

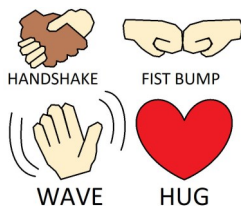


The LUMinary

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Pastor's Corner

Greetings Church!



It's been a great first month. You are a warm and generous community, and I am so blessed to be your pastor! Thank you for the "Taste of the Burg" basket with goodies from the bakery and gift cards to local restaurants and coffee shops. I am still settling into my beautiful home and the church office and finding a comfortable rhythm of life.

Beginning, **Tuesday, August 6th**, I will be at Twilliger's from 9-11 AM for conversation and prayer. Most Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, I am available at the church during office hours (9:30 AM – 2:30 PM). Feel free to stop by or call/text to let me know you're dropping in. On Wednesdays, I focus on writing sermons, so I am available by appointment only that day. Friday and Saturday are my Sabbath and day off, though I am available by phone in case of emergencies.

Looking forward, I am excited about several upcoming events:

Tuesday, August 20th – Game Night @ LUMC **5 PM - 7 PM**

Join Kendi in the Fellowship Hall for a night of fun and fellowship. Popcorn and Lemonade will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite card or board games and a snack to share. Contact Pastor Kendi if you have questions.

Sunday, September 1st – Hymn Sing!

We will celebrate worship with a Hymn Sing! Requests will be taken during the month of August. If you are unable to join us in person, please call or email the church office with your hymn request. We will do our best to honor all requests.

We would also like to include a few "special" musical offerings, so if you play an instrument or would like to sing a solo or with a small ensemble, please let Pastor Kendi know by August 15.

Sunday, September 8th – Fall Kickoff

Second Sunday Breakfast 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

New Sermon Series: *'Life Takes You Unexpected Places - Love Brings You Home'*

Adult Bible Study Returns in August with two opportunities to connect in person and online. Details on the next page.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Kendi

Leadership

Opening and Closing the Church - Your Help is Appreciated!

If you are the first to arrive and unlock the church for worship on Sunday morning, please unlock the three main entrances: the front doors, the side ramp doors and the fellowship hall doors. Each has an Allen or hex wrench adjacent to the doors. And if you are the last to leave after coffee fellowship, please turn off the sanctuary, kitchen and fellowship hall lights; most other lights are motion-activated. Then check each of the three main entrances and lock and latch the doors. Thank you.

Worship and Fellowship Events

Worship Time is 10:30 am with Coffee Fellowship to follow.

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Aug 4: Pam Wagner
Aug 11: No breakfast-need a volunteer for coffee
Aug 18: Joe & Nancy Robinson
Aug 25: Tom & Sandy Turek

August 4: Worship with Rejoicing-The Weight of the Word 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
August 11: Worship with Rejoicing-Prayers of the People 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15,31-33
No Second Sunday Breakfast this month
August 18: Worship with Rejoicing-Benediction 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
August 25: Worship with Rejoicing-Send Out to Live 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43

Service

Change for a Change in August will go to UMCOR World Hunger & Poverty

The primary goal of the project is to provide funding, accompaniment, and technical support to organizations empowering families to sustainably improve their food and nutrition security. The project also develops resources and educational materials to educate and raise awareness within the faith-based community about the issues faced by people who are poor and food insecure and to call people to action to end the systemic injustices of hunger and



Open:
Mon. 1-3 pm
Thurs 5-7 pm

Students in FFA at the high school have planted a garden to bring fresh produce to the Food Bank! If you have produce to share, you can bring it to the church on Mondays or Thursdays.



Remember, the **Rice Meal Pack event is coming Nov. 9.** Each bag feeds 6 people and costs \$2 to prepare. Please help us cover the cost to make 2,000 bags. You can donate online at our website or at church. Sign-up to help assemble the bags will be available soon.

Discovery

New Bible Study and Book Study begin in September!

Book Study

Time: Thursday Mornings, 10 am to 11 am
Date: Starting September 5th
Place: LUMC in person/Zoom if weather warrants
Facilitator: Diana Carpenter
Who Can Attend?: This class is geared toward Adults

Our book is What Is the Bible? by Rob Bell.

Rob Bell says, "Some people see the Bible as an outdated book of primitive, barbaric fairy tales that we have moved beyond. And then there are the folks who talk about how important and central and inspired the Bible is but then butcher it with their stilted literalism and stifling interpretations. But you, I want you to read the Bible in a whole new way."

Please sign up for one or both studies on the clipboard, by emailing Diana Carpenter at missionarydlc@gmail.com, or contacting the church office so we can order the books.

Bible Study

Time: Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm
Date: Starting September 4th
Place: LUMC in person/Zoom if weather warrants
Facilitator: Diana Carpenter
Who Can Attend?: This class is geared toward Adults

1st book: Bible-NIV preferably (please don't use KJV)
2nd book: The Bible for Grown-Ups by Simon Loveday

The Bible for Grown-Ups neither requires, nor rejects belief. It sets out to help intelligent adults make sense of the Bible-a book that is too large to swallow whole, yet too important in our history and culture to spit out. Why do the creation stories in Genesis contradict each other? Did the Exodus really happen? Was king David a historical figure? Why is Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus so different from Luke's? Every Biblical author wrote for their own time and their own audience. In short, nothing in the Bible is quite what it seems.