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PASTOR'S CORNER



Happy Holy Week to the Lenexa United Methodist Church family!

As we prepare to enter Holy Week, we invite you to join us for a rich array of worship opportunities at LUMC.

On Palm Sunday, April 2 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., we will celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with palm fronds and hosannas during Sunday morning worship. This is the time when adults will be helping children wave the palm leaves as we sing hosanna music. Following the second service, kids can participate in the Easter Egg Hunt and do crafts, and we'll all eat a delicious lunch together before we go home.

Our Holy Week worship continues on Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples, his compassionate act of washing their feet, and his "new commandment" to love one another as he loved us.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, we'll have 3 services. The youth-led Easter Son-Rise Service will begin at 7 a.m. at the Lion's Shelter at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park. There will also be 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services in the Sanctuary. At 10:30 worship, we will conclude our Easter celebration with hymns accompanied by the choir and the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus.

Please don't miss Holy Week worship! It provides an opportunity for you to experience the fullness of God's sacrificial and triumphant love for us and the world through the story of Jesus. These services provide an opportunity to experience more of the height and depth and breadth of God's love for us and for the world. It's good to be together during this holy season! We also encourage you to consider someone who might be enriched by this opportunity to worship with us. Invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to come with you.

Check CrossLinks and our website for other Holy Week church activities. Worship services will also be live-streamed online, as usual, so that all of you can participate from any place in the world.

Looking forward to worshipping with you this season, we remain...

Faithfully in our Risen Lord,

Ezekiel Koech

Pastor Ezekiel Koech

WORDS ON WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 | PALM SUNDAY

“Misunderstanding Jesus at the Triumphal Entry”

Matthew 21:1-17. Christ longs to make a "triumphal entry" into our hearts, but our expectations of who Christ is "supposed" to be can keep us from receiving Christ as He actually is. Preparation for the journey to Calvary has started. This journey involves giving up things that can hinder us, and putting together things that can help us on the journey. Rev. Ezekiel Koech preaching. Communion at 9:00 and 10:30. Tree of Life Praise Band at 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir at 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNION SUNDAY:

When receiving communion, you have the choice of either bread or gluten-free wafer, and of pre-packaged juice cup or the chalice for intinction. If worshipping at home, you are invited to supply your own bread and juice.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 | MAUNDY THURSDAY | **7 p.m.**

“The Best Way To Get Through Life”

John 13:1-17. Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. Rev. Ezekiel Koech preaching.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 | EASTER SUNDAY

7 a.m.: Youth-led Son-Rise service | the Lion's Shelter at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park

9 & 10:30 a.m.: Worship in the sanctuary | *“He Is Risen!”*

Luke 28:1-7. This day, as we all know is, Easter. Literally millions of people all over the world will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ—that some 2000 years ago, on that Sunday morning, the tomb of Christ was empty. Rev. Ezekiel Koech preaching. Tree of Life Praise Band at 9:00 a.m. Growing in Grace Children's Choir and Chancel Choir at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 | 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Appreciating The Gift of Now”

Luke 24: 13-24, 28-35. We all lead busy lives, even in the midst of grief. So often, we find ourselves looking back or looking forward that we miss the gift of now. For us to appreciate Jesus and know him after the resurrection, we must continue to be in relationship with him. Paige Foster preaching. Tree of Life Praise Band at 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 | 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Doubting Christian: What Does Christian Mean?”

John 3:1-18. What is the meaning of "Christian" in American culture? We will explore that meaning, along with doctrinal beliefs and behaviors. Rev. Ezekiel Koech preaching. Tree of Life Praise Band at 9:00 a.m. Joy Bells at 9:00 and 10:30.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 | TOGETHER SUNDAY | **One service at 10:00 a.m.**

“Doubting Christian: Born-Again vs. Un-born-Again Christian”

John 3:4-8. The born-again experience is supernaturally accomplished by God as a result of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Word of God being planted in a human life. A born-again person is radically changed by God from the inside out. Rev. Ezekiel Koech preaching. Communion will be served. Tree of Life Praise Band and Chancel Choir will lead music.

worship with us in person or online!

9:00 a.m. | Blended Worship
(Contemporary/Traditional)

10:30 a.m. | Traditional Worship

Participate in Sunday worship remotely in any of these ways!

#1: LIVESTREAM

At 9:00 or 10:30, you can watch worship live at [facebook.com/lenexaumc/live](https://www.facebook.com/lenexaumc/live). You do not need a Facebook account to be able to watch. If you go to the website before the video has started, it will not automatically show up when worship begins. You will need to refresh the webpage for the video to load.

#2: WATCH LATER

The videos from both services are posted each week at [lenexaumc.org/worship-online](https://www.lenexaumc.org/worship-online). They are posted shortly after worship ends on Sunday morning and are available to watch anytime during the week. Videos are left on this page for at least 3 months, so you can go back and watch previous weeks if you missed them or want to watch them again.

#3: LISTEN TO A CD RECORDING

If you don't have internet access or would prefer to listen on CD, we have audio recordings of the 9:00 and 10:30 A.M. services available. Contact the church office at office@lenexaumc.org — we'll mail you a CD each week.

Happy Easter!

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a happy Easter, and invite you to Easter Services here at LUMC.

Worship in the Park will soon be here before you know it. I am sure a lot of you miss it. I was at the park yesterday and the ground is already looking green. I want to invite you and your loved ones to join us on Sundays starting June 4 at 8 a.m. at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park for outdoor worship.

There is also a wonderful church event coming up this month for women in our congregation. Indian Heights UMC and LifeBridge KC at Monticello will host a women's retreat, Woven Women, at Monticello UMC. Last year, women from 8 different UMC churches attended the retreat. It was truly a wonderful time for them to connect; as woven women, they weave together their stories, their environments, and their families to create transformative and powerful places to encounter God. This includes kingdom-building, carrying one another's burdens, and serving to be faithful disciples doing church and life with one another.

Join the group this year on Friday, April 28 from 6–9 p.m. for a meal and worship as everyone gets to know one another. Participants will discuss their understandings about friendships, relationships and finding community. A variety of speakers will join to provide some insight on these topics. The retreat will continue with more speakers on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. with breakfast and lunch provided! The cost is \$40, and scholarships are available. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/wovenwomen2023> to learn more and sign up. If you have questions, you can contact Pastor Bailey Amtower (bamtower@greatplainsumc.org). And as always, friends and family are welcome to join such events!

Lastly, join us in praying for the July 27–August 5 mission trip to Kenya. Pray especially for planning, peace and rain in the country of Kenya, and for good health for each member of our mission team. Again, during the trip, we will dedicate the Banana Children's classroom, teach village women water purification, and evangelism. Contact me at Ezekiel.Koech@lenexaumc.org if you'd like more information.

– Pastor Ezekiel

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRIES

join us for Sunday school!

9 A.M.

Kid's Kingdom: Kids age 4–5th grade—2nd Floor of the Education Building

10:30 A.M.

Kids Connect: Kids age 4–5th grade—meet in the Sanctuary, pick up on 2nd Floor of the Education Building

9 & 10:30 A.M.

Nursery Care: Kids 3 and under—Room 206

In April, we're studying Easter and the walk to Emmaus.

GROWING IN GRACE CHOIR | Wednesdays | 6:15–7 p.m.

Growing in Grace Kids Choir meets every Wednesday to sing, play instruments, and have musical fun. We also practice our songs during 10:30 a.m. Sunday school. Contact Liesel at Liesel.Stephens@lenexaumc.org with any questions.

EASTER EGG HUNT | Sunday, April 2 | 11:40 a.m.

Our Easter Egg Hunt, along with lunch and crafts, will be on April 2. Meet us in Schneeberger Hall after church!

MERLE SPARLIN FISHING DERBY | Saturday, May 13 | 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

The LUMC Men's Group will be hosting a fishing derby open to kids 12 and under at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park in Lenexa, KS. Drinks and snacks, as well as bait will be provided. Please bring a fishing rod if you have one. We will have several available to use if you don't have one.

KIDS T-SHIRTS

Thank you to everyone who placed their order for kids t-shirts, I hope you are enjoying them! I ordered a few extra in youth sizes so if you did not get one or need to swap out for a different size, please let me know.

LUMC PARK & PLAY | 10–11 a.m.

Join us each month at a different park for LUMC Park & Play! The kids will have play time, there will be games for adults, and we will have snacks and music/story time. Bring your kids, grandkids, and friends as we get out in the community and have fun!

April 15: Ad Astra Park (83rd and Maurer)

May 20: Scouting Park (94th and Haskins)

June 17: Buffalo Meadows Park (Prairie Star Parkway and Lone Elm)

July 15: Strang Park (88th Terr and Farley)

August 19: Electric Park (95th and Loiret)

September 16: Bois D'Arc Park (88th Terr and Lackman)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | June 19–23 | 9 a.m. –12:15 p.m.

Vacation Bible School: Hero Hotline is coming up! Register online at www.lenexaumc.org/vbs. It takes over 40 volunteers to put on VBS! If you'd like to help (even if you can't help all 5 days), contact Mary.Clow@lenexaumc.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

*join us Sunday
mornings & evenings!*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 AM IN THE LOFT
YOUTH GROUP: 4-6 PM

looking ahead...

SON-RISE SERVICE | April 9 | 7 a.m. | Lion's Shelter, Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park

CHILI FUNDRAISER | April 30

The Chili Auction is BACK! Join the Youth on April 30 at 11:00 for a chili dinner and your chance to win all kinds of prizes. We will worship together as a church family at 10:00 and then enjoy chili and laughs during the live auction portion. We will provide silent auction and live auction items as well as having a small online presence. Chili will be \$7 per person.

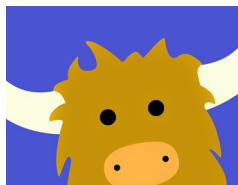
GRADUATES

Help us celebrate this year's graduates on May 21 at 9:00 Worship! If you have a graduate to celebrate, email their information to Paige.Foster@lenexaumc.org.

Sunday School Volunteers: E-mail Paige.Foster@lenexaumc.org to get involved.

Youth Volunteers: For youth group to run smoothly, we need helpers and dinner. You can find sign-ups to get involved on the website at www.lenexaumc.org/signup.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



YAC: YOUNG ADULT CONVERSATIONS | Sundays | 10:30 a.m.

These gatherings in the Underground are casual and enlightening, and our group is becoming more diverse. Our topics originate from the morning's sermon topic, the editorial pages of different newspapers, and ideas from our young adults. Head to the Underground after the 9 a.m. worship service. Freshly brewed coffee and many friends will greet you!

UFO: UNDERGROUND FELLOWSHIP ODYSSEY | April 12 | 6:30 p.m.

Adults 18 and over, join us for these gatherings the 2nd Wednesday of each month for activities and dinner. Persons interested in being a part of this fun fellowship gathering should contact Lisa Freeman at soaringhogslcf@gmail.com, or just show up! We gather at 6:30 p.m. and wrap it up by 8 or a little later.

NEWS, EVENTS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER SON-RISE SERVICE

April 9 | 7:00 a.m.

Come and celebrate Easter morning with the youth of LUMC at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park at our annual Son-Rise Service. We will enjoy the spring morning and praise God with song and scripture. We hope to see you at the Lion's Shelter at 7:00 a.m.

TOGETHER SUNDAY

April 30 | 10:00 a.m.

Join us for another 5th Sunday Together Sunday on April 30! There will be one joint worship service at 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion and music from both the Chancel Choir and Tree of Life praise team. Stay after the service to support the LUMYouth for the chili lunch and auction.

CHILI AUCTION

April 30 | 11:00 a.m.

This year, the LUMYouth will host their traditional Chili Supper & Fundraising Auction. The youth will have both live and silent auction items for bidding. We will have a small online presence with handmade goods to be available for out of town supporters. The LUMYouth are also taking donations for auction items. Items in the past have included meal experiences for groups of 4–8, movie baskets, chocolate baskets, and others. The youth will be providing services and auction items as well.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will ensure the youth have funding for mission trips, retreats, and exciting events throughout the year. The LUMYouth appreciate your support and look forward to serving you lunch on April 30 at 11:00. Chili will be \$7 a person. Hot dogs will also be available. If you have something you'd like to contribute to the auction, please email the details of your item to Paige.Foster@lenexaumc.org.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now available for post-secondary undergrad scholarships through LUMC Endowment Funds. Applications are due **April 15, 2023**, and require an essay, two letters of recommendation, and an official school transcript. Requirements: member of LUMC, 2.5 GPA or GED, full-time student at an accredited institution, and have not received an LUMC scholarship in the past. Request an application by e-mailing office@lenexaumc.org.

GRADUATES

Help us celebrate this year's graduates on May 21 at 9:00 worship! If you have a graduate to celebrate (e.g. high school, college, or advanced degree), email their information to Paige.Foster@lenexaumc.org.

KENYA TRIP

Can you envision a country where there is drought nearly throughout the year; people buying water, silage, and hay for cows? I want to share with you a challenging ministry opportunity God has presented to us. From July 27–August 5, Dave Pendleton, Kendra Trueblood from Russell, and I will be going to Kenya. Others are still praying about it. The mission trip is threefold: dedicating Banana Children's Classroom (Lenexa UMC Children's Classroom) on Sunday, July 30; teaching villagers water purification on July 31 and August 1; and encouraging local Christians. Our presence will bolster their spirits and support their ministry work. I hope you see the value in what we will accomplish.

Kendra is applying for a grant to cover the cost of buying water purification equipment, but your financial support is welcome if God touches your heart. While money is important, it comes in a distant second to our need for your prayer support. I therefore request you to pray for us as we prepare for the trip. Feel free to be a part of this awesome mission opportunity, for I know you too will be blessed. Let me know if you are interested in going on the mission trip or if you have any questions at Ezekiel.Koech@lenexaumc.org. Thank you and God bless you! –Pastor Ezekiel

THANK YOU

The Bartley family would like to thank the LUMC family for your prayers, cards, gifts, and support with the passing of Doug. We have felt God's love through you all. –Linda Bartley

NEED MEDICAL SUPPLIES?

Reminder to LUMC family and friends: our Health Ministry Team maintains a free, loaner medical supply closet in room #106. If you or someone you know is in need of medical equipment, check us out. These items are available anytime the church is open. Help yourself. Keep as long as needed. When no longer needed and if item is still in good working condition, clean and return to room #106. We also accept donations of clean, functioning medical equipment.

Currently, we have the following items:

- Walkers
- Rollators (walkers with handbrakes)
- Shower chairs
- Toilet seat risers with and without handles
- Toilet safety rails
- Bed side commodes
- Crutches—adjustable, metal type
- Canes
- Portable wheelchair

SCOUTS AT LUMC

Spring is here, and with April showers come May flowers—or, in Boy Scouts of America (BSA), it marks the crossover of Cub Scouts from their Pack to a Scouts BSA Troop. Troop 186 here at LUMC is for any boy from about 5th grade—under 18 years of age. There are some minor caveats to the joining requirements.

Any boy or girl who is already 11 years old can join a Scouts BSA unit whether they were in Cub Scouts or not. LUMC's troop is a boys-only troop, but we can find a girls' troop for them if any are interested. Any 10-year-old that has ALSO completed 5th can join a Scouts BSA troop at any time. A third path for crossing over to Scouts BSA is for any Arrow of Light (AOL) Cub Scout (formerly Webelos 2) who has been a member of their AOL Den for 6 months AND earned the AOL award. Thus, most Cub Scouts cross over to a Scouts BSA troop in late February or early March each year. A recent change has made it so non-Cub Scouts can also join their AOL friends by joining in March of each year.

This year, Troop 186 has Cub Scouts crossing over into their unit from at least 2 different packs. They are Pack 3136 from Sunflower Elementary and Pack 3394 from Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Scouts from Troop 186 greeted these crossovers during their recent Blue & Gold Banquets that celebrated the founding of Cub Scouts.

While "outing" is 7/8th's of Scouting, Scouts BSA is not all about camping. Yes, the troop does camp every month, and there are lots of outdoor merit badges such as Fishing, Canoeing, Kayaking, Swimming, Nature, Weather, and Astronomy. There are merit badges, however, that involve various hobbies such as art, pottery, basketmaking, and music. In fact, there are now 139 different merit badges that Scouts can choose to earn while they are in a Scouts BSA unit.



Good Shepherd Pack 3394 crossover.



(Left:) One of the newest members of Troop 186 from Pack 3394.



(Right:) Pack 3136 Scouts crossing over into Troop 186.

In February 2023, the Scouts from Troop 186 chose to work on their Genealogy Merit Badge during their campout. Camping out on Friday night at Lake Jacomo, the Scouts cooked breakfast early and then went to the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri. They then used the resources there to track their family's heritage. Each Scout needed to make a complete "family tree" that encompassed 3 generations of their family, including themselves as the 3rd generation. The Scouts needed to create 2 family group record forms. One would show them and the rest of their immediate family, and the second one would show one of their parents as a child. The Scouts also learned the terms associated with genealogy, created a timeline for themselves, and interviewed an older relative about the family they remember. The reason for the visit to the genealogy center was that one of the requirements requires the Scouts to contact a professional genealogist or organization to find out what resources they have to offer.

Troop 186 will be attending the Ma Ka Ja Wan Scout Reservation near Pearson, Wisconsin from July 15–22, 2023 for summer camp. There's still time to join Troop 186 and come along on their adventures, including summer camp. If interested, contact the Scoutmaster, Ron Morris, at scoutmaster@5x-op.us.

If you need some spring flowers, Troop 186 is selling both annuals and perennials as a fundraiser for them to help pay their way through camp. If interested, we can get you in touch with a Scout.



Scoutmaster, Ron Morris, helps one of the Scouts find information on their family on the Internet.



Scouts conducting research into their family history at the Midwest Genealogy Center.

—Outreach! —

LUMC helps a lot of people through its outreach programs. For 40 years, it has fed about 250 meals three times a year at St. Mary's Kitchen. Such a large task takes a lot of volunteers to prepare and provide the meals. I did it for the first time this last January. It had a big impact on me and I can't wait to do it again. Our next opportunity will be Friday, April 7. FYI, this will be a day off for Shawnee Mission Youth! Just saying.

Another exciting ministry that LUMC has participated in, for nearly a decade, is the Hillcrest Transitional Housing project. This project helps struggling individuals and families get back on their feet. Rent, sheets, pillows, furniture, food, and everything needed to live in an apartment is provided by LUMC donations. Thank you all who have helped us meet the demand and to all those who provided financial gifts to this cause. Last year we housed six people (including two children). Our most recent tenant has been a real success story. She has also expressed a lot of gratitude. We wish her well as she prepares to go out on her own and as we prepare for our next tenant.

LUMC and Hillcrest updated the living space last year, thanks in part to our youth, who painted the apartment in just a couple of weeks. Thanks also to Hillcrest, who, over the summer, added much-needed new flooring and made other updates and repairs to the apartment. Our fundraising effort to support this ministry will happen throughout the year. If you are interested in hands-on participation, individual donations, Sunday School class donations, or if you would like to learn more about this or any of the other rewarding Outreach programs, please call the church office or Charles Cooper at (913) 209-3760.

a MOMENT for MISSION | Black College Fund

The United Methodist Church is a connectional church. Our congregation pools our apportioned financial gifts with those from other congregations around the world to make large, long-lasting impacts.

Our giving helps to support seven apportioned funds for the global church. One of those funds is the Black College Fund. The United Methodist Church supports 11 fully accredited Historically Black Colleges and Universities, more than any other religious denomination in the U.S. Each year, more than 15,000 students attend these institutions, pursuing degrees in agriculture, engineering, social work, forensics, environmental science, and more.

United Methodist congregations like ours have provided almost 90% of the funds apportioned for the Black College Fund since its creation in 1972. These funds are distributed proportionately among the 11 HBCUs, where they enhance and expand program options, maintain critical institutional frameworks and keep tuition costs as low as possible. For every dollar donated, 96.5 cents directly benefit students, facilities, and infrastructure.

Your generosity shows your willingness to put your faith into action. Let's continue to give to the Black College Fund at 100% and build up new generations of leaders. Thank you for your belief in the power of education!

Native American Ministries Sunday | April 23, 2023

Native American Ministries Sunday reminds us of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this Special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized and to celebrate their special voice in The United Methodist Church. The special offering taken on this day and is used to support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and to provide scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. Half of the offering collected, remains in the Great Plains Conference to develop and enhance Native American ministries in Kansas and Nebraska.

You may give in the offering plate on Sunday, April 23, by mailing a check to the church office, or online at lenexaumc.org/give. Thank you for your generosity.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

EASTER OFFERING

The Finance Committee has designated Hillcrest Transitional Housing as the recipient of this year's Easter Offering. The offering will go toward the sponsorship of the apartment, as well as additional costs for maintaining the apartment. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. You may give in the offering plate on Easter Sunday or online at www.lenexaumc.org/give.

FEBRUARY 2023

General Operating Fund Contributions Received February 2023	\$29,065
Building Use, Fundraising and Other Income Received	\$3,696
Income from Endowment Funds	\$2,759
Total February 2023 Operating Income	\$35,520
2023 Annual Budget	\$534,204
Mission Share Paid in February	\$3,443
Mission Share Paid Year to Date	\$6,886
2023 Mission Share	\$41,316
Kitchen Remodel Contributions Received February 2023	\$649
Loan Balance February 28, 2023	\$105,632

GIVING ALTERNATIVES

There are several options for giving your tithes and offerings to the church. You may support the operating budget, kitchen project, special offerings, and any of the many causes we give to in any of these ways:

- Place your gift in the offering plate on Sunday morning.
- Mail a check to 9138 Caenen Lake Road, Lenexa, KS 66215.
Designate the desired fund(s) in the memo line.
- Give online. Go to www.lenexaumc.org/give for information and the link to give online.
- Give via mobile app. Download the ShelbyNext Giving App on your smart phone and search for "Lenexa United Methodist Church." Follow the instructions to make a one-time or recurring gift.
- Give via text. Text the amount you would like to give to (913) 444-5960.
- Use your bank's Online Bill Pay to have your bank mail a check to the church.



SMALL GROUPS

PATHFINDERS

Pathfinders Sunday School Class meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Asbury Room. We study a wide variety of topics, including Bible studies and current events. For the Zoom link, contact Keith Stokes at keith@mightymac.org. All are welcome!

FOUNDATIONS

After we conclude our Lenten series "Give Up Something Bad for Lent", we will start Rebekah Simon-Peter's book "Dream Like Jesus". Class members will also be traveling to Branson, MO to see Queen Esther at Site and Sound Theater. Foundations meets in Room 105 at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. Contact Tammy Shepherd at shepherd.tammy@yahoo.com for more information. See you there!

DASHERS

Dashers Sunday School Class meets at 10:30 in the Asbury Room. We explore a variety of theological topics such as how other religions relate to Christianity, how the Bible came to be, and many more. Drop by on Sunday morning or contact Dave Glisson at daveglisskc@gmail.com for more information.

SPECTRUM

As the name suggests, the Spectrum Class welcomes a spectrum of ages. We also study a spectrum of lessons, some of our favorite authors being Amy-Jill Levine and Adam Hamilton. Come join us at 9 a.m. in Room 122. For more info, contact Wayne Dothage at wdothage@gmail.com.

CHRISTCARE

The Friends and Followers ChristCare group meets in the Wesley Room on the 4th Thursday of each month. The group is a caring, confidential circle of friends with Christ at the center where the ups and downs of life can be shared in a safe environment. After catching up on joys, concerns, and activities of the past month, we share a brief devotion together. If you'd like more information or want to join, contact Linda Stokes at lindalipp@gmail.com.

DINNER'S ON US OUTREACH

Lisa Freeman coordinates the group of members who serve at and bake cookies for our Wednesday evening drive-thru free dinner. Contact Lisa Freeman at soaringhogs@sbcglobal.net if you'd like to volunteer!

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. in the Wesley Room for discussions and presentations of interest to Christian men of all ages. All are invited to attend! Coffee will be available. If you'd like notifications about meetings or have questions, contact Erik Troy at troysinks@hotmail.com, Jay Soper at jcs@jcsoper.com, or Chuck Sheppard at shepcr@sbcglobal.net.