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# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

*"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"*

*"Discipline yourselves, keep alert...." (1 Peter 5:8)*

## THREE SIMPLE RULES

As we begin a new year with a new sermon series called "RENOVATE!" (exploring how to renew our souls for 2016), it's also a good time to be reminded of ways we can improve our own lives and behavior as Jesus' disciples. The following article that relates these ways is taken from a weekly email I once received from our North Georgia United Methodist Annual Conference....

"[The founder of Methodism] John Wesley understood that everyone needs help in living the Christian life. His *General Rules* offered instruction to the early Methodists on practices that would lead to faithfulness to the way of Christ. Wesley's guidelines for living are still relevant today.

**Rule One: DO NO HARM.** In his book, *Three Simple Rules*, Reuben Job says, "To do no harm means that I will be on my guard so that all my actions and even my silence will not add injury to another of God's children or any part of God's creation." I was taught if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all. How often do we have the opportunity in word and deed, by action or inaction, to do no harm? However often it is, we should do it.

**Rule Two: DO GOOD.** Jesus said "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." Jesus and Wesley suggest that doing good is a universal command and is directed at everyone. Doing good is a proactive way of living--an act of the will. I can decide that the common good will be my first thought and what is good for me will become a secondary thought. Jack Stabinsky suffers from multiple sclerosis and needed to relocate from Lawrenceville to a specialized facility in Boston. After Rick Badie wrote about his situation in the local newspaper strangers anonymously made it possible. Occasions to do good are ever present. Look for them. "Be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16, *The Message*).

**Rule Three: STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD.** The first two rules are important but without this third rule become increasingly impossible. We practice the rules but God sends the power that enables us to keep them. Paul wrote, "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith" (Colossians 2:6-7)

Wesley suggested that spiritual disciplines including public worship of God, the Lord's Supper, prayer, Bible study, and fasting were key to maintaining a life of faithfulness to God. They assist us in living our lives in harmony with God. And while staying in love with God includes these practices, it also causes us to share God's goodness with others. The Greeks had a race in their Olympic games that was unique. The winner was not the runner who finished first. It was the runner who finished with his torch still lit. These Three Simple Rules will help us run all the way with the flame of our torch still lit for Jesus. Not a bad goal for the year ahead."

[--Taken from Rev. Jamie Jenkins, "Monday Morning In North Georgia," January 7, 2008 (www.ngumc.org)]

Remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

**January 24, 2016**  
**\*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

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

**January 31, 2016**  
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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.

**Wednesday Evening Weekly  
Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm**

**WEW Meal on January 27, 2016**

Menu: Pizza casserole, corn on the cob, garlic toast, salad bar, dessert

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

**WEW Meal on February 3, 2016**

Menu: Chicken fingers, cheesy potatoes, veggie, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

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**

**Mr. John Huckstep** - H.R. & Mary Anne Shepherd, Keith & Ellen Parmer, Cecelia & Lewis Goode, Perry & Ann Wilder, Virginia Robertson, Gene & Rochelle Davis, United Methodist Men, Libba Trawick, Bonnie Norrick, Reaunette Vaughn, Lauranne Buchanan, Buzz & Laura Jeter, Dick Shrewsbury, Patricia Vaughn, Jay & Ida Russell, Murbes Shepherd, Carole & Kelly Linch, Marsha Holliday, Phil & Sonji Williamson, Ruth U.M.W. Circle, Mike & Ellen Dobbs, Donna & Jay Fager, Lewis & Cathy Goode, Elynor Varner, Kay & Ron Cole, Sheryl Cooper, Sue & Julian Duttera, U.M.W., Dennis & Sharon Richardson, Life Underwriters, Jennie Wadsworth, Sharon Latham, Marty Yates, Lynn Yates, Nancy Jane Cammon, Pat & Fred Bodine, Trish Smith, Martha Stanley, Allen & Marilyn Smith

**Mr. Bill Burnett** - Sam & Heather Graham, U.M.W.,

**Mr. Edward Long** - U.M.W.

**Mrs. Edna Kelly** - H.R. & Mary Anne Shepherd, Mike & Jean Patton, U.M.W., Allen & Marilyn Smith

**Rev. Sidney Tate** - Sheryl Cooper

**Mr. W. H. "Buck" Borders Jr.** - Anne Allen

**MEMORIALS GIVEN TO  
HENDERSON TRAYLOR MEMORIAL EAGLE  
SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP**

**Mrs. Libba Traylor** - Laura Trivette, Cecelia & Lewis Goode, H.R. & Mary Anne Shepherd, Sarah M. Lomax, Karen & Ron Garren, H. Grady Traylor, Reaunette Vaughn, Gene & Rochelle Davis, Patricia Vaughn, Lauranne Buchanan, Carole & Kelly Linch, Donna & Jay Fager, Perry & Ann Wilder, Capital Investment Services, Elynor Varner, Kay & Ron Cole, Sue & Julian Duttera, U.M.W., Fred & Sammie Jones, Trish Smith, Betty & Charles Johnson, Martha Stanley, Carol Meeler, Allen & Marilyn Smith

**Items Needed for January**

**Canned Goods &  
Macaroni & Cheese (individual cups)**

**2016 Lenten Devotionals**

During last year's season of Lent, some of our church members wrote short devotionals to share with our church family to help us prepare ourselves for Easter. The congregation truly enjoyed the variety of devotionals and want us to "do it again this year". We are!

We have started on the 2016 Lenten Devotionals and want to ask you to submit one to share your perspective and preparation for Easter!

Please drop off your devotional in the church office or email it to [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org) by February 1st.



**3D Journeys — CUBA**

The LaGrange College 3D Journey series offers you free lectures focusing on Cuba on the dates listed below. Each session will feature a member of LaGrange

College's distinguished faculty.

**Jan. 25:** "The Cuban Literary Soul: Dreams, Memory & Rediscovery", Dr. Amanda Plumlee, Latin American Studies & Modern Languages

**Feb. 22:** "Cuba: Little Country, Big Sports", Dr. Arya Alami, Exercise Science

**March 28:** "Exploring the World of Cuban Music", Dr. Oliver Green

**April 25:** "A Curriculum for Revolutionary Consciousness: Illuminating the fusion of Ideology & Pedagogy in Cuba's Schools", Dr. Don Livingston, Education

**FEBRUARY USHER COMMITTEE**

Wayne Shelnutt	James Spivey	Mack Reese
Richard Ennis	Bowen Beall	Lenny Bateman
Quillian Baldwin	Bill Young	Bob Harris
Bobby Carmichael	Jay Russell	Lonnie Ritchie
Dan McAlexander	Danny Arp	

**FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD**

Donna Ennis, Chair	Laura Holley	Holly Reese
Dodie Patterson	Patti Lybrand	Patsy Wynne

**MORNING GLORY-** Heather Graham/Jayme Hoogenhout  
**COMMUNION** - Jane Willey, Joyce Morgan Young, Pat Gilbert

**Vocalist  
Laura Wells**

Wife and mother of two small children, Laura has been singing and leading worship for many years. A native of Florida, she has been a resident of LaGrange for 7 years.

**Thursday Lunch Club  
February 4, 2016**

For reservations, email or call the church at [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org) or 706-884-4635, on or before Monday, February 1st.

# ATI Restoration

On February 5th & 6th, there will be an opportunity for church members (adults and youth 6th grade & up) to experience a hands-on encounter with women and children in Atlanta that are transitioning out of homelessness. The overnite trip will be for Friday night and part of Saturday. The cost is \$79 per person. For more information, contact Blake Trent at 706-884-4635 or [blake@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:blake@lagrangefumc.org).



**Soup for Sale \$6 per Quart**  
**Sunday, February 7th**  
 10:00am till sold out (No pre-orders)  
 Choices Available  
 Potato  
 Vegetable Beef  
 White Chicken Chili  
 Mexican Chicken Corn Chowder

## Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 9th



5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
**\$5 per person** (Children under 4 eat free.)  
 Children's Department Fundraiser. All children have tickets to sale.

### Children's Ministry

Grayson Bailey, Director  
[childrens@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:childrens@lagrangefumc.org) or 706-884-4635 ext. 209

Parents, we will have a CentriKids interest meeting Wednesday, January 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Genesis classroom. Please attend if your child is interested in attending CentriKids Camp this summer!

**Fat Tuesday** Pancake Supper tickets can be purchased from any child in the children's program or from the church office. They are \$5 each and must be presented at the event. Children under 4 do not need a ticket.

### Youth Ministry

Kali Grenus, Director  
[kali@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:kali@lagrangefumc.org) or 706-884-4635 ext. 215



## WINTER JAM

- February 6th from 1pm till 11pm
  - Cost: \$30 (\$10 admission + \$\$ for food)
- Come see **For King and Country, David Crowder, Newsong, Lauren Diagle, Side Walk Prophets**, and many more — all in one place!



**Who:** 8th-12th Graders  
**What:** Spiritual Life Retreat!  
**When:** March 11th-13th  
**Where:** Glisson

**Cost:** \$150 (includes lodging, food, Glisson activities, and tshirts)

Let's take a trip to Glisson and spend the weekend growing in Christ together! The 2016 theme is Mirrors - taking a look at how you see yourself, how others might see you, and how God sees us.

### Mid-High Morning Devo



January 19th	February 23rd
February 10 (ASH WEDNESDAY @ Church)	March 22nd
March 8th	April 19th
April 5th	May 17th
May 3rd	

**\*\*Please note that some dates are off because of school//church conflicts!\*\***

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please call the church office.

*We always look forward to hearing from you.*



*“To Know and To Make Christ Known”*

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**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

7:00 am, Chapel  
7:00 pm, Sanctuary

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2016**

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 23,617.49</b>
<b>Needed for this year</b>	<b>\$ 70,852.47</b>
<b>Received YTD</b>	<b>\$ 92,015.81</b>

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, January 10th**

Sunday School.....	203
Worship Service.....	328

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, January 17th**

Sunday School.....	286
Worship Service.....	343

**OUR SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to  
Bobby & Natalie Hale in the death  
of his mother, **Mrs. Majorie Hale,**  
**January 13, 2016.**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Ann Petry**  
**January 19, 2016**

*Welcome, Darian Krimm*



On behalf of the Music Committee and the Staff Parrish Relations Committee’s appointed Search Committee for a new Minister of Music, I am overjoyed in anticipation of February’s arrival of Darian Krimm.

This most gifted director of choirs, handbells, and orchestra joins us after six years of wonderfully effective service as Director of Music and Worship Arts at the First United Methodist Church of Jackson, TN. He also brings valuable experience leading community choruses and composing award-winning church music. Darian and his wife Rachel are as eager to arrive as we are to receive them.

George Henry, Music Chairman

**Calendar for January 24 - January 30**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
11:00am.....	Spaghetti Luncheon Fund Raiser
5:00pm.....	Mid & Sr. High Youth Activities
<b>Monday</b>	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:30pm.....	Music Committee
7:00pm.....	Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday</b>	
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Beginning Class
5:30pm.....	Evangelism Committee
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:15pm.....	SPR Committee
5:30pm.....	Children’s M.E.R.G.E. Activities
5:45pm.....	Financial Peace
6:00pm.....	Young Parents Small Group
6:00pm.....	Youth Activities
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
6:30pm.....	Methodist Summer Camp Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:45am.....	Prayer Group
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am.....	Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	

**Calendar for January 31 - February 6**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:30am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Mid & Sr. High Youth Activities
<b>Monday</b>	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:00pm.....	U.M.W. Executive Board
7:00pm.....	Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Beginning Class
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:30pm.....	Children’s M.E.R.G.E. Activities
5:45pm.....	Financial Peace
6:00pm.....	Young Parents Small Group
6:00pm.....	Youth Activities
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Group
12:00.....	Thursday Lunch Club
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am.....	Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
4:00pm.....	RATL Mission Trip
<b>Saturday</b>	