



Newest Request 1st:

Mark Montfort, 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, Mousie, Dianne Avret, Pam Griggers, Bowen Family, 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.**

Announcements

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>

Baby Shower given for Scarlett Clayton Stuckey of Jacksonville, granddaughter of Ed & Lawana Smith, It's a BOY! Saturday, **Sept. 9th at 2 pm.** All Invited!

Baby Shower a little princess is on her way. Please join us for a baby shower for Chuck & Shelby Hill on Sunday, September 10th from 2:00-4:00 pm. LFUMC Social hall. Shelby is registered at Target.

Mark your calendars for September 16th, 2017– UMW Northeast District Annual Meeting. It will be held at Swainsboro First United Methodist Church, In Swainsboro Ga. Registration 9:30 am.

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September 06, 2017

Investing in Children & Youth

Our church is passionate about helping our children and youth become disciples of Jesus Christ. As families renew their commitment to family discipleship, your church leadership is calling us to deepen our church-wide commitment to discipleship for children and youth across various avenues of ministry: Nursery Ministry, Children's Ministry, and Youth Ministry.

Children. In the past month, we welcomed Amanda Morrow as our Director of Children's Ministries. Before accepting this ministry, Amanda was leading our nursery ministry and redefining what it means for our church to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ" with infants and toddlers. Our nursery is rich with age-appropriate music, teaching, and activity that provides an environment for even the youngest child to be nurtured in Jesus Christ. Similarly, our volunteer nursery team has grown in number and dedication to sharing Christ with our church's nursery-aged children.

Amanda has jumped into her new leadership role with both feet. Our children's ministry has been reaching out to families, serving an increasing number of children, and investing in families through ministry events like "Parent's Night Out." An increasing number of church members have been investing in our children's ministry by stepping into leadership roles.

Nursery. Lori Tuck has taken over the scheduling of nursery volunteers to ensure we have a complete and loving staff each time the nursery is open. The next step in our nursery ministry is to hire a part-time Nursery Assistant to assist our amazing volunteer nursery team and to provide consistent, committed care and formation for our youngest Lyons Methodists.



Youth. In addition, we have heard God's call to make a courageous investment in our youth ministry. We have a responsibility to invest in the discipleship of teenagers. Before we send them out into the world as adults, we must do all that we can to instill a life-long love for Jesus Christ, spiritual habits that will sustain their journey, and a passion to live as disciples that reach out into the world.

Funding and resources have been an issue in our commitment to a youth ministry that will serve our students in these ways. However, it is time to make a strategic investment in our students. Our leadership has courageously committed to hiring a full-time youth director to assist us in this ministry. This position will be the Director of Youth and Evangelism. With some hard work, our leaders have been able to commit some start-up funds to begin our search. What happens next is up to God and our congregation's commitment to answer God's call.

Here are some ways that you can be a part of investing in children and youth:

1. Pray regularly for our children and youth. Pray our staff search process.
2. Share the job information with people around you. You can find it on our website, on Facebook, and in our publications.
3. Give. Your tithes and offerings enable us to have ministry and that will allow us to continue to invest in our children and youth. Passion without action never becomes reality. Consider recommitting to regular giving; beginning to give regularly; increasing your commitment; and making special gifts to the ministry of the church.

God has called, God will provide, and I am confident that our great church will rise to the call. For the families of our church, for our kids, for our community, and for Christ. May it be so, in Jesus' name!

With joy in Christ,

Pastor Jim

Assisting on Sunday, September 10, 2017

Ushers: Scott Tuck, Charles Nobles, Powell Collins, Mike Calhoun
 Gil Williams
 Nursery Volunteers: Brooke Smith & Kim Alexander
 Flowers: In Memory of Bobbie & Charles Durst
 Given By: The Family
 Acolytes: Jackson & Ryder Sears

Assisting on Sunday, September 17, 2017

Ushers: Karl Owens, Kirk Little, Bob Webster, Tommy Alexander
 Gabe Garrett
 Nursery Volunteers: Gretchen Williams & Jamie Winge
 Flowers: To the Glory of God
 Given By: Paula Krulic
 Acolytes: Luke Hill & Melody Page

Assisting on Sunday, September 24, 2017

Ushers: Jimmy Brandenburg, Pacer Joyner, Bill Hammock
 Brandon Bowen
 Nursery Volunteers: Lawana Smith & Debbie Webster
 Flowers: To the Glory of God
 Given By: Lori & Scott Tuck

Thrift Store Volunteer Schedule; Sept. 7th-Kay, Marcia & Joyce, Sept. 8th-Betty, Jo, Jean, Sept. 9th-Marilyn & Kim, Sept.14th;Kay W, Randi S. & Elaine B. Friday, Sept. 18th; Betty, Debbie W. & LouAnn

Family Night Supper

Wednesday at 5:45 PM
 Bible Study at 6:15 PM

*Adult meals are \$7.50. Children ages 4 –10 are \$4.00.
 Children under 4 years old are free.*

Menu 9/13—Fried chicken, hamburger steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, broccoli casserole, rolls & chocolate delight

Menu 9/20—Barbeque pork, potato salad, green beans, baked beans, hamburger buns & strawberry cheesecake

Supper Hosts 9/13

Sue Meeks, Debbie Webster,
 Melvin McBride &
 Marilyn Cowart

Supper Hosts 9/20

Jean Hill, Bikie Randall, Chuck
 & Elizabeth Shaw

Attendance & Stewardship

	8/13//2017	8/20/2017
Morning Worship	177	204
Evening Worship	18	—
Sunday School	93	84
Budget Received	\$8,097.40	\$3,667.04
Budget Needed YTD	\$216,164.48	\$222,719.04
Actual Receipts YTD	\$194,384.69	\$198,051.73
Bldg Fund	\$105.00	\$85.00
Food Pantry	\$25.00	—
Youth	\$25.00	—
Music	—	—
Capital Campaign	\$250.00	\$202.00



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.