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With Eyes Set Towards Easter

We are now knee-deep in Lent. If you've chosen to fast or abstain for something, I hope you've fallen into a meaningful rhythm. But, let's be honest, I'm sure you're longing for Easter! There is something spiritually significant about this season whether we engage it meaningfully or not. Nature is preparing to burst forth it's spring awakening and we can often feel the same in the back of our minds. The world's eyes are set on Easter. If we do, in fact, keep a holy Lent, we will find our anticipation building for the joys of Easter.

Here at Lyons First UMC, we have been preparing to share this Easter joy with our community since late last year. **In fact, you'll notice a pronounced change in our Easter celebration this year--we will be holding two services on Easter morning--at 9 AM and 11 AM.** Why?

According to our records, Easter is always our highest attended Sunday for the year. The challenge that our Bishop has posed to us is, "How can we maximize our impact on Sundays when we are already doing a great work?" One way we can do that is to provide an additional service on that day to 1) *provide you with more opportunities to invite people to church* and 2) *provide additional times for those whom our normal service time conflicts due to family or other obligations.*

Our Church Council voted last November to try something: let's hold 2 services to see if we can serve more total people on Easter. I'm so proud of our leaders' courage to try something new to impact our community!

What do we need from you? We need all hands on deck! With 2 services, we need leadership: audio/visual, choir, ushers, hospitality, etc. We need you to invite, invite, invite! And we need you to come to church. It would do us no good to test a new way to reach out only to find that things don't add up because our faithful members didn't come to church!

Now, remember, our goal for Easter is to worship with more people *in total across both services.* Be prepared for this because this means that you will see fewer people in any one service. However, we hope to see a total number increase when our services are added together.

Our eyes are on Easter--in our souls and with our mission. Let's prepare our hearts, let's prepare our invitations, and let's prepare our presence!

--Bro. Jim

Singin' in My Soul

As you read this, we will be well into our 40 days of Lent, a journey of faith which leads us to Holy Week and the Way of the Cross.

Choosing music for the season of Lent can be a bit more challenging than choosing music for Christmas. Could it be that singing about gifts and a Baby makes us feel better than the sadness and sacrifice of the Cross?

Personally, I have found that music speaks to my heart in a very profound way that feeds my soul. May the music of Lent, inspired by the scriptures, minister to you as we prepare for the Easter season.

Diane McBride, Music Director

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Making disciples of Jesus Christ who love God, love each other, and love outside the walls.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Holy Week @ Noon, check locations 3/26 - 3/30						
Anniversaries & Birthdays						
3/01 Derrek Hammock	3/10 Joy Collins	3/12 Jimmy Brandenburg	3/15 Bruce Durden	3/16 Will NeSmith III	3/23 Nick Taylor	3/21 Amber Joyner
3/03 Tiffany Edwards	3/13 Brandon Webster	3/12 Jerry & Renee Lewis (a)	3/16 Kayla Oglesby	3/25 Powell & Joy Collins (a)	3/29 Tara Gerrits (a)	3/29 Chuck & Elizabeth Shaw
3/04 Adam Calhoun	3/13 Pam Bishop	3/12 Jerry & Renee Lewis (a)	3/16 Kayla Oglesby	3/25 Powell & Joy Collins (a)	3/29 Tara Gerrits (a)	3/29 Chuck & Elizabeth Shaw
3/09 Jesse Little	3/15 Marilyn Cowart	3/12 Jerry & Renee Lewis (a)	3/16 Kayla Oglesby	3/25 Powell & Joy Collins (a)	3/29 Tara Gerrits (a)	3/29 Chuck & Elizabeth Shaw
3/14 Debbie Webster	3/15 Marilyn Cowart	3/12 Jerry & Renee Lewis (a)	3/16 Kayla Oglesby	3/25 Powell & Joy Collins (a)	3/29 Tara Gerrits (a)	3/29 Chuck & Elizabeth Shaw
3/17 Dallas Montfort	3/15 Marilyn Cowart	3/12 Jerry & Renee Lewis (a)	3/16 Kayla Oglesby	3/25 Powell & Joy Collins (a)	3/29 Tara Gerrits (a)	3/29 Chuck & Elizabeth Shaw
3/20 John Sears	3/15 Marilyn Cowart	3/12 Jerry & Renee Lewis (a)	3/16 Kayla Oglesby	3/25 Powell & Joy Collins (a)	3/29 Tara Gerrits (a)	3/29 Chuck & Elizabeth Shaw
3/26 Mike Lohridge	3/15 Marilyn Cowart	3/12 Jerry & Renee Lewis (a)	3/16 Kayla Oglesby	3/25 Powell & Joy Collins (a)	3/29 Tara Gerrits (a)	3/29 Chuck & Elizabeth Shaw
3/28 Bill Hammock	3/15 Marilyn Cowart	3/12 Jerry & Renee Lewis (a)	3/16 Kayla Oglesby	3/25 Powell & Joy Collins (a)	3/29 Tara Gerrits (a)	3/29 Chuck & Elizabeth Shaw

Weekly Schedule

Sundays
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Worship

Wednesdays
5:30 pm Fellowship
6:00 pm Children's Ministry
6:00 pm Choir Practice
(3/28 No Bible Study)

Thursdays
10-12:00 am Food Pantry
10 am-1 pm Thrift Store
Easter Egg Hunt/Picnic, 11am

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10 am-1 pm Thrift Store

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All Things New

There is something to be said for new things! Some like new shoes, a new shirt or a new golf club. I remember when my daughters were growing up there was always excitement associated with a new Easter dress. We can search the scriptures and find a number of different passages that make reference to “new”. One important principle I can think of talks about us becoming a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

As I sit here in my new office, at my new desk in my new chair in my first week of my new job, I am contemplating my new opportunities, my new responsibilities, my new expectations and my new blessings that are already evident.

I am beyond thankful for the burden the Lord has given me to see the upcoming generation influenced by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I do not take lightly the trust that has been extended to me as I settle into my new role as Director of Youth and Evangelism here at Lyons FUMC.

Over these next few weeks I will endeavor to work with others to establish and articulate a defined vision statement and ministry strategy. As part of this strategy we will develop a meeting schedule, fortify our team of volunteers and work together to build a ministry that exists to have an eternal impact on students. My prayer is that together we can create an environment where students in our community long to be and as a result can become disciples of Jesus and disciple makers.

My wife and I have felt a tremendous outpouring of love and hospitality and we are both excited to begin this new journey. Thank you for making us feel so welcome!

I firmly believe that if the youth ministry here at LFUMC is firmly rooted in Christ that Christ will be glorified, lives will be changed and the kingdom will expand! Join me as we drive a stake in the ground and begin this new work!

In Him,
Mike L



Celebrating Baptism

We welcome Asher Johnson to the family of God! Asher professed his faith in Jesus Christ and received the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, February 18th. Please celebrate with Asher and his family!

Children’s Ministry News

Fasting during lent can be really neat for kids! We have always either given up something that really wasn’t great for us. Or, we started doing something that would be good for us.

At our house this year we have decided as a family to use screens less and try to be present with each other more. So, we ditched the screens and headed outside! The boys asked to ride bikes and within the hour Dean was riding without training wheels!

They have enjoyed each other more during this first week of Lent. They wrote skits to perform, pulled out some old toys they had not played with in a while, and

rough housed like kids do! The house is much louder without screens but we are all happier. God has blessed us already and we are excited to continue to grow closer to God and closer to who he wants us to be! What are you doing as a family for Lent?

Sweet Blessings, Amanda



Announcements

Welcome the Confirmation Class of 2018: Campbell Adams, Sawyer Adams, Abby Bishop, Emily Edwards, Madalyn Joyner, Brock Nobles, Benton Page, Jonathan Thayer, & Andrew Tuck.

Confirmation Schedule: Confirmation Retreat at Epworth, March 2-4. Big Meetings: March 18, April 8, and April 29 from noon - 1:30 PM. Confirmation Sunday, May 6.

Our SPRC will host Covered-Dish Lunch after church on March 11 to welcome Michael and Ame Lane to our church! Bring food, bring love, and bring an appetite!

Worship opportunities for Lent & Easter:

Sunday Worship at 11 AM.

March 25: Chancel Choir’s Easter Performance

March 26-30: Holy Week services at Noon.

Locations to be announced.

March 29, 6 PM: Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 1, 9 AM & 11 AM: Easter Worship

Interested in the wider UMC denomination? The Northeast District will host two opportunities to attend information, discussion and listening sessions on "The Commission on a Way Forward". Each meeting should

last about an hour. Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Pittman Park UMC at 4:00 pm, Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Swainsboro FUMC at 6:00 pm

Wings of Hope Thrift Store March schedule:

Thursdays 3/1-Kay,Randi,& Diane 3/8-Kay,Joyce ,& Elaine; 3/15– Kay, Randi,& Mary Alice; 3/22– Kay, Debbie G.,& Elaine 3/29 - Kay, Randi & Marcia ; **Fridays;** 3/2– Betty, Jo, & Jean; 3/9– Betty, Debbie, & Marilyn; 3/16– Betty, Jo, LouAnn; 3/23– Betty, Debbie W., & Sam. **Saturday;** 3/3– Terri & Debbie W.

Easter Cantata, On Sunday evening, March 25th, at 5:00 p.m., the Chancel Choir will present an Easter cantata, AMAZING LOVE, HOW CAN IT BE. The musical was created and arranged by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith. It is a beautiful offering which encourages every voice to proclaim God's name and share the Good News. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to join us in this special worship service where we come together and - through songs - declare Christ's power over sin and death! This is amazing love!



Prayer Requests

Shirley Bott & family, Brandon Webster, Teresa Mosely, Harry Brown, Linwood & Sherry Calhoun, Darrell Nobles, Lewis Van Dyke, Jean Brogdon, Aries Haygood, Fred Brogdon, Johnny Jones, 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

Attendance & Stewardship

“And let us not neglect our meeting together...” Hebrews 10:25

	1/28/18	2/4/18	2/11/18
Morning Worship	132	95	118
Evening Worship	18	12	15
Total Worship	150	107	133
Sunday School	72	73	85
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,629.00	\$6,362.00	\$6,021.60
Total Receipts YTD:	\$51,591.60		

At the end of each quarter, we will publish a detailed financial report.

Four Ways to Give

Offering: Simply place your offering in the offering during worship

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.