)
- ◆ Amnesty International
- ◆ REACH ... Beyond Domestic Violence
- ◆ Chacocente (a special project in Nicaragua).

Crafts from Nicaragua will be sold to aid our sister church in La Borgoña and fair traded items from Equal Exchange will be available (hot cocoa mix, chocolate bars and coffee).

Come shop on December 4 and bring your friends!



Equal Exchange  
Coffee Sales  
for Delivery at the  
Alternative Christmas  
Market

Orders Due: Sunday, November 27  
Distribution: Sunday, December 4

For your convenience and in support of third world family farmers, the Outreach Committee is having the sale of Fair Traded Coffee and other items in time for our Alternative Christmas Market. See the orange order form from the November newsletter or in the bulletin for items and prices. The form must be returned to the Outreach mailbox or to Ken Kreutziger by Sunday, November 27.

# Outstanding 2005 Annual Reports due January 15, 2006

Any committee chairpeople and church leaders who did not submit a 2005 Annual Report in October for Charge Conference are asked to submit one to the church office by January 15. Also, if you did submit a report for charge conference and wish to add to it, please let Allyson know. The preferred method is to relay Word documents by email (office @lexumc.org). Timely submissions are appreciated!

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 • **January Newsletter Articles due** •  
 • **Monday, January 3, 2006** •  
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## Kenny Sutton Mailing Address

For those who would like to write to Kenny Sutton, his mailing address has recently changed:

A1C Kenneth Sutton  
 9848  
 621 F Ave #15077 3291  
 Sheppard AFB, TX 76311-7500

- Jackie Sutton

# 2006 Upper Room Disciplines Available

The *Upper Room Disciplines* is found in many of our households and used daily by many of us. Scripture, commentary and prayer are contained on each page. The daily Bible readings follow the cycle of lectionary readings; therefore, the texts studied are the same as the readings for the coming Sunday.

Copies of the *2006 Upper Room Disciplines* will be on sale during the December Sundays of Advent in Martin Hall for \$10.00. You are encouraged to pick up a copy for yourself and your household. The book would also make a meaningful Christmas gift for a friend. This daily devotional guide will encourage you into a daily habit of scriptural readings and prayer, for it is in daily practice that our faith becomes relevant and alive.

## Thanks!

Heartfelt thanks to the newsletter collation crew - Mary Driscoll, Alma Anderson and Ione Garing - for showing up each month and putting together the newsletter!

# Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to order flowers to decorate the altar and sanctuary for Christmas, please complete the form below and return it to the church office (or put it in the collection plate) with a check to cover your order. We will order 6.5" poinsettias from Wilson Farms at a cost of \$7.50 each.



Deadline for ordering is  
 Monday, December 5, 2005

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

Red \_\_\_\_\_

Pink \_\_\_\_\_

White \_\_\_\_\_



Total number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

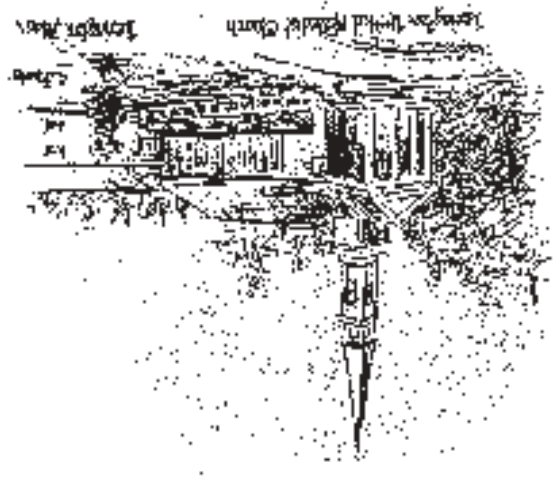
Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

at \$7.50 per plant: \_\_\_\_\_



# December 2005 - Lexington United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  3:00 pm Afternoon Tea  7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal	2	3
<b>4</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 5) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 11:00 am Adult Study: <i>God's Politics</i> 5:30 pm Methodist Youth Fellowship	5  10:00 am Bible and Bagels   7:30 pm Book Club (Frasers')	6  9:30 am Metro Boston District Committee on Ministry	7  Noon Lexington Interfaith Clergy Assoc.  6:30 pm Quiet Center  7:00 pm Taizé Prayer  7:30 pm Worship Committee	8  3:00 pm Afternoon Tea  7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal  7:30 pm Membership Cultivation Meeting	9	10
<b>Alternative Christmas Market 8:15-9:00; 10:30 – 11:00 am</b>						
<b>Nicaragua Material Aid Collection</b>						
<b>11</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 5) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 10:30 am Pageant Preparation 11:00 am Adult Study: <i>God's Politics</i>	12  10:00 am Bible and Bagels  11:00 am Metro Boston District Committee on Ministry	13  7:30 pm Christian Education Meeting	14  6:30 pm Quiet Center  7:00 pm Taizé Prayer  7:30 pm Finance  8:00 pm Administrative Council	15  3:00 pm Afternoon Tea  7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal	16	17  2:00 – 4:00 pm Pageant Rehearsal
<b>Amnesty International Letter Writing Campaign</b>						
<b>Nicaragua Material Aid Collection</b>						
<b>18</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Communion in the library 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music; Nursery Care 10:30 am Christmas Brunch Christmas Caroling 5:30 pm Methodist Youth Fellowship	19  10:00 am Bible and Bagels	20	21  6:30 pm Quiet Center  7:00 pm Taizé Prayer	22  7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal	23	24  <b>Christmas Eve</b>  5:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Service  
<b>Roxbury Food Cupboard Collection</b>						
<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music; Nursery Care 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall	26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>  



**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
*an inclusive and reconciling congregation*  
2600 Massachusetts Avenue  
Lexington, MA 02421-6718

### **Our Sunday Program**

- 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal**
- 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music;**  
**Nursery Care**
- 9:30 am Godly Play (N - 5)**
- 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall**
- 11:00 am Adult Study**
- 5:30 pm Methodist Youth Fellowship**

## **December 2005 Newsletter**



**Rev. Hope N. Luckie, Minister**  
Jeanne Lucas, Music Director  
David Babbidge, Sexton  
Allyson Printz, Office Administrator

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**Alternative Christmas Market**  
**December 4; See page 7**

**Christmas Eve  
Worship**  
**December 24**  
**5:30 pm**