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THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

“To Know and To Make Christ Known”

October 11, 2009 7th Sunday of Kingdomtide

***Early Worship Service**
9:00am in the Sanctuary
Dr. Harold Lawrence, preaching

Morning Glory
9:00am in the Fellowship Hall
Rev. Kathy Lamon, preaching

***Traditional Service**
11:00am in the Sanctuary
Dr. Harold Lawrence, preaching

***Korean Worship Service**
11:00am in the Chapel
Rev. Daniel Kim

October 18, 2009 6th Sunday in Kingdomtide

***Early Worship Service**
9:00am in the Sanctuary
Rev. Kathy Lamon, preaching

Morning Glory
9:00am in the Fellowship Hall
Dr. Quincy Brown, preaching

***Traditional Service**
11:00am in the Sanctuary
Dr. Harold Lawrence, preaching

***Korean Worship Service**
11:00am in the Chapel
Rev. Daniel Kim

Continuing to Rethink Church

We have taken a number of steps here to move toward being a more open and flexible congregation. While we will continue to benefit from those efforts, there is a difficult assignment ahead that will affect us profoundly. It has to do with taking a hard look at ourselves, our group, our class and our committee and asking the question: What must we do to revitalize who we are?

When we are on the inside enjoying the comfort of any gathering, it is impossible to entertain the view of those looking in from the outside. They see us as “closed” to them, even when we assure them that we are “open” to them. They may even view themselves as tolerated by us rather than included by us. How do we change that perception?

A standard mentality on the part of those of us who are firmly grounded in our branch of the church family is, “They can join us if they want to.” How differently it comes across when we say, “Join us because we want you to.” Part of revitalizing our group is to sense and discuss if we ever extend an invitation and, if we do, what it sounds like when we give it.

If our goal is to make disciples for Christ, sitting at the same table with the same people time after time isn’t going to accomplish it. Never venturing beyond our sphere of friends and acquaintances isn’t going to accomplish it. Why not take the goodness and the closeness you have experienced and present it as an opportunity for someone else? That makes the most powerful witness of all.

—Harold

The Rev. Dr. H. Dan Rice

The Rev. Dr. Dan Rice lived a faithful life for almost 84 years. He served in full time ministry for 44 years and from 1978 to 1980 he was appointed as the senior minister at LaGrange First United Methodist Church. Dr. Rice died September 12th and a memorial service to celebrate his life was held September 19th. We are grateful for his ministry with us.

At the Traditional Worship Services:

Children’s Church, for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade meets in room 201 on the 2nd floor of the Children’s Building.

Holiday Closing for the Church Office

Your church office will be closed on Monday, October 11 in observance of Columbus Day. Our offices are usually closed for Veterans’ Day, but because Veteran’s Day falls on a Wednesday this year, Columbus Day will be substituted.

**Wednesday Evening Weekly
October 14, 2009
NO WEW due to Fall Break.**

October 21, 2009

Menu: Hamburger steaks, baked potato bar, slaw, salad bar, dessert.

Children's Menu: Hotdogs & PB&J sandwiches.

Call or email the church office at 884-4635 by NOON on MONDAY to make or change your reservation for dinner.

The cost is: 0 for those 2 years & under; \$3 for those 3-12 years; and \$6 for those 13 years and over. NO family cap; each person eating pays.

Servers: Adult Fellowship (October)



Did You Know????

Community Care—August
Clients helped: 31; Dollar Amount: \$1462.76

September (thru 9/17/09)
Clients helped: 32; Dollar amount: \$2054.63

Meals on Wheels serves about 130 meals each week. Soup Kitchen averages serving 68 meals on Mondays and 57 sack lunches on Wednesdays every week. Soup Kitchen has seen a significant increase in numbers over the last month.

TLC DAY TRIP OPPORTUNITY



We are going to **Ellijay** on Thursday, October 22nd to *view the fall foliage and shop for apples*. We will leave the Vernon Street parking lot at 9:00 a.m., eat lunch in the area, and return by or before 6:00 p.m.

Call the church office at 706-884-4635, to sign up before October 19th.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED

Mr. Derward Brumeloe - Mr. Walter Dance, Dr. & Mrs. Cliff Rainey, Mr. & Mrs. Reese Jackson

Mrs. Lola B. Grindle - Anonymous

Mrs. Carol Diefendorf (Donna Fager's Sister) - Mrs. Virginia Robertson, Maranatha Sunday School Class

Mrs. Rose Buchanan (Linda Buchanan's Mother) - Mrs. Virginia Robertson

Mrs. Ida Callaway Hudson - Dr. & Mrs. Cliff Rainey

Mr. John Schuessler - U.M.W.

Mrs. Sandra Alsobrook (Fred Cammon's Sister) - Mary Will Thompson Sunday School Class, Maranatha Sunday School Class

Mrs. Alliene Ellis - U.M.W., Mrs. Virginia Robertson

FALL LUNCHEON



LaGrange Troup County Council of Church Women will hold its fall luncheon at First Baptist Church on Monday, October 26, at noon. A musical program will be presented by child prodigy Libby Criswell.

Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased from your Circle leader or in the church office until October 20. All women are encouraged to enjoy this delightful event. All proceeds benefit Camp Viola and the Yolanda Jabaley Clothing Center, the ministries of the Council.

Saturday Salad Study
Saturday, Oct 24th, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Rev. Kathy Lamon invites you to a ladies study based on Liz Curtis Higgs' book "Bad Girls of the Bible." Join us in the small dining room for this fun and laughter filled journey through the lives of some of the notorious women in scripture and learn how NOT to handle the challenges of life. Bring your sense of humor and a \$5 donation to offset the cost of our salad lunch. A light breakfast will also be provided. Call the church office at 706-884-4635 to register.

**UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS
October 12, 2009**

Esther	10:00am	Pairs & Spares Class
Susanna	10:00am	Tee Borders 211 Springdale Drive
Lydia	10:00am	Pat Bodine 4720 Hammett Road
Ruth	7:00pm	Joanna Selbie 304 Victoria Point
Rachel	10:00am	Betty McManaway 804 Wisteria Way

October 11, 2009

Hannah	6:00pm	Church Library
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November is OUR Food Closet Month

Our church is scheduled to provide volunteers for the LaGrange Food Closet at 416 Pierce Street on the dates listed below. We need 3 people per day—men and women—from 12:45 until 3:30. Please call the church at 706-884-4635 office to volunteer.
Nov. 3rd, 5th, 10th and 12th.



Our Children's Ministry

FALL FESTIVAL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. This year we will have a costume contest for each age group (no scary ones.) The date is October 28th from 4:30-7:00.

2-4th Graders will have a pizza lunch and games with Ms. Kim on October 25th immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Please let me know if you plan on attending.

Thank you to this month's teachers: Lisa Evans, Richard & Donna Ennis, and Edward & Laura Smith. Also, thank you to Jimmy & Beth Doerr for teaching Children's Church.

*Children's Choirs will not meet on Wednesday, October 14th because of Fall break.

Our Mid High Youth

Remember we are NOT going to Six Flags this Sunday due to weather and conditions at the park.

WOW! We had 41 kids at Chick-fil-a Tuesday morning for breakfast and a devotion.

Route 78 will go to Popes Haunted Farm this Friday, October 9th. The cost of the trip is \$15.00

Remember there is no WEW Bible Study next Wednesday due to Fall Break and we will not have Sunday evening activities on October 18th.

Our Fall Festival is just around the corner so be ready to help out with **OUR BIG EVENT**.



Baggin' It for Missions

Our Missions Committee is sponsoring a food drive for our community food closet. A paper bag with a "shopping list" attached will be available for pick up beginning this Sunday after the worship services. Take it with you when you do your family grocery shopping and purchase a few items to help another family in our community. You can return your filled bag on Sunday, October 25th and place it in the back of the trucks parked on Vernon Street and Broad Street under the covered drive thrus.

Our Sr High Youth

I hope that everyone is having a great week. This weekend is our camping trip. We will go camp out at the McKeen Farm Saturday night and then go together to church Sunday morning. We will have a bonfire, do some fishing, play games, worship, and just hang out all night! Everyone needs to be at the Church at 3:30pm THIS SATURDAY with all of your camping gear, sleeping bags, and church clothes for Sunday morning. Bring a tent if you have one or if you know someone that has one; if you don't have one, it's no problem. I will provide dinner and breakfast and smores!!! We are going to have a blast! Things to bring if you have it: fishing poles, sleeping bag, football or frisbee etc..., church clothes, sweatshirt, tent, and any snacks you want for the night.

No MYF on Sunday night because we will have devotion and worship on Saturday night.

See you this weekend!



FALL FESTIVAL

October 28th

4:30-7:00pm

—A hot dog supper along with many games, a cake walk, and lots of fellowship.

—Costumes are encouraged, just remember—no scary costumes. See you there!

Calendar for October 11 - October 17

Sunday * Nursery
 *Worship Services.....see page 1
 5:00pm.....56 Degrees & Route 78
 5:30pm..... Adult Choir Rehearsal
Monday
 OFFICES CLOSED
Tuesday
 9:30am.....Korean/English Language Class
 7:30pm.....Boy Scouts
Wednesday
 11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
 6:30pm.....Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
Thursday
 10:00am.....Prayer Group
Friday
 7:00am.....Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday

Calendar for October 18 - October 24

Sunday * Nursery
 *Worship Services.....see page 1
 *9:45am.....Sunday School
 5:00pm.....56 Degrees/Route 78
 5:30pm..... Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:00pm.....Senior High MYF
Monday
 11:00-11:30am-Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
 12:00.....Memorial Foundation
Tuesday
 9:30am.....Korean/English Language Class
 7:30pm.....Boy Scouts
Wednesday
 11:30am.....Soup Kitchen -Sack Lunch
 5:15pm.....WEW
 5:45pm.....Children's Choirs
 6:30pm.....Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
Thursday
 10:00am.....Prayer Group
Friday
 7:00am.....Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday

BULLETINS RECEIVED

Branson UMC, Branson, MO

Sidney & Enid Tate

Beulah UMC, Valley, AL

Cliff & Faye Rainey

Gulf Shores UMC,

Gulf Shores, AL

Luther Carter

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Doug & Sandy Cox in the death of his mother, **Mrs. Jean Cox, September 11, 2009.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar, October 11th, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Robert Strickland** by Ann & Bill Petry.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Given Last Sunday

\$20,382.80

Needed in 40 Weeks

\$1,052,214.00

Received in 40 Weeks

\$946,614.77



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ATTENDANCE Last Sunday

Sunday School.....376

Early Service.....

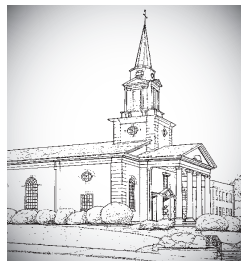
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