



Newest Request 1st:

Brandon Webster, Teresa Mosely, Harry Brown, Bill Sikes, Linwood & Sherry Calhoun, Darrell Nobles, Cliff Cheney, Ronald Wilson, Vince Edwards, Lewis Van Dyke, Jean Brogdon, Cheryl Clifton, Sheldon Smith, Billy Willet, Betty Jo Thompson, Aries Haygood, Fred Brogdon, Eddie Wright, Johnny Jones, Charles Lee, Rachel Thompson, Jim Kight, Merle Wilkes, Fran Williams, Charles James, Mary Ann Kavakos, Jess Inman, Eugene Joyner & Family, Connie Anderson, Marion Franklin, Betty Gray, Betty Grimes, Kate Kennedy.

We are honored to be in prayer for the needs of our people. If you would like to add your request to our prayer list, please call the office or fill out the prayer request slip on Sunday mornings. If you would like to receive additional prayer from our prayer chain, please call Jane Benton at (912) 293-6543

Wings of Hope Thrift store

As a reminder, We are still in need of household goods, decorative items, kitchen items including small appliances, Linens, bedding , etc. Please bring donations to the store between 10:00 am - 1:00 pm on Thursdays & Fridays. Thank you for all the support of our mission.

Debbie W.

Thrift store Volunteers:

December 2017

Thursday

Dec. 7th Kay & Marcia

Dec. 14th; Kay, Randi, Elaine

Dec. 21st CLOSED

Dec. 28th CLOSED

Friday

Dec. 8th; Betty, Jo, Jean
Dec. 15th; Betty, Debbie, Terri

Dec. 22nd CLOSED

Dec. 29th CLOSED

Saturday

Closed

Merry Christmas!

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December 6, 2017

Upcoming Advent and Christmas Worship Services

***Children's Nativity Pageant
Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 p.m***

Our children are so excited to invite you all to come to the nativity pageant! This is a special event where they get to share the gospel with you, instead of the other way around. Please join us and let them tell you the story of Jesus' birth.

***Christmas in His Presence
Chancel Choir Cantata
Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 p.m.***

Before the carols, Christmas trees, and streets lined with lights, there was one thing that signified Christmas: the Savior of the world lying in a humble manger. We can return to this same sense of wonder, not through the presence of familiar objects or surroundings but through the divine presence of Christ. Just as Mary and Joseph gathered in a stable to celebrate the birth of Christ, join us as our Chancel Choir presents their cantata, Christmas in His Presence, by Marty Hamby and Debora Craig-Claar.

***Blue Christmas: Service of the Longest Night.
Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.***

Blue? Yes, blue as in the blues. As in "I am feeling blue." Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities.



Join us on Thursday the 21st at 6:00 p.m. for a reflective service of sacred space that seeks the Advent promise of healing and hope in dark or difficult times

**Christmas Eve Service: Carols, Candles, & Communion.
Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m.**

Join us this Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! During this special service, we will hear an inspiring message of hope, sing our favorite Christmas songs, celebrate Holy Communion, and close our service by singing Silent Night by candlelight. You won't want to miss it! Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and everyone you see to join us for this special service of worship!

Announcements

Get ready for an all new Prints of Peace. Early next year, a brand new, expanded edition of our church newsletter will begin going out once per month. It will include expanded writings from our pastor and staff, more space for ministries to share their great work, and all the news you need for the month. The first edition of our new format will launch at the end of January.

The Prints of Peace and monthly calendar are also available on-line at <http://lyonsfumc.org/connect/newsletter>

Church Office News: Its almost time to mail out financial statements for 2017. Please let the church office know if your address or phone number has changed.

Could you or someone you know be the next members of our staff? Lyons First United Methodist Church is searching for our next FULL TIME Director of Youth and Evangelism! We are also searching for a part-time Nursery Assistant. For information about these positions and how to apply, visit <http://lyonsfumc.org/about-us/employment>

Assisting on Sunday, December 10, 2017

Ushers: Charles Nobles, Scott Tuck, Mike Calhoun, Gil Williams
Nursery Volunteers: Gretchen Williams & Jamie Winge
Flowers: Second Sunday of Advent
Given By: Church Christmas Decorations
Acolytes: Ava Williams & Melody Page

Assisting on Sunday, December 17, 2017

Ushers: Bob Webster, Kirk Little, Tommy Alexander
Karl Owens, Gabe Garrett
Nursery Volunteers: Lawana Smith & Debbie Johnson
Flowers: Third Sunday of Advent
Given By: Church Christmas Decorations / Poinsettias
Acolytes: Madalyn Joyner & Jackson Morrow

Assisting on Sunday, December 24, 2017

Ushers: Brandon Owen, Pacer Joyner, Bill Hammock
Jimmy Brandenburg
Nursery Volunteers: Lori Tuck & Sandra Williams
Flowers: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Given By: Church Christmas Decorations/ Poinsettias
Acolytes: Luke Smith & Ryder Sears

Assisting on Sunday, December 31, 2017

Ushers: Kirk Little & Crew
Nursery Volunteers: Brooke Smith & Kim Alexander
Flowers: Church Christmas Decorations

Assisting on Sunday, January 07, 2018

Ushers: Jay Mosley, Kevin Hill, Mike Lothridge, Kim Stephens
Nursery Volunteers: Gretchen Williams & Jamie Winge
Flowers: In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. H.P James
Given By: Charles & Barbara James

Attendance & Stewardship

	11/12/17	11/19/17	11/26/17
Morning Worship	131	103	125
Evening Worship	20	19	19
Sunday School	79	67	80
Budget Received	\$3,875.00	\$7,239.11	\$2,890.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$301,325.76	\$307,876.32	\$314,426.88
Actual Receipts YTD	\$267,363.69	\$274,602.80	\$277,492.80
Bldg Fund	\$85.00	_____	_____
Youth	\$100.00	_____	_____
Food Pantry	\$25.00	_____	_____



Offering: Simply place your offering in the offering plate as an act of worship during each Sunday.

Online: Visit www.lyonsfumc.org & click on "Online Giving" to make a one-time donation or a recurring gift.

Mail: You can mail your gift any time by sending your gift to our office at Lyons First UMC, P.O .Box 71, Lyons, Ga. 30436.

Automated: Automate your giving by setting up bill pay through your checking account.