

# The Lexington United Methodist Church

an inclusive and reconciling United Methodist Congregation

## Newsletter

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

It is the season for giving thanks. As we engage in the process of *Creating Lexington UMC's Future*, I have become more aware and appreciative of the church's past – the sacrifices made by so many over the years, the bold and faithful-to-the-Gospel decisions that have been acted upon, and the prayerful and grounded-in-Christ life of this community.

And so, in this season of thanksgiving, I share these moments from Lexington UMC's past, for which I am particularly grateful, for they have formed us and defined our current identity as a Household of God.

I am thankful for.....

- The 67 members who chartered the Lexington UMC in 1952
- The 1954 purchase of an apple orchard on Massachusetts Ave. that became the site for the church
- The consecration of the land, building and contents in 1957 (valued at \$250,000)
- The completion of the first floor education wing and formation of the Methodist Weekday School in 1961
- St. John's Korean UMC begins to share space with LUMC in 1967
- The four years of remodeling and enlarging the church from 1984 – 88 and the 1988 formation of the United Methodist Corporation, binding St. John's Korean and Lexington UMC as partners in ministry
- A Covenant signed with La Borgoña, Nicaragua in 1992
- The adoption of our Mission Statement in 1996 and Vision Statement in 1999
- The decision to become an inclusive and reconciling congregation in 2000
- Celebrating our 50 years of ministry and mission at our Fiftieth Anniversary weekend in May, 2002 and the establishment of a Social Justice Endowment Fund.

To those who have had many years of ministry with Lexington UMC, THANK YOU for your faithful commitment. To those who are new among us, THANK YOU for appreciating and embracing this Household of God. With deep sincerity, I am able to say:

*Dear God, who has been so faithful to this community over these many years,*

*For all that has been.....THANKS.*

*For all that will be.....YES.\**

With thanksgiving,

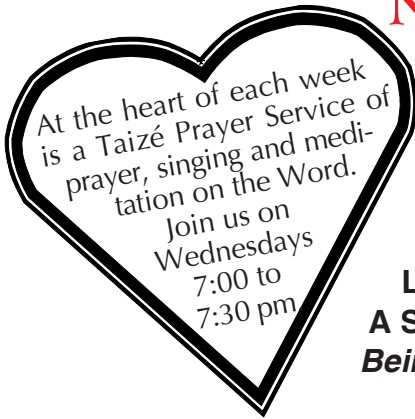
*Rev. Susan*

Rev. Susan J. Morrison



\* One of my favorites, this saying is credited to Dag Hammarskjöld, UN Secretary General, 1953-61

# November Worship 2004



Creating  
LUMC's Future:  
A Sermon Series on  
*Being the Household  
of God*

Symbols for the Journey: The Table; Money and Possessions; Water, Basin and Towel; Bread and Wine; Oil

## November 7 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Word and Table

Home is where you can count on sharing the food that is on the table.

Symbols: Bread and Wine

9:15 am Praise Music, Nursery Care  
9:30 am Worship, *Godly Play*, Youth Study  
**Household Law is the Torah and the Gospel**  
Exodus 16:11 - 26  
Gathering the daily manna with Sabbath rest  
Luke 9:10 - 17  
Feeding the multitude and sharing the leftovers

## November 14 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Home is where you receive a blessing.

Symbol: Oil

9:15 am Praise Music, Nursery Care  
9:30 am Worship, *Godly Play*, Youth Study  
**Household Law is the Torah and the Gospel**  
Genesis 32:22 - 31  
Jacob wrestling with God, receiving a blessing  
Luke 7:36 - 50  
Woman who anoints Jesus' feet with oil

## November 21 Thanksgiving Sunday

Consecration of our 2005 Pledges

9:00 am Holy Communion served in the library  
9:15 am Praise Music, Nursery Care  
9:30 am Worship, *Godly Play*, Youth Study  
Lectionary readings from Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4 - 9; John 6:25 - 35. Andrea Laux will be the preacher.

## Tuesday, November 23 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Hosted by Lexington UMC  
and St. John's Korean UMC

7:00 pm Interfaith Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service followed by a time of Fellowship in Martin Hall

## Saturday, November 27

10:00 am - noon Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent



Everyone is welcome to come and share in the "Hanging of the Greens."

## November 28 First Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Praise Music, Nursery Care  
9:30 am Worship, *Godly Play*, Youth Study

Advent Communion will be served and there will be the Lighting of the First Candle on the Advent Wreath.

## Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Hosted by Lexington UMC and St. John's Korean UMC  
Sponsored by the Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association

Tuesday, November 23, 8:00 pm

at Lexington UMC/St. John's Korean UMC

There will be an Interfaith Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm.

Join us for worship at 8:00 pm as we celebrate the blessings that we share as neighbors. Friends of many faiths will share in thanksgiving for our heritage, and pray together for our world. Invite your neighbors to share in this meaningful experience.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service. (Call 781-861-9301 for directions.)



# Creating Lexington UMC'S Future

Each month this page will provide updates on the process and progress of *Creating LUMC's Future* ~ Watch for announcements of important all church gatherings!

## November Events

- November 1: Coordinating Team meets
- November 21: All Church Potluck (5:00 pm) followed by discussion on *Creating LUMC's Future* and update on the process (6:00 - 8:00 pm).

The Serenity Prayer asks that we accept the things we cannot change, change the things we can, and have the wisdom to know the difference. We might let that be our prayer as we ponder...

What if.

- The 6.7% US decline in our denomination during the 90s is repeated in this decade, forcing the closure or consolidation of churches?
- Our denomination continues to become more conservative?
- Our membership remains constant while operating and overhead costs continue to rise?
- Lexington housing costs (and those in surrounding communities) continue to exclude younger families from settling near our congregation?
- The 25% of St. John's Korean members that chose to remain during the summer crisis and schism are unable to thrive as a church? pay their bills? support 50% of the cost of maintenance of the property?
- What if 5 of the top 10 givers, who are currently retired and who contribute 26% of the pledge income are no longer here? or if 10 of the top 20 givers, who are currently retired and who contribute 35% of the pledge income are no longer here?
- Weekend sports and other options continue to draw people away from church?
- Memberships from Hanscom AFB continue at the low number they have reached?

These are some of the trends identified at the September 26 All Church meeting and refined by the Coordinating Team. Some have been further discussed in our Covenant Groups. If you have not been part of one, the copies of chapters and the study guides are available in the office. We encourage you to read on your own and think about

the issues raised in them both personally and regarding LUMC.

No matter what your level of involvement, we need YOUR VOICE in these discussions. Youth are particularly encouraged to come as YOU are our future. DO plan to come to the ALL Church meeting on November 21. It will begin earlier than the last one and childcare will be provided. Potluck will be at 5:00 pm and the meeting at 6:00 pm. We promise to end by 8:00 pm.

Faithfully,

The Coordinating Team

*Julie Barnette, Smoki Fraser, Keith Herndon, Andrea Laux, Kathy Parks, Janis Roihl, Bill Santelmann, Rev. Susan Morrison, and Derek Kotze and Rick Lent, consultants*



On Sunday evening, November 21 at 5:00 pm we will gather for another All Church Potluck Supper in Martin Hall. This will be the second in a series of all church gatherings this year to engage everyone in the process of *Creating LUMC's Future*. We hope that YOU will be there!

Following supper, the Coordinating Team will share an update on the process, answer questions about the *Future Search* weekend that will take place this winter and encourage conversation and input about the trends that have made a "case for action" at LUMC.

If the first letter of your last name begins with:

**A-H bring Dessert**

**I-P bring Salad**

**Q bring Rolls/Bread**

**R-Z bring a Main Dish.**

If you need a ride, ask someone in your neighborhood, invite a friend who drives, or contact the church office at 781-861-9301. We don't want anyone to miss this event because of lack of transportation.

- Sponsored by the Coordinating Team of the process for *Creating LUMC's Future*

**Are we being faithful to our understanding of the Gospel?**



**“Let your light shine” (Mt. 5: 16)  
so that Lexington UMC’s light  
will keep shining!**

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your responses to the letters that many of you received regarding our Stewardship Campaign for 2005. 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. We will celebrate the results on November 21 at our Thanksgiving Service.

*- Clint Fawcett,  
Chairperson and the Stewardship Committee*

## Finance Committee Goal

The Finance Committee set its goal for excellence this year as communicating the financial state of the church more openly to all LUMC. To that end, we are launching a monthly corner of the newsletter to communicate how the cash flow is going. We will keep it short and sweet — since we want to keep the focus on the spirit. These figures do not include activity in designated funds (e.g. Nicaragua or Memorials) but only general budget figures.

*-Keith Herndon, Chair, Finance Committee*

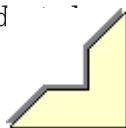


### Finance Corner

Total 2004 receipts to LUMC through 9/30/04:  
\$170,787

Total 2004 expenditures by LUMC  
through 9/30/04:  
\$175,826

Total 2004 expenditures that were bud  
through 9/30/04:  
\$176,339



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

At the October Corporation meeting (which includes trustees from LUMC and St. John’s Korean UMC, the two pastors and the co-directors of the Methodist Weekday School), the budget for 2005 was approved. It represented a decrease of over \$5,000 from the 2004 budget. Total expenses are estimated at \$132,515. Of this amount, income expected from LUMC and St. John’s Korean UMC totals \$110,000. The remaining \$22,515 is raised by rentals and other miscellaneous income. Our 50% share of the assessment will be \$55,000, an increase of almost \$15,000 when compared to 2004. This increase is due to the church’s decision last summer to pay 50% instead of 35% of the income needed from the two churches.

How can you help? Cost cutting means reducing energy costs. 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 \$1.37 a gallon for oil. He signed the contract with Hughes Oil at the end of the summer. For reference, we used 6695 gallons of oil during the heating season last year. 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.

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• **December Newsletter Articles due** •  
• **Monday, November 22, 2004** •  
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## LUMC Giant Yard Sale A Smash Sensational Success

Thanks to all for pitching in and helping out with the Yard Sale on October 23 - from the publicity, the phone calls, the kitchen, the jewelry, the baked goods, furniture, clothing, toys, set-it-up, and put-it-all-away. With everyone’s enthusiastic participation, we raised \$1530 for LUMC (give or take a dime for rounding). And most importantly, a good time was had by all.

Thanks again to everyone!

*- Keith Herndon, Chair, Finance Committee*

# Adult Study Opportunities



## Covenant Groups

Covenant Groups will continue to meet on Mondays and Tuesdays into November. Please continue to pray for the conversations and exchanges that are taking place during these group times. Joan Chittister's book *Scarred by Struggle: Transformed by Hope* has set an important theological foundation for the process of *Creating LUMC's Future*.

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

### Strivers Adult Theology Study Begins November 7

All are welcome to explore with past members of the "Strivers" group the nature of God and religious truth through the study of books and papers by contemporary theologians. Our series this year will be split into two segments due to other activities on the LUMC calendar. We will have three sessions at the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour on Sunday beginning November 7 and three or four sessions in the spring after Easter.

This year's study will explore and discuss essays and papers by Rudolf Bultmann, Paul Tillich, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and H. Richard Niebuhr. In addition, we will complete Part One of Gene Marshall's book, *The Call of the Awe*, that we studied this past winter.

**Nov. 7, 2004** Highlights from our last study

- ♦ "The Crisis of Faith" by Rudolf Bultmann
- ♦ The nature of God and Jesus as the second third of the God experience as we studied in Gene Marshall's book, *The Call of the Awe*.

**November 14, 2004**

- ♦ *You Are Accepted* by Paul Tillich.

**November 21, 2004**

- ♦ *Mind, Consciousness, Personality, and Spirit*; Chapter 5, pp. 91-121 in *The Call of the Awe* by Gene W. Marshall.

Sessions will be held in the LUMC library at 11:00 am on the Sundays indicated. Please contact Ken Kreutziger that you will be joining us, as materials for the sessions will be available.

## Sermon Talk Back to be held in the Pastor's Study

Bible study, prayer and fellowship will be shared in the Pastor's Study at the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour. There will be the opportunity to respond to the scriptures and sermon shared that morning in worship. All are welcomed.



## Monday Morning Bible and Bagels

Following the conclusion of the Covenant Groups, Bible and Bagels will resume on Monday, November 15 from 10:00 – 11:30 am in the church library. *God at 2000 Series* will be shown and discussed on November 15, 22, and 29. Join internationally known scholars from the worlds of Islam, Judaism and Christianity as they reveal how they personally view the sacred. Taped on the videos are remarkable contemporary giants of faith Lawrence Kushner, Diana Eck, Marcus Borg, Karen Armstrong, Joan Chittister, Desmond Tutu, and Seyyed Hossein.

## November Book Club

LUMC's Book Club will meet on Monday, November 15 at 7:30 pm. The group will discuss *The Ladies #1 Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. The group will meet in the church library and Julie Barnette will host the evening.

## Prayer Practices

### Praying with Our Bodies

Our series on different kinds of prayer will continue on November 17 with a session on praying with our bodies, which promises to be fun and informative. We often are told "to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength." What is missing from this picture? Come at 7:30 on November 17 and find out!

Wednesday, November 17

7:30 pm, Library

Prayer Workshop: Praying with Our Bodies



## An Invitation for Newcomers

Newcomers and those interested in becoming members of Lexington UMC will meet in the church library on Sunday afternoon, November 7 at 4:00 pm for a second session on the United Methodist Church and the meaning of church membership. All are welcomed!



## REACHING OUT...

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### YOUR VOTE COUNTED!

I received the following thank you from Project Bread and wish to share it with you.

“Dear Friend:

Great news! Thanks to all your hard work signing advocacy postcards, this year’s state budget includes funding for all the child nutrition programs. The final budget reinstates funds for the FoodSource Hotline and food stamp outreach that had been cut two years ago. It also provides level funding for Universal School Breakfast, outreach and startup for school breakfast and summer food, and nutrition services through the WIC program. This is a significant victory, and these programs are a terrific investment for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On behalf of Project Bread, and most importantly, hungry children throughout the state, thank you for all your help with this year’s budget advocacy. We could not have done it without you.

Sincerely,

Ellen Parker

Executive Director”

By Linda Miner, Outreach co-Chair

### LUMC IS A UNIQUE

#### NEW ENGLAND METHODIST CHURCH

Your Outreach Committee recently voted to send \$50 to the Interfaith AIDS Ministry, Inc. (IAM) located in Newton, MA. We received a fall newsletter that stated – “As the only active religious based AIDS ministry in New England with a unique set of services we are very thankful to all the financial contributors who make it possible to fulfill our mission.”

**LUMC was the only Methodist church in New England listed as a donor** along with our conference. Other donor congregations listed were the American Baptist, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, United Church of Christ and Unitarian-Universalist Church.

Thank you to all at LUMC who take the time to care about others.

### ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Mark those calendars! On **December 5** we will hold our fourth Alternative Christmas Market. There will be opportunities for buying before and after church. Gift certificates will be made available for contributions to organizations such as Amnesty International. Buy an animal from the Heifer Project for a friend or relative and give them the joy of knowing that in a very small way they will make it possible for others to have a more abundant life. Also fair-traded coffee will be on sale. Not only does it taste delicious but it gives the small farmer a fair price for coffee grown under ecologically sound farming practices.

Please come and shop. This is a unique way of looking at holiday giving and may bring great joy to friends and relatives.

Janet Melcher

### MATERIAL AID FOR NICARAGUA

The arrival of the Holiday season brings abundant opportunity for giving both here at home and abroad. As you go out into the malls and halls of the shopping world, please remember to think about your brothers and sisters in Nicaragua. As is our custom, we will be collecting items for Nicaragua on December 5 and 12. I would like to see us outdo our past efforts that have been generous indeed.

We will be collecting sewing supplies, pain relievers, band-aids, antibiotic ointment, vitamins, new underwear, new sneakers, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shampoo (now is a good time to look in your medicine cabinets and rescue those little bottles that you bring back from your trips), backpacks, combs, paper, notebooks, pencils and sharpeners, “clicky” pens, and markers.

**If you pick up a few items each time you go out, you will hardly notice the cost to your wallet. I firmly believe that we receive more by our giving than by our getting. The saying shouldn’t be “Give until it hurts,” but “Give until it feels good!”**

For the Outreach Committee by Bill Santelmann

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

## GODLY PLAY IN NOVEMBER

Join us in *Godly Play* this November as we continue to discover the foundations of our faith in the Hebrew Bible stories of Genesis and Exodus.

November 7, 2004	The Promised Land
November 14, 2004	Jerusalem
November 21, 2004	Exile and Return
November 28, 2004	Advent I

Give your child the gift of *Godly Play*!

## CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR OUR SPONSOR CHILD, SUNITHA YADIAH



Each year, our elementary age children sponsor a child at the Methodist Girls Academy in India. The children's offering goes toward this sponsorship, and during the year, the children write cards for Valentines Day and Easter, and we send Christmas gifts to our sponsor child each year.

We began sponsoring a little girl, Sunitha Yariah, last year. She is now 7 years old. She has 3 siblings and loves to sing.

On October 31, we are launching our 2004 Christmas gift campaign, to assemble gifts and cards for Sunitha. There will be a Christmas tree with "card" ornaments in Martin Hall at Fellowship time after the service for each Sunday, starting October 31 and going through November 15.

Each card ornament is a suggestion for a specific item for a Christmas gift for Sunitha. If you wish to purchase a gift for Sunitha, please take one of the cards from the tree. Purchase the gift, wrap it, and attach the card ornament to the gift (we will remove it before we ship the gifts) so that the Christian Ed committee will know which gifts we are sending. We ask that you spend no more than between \$5 and \$10 on the gift.

Please return your wrapped gift to either Kathy Parks or Andrea Laux by Sunday November 15. We will be mailing them to Sunitha on November 16.

## NQMA News

(Not Quite Middle Aged)

### Who do you say that I am?

This fall, the NQMA will be revisiting the theme from our Annual Retreat last May. We will be reading *Living in the Question* by M. Basil Pennington and exploring the over 200 questions Jesus asked in the Bible. This series focuses on finding meaning in our lives by asking and "living in" these questions.

Our meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in LUMC's Library (November 2 and 16). This is a great time to join!



## All are Invited to Decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent Season

The Worship Committee invites the church family to help in the "**Hanging of the Greens**" Saturday morning, November 27 from 10:00 am - noon. Meet in the Sanctuary. Light refreshments will be served.

The committee *especially* invites the Youth and elementary age children to join in the festivities. Parents and others are welcome to help.

Please RSVP to Jane Hogan (781-259-0701).



# Advent Material Aid Collection for Nicaragua

December 5 and 12

We invite you to make any of the following contributions to our Advent collection on December 5 and 12. 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-Nicaragua and placed in the offering plate.

- Linda Rings

## Concerns and Celebrations

Congratulations to Meg Soens and Cecilia D'Olivera whose marriage was blessed October 16, 2004 at First Parish UU, Lexington. Meg is a long time friend at LUMC and organizer of the Respecting Differences Coalition in town.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Dona Aurora Solis who died recently in Nicaragua.

## The Web Watch



Type these "URL" addresses into your Internet Explorer to see information pertaining to our LUMC theme "Peace With Justice" that you may not see elsewhere. Your comments, suggestions, and web contributions are welcome and solicited. Please leave them in the Outreach box near the church office or send to Bill Santelmann at: n1au@rcn.com. Thank you!

This month, Bob Miner has contributed a page from the Fall 2004 issue of *Massachusetts Sierran* entitled *Bring Renewable Energy to the Commonwealth!* Here are the web sites:

<http://www.masstech.org/>

This is a website for MTC, the Massachusetts Technical Collaborative that administers the Renewable Energy Trust Fund to promote renewable energy in Massachusetts. MTC is now working with over 40 municipalities across the state to explore the feasibility of siting one or two wind turbines in each. Be sure to click on and view *Want to Learn About Clean Energy?*

[http://www.ceere.org/rerl/about\\_wind/](http://www.ceere.org/rerl/about_wind/)

This website takes you to the Renewable Energy Research Laboratory (RERL) of the Center for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, supported in part by MTC. Fact sheets are presented on:

- Wind Technology Today
- Performance, Integration & Economics
- Impacts & Issues
- Siting in Communities
- Resource Assessment
- Interpreting Your Wind Resource Data
- Permitting in Your Community

<http://www.mtpc.org/RenewableEnergy/>

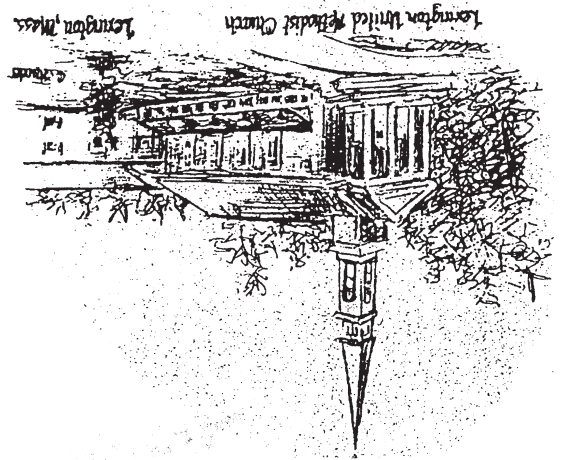
The Renewable Energy Trust site for links to:

- Green Buildings
- Green Schools
- Green Power
- Solar-to-Market
- Education and Public Awareness
- Outreach/Siting
- Public Policy

Prepared by Bill Santelmann

# November 2004 - Lexington United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> 10:00 am Covenant Gp.  6:00 pm Outreach (Santelmanns')  7:30 pm Coordinating Team Meeting	<b>2</b> <b>Election Day</b> 9:00 – 3:00 pm Metro District DCOM  1:30 pm Covenant Group  7:30 pm Not Quite Middle Agers	<b>3</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">             7:00 pm              Taizé Prayer              Service           </div>  7:30 pm Worship Committee	<b>4</b>  Noon Lexington Interfaith Clergy Assoc.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  10:00 am Special Session of annual Conference (UNH)
<b>7</b>  <b style="color: red;">23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b style="color: red;">Service of Word and Table</b>  8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 4); Youth Study (5-8) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Adult Study/Sermon Talk Back 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Inquiry for New Members 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries	<b>8</b>  10:00 am Covenant Group	<b>9</b>  1:30 pm Covenant Group  7:30 pm Christian Ed. Meeting	<b>10</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">             7:00 pm              Taizé Prayer              Service           </div>  7:30 pm Finance Mtg.  8:00 pm Ad. Council	<b>11</b>  <b>Veterans' Day</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  <b style="color: red;">24th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b style="color: red;">Reception of New Members</b>  8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 4); Youth Study (5-8)) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Adult Study/Sermon Talk Back 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries	<b>15</b>  10:00 am Bible and Bagels  7:30 pm LUMC Book Club (Library)	<b>16</b>  7:00 pm MWS Committee  7:30 pm Not Quite Middle Agers	<b>17</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">             7:00 pm              Taizé Prayer              Service           </div>  7:30 pm Prayer Workshop	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  10:00 am – 3:00 pm Board of Church and Society (Eliot, ME)
<b>21</b>  <b style="color: red;">Thanksgiving Sunday</b>  8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Communion served in the library 9:00 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 4); Youth Study (5-8) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 11:00 am Adult Study/Sermon Talk Back 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries 5:00 pm All Church Potluck 6:00 pm <i>Creating LUMC's Future</i> Meeting	<b>22</b>  <b>December            Newsletter            Deadline</b>  10:00 am Bible and Bagels  7:30 pm Corporation Meeting	<b>23</b>  7:00 pm Lexington Interfaith Choir Rehearsal  <b style="color: red;">8:00 pm            Lexington            Interfaith            Thanksgiving            Worship            hosted by            LUMC and St.            John's KUMC</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b style="color: red;">Thanksgiving            Day</b>	<b>26</b>  <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<b>27</b>  9:00 am Lexington Food Pantry  10:00 am – noon Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
<b>28</b>  <b style="color: red;">First Sunday of Advent</b> <b style="color: red;">Advent Communion Service</b>  8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 4); Youth Study (5-8) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 11:00 am Adult Study 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries	<b>29</b>  10:00 am Bible and Bagels	<b>30</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f7fa;"> <b style="color: red;">Important Dates to Save in Your Calendar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book Club (Library): November 15, 7:30 pm</li> <li>All Church Potluck (5:00 pm) and <i>Creating LUMC's Future Meeting</i> (6:00 - 8:00 pm): November 21</li> <li>Lexington Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship (hosted by LUMC and St. John's KUMC): November 23, 8:00 pm</li> <li>Cluster Charge Conference (Winchester): Saturday, December 4, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm</li> <li>Alternative Christmas Market: December 5</li> <li>Amnesty International Letter Writing: December 12</li> </ul> </div>			



**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 Praise Music; Nursery Care
- 9:30 am Worship; *Godly Play* (N - Gr. 4  
Youth Study (Gr. 5 - 8)
- 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall
- 11:00 am Adult Study
- 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal



# November 2004 Newsletter

----- **Susan J. Morrison, Pastor**  
Andrea Laux, Christian Education Director  
Pastoral Intern  
Daniel Roihl, Music Director/Organist  
David Babbidge, Sexton  
Allyson Printz, Office Administrator



## Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

*Hosted by Lexington UMC and St. John's Korean UMC  
Sponsored by the Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association*

Tuesday, November 23, 8:00 pm  
at Lexington UMC/St. John's Korean UMC

There will be an Interfaith Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm.

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