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July 12, 2015

7th 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

July 19, 2015

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

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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.

THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

Blogs, QR Codes & Online Surveys, Oh My!

"I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some."
(1 Corinthians 9:22)

First let me say another word of thanks to all who have welcomed Trish and me with cards, food, visits, and gifts! We are truly blessed to finally be here, and look forward to our ministry together with you here at LaGrange First UMC.

If you've been with us in worship the last two weeks, in keeping with the long tradition of Methodist Christians utilizing technology to share the gospel, you'll notice the presence of several additions to our bulletin that we're introducing to help enhance both our worship experiences and church communications:

The first is the presence of what are known as **QR codes** – the contemporary version of bar codes that you can scan with an appropriate smart phone app. If you choose to use these during worship (yes, silenced cell phones are allowed!), you'll find them linking you to optional resources designed to augment and complement your worship experience (like the weekly sermon scripture, outline, and videos), and provide you with additional materials that can be shared with your friends and family (like sermon transcripts, surveys, etc.).

Second, on the front bulletin cover you'll now find the web address to **"Faith Bits," my blog** about life and faith in the 21st-century (www.pastorbriang.blogspot.com). Although I'll be using this to host the regular Pastor's articles that you'll still read here in this newsletter, I'll also use it to occasionally share (on a more timely basis) my thoughts, comments, and prayers about local, state, national and world events. Plus, you'll also find there links to other sites and resources for your growth in faith. Subscribing to it via email ("*Follow My Blog*" on the site) is the best way to ensure you receive articles when they are posted (though subscription is not required).

Finally, through July 15, I will still be collecting either the paper or online versions of the **"Getting To Know Us" survey** (found elsewhere in this newsletter) that many of you have already completed to help me get to know the over arching values and vision of you, the congregation of LaGrange First UMC. If you haven't already, I encourage you to share your thoughts with me before the deadline using that tool.

In the scripture referenced above, Paul found it helpful to speak the cultural "language" of his audience when sharing the gospel. Today, communications technology (like the three tools introduced here) is the "native language" of many. So, while we can certainly add more in the future, my hope is that these three will help not only you but many others to discover and grow in the life-saving power of the gospel of Jesus Christ through his community of faith we call LaGrange First UMC.

Remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

THANK YOU!!!

Words cannot begin to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many kind gifts of love we've received since arriving as your new pastoral family. You have filled our stomachs with food, our bodies with hospitality, and our hearts with love. Thank you for the warm welcome! We look forward to many wonderful years in ministry together!

*In Christ,
Pastor Brian and Trish Germano*

Church Family Event

Wednesday, July 15th, 6:00pm

Fellowship Hall

**Covered Dish Dinner...
the Church will provide chicken.**

**Please bring a side dish and/or dessert
and enjoy this time-honored tradition
of fellowship.**

REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

Mrs. Bobby Hamilton - Carol & Jim Morgan, Virginia Robertson, Hildred Cammon

Mrs. Margie Williamson - Jon Griggers, Carol & Jim Morgan, Trotter Foundation, Susan Langford, Martha & Tom Stanley, Deborah & Scott Burton

Mrs. Memory Johnson - Rob & Lynne McClellan

Mark Your Calendar

**FUMC Fall Kickoff
August 19th**

**More details
coming soon!**



Believe It or Not...

School will begin August 10th...that's 6 weeks from now! Our School Shepherds will need to be ready to assist children with school supplies and/or clothes the week before and the first week of school. You have all been so supportive of this Back-to-School Ministry, and you have touched so many young lives through your generosity, we just can't stop now. Please help keep this initiative going by making a donation. We have a lot of school supplies left from last year to begin the year, but we do need some items. Because the requirements change each year for needed items, we really need monetary gifts this year. Thank you on behalf of each little child that will begin a fresh new year with a new and positive outlook because of you.



Children's Ministry

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



Some of our 3rd through 5th grade children left Monday, July 6th for Centri Kids Camp. As you can see, they have already made lots of friends. Please keep them in your prayers...they will return Friday, July 10th.

GETTING TO KNOW US...

Please help Pastor Brian get to know our church's values and vision by offering him honest feedback about the following three questions either on paper or by accessing the survey through the QR code printed here.



- 1) *If there's one thing you hope NEVER changes about LaGrange 1st UMC, what would it be?*
- 2) *If you could wave a magic wand and CHANGE any one thing about LaGrange 1st UMC, what would it be?*
- 3) *What's the best piece of advice you could give Brian as our new Senior Pastor?*

(Optional) Name _____

Email or Phone # _____

NOTE: This survey may also be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3FR95K>

Please drop off your completed paper copy surveys in the church office or the offering plate on Sunday.

Summer Camp

Lindsey Cole, Director
dayschool@lagrangefumc.org or 706-333-9460



The children at our Methodist Summer Camp raised \$605 for the Wounded Warrior Project from their Lemonade & Cookies Stand on Friday, July 3rd.

What a wonderful way to celebrate July 4th and our country.

Youth Ministry

Kali Grenus, Director
kgrenus@lagrangefumc.org or 321.624.4557



August 5th @ 5:30pm
Tickets are \$10

Space is limited
Sign up by July 26th!



August 2nd
12pm till 10pm
\$40, includes lunch & dinner
Sign-up by July 26th

FUMC of LaGrange presents:

Popcorn and drinks provided
Kona Ice will be here!
Bring a blanket or chairs

Movie on the Lawn
July 12th
8pm till 11pm
Between the Sanctuary and Children's Building

Call Kali for the name of the movie...706-884-4635



Salsa Sundays!
Sr. High Students—meet for lunch at Los Nopales after the 11:00 service on these Sundays.

July 12th
July 19th*
July 26th

*With Blake

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please call the church office.

We always look forward to hearing from you.



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FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

Needed Weekly	\$ 23,919.59
Given Last Week	\$ 18,565.00
Needed YTD	\$ 645,828.93
Received YTD	\$ 657,139.19

ATTENDANCE Sunday, June 28

Sunday School.....	191
Worship Service.....	429

ATTENDANCE Sunday, July 5

Worship Service.....	285
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THE CLOTHING CENTER

The Clothing Center resumes operation in August after a summer break. August is our church's month to provide volunteers. We are currently seeking volunteers to run the Center on Tuesdays (10am-12) and Thursdays (1pm-3). If you are willing to donate your time please contact the church office at 706-884-4635. The Center is always in need of girls and boys **new underwear and socks** at the start of school so if you want to make a donation of those items, please bring them to the church office. **Thank you.**

Calendar for July 12 - July 18

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am	Sunday School
8:00pm	Family Movie Night
Monday	
11:00-11:30am	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
7:30pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
Tuesday	
9:00am	Community Care
10:00am	Dulcimer Class
Wednesday	
11:30am	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
6:00pm	Church Family Covered Dish Dinner
7:00pm	Security Committee
7:00pm	Worship Committee
Thursday	
9:00am	Community Care
9:45am	Prayer Group
Friday	
7:00am	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

Calendar for July 19 - July 25

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am	Sunday School
Monday	
11:00-1:30am	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:30pm	Music Committee
Tuesday	
9:00am	Community Care
7:30pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
Thursday	
9:00am	Community Care
9:45am	Prayer Group
5:30pm	Board of Trustees
Friday	
7:00am	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

The Altar Guild will meet on Monday, July 27th at 10 AM in the Chapel. All members are needed. If you are interested in learning about what the Altar Guild is all about, please join us on the 27th at 10. We would love to have you!

**Item Needed for July
Pop Tarts**

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flowers in the church on Sunday, July 12th, are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Cliff Cammon** by Mom & Dad, and Margaret, Tim, Caroline & Ben Sanders.