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Fusion Fitness Center is offering a special on gym memberships. The cost for individuals is \$29 and pricing is also available for couples and families. Don't forget, LHUMC members always receive a 15% discount too. The registration fees will be waived during this limited time special that ends *July 15th*. You don't want to miss this opportunity to get in shape and support our Fusion ministries. For more information, or to sign-up, call Fusion at (850) 248-3800.

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

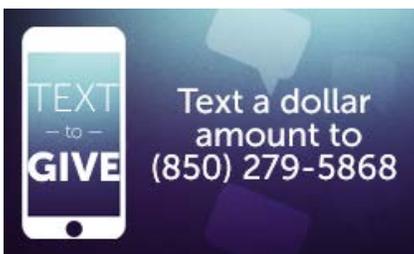
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Sunday, July 8th

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 Pastor...

Several years ago, our church adopted a 2020 Vision plan that provides our congregation with a roadmap for fulfilling our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. The primary goal established is to claim 2020 professions of faith by the year 2020 and so far, we are about 25% of the way there. Thanks be to God! Also, other goals were set that aligned with our core values based on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations – Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

One of the associated goals is to have 2020 people in worship and to offer ten weekly services. Currently, we see a little less than 800 worshipers in our three services. So our Passionate Worship Team and Five Practices Council has considered ways to incorporate more people into our worshipping community. The first action we are going to undertake is to offer a new 8:00 am service in the Transmitter Sanctuary, beginning September 9th. It will be similar in content to the current 9:30 contemporary service with the same band playing at both services. But the musical and visual elements will be less produced with a more

“acoustic” style at the earlier hour. Of course, the preaching will still meet our normal mediocre standards since I’ll be the primary speaker. ☺

In recent months, we have seen significant growth at 9:30 with the sanctuary now consistently at or above 75% of capacity on most Sundays. Most church experts agree that when more than 80% of the available seats are filled, it prohibits growth due to a “full” feel. The past two Easters we have offered an additional 8:00 am contemporary service and it has been well-received. In addition, since we moved traditional worship to its current 11:00 time slot two years ago, many persons have expressed a desire for an early service. So we believe the time is right to launch this new service. Initially, there will be nursery care but no Treasure Kids children’s church at this 8:00 am service. However, we are exploring ideas to incorporate kid-friendly elements into the format as we think it will be enticing to families who have children engaged in other activities later in the day on Sunday.

I am convinced this new arrangement will give us a wonderful mix of worship styles, times, and locations that will enable us to reach a wider audience

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**Back to School Bash
Southport Elementary, Aug 5th**

Our Back to School Bash will be August 5th at Southport Elementary School. School supplies will be distributed at this outreach event. We will provide an afternoon of food, games, bouncy houses, and free school supplies to Southport Elementary Students.

How can you help?

-Sign up to serve that day at mylhmc.net.
-Bring school supplies to either Fusion or Transmitter Campus. Get a list of needed school supplies at mylhmc.net. (You can also purchase supplies online from Target & Amazon. Visit mylhmc.net to learn how).

We are excited to host our event again this year at Southport Elementary. This event continues our partnership with SES which includes our backpacks of food and mentorship opportunities. We hope you will join us in supporting this ministry.

For more information contact *Andrea Whitaker* at andipw247@yahoo.com.



Discipleship Path

Starting Point

Transmitter Campus, July 15th, 12:15pm

Would you like to learn more about Lynn Haven UMC? Join us for Starting Point on July 15th. Starting Point is a one-hour overview of our church - weekly activities, ministries, staff, and vision! Join us for a light lunch with pastors and staff (Fellowship Hall) and then class (Chapel). RSVP to *Mindy Clemons* at Mindy@MyLHUMC.net for lunch and childcare.

Fusion Parents Night Out

Fusion Fitness Center

July 13th, August 3rd

0-6th Grade, 5:30pm-9:30pm

Drop your kids off at Fusion for a night of games and inflatables while you get a night to yourself! Fusion will be offering a Parent's Night Out once a month. The cost is \$25. Dinner and snacks provided! For more information, or to sign up, call *Fusion* at (850) 764-8106.

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



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

and get us closer to our 2020 goals. I am pleased with the quality of worship experiences we offer and believe each and every one of them meets our definition of passionate worship by helping people "experience the life-changing presence of God in the presence of others." I sometimes wonder why we have not seen more growth in attendance in recent years. While there may be a variety of reasons, I believe a major factor is our failure to "get the word out" about what is happening in our Lynn Haven UMC worship services.

For that reason, we are launching an intentional promotional campaign that highlights our worship service offerings through a variety of means. One of the first things we are going to do is sponsor three billboards along the Highway 77 corridor advertising our 11:00 am traditional worship service. We moved it to this time slot because it is considered the prime time for traditional worship in our nation, especially in the South. With many congregations no longer offering traditional style services, I believe there are many folks, both young and old, non-believers and believers, who would greatly benefit from what we have to offer. So hopefully some of them will see the billboards and give Lynn Haven UMC traditional worship a try.

In addition to the publicity we send out, we need each and every one of you to let others know what they are missing. The best advertising is "word of mouth," so if you are being blessed by our worship services at either Transmitter or Fusion, tell someone. Invite an unchurched friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member to "come and see" what the Lord is doing in this place.

I personally am thankful for the opportunity I am given each week to worship with the people called Methodists at Lynn Haven. Starting in September, I will have to get up a little earlier but I know it will be worth it as I will then get to experience God's power and presence three times on a typical Sunday morning. I hope you will renew your commitment to be in worship each and every week, whether it is at Fusion or Transmitter, contemporary or traditional, 9:30 or 11:00 am, and soon to be 8:00 am as well. But you don't have to wait until September! Please join me in praying that God will be honored and that many persons will become a part of God's family through our passionate worship services that serve as entry points into our fellowship. To God be the glory!

In Christ,

Craig Carter

Lead Pastor, LHUMC



**UBS JULY 8TH - 12TH
Transmitter Campus
6:00-8:30pm**

Vacation Bible School is almost here! Our VBS theme this year is 'Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus!' Here, your children will learn what it means to be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Also, We are in need of servants for VBS week! We need crew leaders (18 or older), assistant crew leaders (must have completed 6th grade), snack team members, greeters, substitute leaders, check-in workers and people to help with decorating. Help us make VBS the best week of summer! You can sign up to serve at mylhmc.net or at the table in the Transmitter lobby. Contact *Mary McQuagge* at MaryMc@MyLHUMC.net for more information.

God Sighting

On Sunday, June 3rd, we held a special Baptism Sunday right outside of our church doors. We celebrated as two of our attendees were baptized between our 9:30am and 11:00am services! Members of the congregation joined them to watch and rejoice during this special moment. What an awesome experience! Praise God!

If you are interested in being baptized, or would like to know more about baptism, contact **Terry Tatum** at Terry@MyLHUMC.net.



Chris Ackerman Reception Fusion Community Room, Sunday, July 22nd

We will have a welcome reception for our new Fusion Campus Pastor, Chris Ackerman and his family! This will be a come and go as you wish, meet and greet style event. Light snacks and drinks will be available. If you would like to reach out to Chris, feel free to contact him with a note of encouragement at: Chris@MyLHUMC.net.

Labor of Love

We would like to welcome Jessica Golema and Trish Wallace as our Labor of Love Committee Chairs. The Labor of Love Committee's mission is to help show radical hospitality to people within our congregation as we prepare and deliver meals to families of newborns. Thank you to Susie Hawkins and Jessica Waddell for their work with the committee for the past few years.



July dates to remember...

Office Closed in observance of July 4th

VBS

Fusion Parents Night Out

Starting Point

Service Squad

Chris Ackerman Reception

Youth Week

July 4

July 8-12

July 13

July 15

July 17

July 22

July 29 - Aug 1

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



Youth Week July 29th- August 1st

Youth week is a time for fellowship, special events, worship, dinner and more! Youth Week starts at 2:30pm on July 29th with a scavenger hunt at First United Methodist Church.

If you are interested in participating in youth week, contact **Neal McGee** at Neal@MyLHUMC.net.

CHILDREN



Service Squad

Rock It' Lanes

July 17th, 9:00am-3:00pm

Service Squad is for kids entering grades 2-5. On July 17th we will be going to Rock It' Lanes for some fun and then to serve a local retirement home. The cost is \$25 and includes bowling, skating, lunch, snack and service items.

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

To submit an article for the Newsletter, fill out a Newsletter Submission Form or email Church@myLHUMC.net.

The deadline is the 20th of the month to print for the following month.