

August 2026

LEITCHFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Back-to-School
BLESSINGS



*Study to show yourself
approved unto God,
a workman that needs
not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the
Word of Truth.*

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FROM PASTOR JORDAN'S DESK

Greetings Everyone,

It is my hope and prayer that you're all doing well. It is that time again for gathering school supplies, picking out the perfect first-day-of-school outfits, and attending back-to-school bashes. It seems like summer just began, and now it's already time to head back to the classroom!

The start of a new school year can be very exciting! It is a fresh start, an opportunity to learn, grow, and discover something new. I was one of those students who loved the beginning of the school year. I enjoyed walking up and down the aisles at Walmart looking for the perfect pencil case, picking out fresh notebooks, and getting everything ready for the first day! I loved going back to school.

However, that wasn't always the case. I also remember the years when we had moved to a new town during the summer, and the first day of the school felt terrifying. No matter how excited I was about my new supplies or tennis shoes, I couldn't help but feel nervous. My mind would race with questions, "What if I get lost trying to find my classroom? What if I don't have anyone to sit with at lunch? What if I get on the wrong bus? What if I don't make any friends?"

This time of year can be exciting and overwhelming for students, their families, and the teachers and school staff who welcome them each day. For those who have been out of school for many years, or who no longer have school-age children, it can be easy to forget the mixture of excitement, hope, uncertainty, and even fear that often comes with a new school year.

As a church family, one of the greatest gifts we can offer is prayer. As another school year begins, I invite you to join me in praying for everyone who will walk through the doors of our schools in the days ahead.

Heavenly Father,

We pray Your blessings upon our students as they return to the classroom. We are thankful that You have given us the ability to learn many things in a lot of different ways. Father, we know a new school year can be exciting, but it can also be scary. We ask that You please calm any nerves or anxieties that our students might have as the first day of school approaches. We ask that You guide and keep our students safe.

Father, we ask that You help not only our students, but us, to be kind in both our words and our actions. Father, we pray blessings for our schools, teachers, and counselors. We pray for God's strength for each of them. Help us to be an encouragement for them and help them to remember they are loved and are making a difference in the lives of their students.... even when it doesn't feel like they are. Father, we ask Your blessings for those who drive our students to school each day, those who lovingly prepare their meals, and those who keep their schools clean. Most importantly, help all of us to remember to enjoy this time of learning... and have a little fun along the way.

Amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Jordan Hunter

Back to School time is here! The Thrift Shop will be

*****OPEN*** Saturday, August 1st 10:00 am-1:00 pm**

The Thrift shop has lots of great clothes to start off the school year! Grayson County, your generosity makes a huge difference in supporting local programs such as outfit gift certificates that helped our neighbors during the LUMC Back to School Bash. Thank you!

Come in to shop, save & support local outreach.

Elaine, Thrift Shop Manager

Shopping Hours:

Tuesday 10-3, Friday 10-3, 1st Saturday monthly 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Shed Donation Hours: Monday–Saturday 9-3, Closed Sunday



NEWS

The UMW of Faith will have a "Tropical Salad and Dessert Event" on Thursday, August 6th at 5PM in the ROCK. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Janet Carden from UMC in Henderson and will speak on "Women in Ministry". This will be a fun time, **invite your friends!** Hope to see you there!



When: Thursday, August 6th at 5:00 PM

Where: The ROCK

Guest Speaker: Pastor Janet Carden (Henderson UMC)

Topic: "Women in Ministry"



Coming Soon... **'Night of Wonders'**, a new Christmas Cantata by Joseph Martin! Cantata practice will begin **September 9th, 5:30—7:00 pm** at the Church. Be warming up those vocal chords! Any & all singers in the community are welcome!

AA/NA, CR here for you to help make a change toward healing from life's hurts, habits & hang-ups.



LUMC hosts recovery groups:

AA/NA, LUMC Church Basement

Celebrate Recovery, The Well/208 W Main

Mondays & Wednesdays **7:00 pm**

Wednesdays **5:30 pm**

Fridays & Saturdays **10:00 am**

There is hope for a better day!

August 2026 Birthdays & Anniversaries

6	Allie Horn	17	Linda French
7	Michael Boaz, Dakota Boaz	18	Pastor Jordan Hunter
11	Kim Harrell	20	Jerry & Pat Wagner
14	Donnie & Margaret Anderson	26	Craig & Joyce Bangtson
15	Gary & Linda French		
16	Brooks Gorby		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT LUMC



August Committee Meetings

Wednesday August 5th, Nominations, 6:00 pm, The Rock

Monday August 10th, One Board, 6:00 pm, The Rock
R—ROCK CB—Church Basement W—The Well

FHBR—Fellowship House Back Room

Special Happenings

The Fellowship Café serves (plus takeout) ~77 free Fellowship Meals (5:00 pm CST) on Tuesdays in the Church Basement. The local community has been nourished by this collaborative effort with St. Paul & St. Joseph Catholic Churches, The Thrift Shop, Farmers Feed Mill & LUMC. Thanks to all the wonderful folks who volunteer!



Teachers & Students

Sunday August 2nd Worship, 10:00 am



Pickleball at The Rock
16 y/o + with adult present
Equipment available

Mondays 4:00—6:00 pm (instruction/play)
Thursdays 1:00-3:00 pm (50+ y/o)
Fridays 5:00—7:00 pm (all play)
Questions? 270-259-4019



Clip & Share

‘Not Child’s Play’—Adult Bible Study with Pastor Jordan

Begins Thursday August 6th

6:00 pm, The Rock Conference Room

Noah's Ark. David and Goliath. Jonah and the Great Fish. Daniel in the Lions' Den. These are stories many recognize and are included in Children's Bibles, but there is often much more to them than we remember.

In ‘Not Child's Play,’ we'll take a fresh look at some of the Bible's best-known stories, exploring their historical setting, their deeper message, and what they reveal about God. Whether these stories are familiar or completely new to you, you'll be invited to discover that God's Word is rich, challenging, and relevant for every generation. Join Pastor Jordan for this interesting Bible study starting on August 6 at 6:00 PM in the The Rock Conference Room.



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ATTENTION

**Please provide LUMC
September Newsletter
information
By August 25, 2026.**

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Or Current Resident

Weekly Happenings

Sundays

9:00 am *Sunday School:*
Children, Carter Harrell, Rock Classroom
8:45-9:45 am *Adult*, Shawn Majors, Zoom link available,
Rock Conference Room
Worship: 10:00 am

Mondays

7:00 pm, AA/NA, Church Basement

Tuesdays

10:00-3:00 pm, Thrift Shop, FH Basement
5:30 pm, Fellowship Café Free Community
Meal, Church Basement

Wednesdays

5:30 pm, Cantata Practice, Sanctuary
5:30-8:00 pm, Celebrate Recovery, The Well
7:00 pm, AA/NA, Church Basement

Fridays

10:00 am, AA/NA, Al-anon Church Bsmt
10:00 am-3:00 pm, Thrift Shop, FH Basement

Saturdays

10:00 am, AA/NA, Church Basement
10:00 am -1:00 pm, Thrift Shop, 1st Saturday/Month
FH Basement

Memory Verse:

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,
says the Lord, thoughts of peace & not of evil,
to give you a future & a hope.

Pastor Jordan is glad to meet by appointment.

Rev. Jordan Hunter, Pastor

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Pastor Jordan 'drop in' hours: 10:00-noon.

Regular Church Office Hours

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