

Service of Worship

10:00 AM

+Please stand where indicated if it is comfortable for you.
All are welcome in this place of worship.
As you are seated, please silence your cell phones.
The congregation will speak the liturgy in bold print.

Gathering

Today we welcome the Swinging Bridge Bluegrass Band to the Lighthouse Church.

GATHERING MUSIC The Swinging Bridge

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Linden Hustedt

+OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
Lord we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to received your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day.
Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF MUSICAL GUESTS Ed Paxton

MUSICAL SELECTIONS The Swinging Bridge

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kathy Peters

Proclamation

The Word is encountered in speech and song as scripture is interpreted and expounded.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that as we hear your Word, we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+SCRIPTURE LESSON
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HOMILY The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Today's altar flowers are given by Doug and Chrys Hyde in loving memory of Doug's mother, Joyce Wyman Hyde, July 28, 1923 - October 27, 2021

Response

We respond by affirming our faith, lifting our prayers, and praising the triune God.

CALL TO PRAYER Linden Hustedt
The Lord be with you
And also with you
The congregation is invited to read and pray for the needs on the prayer list at this time.

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 "Spirit Song" SPIRIT SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Linden Hustedt
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY The Swinging Bridge

Sending Forth

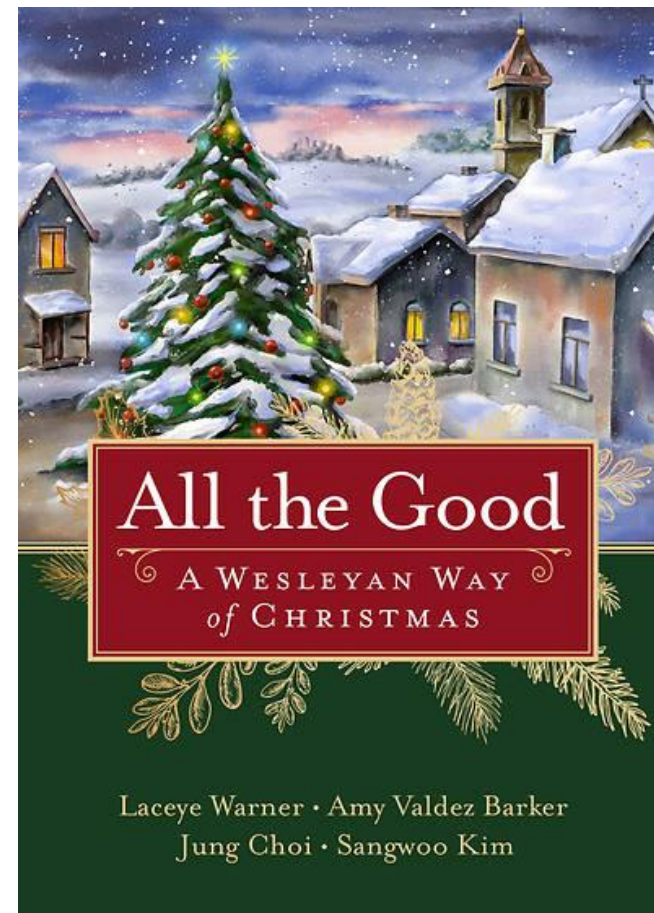
We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with God's blessing to lives of service and love.

+CLOSING HYMN "I'll Fly Away" The Swinging Bridge

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

+POSTLUDE The Swinging Bridge

Weddings, Memorial Services, Columbarium
The Sanctuary is available for services of matrimony, funerals, and memorial services. For more information regarding facility use or columbarium inurnment, please visit www.bgighthouseumc.com or contact the church office at info@bgighthouseumc.com.



Advent Bible Study Led by Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

8:30am on Sunday Mornings
November 28, December 5, 12, and 19

A group of diverse Wesleyan scholars take us on an advent journey guided by the practices in John Wesley's Means of Grace. In four sessions of study, prayer, and conversation, we will explore preparing the way for God, the discipline of prayer, the substance of good works, and the recognition of God's presence with us in communities that are called to serve the world.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall to reserve a seat and a Participant Guide for the study. Companion Daily Devotional books will also be available for the Advent Season. Light breakfast will be provided.



Connect Card



Welcome! We'd like to help you get connected. Please fill out this card & place it on the offering plate.

Let us know how we can reach out to you!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

How long have you attended LH Church?

- 1st time guest 2nd time guest
- guest from out of town
- regular attendee member

I am interested in:

Having the Pastor Contact Me

- Youth and Families
- Small Groups
- Missions
- United Methodist Women
- Men's Prayer Group
- Strawberry Festival Volunteer
- Stephen Ministry
- Greeting and Ushering
- Communion Stewardship
- Fellowship Hour Hospitality
- Singing in the Choir
- Membership

Prayer Requests

In everything by prayer...
Let your requests be made known
unto God.

Philippians 4:6

Please write your request here
and place it in the offering plate or
hand it to an usher.

Please pray for

Requested by

Date _____

Phone number () _____

Email _____

**PRAYER REQUESTS ARE HONORED UNTIL
NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED OTHERWISE.
PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED AT
941-964-2479**

I would like someone to
contact me to pray over
more confidential
matters.

Welcome!

We are honored that you are here! If you are a first time guest, please pick up a gift mug as a token of our gratitude for your presence here today. All are welcome into the congregational life, ministry, and membership of Lighthouse United Methodist Church. For information on baptism and membership, please contact us at info@bglighthouseumc.com.

United Methodist Women

The UMW has plans for an inspiring and colorful year as we joyfully gather in person again. Our new commitment is to CARE, a local shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. There is an excellent series on Netflix called MAID. It is based on a memoir of author Stephanie Land and stars Angie McDowell and her real life daughter. Ignore the bad language and learn about the plight of women attempting to escape domestic violence to start a new life. The acting is superb and the story inspiring and enlightening.

Christmas Luncheon

This year our Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Boca Grande Club on Friday, December 10th, at 11 am. The cost is \$35. Our theme this year is a holiday Pajama Party No, you don't have to wear pajamas...we have had enough of that for the last few years! We ask all to bring new women's or children's pajamas to donate to the shelter. The size of the pajamas do not matter. We also ask that you please do not wrap the pajamas. Most often the residents at the shelter simply come with just the clothes they are wearing. Games and holiday cheer promise to make this an event not to miss! Make checks out to UMW and indicate your choice of chicken or shrimp for the salad entre. All reservations must be in by December 1. Please RSVP to the church office. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Family Ministry Program

Lighthouse UMC is honored to walk with our children along their faith journey. We do so through the **WILD Center** where kids **Worship, Inspire, Learn, and Disciple**. We strive to bring Bible stories to life, guide them in going to God in prayer, and grow their personal relationship with Jesus. Jesus loves them and so do we!

Sunday School Change

Children in fourth grade and up are encouraged to attend worship service with their families. They will then meet with Ms. Kathy in the Leopard Lair following service (with refreshments included) from 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM for a brief Sunday School Bible Study discussion while adults gather in Fellowship Hall.

Englewood Helping Hand Food Bank

The Food Bank is welcoming more visitors than ever. In particular, they're looking for packages of ramen noodles and boxes of macaroni and cheese. If you'd like to contribute either or both items to Helping Hand, please place your donations in the big blue barrels in front of the church entrance or the administrative offices entrance. They are most appreciated! Thank you!

Columbarium

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 2, it was decided to increase the cost of a niche in the Columbarium. Effective January 1, 2022, the cost of a niche will be \$3,000.

Serving Today

Ushers: Susan Hanafee and Ian Rogerson
Liturgist: Jane Caple
Acolyte: Annie teVelde

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of October 26, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$630,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$521,308.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$338,127.00
Coming from: DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$111,465.00 (21% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED MISSIONS.....	\$25,000.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$201,662.00



November 14, 2021

"Welcome Back" Bluegrass Sunday

*Receiving the Light,
Being the Light,
Sharing the Light of Jesus Christ*



Swinging Bridge Bluegrass Band