



## CELEBRATIONS

- Happy New Year! We celebrate a successful end to 2021 and look forward to 2022.
- We celebrate paying 100% of our Mission Share to the Great Plains Conference for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.
- We celebrate our Mixed Nuts young adult mission team. The group of 12 left this morning for Houston, Texas, and will spend the week doing disaster recovery work.
- Thank you for your donations to the Advent and Christmas Eve offering to benefit Banana Africa Gospel Church. \$4,098 was contributed to this project. If you want to help us achieve our \$4,500 goal, donations are still being accepted.

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You may announce a reason for celebration or request prayer in any of the following ways:

- speak to Pastor Ezekiel Koech
- email [Ezekiel.koech@lenexaumc.org](mailto:Ezekiel.koech@lenexaumc.org)
- write it on the attendance card in the bulletin
- call the church office at (913) 888-5600

If you like, you can ask that the pastor hold your concern in confidence. You may also ask that your concern or celebration be shared with the prayer chain. To do so, send an email to [prayers@lenexaumc.org](mailto:prayers@lenexaumc.org).

For pastoral emergencies, call Pastor Ezekiel Koech at (785) 324-9174.

## CONCERNS

- Healing for our country and world
- **Mary Dothage**, health concerns
- The family of **Marilyn West** at her death
- **Jim and Julie Allen** at the death of Jim's mother, Dorothy Allen.
- **Gale Larson**, health concerns
- **Deborah Curran's**, granddaughter, Olivia, health concerns
- **Lyle Wilson**, health concerns
- **Jennifer Bryan**, health concerns
- **Dorothy Wehrly**, health concerns
- **Jennifer Bryan's** sister, Ronnie, health concerns
- **Ken Osbourn**, health concerns
- **Mary Lou Hunt**, health concerns
- **Frances Dunham**, health concerns

We pray for those deployed in military service.

We pray for our preschool teachers and families.



January 2, 2022



**Lenexa United  
Methodist Church**

## WELCOME

One: God is good...

**All: All the time!**

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

**All: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.**

One: God embraces the wounded and broken.

**All: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.**

One: God is the one who makes all things new.

**All: Praise be to God, now and forevermore!**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on Earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory forever.*

**Amen.**

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered upon us.*

*We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses. We pray that you make the new year a more fruitful and blessed one.*

*We also thank You for every test of time that has brought us stronger in faith and trust in You. Bestow upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*May we be slow to anger and condemnation but be swift to respond in love, peace and forgiveness.*

*May unity be our motto and love for one another be our utmost desire in this new year.*

**In Jesus name,  
Amen.**