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Passionate Traditional Worship

11 AM on Sundays

The
**Lynn Haven
Church**
A Fruitful United Methodist Congregation for Christ

**4501 Transmitter Road
Panama City, FL**

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

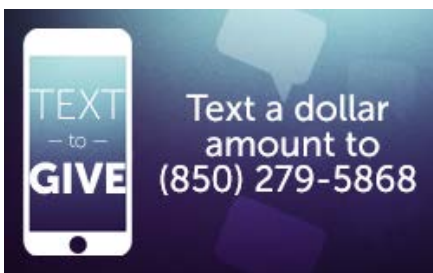
Lynn Haven UMC



Sunday, August 19th

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...

In July, we enjoyed an abundance of blessings in the Lynn Haven United Methodist Church. We began the month by receiving a new Fusion campus pastor, Chris Ackerman. We also welcomed several new members into our fellowship and baptized three infants into the household of faith. Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success as we had more than 400 children and 150 servants participate. During that week, we received more than \$3500 for our mission team that, later in the month, took the "Shipwrecked" VBS to hundreds of kids in Honduras. Most importantly, 40 children gave their lives to Christ and will soon be baptized. July concluded with our annual Youth Week that impacted the lives of hundreds of students. On top of it all, we saw a 15% increase in our Sunday morning worship attendance for the month over the same period last year. Praise the Lord for His goodness!

One of the greatest blessings I received last month came at an unexpected time and place. Most folks would consider attending a finance committee meeting about as enjoyable as having a root canal.

While that is sometimes the case, it certainly wasn't true for our most recent meeting. Since most of you weren't there, let me share the good news.

At the halfway point of our church's fiscal year, our ministry budget revenue has exceeded our expenditures by \$1500. While that may not sound like much, it is extremely rare for us to be in the "black" at this point in time. Even when we end the year in a positive fashion, we are usually behind until December when we make up the difference. On some occasions, we have been as much as \$75,000 in the "red" during the summer months. But due to some belt tightening measures combined with increased giving, we find ourselves in our current situation. This is extremely good news as it proves God's faithfulness and demonstrates our members' commitment to the cause of Christ. It is a wonderful blessing to me as your pastor as it shows me that God's people at LHUMC "get it" and it also helps me sleep better as well.

As a result of your generous support of our ministry budget, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (which

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Fusion Parents Night Out
Fusion Fitness Center
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.



the nesting place

The Nesting Place Retreat
Transmitter Campus, September 28-29

Come and be renewed at a spiritual retreat for adoptive and foster Moms. This year's theme is "The Story of Us". Keynote Speaker, Lisa Qualls, is the mom of twelve amazing kids by birth and adoption (and sometimes more through foster care). In addition to three main sessions, we will offer a question and answer panel, two breakout sessions, and a family beach cookout on Saturday evening.

To register for this event visit MyLHUMC.net. For more information contact *Katie Fanning* at Katie@MyLHUMC.net.



55+ Group
Swamp Gravy Trip
Colquitt, GA, Oct 6th

The 55+ group is going Georgia for their annual Swamp Gravy trip. If you are interested in participating in this trip, the cost is \$43 which includes bus, lunch and show tickets. Sign-up early because limited spots are available. You can sign-up on the bulletin board in the Transmitter lobby or by calling *Evelyn Easterwood* at 265-3203.

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



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oversees our church employees) has recommended and the Finance Committee has approved a mid-year bonus for our full- and part-time salaried staff members. Due to budget constraints, they have not received a pay raise for several years, not even a cost-of-living adjustment. So this extra compensation makes up some of the difference and expresses our appreciation to them for their hard work and dedication. Of course, it is a "step of faith" being taken by our church leadership since there are no guarantees the increased giving will continue. But we are confident it will and so, I thank you for what you've already done and encourage you to keep keepin' on so we can support and expand God's work through our ministry and mission efforts.

A second dose of good news reported at our July finance committee meeting was that Fusion Fitness turned a profit in both May and June. Hallelujah! This is the reversal of a trend that has continued since we first began operating Fusion in 2012 as we have lost money almost every month. It appears that our relationship with our management partner, EMS, is providing dividends. We have dramatically increased both our revenue and the number of folks using the facility. That means financial stability for us along with more opportunities to share the gospel

with the children and adults involved in our programs. If you haven't been to Fusion in awhile, stop by and see the good things that are happening. I am truly grateful for the outstanding leadership of our EMS partner, Shawn Walker, and the capable staff he has assembled at Fusion. Also, I thank God for the sacrifice of some of our church members who made "over and above" gifts to enhance the facility (especially through air conditioning upgrades) through our Kingdom Investor initiative last year. We are reaping the benefits of those investments both financially and spiritually.

Needless to say, I enter August feeling very blessed. That really shouldn't be a surprise since we serve a great and mighty God who loves to shower His blessings on His people. That is definitely the case right now so I hope you will join me in giving the Lord our thanks and praise. At the same time, let's anticipate even bigger and better blessings as we ask God to open up the heavens over our church, our community, and our world. To Him be the glory!

In Christ's name,

Craig Carter
 Lead Pastor, LHUMC



Back to School Bash
Southport Elementary, Aug 5th, 2-4pm

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.

We are in need to servants! Sign up to serve at mylhumc.net.

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.

God Sighting

During the month of June, we had two different mission teams serve on mission trips. On June 19th, 9 of our church members went to Durango, Mexico to serve alongside our friends Jorge and Yulimar Martinez. The team assisted with a youth camp and helped in other ways as needed. On June 22nd, 22 of our youth traveled to New Mexico and Arizona to work on the Navajo reservations and in homes and churches in need. Praise God for their willingness to serve others!



Starting Point
Transmitter Campus, August 26, 12:15pm

New to Lynn Haven UMC? Start here! Meet our pastors and learn about our church structure, staff, vision and ministries, and how to plug in to our many activities. Contact *Mindy Clemons* at Mindy@MyLHUMC.net to RSVP for lunch and childcare.



Servant Needs

We are in need of servants to work in the office at the front desk. If you are interested contact *Heather Howell* at Heather@MyLHUMC.net

"Follow" by Andy Stanley Sunday School Class
Transmitter Campus, Portable 2, Begins August 12th, 11am

Jesus' invitation was for people to follow Him and to be in relationship with Him. What does it mean to follow Jesus? Join the Tillery's Sunday school class at Transmitter in portable 2 on August 12 as they start this new study!



Teacher Appreciation and Blessing of the Backpacks
Transmitter and Fusion Campus, August 12th

We invite all school teachers to join us during the morning services at Transmitter and Fusion for prayer and blessings. After the services they are invited to a reception in their honor.

Also, please have your students bring their backpacks during the worship service for a special blessing. For more information contact *Heather Howell* at Heather@MyLHUMC.net.

August dates to remember...

Fusion Parent's Night Out

Back to School Bash

Service Squad to Wonderworks & Mathison

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Aug 3

Aug 5

Aug 7

Aug 12

Aug 17

Aug 26



Youth Group "ONE" Worship
Laguna Beach Christian Retreat
August 26, 2:00pm-10:00pm

The youth group will be headed to Laguna Beach Christian Retreat on August 26th. Bring drinks, snacks, towel, sunscreen and a change of clothes.

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

CHILDREN



Transmitter Campus
August 29

AWANA kick-off night is right around the corner! Registration is available on our website at MyLHUMC.net and is \$50 per child with a family max of \$135.

Join us each Wednesday from 6-7:30pm. Our first official night of AWANA activities will be September 5th.

If you are interested in being an AWANA servant, or would like more information, contact *Mary McQuagge* at Mary@MyLHUMC.net.



Transmitter Campus, August 17th, 5:30pm-9pm

Children ages 6wks-5th grade are invited to a night of games, crafts, dinner, movies and fun! The cost is \$12 per child. Register at MyLHUMC.net. For more information contact *Cindy Hansen* at Cindy@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.