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Wednesday Night Dinner



March 7th

Chicken Alfredo, Pasta, Italian Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad, Tea, Chocolate Mocha Cake.
Hotdogs are available for children.

March 14th

Corned Beef, Cabbage, New Potatoes, Salad, Roll, Tea, Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream.
Hotdogs are available for children.

March 21st

No Wednesday Night Dinner

March 28th

Honey Baked Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Tea, Strawberry Shortcake.
Hotdogs are available for children.

Wednesday Night Dinner 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 annemah55@gmail.com

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

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Sunday, March 11th

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 Pastor...

Many of us had our spiritual lives revitalized and refreshed during our recent Renewal services. Using an analogy commonly found in Scripture, the Holy Spirit lit a revival fire in and among us. The question now becomes, how do we keep the revival fire burning?

The founder of our denomination, John Wesley, had his own heart strangely warmed by God's power and grace. That divine encounter brought about a spiritual awakening that birthed the people called Methodists. To keep the revival fire burning among early Methodists, Wesley suggested they avail themselves to what he called "the means of grace," which are God-ordained ways in which we encounter the Lord's power and presence and receive His goodness and grace. Last year, we studied them in a sermon series called, "Living Grace-Fully."

We currently find ourselves in the season of Lent. It is a time of

preparation for the celebration of Easter by reflecting on what it means to be a follower of Jesus. This special time of the year provides us a marvelous opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ and use the means of grace to keep the revival fire burning – both in our individual lives and in our life together as a church. Let me briefly describe what they entail.

Prayer: John Wesley claimed this was "the grand means of drawing near to God." It is the primary way in which we develop our relationship with God since all relationships require good communication. Prayer should be practiced both publicly and privately and should express praise, thanksgiving, confession, and intercession. During Lent, find ways to pray in solitude and with other Christians.

Bible Study: Scripture provides "fuel for the fire" as the Word of God and the Spirit of God form a potent combination. On Sunday mornings

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Southport Elementary Partnership Father/Son Dinner, March 6th

Servants are needed to help set-up, serve dinner and clean up at Southport Elementary School's Father/Son Dinner. The dinner is on March 6th from 5-7pm.

To sign-up to serve, or to find out more about our partnership with Southport Elementary School, visit mylhumc.net or contact *Cindy Hansen* at Cindy@MyLHUMC.net.

Mission Shares

Invest in our 2018 mission trips by purchasing mission shares for \$20. Mission share envelopes are available in the lobby.

To give online go to <http://www.mylhumc.net/giving> and click on the "Pushpay" link. Indicate the amount you want to give. Select "Mission Shares," in the drop down menu. Then, in the "Memo" line write the destination of the trip and the trip member's name.

For more information contact *Katie Fanning* at Katie@MyLHUMC.net.

City Serve 2018

**Save the Date: April 21st
Annual Day of Service
for our Community**

Save the date for this year's City Serve on April 21st! We are excited to welcome St. Dominic Catholic Church as they join us in serving. More details coming soon!

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



during Lent, we are exploring the New Testament book of 1 John. I hope you are following along as we read the daily devotional, "This Is How We Know" by J.D. Walt. If you are not, consider reading through the New Testament book on your own or find an alternative Bible reading plan.

Worship: Something very significant happens when God's people meet together. Using the fire analogy, it is like embers being stirred together into a blaze. Please make a commitment to be in worship every Sunday during Lent.

Fellowship: John Wesley was convinced this was the key to Christian growth, so group fellowship became an indispensable component of the Methodist movement. The revival fire was stoked as early Methodists got together weekly for Bible study, singing, testimony, and prayer. If you're not already in a small group, Lent is a marvelous time to give it a "test drive" (contact Mindy Clemons, mindy@mylhumc.net, for more information).

Fasting: John Wesley encouraged early Methodists to observe at least one day of fasting each week. While largely neglected in our modern world, fasting (which is abstaining from food for spiritual purposes) serves to remind us of our relationship with and dependence on God. Would you consider setting apart one day or at least one meal each week to fast and seek the Lord?

I believe God is doing something very special in the life of our congregation. I am convinced the Lord will do an even greater work if we engage in these means of grace on a regular basis. So let's fan into the flame the gift of God's Holy Spirit and keep the revival fire burning – during Lent and beyond!

In Christ,

Craig Carter

Lead Pastor, LHUMC

March Dates to Remember...

Southport Father/Son Dinner	March 6
Youth Spring Break Trip	March 16
No Wednesday Night Activities due to Spring Break	March 21
Palm Sunday	March 25
Easter Eggsplosion	March 25
Holy Week Service of Communion	March 28
Office Closed in Observance of Good Friday	March 30
Good Friday Service	March 30
Easter Services 6:30am (Kinsaul Park), 8am, 9:30am, 11am at Transmitter; 9:30am at Fusion	April 1

God-Sighting



which strengthens families, and by strengthening families you reach the community.”

“We are so appreciative of the tremendous support for the families in need and the ability to help our students,” said Holly Buchanan, Principal at Southport Elementary School. “We want to be able to provide our students and their families with food for the weekend and this grant helps make that possible.”

Backpacks are filled with the help of servants from our congregation through our partnership with Southport Elementary School. This partnership also allows our members to serve as weekly classroom volunteers, help out at special events and pack and deliver the weekend food bags.

Katie Fanning

The St. Joe Community Foundation awarded our church a \$10,000 grant for Blessings in a Bag ministry. This grant assists us in providing 65 students from Southport Elementary School with backpacks of food to take home on Fridays. These backpacks full of food help ensure that students will not go hungry over the weekend.

Janet Piepul, St. Joe Community Foundation’s Executive Director, stressed the importance of these type of backpack programs. “Providing this grant to Lynn Haven UMC to help hungry children in our community is another way the Foundation is helping our community be better. It all starts with helping the kids. By helping the kids, you help the adults

Holy Week Activities March 26th - March 30th

From March 26th - March 30th, we will have several special events to commemorate the death and resurrection of our Savior. These are intended to celebrate and show the unique significance of the final days of Jesus’ life on Earth.

Morning Devotional Services at Fusion (3/26 - 3/29) at 7:00am. A light breakfast will be served.

A Service of Communion on Wednesday, March 28th at 6:15pm in the Transmitter Sanctuary.

Good Friday Service on March 30th at 7:00pm in the Transmitter Sanctuary.

Easter Worship Services at 6:30am at Kinsaul Park (Sunrise Service); 8am and 9:30am (Contemporary) and 11am (Traditional) at our Transmitter Campus, and a 9:30am service at our Fusion Campus.

For more information about Holy Week Activities, contact *Terry Tatum* at Terry@MyLHUMC.net.

YOUTH

Schedule

Sundays

4:30-5:30pm Middle School Only Games/ Small Groups

5:30pm High School students arrive

6-6:30pm Worship for MS & HS

6:30pm MS goes home

6:30-7:30pm HS Small Groups/Pick-Up

Wednesdays

5:00pm Students arrive

6:00pm Game/Message

7:30pm All students picked up

Holy Week Morning Devotionals Monday - Thursday Fusion, 7:00am, all ages welcome

All are invited to attend a 20 minute service and light breakfast each morning during Holy Week (3/26 - 3/29). These services will take place at Fusion at 7:00am.

For more information contact *Neal McGee* at Neal@MyLHUMC.net.

CHILDREN



Easter Eggsplosion

Fusion, March 25th, 1:00 - 3:00pm

Egg Hunts, inflatables, games, snacks, face paint and a special Easter activity! Please make plans to join us and spread the word!

Want to serve? Visit mylhumc.net to learn how!

For more information contact *Mary McQuagge* at Mary@MyLHUMC.net.



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