

Lynn Haven UMC

January 2017



Sunday, January 8th

Because many people feel more comfortable joining as a group, we set aside one Sunday per month for new members.

If you are a believer in Christ and you are ready to make a commitment to the Lynn Haven Church, contact Terry Tatum at 850-265-5231 or Terry@myLHUMC.net.



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A word from our Lead Pastor...

I am truly grateful for the wonderful staff God has provided me to work with as partners in ministry. As we embark on a new year, let me share several changes to our staff structure that should enable us to be an even more fruitful congregation for Christ.

Effective January 1, Rev. Rudy Olivo will become our Fusion Campus Pastor in a full-time capacity. Over the past six months he has split time between his work with us and his service as an Air National Guard chaplain. He will now work full-time on our staff and oversee all ministries at the Fusion campus. I believe this arrangement will help us better integrate what goes on during the week at Fusion Fitness with the Fusion worshipping community. Rudy will still be a member of the Air National Guard and his service at Tyndall AFB will keep our congregation connected with

the military community.

Dr. Jim Luther has faithfully served our church as Congregational Care Pastor for more than 12 years. In this capacity, he has fulfilled virtually every pastoral role imaginable – preacher, teacher, counselor, leader, administrator, and shepherd. Starting in January, Jim will “retire” from full-time service, but will continue part-time, working approximately 20 hours per week. He will focus his time and energy on visitation and pastoral care, while being relieved of regular office hours and administrative duties. I am thankful to God for Jim and what he has meant and continues to mean to me personally and to our entire congregation. A retirement reception to celebrate his transition to part-time status will be held in the Transmitter Fellowship Hall on Sunday,

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SMALL GROUPS

A Word From Our Lead Pastor... (cont. from page 1)

Gospel of John

Transmitter Chapel
Sundays beginning Jan 8 9:30am

This is a large group (30+ people) taught by Candace Keller in a lecture/discussion format from the book of John. Adults of any age are welcome. Please bring a Bible to class. Contact **Candace** at fmk47@hotmail.com for more information.

Epic of Eden: Isaiah

Transmitter
Tuesdays beginning Jan 10 9:15am

Join us for an 8 week study of Isaiah with lectures from Dr. Sandra Richter on Israel's religion and economy, the role of prophets, and how to apply the message of Isaiah to our lives today. Tuesdays from 9:15 – 11:15 am at Transmitter in room 401/412. Register for childcare and a workbook by emailing Mindy@MyLHUMC.net.

War Room

Monday Evenings beginning Jan 9

Join this new 60+ women's Life Group as they study prayer using a curriculum based on clips from the movie *War Room*. This class will be held Monday nights starting January 9, led by **Fran Huff**. Contact Mindy@MyLHUMC.net for more details.

Isaiah

Transmitter
Sunday Mornings 11am

Join **Cathy Byrd** for an in-depth look at the book of Isaiah, Sunday mornings at 11 am at Transmitter, room 418. Contact Mindy@MyLHUMC.net for more details.

Weekday Life Groups

Multiple Nights, Multiple Locations

We have 25+ small groups that meet regularly in homes for fellowship and study! For more information or to join a Life Group, please email Mindy@MyLHUMC.net or visit the Adult Groups page on our website www.MyLHUMC.net.

Current openings are on **Sunday & Wednesday** nights (with young children at Transmitter care/Awana and teens at Youth Group) and **Monday & Tuesday** nights (no childcare).

Miss a sermon? Listen online or download sermons at www.myLHUMC.net.



January 22, at 12:15 pm. Watch for more details and plan to express your love and appreciation to Pastor Jim.

Our middle school minister, Hunter Dennison, has taken a job at a church in Tallahassee. As a result of his departure, Neal McGee will now serve as the Student Minister for grades 6 – 12 and will oversee all student ministries. In addition, we plan to hire a part-time Youth Assistant to provide administrative support and a Youth Intern who will work part-time during the school year and full-time in the summer. Since Neal has been giving leadership to our mission endeavors, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee has recommended a part-time staff

position to coordinate our local and global risk-taking mission and service projects.

The New Testament commonly refers to the church as the Body of Christ. So each of us is a member of it and has a particular role to play. I'm grateful to be a part of a Body that consists of both paid and unpaid servants who faithfully fulfill their purpose and serve the Lord with gladness. I see God at work in putting together the necessary pieces to do His work in our community and world and I joyfully anticipate who or what is coming next. To God be the glory!

Craig Carter

Lead Pastor, Lynn Haven UMC

2017 BIBLE READING PLAN (5X5X5 PLAN)

In 2017 we are going to follow the 5x5x5 Bible Reading Plan - it is through the New Testament in 5 days a week, 5 minutes a day. One chapter a day is an achievable goal, and it leaves enough time in the day for reflection.

The You Version Bible App can take you through the reading plan. It also will read aloud to you – a favorite feature of commuters!

Help us encourage daily Bible reading in our community - invite your friends and small group to join us in reading the New Testament this year!

January dates to remember...

Church Office Closed	Jan 2
Discipleship Path - "Know"	Jan 8
New Member Sunday	Jan 8
Mission Trip Informational Meeting	Jan 8
Wednesday Night Activities Resume	Jan 11
Youth Camp Baldwin	Jan 13-15
Church Office Closed (MLK Day)	Jan 16
Radical Hospitality Training	Jan 21
Pastor Jim Luther's Retirement Reception	Jan 22

God-Sightings

As you have probably heard, our Middle School Minister, Hunter Dennison, has taken another role in ministry with a church in the Tallahassee area. Hunter submitted this article as a letter of appreciation that he asked to publish for you to read.

Dear LHUMC congregation,

There aren't many churches who would hire a wide-eyed college graduate full of theoretical knowledge but lacking real-life experience in the way that you did. These past two years were perfect in that it was a safe space where I could make mistakes while at the same soaking up experience from those who had been in ministry for longer than I've been alive.

Neal McGee taught me what it meant to do student ministry. He showed what it looked like to love students and run a quality youth program. Brad Burke showed me the behind-the-scenes of leading worship. He

helped me fine-tune gifts that I previously had while adding new tools and confidence to the mix. Craig Carter demonstrated what it looks like to lead an entire congregation. He delegated tasks to others and gave opportunities that are few and far-between in most churches.

While the list of those who invested in me could go on and on I'm also reminded of the students who had an impact on me. There were so many who opened up their world and allowed me in. Getting to see them come to Christ for the first time or take their first steps in leadership impacted me more than I could have ever impacted them. Connecting with these students has definitely given me the bug for youth ministry and I look forward to a long and fruitful career. I will always be thankful and indebted to Lynn Haven United Methodist for giving me my start!

Hunter Dennison

DISCIPLESHIP PATH REDESIGN

This new design of the Discipleship path is intended to introduce you to Lynn Haven UMC and walk you through the process of understanding our core beliefs, membership, identifying your unique God-given gifts, finding a place of service, and discovering your life mission.

All members of LHUMC are encouraged to complete the Discipleship Path classes. **KNOW** and **SERVE** contain 3 sessions each, and are taught in alternating months. **GROW**

encourages spiritual growth and maturity through educational classes and groups.

KNOW will begin January 8th from 12:15-1:30p in the Transmitter Chapel. Session 1 introduces you to church structure and staff, 2020 vision, and opportunities & groups available. Sessions 2 & 3 help you understand what we believe about salvation, baptism, communion, and key doctrines. Childcare is provided if requested with your RSVP.

Please contact Mindy Clemons at 850-265-5231 or Mindy@MyLHUMC.net if you would like to attend or have any questions.

YOUTH

Fusion Schedule

Sundays

5pm Students begin to arrive

6-7:30pm Worship & Small Groups

7:30pm All students picked up

Wednesdays

3:30pm Students may arrive

5-7:30pm Message & Free Time

7:30pm All students picked up

CHILDREN

PJ Movie Day

Transmitter & Fusion

Sun, Jan 1 Regular Service Times

Children (Treasure Kids) are invited to come to church in their pajamas on Jan 1st for a morning of fun including snacks, movie time, and a New Year's celebration.

Please contact a member of our Children's Ministry at **850-265-5231** for more information.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

New Pastor's Bible Study 7 Letters to 7 Churches

Transmitter Chapel

Wednesday Nights

6:15pm

While exiled on the island of Patmos, the apostle John received a revelation from Jesus Christ that we now call the Book of Revelation. In this vision, Christ gave John seven messages for seven first-century churches in Asia Minor which are recorded in Revelation 2-3.

Beginning on January 11, at our Wednesday Night Bible Study, Pastor Craig will help us explore what these "seven letters" meant to their original recipients and what they mean to us today. This group will meet in the Transmitter Chapel from 6:15 – 7:00 pm.

To submit an article for the Newsletter, fill out a Newsletter Submission Form or email BGarmon@myLHUMC.net. The deadline is the 20th of the month to print for the following month.



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Wednesday Night Dinner



Jan 4
No Dinner

Jan 18
Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
Salad, Garlic Bread
Ice Cream

Jan 11
Teriyaki Chicken
Fried Rice, Mixed Veggies
Salad, Roll
Cookies

Jan 25
Red Beans & Rice
Steamed Broccoli
Salad, Garlic Bread
Bread Pudding

Wednesday Night Supper is held at the Transmitter Campus Fellowship Hall (5:00-5:45pm)
Cost is \$5 for adults & children 11+, and \$2 for kids ages 2-10 (not to exceed \$16 per family).
Reservations are required by 12pm on the Monday preceding dinner. Sign-up on the worship guide tear-off or email mahow@knology.net.

Sunday Service Times - Transmitter Campus (4501 Transmitter Rd)
9:30 am • Contemporary Service
11:00 am • Traditional Service

Fusion Campus (3203 Minnesota Ave.)
9:30 am • Contemporary Service