



THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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August 9, 2015 **11th Sunday after Pentecost**

***Early Worship Service**
9:00am in the Chapel

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

***Morning Glory**
9:00am in the Fellowship Hall
Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

***Traditional Service**
11:00am in the Sanctuary
Dr. Brian Germano, preaching
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***Korean Worship Service**
11:00am in the Chapel
Rev. Daniel Kim

August 16, 2015 **12th Sunday after Pentecost**

***Early Worship Service**
9:00am in the Chapel
Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

***Morning Glory**
9:00am in the Fellowship Hall
Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

***Traditional Service**
11:00am in the Sanctuary
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***Korean Worship Service**
11:00am in the Chapel
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**Child care is provided.*

**** 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.

I Am A Guest to Your Church

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2)

"You cannot know the reason why I am here this morning. It may be as simple as a move to your community, or as complicated as a personal crisis that leads me to seek strength from God. In any case, I am here. And I will probably come back to worship here with you next Sunday if you will do something for me. Won't you please..."

- *Smile at me as I walk in your door. You are my first impression of the church during the few moments I am in your building, and this impression will probably stay with me for a long time.*

- *Speak to me during the greeting time and after the service. I know you want to see your friends, but if you don't I may find it hard to believe that you truly care for 'the stranger in your midst.'*

- *Tell me good things about your church and pastor. I want to believe that I've come to a place where people love each other and believe that they are doing something exciting and important for God.*

- *Notice me even if I am not a 'traditional' family. I don't want to feel invisible just because I am unmarried, a single parent, a teenager, or an older person.*

- *Invite me to become part of your class or small group. I need more than worship every Sunday -- I need to know that I'm accepted and affirmed by a group of people who know and care for me by name.*

If you can find it in your heart to do these things for me, I will come back... a second and third Sunday, and maybe forever. I'll worship with you, sing in the choir, work on projects, teach in your Sunday School, make financial commitments, and become a highly involved member. In so doing, I'll find my life immeasurably and eternally enriched." [--Author Unknown]

LaGrange First members and friends, Fall is one of the key times of the year that we have new faces in our midst as we worship and gather. I trust that, as you have in the past, you'll do your part to welcome each and every one of them with the hospitality and compassion of Jesus!

Remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

U.M.W. Sunday

On Sunday, August 16th, we will celebrate United Methodist Women at all three worship services. All U.M.W. members will be wearing red and have name tags. Please look for these U.M.W. Ambassadors and talk to them about how you can become involved.

Thank you, Lindsey Cole



This week we recognize the work of our Summer Camp Director, **Lindsey Cole**. Lindsey has served as our Summer Camp Director for the past three years, growing the program and ministering to children in our church and community. When Lindsey first started as our Day Camp Director, she and her staff were responsible for less than 40 students per week. Due to her leadership and hard work our Summer Camp Program now cares for 60 children. Lindsey's efforts have helped to establish a fun and positive environment where parents can leave their children and know that they are being properly cared for.

More importantly, Lindsey and her staff have taught the Summer Camp children the importance of giving back. Each summer the staff and the children have embraced the age-old economics of a lemonade stand to help raise money for an honorable cause. This year they raised over \$600 for the Wounded Warrior Foundation. They also donated the catch from one of their fishing excursions to our Soup Kitchen staff who offered our Soup Kitchen guests a special fish fry luncheon. She has been a devoted church member and coworker. Our church will miss Lindsey's presence as she prepares to enter a new chapter in her life. We pray God's blessing on Lindsey and her fiancé, Anthony Robinson, and invite you to send her your best wishes for a blessed life and happy future.

Children's Ministry

Grayson Bailey, Director
grayson.bailey@gmail.com or 706-884-4635

TO PARENTS OF RISING THIRD GRADERS
If your child is a rising third grader, they will receive an engraved Bible on Promotion Sunday, August 9th at the Morning Glory Worship Service.

PROMOTION SUNDAY, Sunday, August 9
All Children, rising pre-K through rising 5th grade will come to the Sunday School assembly room at 10:00. We will be making new nameplates for our classroom doors and kicking off the school year.

****The nursery will be open and we will have activities for kids 5th grade and younger in the assembly room on Wednesday, August 19th, during the FUMC Fall Kickoff.**

JOIN US FOR

Kid's Movie Night
Wednesday, August 12
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Room C303
(children's building—third floor assembly room)
We will escort the kids from the gym at 5:30!

This is for kids 5th grade & younger!
Bring a pillow and/or blanket!!
We will have snacks & drinks!!!

Youth Ministry

Kali Grenus, Director
kgrenus@lagrangefumc.org or 321.624.4557

Rising 6th Graders! You are now part of the "Youth Group". We are ready to welcome you to the Youth Hall, 2nd floor, MMC, Sunday, August 9th, 10:00 a.m.

Wow, can you believe that the summer is over?! It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the end of the school year. We have had a crazy summer of mystery trips, beach trips, mission trips, VBS, Camp Viola, and just having lots of fun. We have pictures in the youth hall of all the things we have done. Please come and look at all the great times that we have had and the friends we have made!

Please check out the Youth Facebook Pages. Parents, make sure that you are signed up to receive not only the Newsletter but also remind text messages! If you need the information to sign up please contact me (Kali) and I'll get you all set up!

Upcoming

August 19th
Fall Program Kick off!
EVERYONE is invited!

August 26th
Small Group's Start!

September 19th
MYF begins!

August 12th



Lounges open at 4pm!



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LaGrange, GA 30240**Welcome!***We welcome into our First Methodist Church family:*Trish Germano, July 12, 2015
Terri & John Cook, July 19, 2015**FINANCIAL REPORT 2015**

Needed Weekly	\$ 23,919.59
Given Last Week	\$ 22,794.12
Needed YTD	\$ 741,507.29
Received YTD	\$ 760,831.65

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, July 26

Sunday School.....	203
Worship Service.....	289

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, August 2

Sunday School.....	243
Worship Service.....	364

**Item Needed for August
Ramen Noodles***The food items we collect help support the Youth's "Blessings in a Book Bag" ministry and the community Food Closet.***Church Flowers**The flowers in the church on Sunday, August 16th, are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Nona Cooper** on the occasion of her birthday, August 19th, by her daughter, Sheryl Cooper.**Our Sympathy**Our sympathy is extended to Jordan Bearden and his family in the death of his grandfather, **Selby Bearden**, August 3, 2015.**Calendar for August 9 - August 15**

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am.....	Sunday School
Monday	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimer Class
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:30pm.....	Policy Committee
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
Thursday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Group
5:30pm.....	Stewardship Committee
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

Calendar for August 16 - August 22

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am.....	Sunday School
Monday	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimer Class
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Fall Kick Off Tailgate Meal
6:00pm.....	FALL KICK OFF Program
7:00pm.....	Chancel Choir
Thursday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Group
5:15pm.....	Evangelism Committee
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

FUMC's Fall Season Kickofffeaturing **Chad Gibbs**
Speaker, Humorist, and Author of**Wednesday, August 19th****Fellowship Hall**A "Tailgate Meal" will be served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., \$6/person. Contact the church at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org for meal reservations.*Wear your favorite team colors!***UMW Sunday**

Members—please remember August 16th is UMW Sunday. You are requested to wear red, attend one or more of the worship services, and to wear a name tag (available at each service). This is our day to spread the word about our United Methodist Women and their ministry.