



Lynn Haven United Methodist Church
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Dear Lynn Haven UMC family,

Have you heard the news? **In-person church services will resume on Sunday, June 7!**

We're so excited about our Re-Gathering but as you can imagine we won't be returning to "church as usual." Almost everything will look a little different than it did the last time we worshipped in the same building on March 15. As a matter of fact, we'll be in a completely different building! Nearly 20 months after the destruction of Hurricane Michael, we are planning to re-open our church building at 3203 Minnesota Avenue (the former Fusion campus) as we officially resume in-person worship following the coronavirus pandemic shut-down.

Our most important concern is your health and well-being. So while we hope many of you will join us next Sunday, we also hope those who need to stay home will do so, and without any guilt. If you are sick or more at risk for getting severely ill from possible exposure to COVID-19, please stay home. You'll still be able to worship with us as both the 8 am and 9:30 am services will be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

On the following page please find important information regarding our Re-Gathering, including service times and the guidelines we are asking everyone to follow while worshipping with us.

Our prayer for every member of our congregation continues to be the same and it comes from 3 John 2: "Dear friends, I hope and pray all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit." We look forward to seeing you in person very soon!

To God be the glory!

In Christ,

Craig Carter
Lead Pastor
Lynn Haven UMC



Church Re-Gathering Phase 1: Starting June 7, 2020

Phase 1 will continue for a period of time TBD as conditions warrant

Sunday Worship Schedule

8 am: Senior Adults and At-Risk Persons only (this service will feature traditional elements and music)

9:30 and 11 am: These services will have live music (with a worship band) and live preaching in the Worship Center, along with an alternate venue in the Community Room with live music and live-stream sermon (and more overflow locations throughout the building, if needed)

Online Worship: The 8 and 9:30 am services will be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Seating

Seating capacity will be limited to one-third of room capacity with extra spacing between rows.

Couples/ families will sit together and maintain at least a 6-foot (or three chairs') distance from others.

Parking/Entry/Exit

Parking for handicapped, senior adults, and parents of small children is available in the church lot. All others please park across street at New Horizons or Mosley. Everyone will enter through the main entrance. Greeters will open doors. At close of service, worshipers will be directed to the nearest exit.

Service Length

Services will last 50 minutes to allow adequate time for people to exit and for the sanitizing of surfaces.

Tithes/Offerings

Offering Baskets will be available throughout the building for touch-free giving.

Communion

Communion will be held on the first Sunday of the month. Pre-packaged sets will be placed in seats.

Children/Small Groups/Sunday School

In-person children's programs, Sunday School and Small Group meetings are still on hold.

Safety/Sanitation

A cleaning crew will sanitize restrooms and all public areas before and in between services. All church staff and servants will wear masks, except when on stage. Hand sanitizer will be readily available.

General Guidelines for All

Congregating in the lobby or common areas is discouraged, along with hugs and handshakes. Everyone is expected to practice social distancing. Masks are encouraged for everyone and will be available for all. Restrooms will be open, but water fountains turned off. Attendance will be recorded via an electronic, self-reporting method which is encouraged by health officials in the event of a COVID-19 positive attendee.