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August 7, 2016

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**Child care is provided.*

Mark your calendar

Homecoming Sunday

August 28th

10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Greg Porterfield, preaching

Covered Dish Luncheon

**** Story Hour** is for 2 & 3 yr. olds in Room 107 of the Children's Building from 11am to 12 noon.

Children's Church is for children ages 1st grade and younger in room 203. A leader will escort the children from the 11:00 worship service.



THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

BACK TO SCHOOL...BACK TO CHURCH

*"Return to me and I will return to you, says the Lord of heavenly forces."
(Malachi 3:7b)*

This next week our children will be heading back to school to start a new school year. This should be a reminder to the rest of us that it's also time to start back to church if we've gotten out of the habit over the summertime! And just so everyone feels welcome and "at home", here are some special new things we'll be providing this Fall:

--Cots will be placed in the Narthex for those who say 'Sunday is my only day to sleep late'

--Steel helmets will be provided for those who say 'The roof would cave in if I ever came to church!'

--Blankets will be furnished for those who say the church is too cold, and fans will be given to those who think it's too hot.

--We'll have hearing aids available for those who say 'the preacher talks too soft', cotton for those who think that he talks too loud, and a few "Slow Down" road signs for those who think he talks too fast.

--There will be TV dinners for those who say they can't go to church and cook lunch for their family at the same time.

--We've renovated part of our Sanctuary to have grass and trees for those who feel closest to God in nature, and part of the grassy area will have a putting green for those who think that Sunday morning should be for golfing.

--We've turned some of the pews to face backwards, so that those who say 'I'll come to church when I get my life turned around' will feel at home without ever having to do that.

--We've also built several small, private rooms connected to the Sanctuary for those who say that they worship God at home alone, by themselves.

--And finally, the Church will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never been to church without them.

Okay, I admit it... we're not really doing all of these things. But it does highlight some of the many silly excuses we use for not coming to church. This Fall as our children head back to school, why not put away your excuses and renew the habit of coming back weekly to the place where you can meet and grow with God, fellowship with people who care about you, and find a sense of purpose and meaning to life.

"Seven days without worship make one weak!" I hope that won't apply to you! Remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

Join Pastors Brian and Blake at any of our morning worship services August 7th-21st as they begin our new series called **Go For the Gold!** Together we'll explore Paul's lessons and insights for the Christian life from the Olympic Games. Invite your friends, neighbors, and loved ones to join us as we learn the importance of perseverance, conditioning, and finishing well!

Wednesday Evening Weekly

Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm

WEW Meal on August 10, 2016

Menu: Pizza Casserole, corn on the cob
garlic bread, salad bar & dessert

Children: Same

WEW Meal on August 17, 2016

Menu: Country Fried Steak, mashed potatoes,
field peas with snaps, salad bar & dessert

Children: Mini-Burgers

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

The cost is: \$0 for those 2 years & under; \$3 for those
3 years-12th grade; and \$6 for adults.

REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

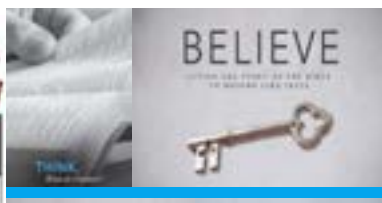
Rosemary Fling Little - Martha Stanley

Altar Guild News

The Altar Guild's Communion Committee announces the implementation of a gluten free Communion alternative. This "new" station will be available September 11, 2016 at all worship services. There will still be our traditional communion offerings, but with this new alternative those with allergies will be able to participate in communion. This will require 2 additional servers for each service and the Altar Guild is looking for you to volunteer to help serve communion.

Summer Camp

We joined the FUMC Children's ministry for their summer VBS and our kids greatly enjoyed being a part of it! Here is Riley writing an encouragement letter to someone in our church who is homebound.



Begins Sunday, August 21st
5:00pm to 6:30pm
Leader: Janice Ingram
Maranatha SS Class

Begins Wednesday, September 7th
6:00pm to 8:00pm
Leader: Greg McClanahan
Small Dining Room

Sign up sheets for these two terrific Bible studies are available at the entrance or back of each worship service or you can contact the church office at 706-884-4635 or email us [churchoffice @ lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org).

Missions and Outreach

The Missions Committee wants you to **Save These Dates** and put some on your radar screen.

More details will come.

El Salvador Mission Trips

The first trip will be a LaGrange District-led trip,
April 3 - 7, 2017.(Troup Spring Break)

Another trip is being sponsored by our church and is the week of **June 24-July 1, 2017.**

Please contact team leaders Laura & Blair Harlin for more info at 706-812-9837 or email missions@lagrangefumc.org.

Stop Hunger Now - A church wide program to pack 10,000 packets of food for the hungry. This project will take place in the Methodist Ministries Center during early worship and Sunday School hours on Sunday, November 13th.

AUGUST USHER COMMITTEE

Jay Russell, Captain	Mack Reese	Wayne Shelnett
Quillian Baldwin	Charles McLeod	Bob Harris
Bobby Carmichael	James Spivey	Bowen Beall
Richard Ennis	Bill Young	Lenny Bateman
Danny Arp	Dan McAlexander	

ALTAR GUILD

Nancy Stevens, Chair	Susan Hinson
Catherine Carmical	Deborah Johnson
Jennie Gordy	Ida Russell
Youth: Abbi Lynn Lanier & Hannah Penn	
Communion: Belinda Borders, Lea Rawlinson, Laura Harlin, Carolyn Alise	

MORNING GLORY

Pat Bodine

UMW Circles, Monday, August 8, 2016

Esther	NO MEETING
Ruth 10:30am	Rochelle Davis 204 College St. Mountville, GA
Susanna	NO MEETING
Lydia	NO MEETING
Elizabeth	NO MEETING
Hannah	NO MEETING

UMW Circle, Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Our new "College Ministry" at FUMC will begin at the end of August. If you are interested in working with the college students, contact Blake Trent at blake@lagrangefumc.org for more information.

Children's Ministry

Grayson Bailey, Director
childrens@lagrangefumc.org or
706-884-4635, ext. 209



MERGE begins this year with a party on Wednesday, August 10th at 5:45. All 5th grade students and under are invited. A leader will escort the children from dinner.

Fun at VBS 2016



Smiles from all who participated in music, crafts, and Bible lessons.



VBS BACK-TO-SCHOOL MISSION

The mission project for this year's VBS was our Back-To-School Mission. Each day the children brought an offering of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. They collected over \$250.00 during the course of the three days. What a wonderful way to teach our children about helping others.

Youth Ministry

Kali Grenus, Director
kali@lagrangefumc.org or
706-884-4635, ext. 215



It's time for a Lock-IN!

This year the LaGrange UMC District is hosting a combine worship experience and a district-wide lock-in for all youth at Malibu Grand Prix in Norcross, GA.

LaGrange FUMC youth will be leaving the church on **Friday, August 12th at 8:00pm** from the MMC parking lot. We will grab dinner before heading for Fayetteville UMC where they will meet other youth for a worship service from 10:00pm - 11:00pm.

Afterwards, all youth will go to Malibu Grand Prix where they will enjoy a night of unlimited go-cart races, arcade games, bumper boats, and mini golf! The cost for this awesome outing is **\$30 per student**. That includes unlimited access to all of the fun and games at Malibu, two slices of pizza per student, unlimited drinks for students throughout the night. Contact Kali to sign up.

Our youth will return to LaGrange at 8:00am Saturday morning.



SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP TO CAIRO, ILLINOIS
JULY 17th - JULY 23rd

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FINANCIAL REPORT 2016

Month End	June	Year-to-Date
Budgeted Receipts	\$113,690	\$596,962
Actual Receipts	\$98, 143	\$580,085
Budgeted Expenses	\$117,671	\$623,675
Actual Expenses	\$104,519	\$585,624

HOMECOMING
Sunday, August 28th
One Service at 10:30 in the Sanctuary
(No Sunday School)

We will have a covered-dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Join us as we welcome
Rev. Greg Porterfield
as our homecoming preacher.

ATTENDANCE , Sunday, July 24th
 Sunday School.....146
 Worship Service.....192

ATTENDANCE , Sunday, July 31st
 Sunday School.....153
 Worship Service.....245

Worship Committee Announces:
MORNING GLORY WORSHIP
8:45a.m.
beginning this Sunday
August 7th



OUR ROSEBUD

Our rosebud on Sunday, August 7th is in honor of Frost Samuel Dixon who was born on Sunday, July 31st. He is the grandson of Shirra and Hoyt Rogers and the son of Wendy and Lawrence Dixon

Calendar for August 7 - August 13

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am.....	Sunday School
4:00pm.....	Nominations & Leadership Development
Monday	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:30pm.....	Music Committee
5:45pm.....	Long Range Planning Committee
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Beginning Class
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
5:30pm.....	Handbells
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
Thursday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
10:30am.....	Dulcimers
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts Yellow Jacket District
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

Calendar for August 14 - August 20

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Youth Activities
Monday	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:00pm.....	Congregational Care Committee
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Beginning Class
5:30pm.....	Evangelism & Worship Committees
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
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