

Lynn Haven UMC



February

2017



Sunday, February 12th

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

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A word from our Pastor...

I once heard a professor say that our stories inform where we've been & who we are. While I can't recall the name of the one who uttered these words of wisdom, the idea underneath the phrase has never left me. Because of that when I get to a new place serving in a pastoral role I do my best to listen to the stories members tell. The process helps me understand who they see themselves to be as individuals and as an outpost for the Kingdom.

As I've engaged in this listening process over the last few months I've come to find something interesting: the stories I've heard people tell about why Lynn Haven United Methodist purchased Fusion have at once common points of fact, but they are told with decidedly different emphases. To summarize the main points of virtually everyone I've heard from, Fusion was purchased: 1. To be a

mission outpost, reaching folks who wouldn't go to a traditional church. 2. Because it was a sound financial decision, costing far less per square foot than a site built gym at the Transmitter location, 3. Because there was financial potential on the business operations side to have it cover some amount of its cost and 4. To provide a unique facility for youth within walking distance of Mosley High School.

While all four of these reasons for purchasing Fusion have individual merit, each one will lead us to a place of success only if working in concert with the other three. Unfortunately, it seems none of the four has gained a place of prominence, while all have struggled to find how they work together. Because of that, there exist questions about what marks we are shooting for relevant to new disciples, revenue generated,

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LIFE GROUPS



Valentine's Dinner

Transmitter **Fri, Feb 10**
Fellowship Hall **5:30pm**

Please join us for our 55+ Valentine's Dinner on Friday, February 10th. We'll have food, fellowship, & fun. Bring your favorite dessert to add to our buffet.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board or at <http://mylhumc.net/tickets>.

Swamp Gravy - "Footloose"
Sat, Apr 22 **Departs 7:30am**

Join us for our spring trip to see the musical "Footloose." Trip cost is \$45 and includes your ticket, lunch at the Terra Inn, and fuel cost.

Please RSVP to Evelyn Easterwood at 850-265-3203.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Father/Daughter Banquet

Transmitter **Sun, Feb 12**
Fellowship Hall **6-7:30pm**

Please join us for this special banquet for High School girls and their fathers. There will be a full dinner, music, a speaker, and a photo booth to capture this great memory.

Event cost is only \$15 per person and scholarships are available.

Register on the front page of our website at MyLHUMC.net. Please contact Debbie Norred with any questions at 850-896-0158

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how the space should be used, etc. All the while these questions loom, there is still this palpable connection to the Holy Spirit, that God is doing something here even now and there is this sense that Fusion is on the cusp of something even greater, if only we can connect the dots. Because of this "almost great" feeling as an on-going way of life it has led to discontent.

That feeling of discontent coupled with Julio's departure, and the turn of the New Year all provide for us opportunity to look at 2017 as a turning point year for Fusion. As I mentioned earlier, our past stories inform who we are, but they do not have to define us. To that end, we are seeking to use our common history to inform where we are, but not to leave us there. Instead we want to launch forward, creating newfound success with a common narrative of why we have Fusion.

In an effort to set vision and action for what Fusion will look like in the future we're taking a few steps that I want to make you aware of:

1) We are refocusing ourselves on the mission of our church. When we make any decisions about Fusion we'll make sure that we're seeking to further our desire to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and world.

2) We realize Fusion has a unique role in the disciple making and growing process. To that end, we

are seeking to live into our new Fusion purpose statement which states that Fusion exists, "To change lives in our community and world by growing people in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and others." This mission statement comes from Luke 2:52 and will be the focus of the sermon series I will preach at Fusion in February.

3) I've created two action teams to help set a course for newfound success. One team will look at the ways we can integrate those of us who worship at Fusion on Sundays with the lives of folks who come to Fusion through the week who have no church home. The other team is focusing on the business operations at Fusion and asking what we can do to create the best structure to honor our mission of making disciples while finding a new level of financial stability and health.

No matter if you worship at Transmitter or at Fusion, you can join us as we create our new common story of whole person and whole Body of Christ health. You can pray with us, get a membership at Fusion (as a member you get a 15% discount), invite friends, feed the hungry at the food truck, and more. I look forward to having you join us in this endeavor and seeing what amazing things God does in and through us in the process.

Rudy Olivo
Fusion Pastor, LHUMC

God-Sightings

Recently, we received a letter from Tyler Vittetoe, a former Youth Minister here at our church, that we wanted to share with you all.

Dear Congregation and Staff at Lynn Haven UMC,

I want to take the opportunity to express my deepest gratitude for your past gifts to help me and my family as I continue my seminary education. Even though it has been many years ago, I consider it one of the great moments of my life in ministry to be able to serve the Lord alongside all of you. The support and the lessons that I learned during my time with all of you have continued to bless me in my current endeavors to continue to serve in the AWF Conference. Serving as an Associate Pastor here at Saint James is going very well. I'm serving in the areas of missions and outreach, which give me the unique opportunity to equip the people of my church to serve the needy here in Montgomery and around the world! I am also pursuing ordination as a Deacon in the UMC, and am excited to continue pursuing the Lord's calling for my life.

I'm so grateful for the many

fond memories of my family life in Panama City, in which our involvement in the church was central. My family is so happy here in Montgomery, just as we were at Lynn Haven UMC. Kathryn has found a great opportunity to play cello full-time for the symphony here. Jayna and Elsie are both growing so fast, and are happy and healthy. Jayna frequently asks me about the people at Lynn Haven that have made a lasting impact on her little personality.

I have heard so many great things about how the ministry is going at Lynn Haven, and your dedication to the Lord. Thank you again for the prayers and support that you all have given to me over the years. It always gives me confidence to remember that my home church is always cheering me on. Thank you especially to those of you who are lay-leaders, that dedicate your talents and time in order to lead the church. May the Lord supply all you need according to his riches in glory through Christ Jesus! God bless all of you, in Jesus' name!

Tyler Vittetoe
Former Lynn Haven
Youth Minister

February dates to remember...

Confirmation Begins
Discipleship Path - "SERVE"
Youth Super Bowl Party (Fusion)
Fusion Prayer Nights
55+ Valentine's Dinner
Mobile Food Pantry (Fusion)
New Member Sunday
Father/Daughter Banquet
President's Day

Feb 5
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Please contact a member of our Children's Ministry at **850-265-5231** for more information.



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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

Super Bowl Party

Sun, Feb 5

4:30 pm

Join the Youth at Fusion for a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 5th. This party will go from 4:30pm until the game ends. Come hang out, cheer on your favorite team, or just enjoy watching the best commercials. We will have pizza and worship during halftime.

Students- if your last name begins with A-M, plan on bringing your favorite dessert. If it begins with N-Z, bring sodas.

Please email Neal McGee at Neal@MYLHUMC.net or call 850-248-3800 for questions.

CHILDREN

Ascent Dates for Feb

Fusion

Select Sundays, 4p

Attention parents of 5th and 6th graders! Please get your children involved in this wonderful ministry that is designed for kids of this age as they prepare to move from Treasure Kids to the Middle School Youth Group.

February sessions will be held on the 12th, 19th, and 26th.

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Wednesday Night Dinner



Feb 1

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy, Sweet Corn,
Salad, Roll,
Cherry Dump Cake

Feb 15

Salad Night: Chicken Almond,
Shrimp, Pasta, Served on Bed
of Greens w/ Tomato, Cucumber,
Olives, & Boiled Egg, Crackers,
Cookies

Feb 8

Honey Baked Ham, Au Gratin
Potatoes, Southern Green Beans,
Salad, Biscuit,
Banana Pudding

Feb 22

Roast Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy, Mixed Veggies,
Salad, Roll,
Ice Cream

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