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July 24, 2016

**Church on the Hooch
9:00am, West Point Lake**

***Re-Union Sunday
Combined Worship 10:30am
in the Sanctuary
Bible Sunday**

***Korean Worship Service
10:30am in the Chapel**

July 31, 2016

**Church on the Hooch
9:00am, West Point Lake**

***Re-Union Sunday
Combined Worship 10:30am
in the Fellowship Hall
Family Celebration Sunday**

***Korean Worship Service
10:30am in the Chapel**

**Child care is provided.*

Mark your calendar

**Homecoming Sunday
August 28th**

**Combined Worship Service
10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

**Rev. Greg Porterfield, preaching
Covered Dish Luncheon**

THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

THE POWER OF THE BIBLE

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

As God's people, one of the tools we're given to discover, grow, and mature in Christian faith is the Bible. Unfortunately, many Christians have never unlocked the power of this God-given tool because they've never taken time to actually study it in-depth with others. Consequently, beginning this Fall our church is re-introducing the power of group Bible study to our core ministry and programming through "Disciple" and "Believe."

"Disciple" is an interdenominational small-group Bible study that (to date) has been taken by over 2 million Christians, and is a common core discipleship offering in United Methodist Churches around the world. Through daily readings and a 75 minute guided group discussion once each week, participants not only come to understand the Bible better, but come to discover its relevance and power in and for their daily lives, while at the same time developing rich and long-lasting friendships with fellow participants. I've personally witnessed many lives changed and transformed in remarkable ways through this study. And this Fall, in order to better accommodate people's busy schedules, our church will be offering a format called "Disciple Fast Track," which is shorter in weekly meeting length and total duration.

In like manner, "Believe" is a guided group study we introduced this past Spring to whet the appetite of our congregation, and it proved so popular that we'll be sharing the second of its three-installments this Fall. It uses the Bible to focus on essential beliefs, practices and virtues that every Christian needs to know and live by, and how God's word can help us think, act, and become more like Jesus in our daily lives.

Granted... neither "Disciple" nor "Believe" are for the casual Christian. Both require hard work, commitment, and diligence -- but the rewards are literally "out of this world!" Many of you are desiring to grow in and learn more about your faith -- being part of one of these two group Bible studies is one of the best ways to help you do just that! So if you're serious about your faith growth and want to find out more, please pay attention to the information we'll be sharing both in our newsletter, bulletin and in "Bible Sunday" worship on July 24th.

Your life will never be the same after you take a "Disciple" or "Believe" class! So what are you waiting for?

Remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

** **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.

Worship Committee Announces:

**NEW "MORNING GLORY" WORSHIP START TIME
8:45a.m. beginning Sunday, August 7th**

Wednesday Evening Weekly Meals

WEW Meals will resume on August 3, 2016

Menu: Chicken fingers, baked potatoes, veggie, 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

Dr. Angela Jones Kellogg (Betty Ward's Granddaughter) - Bob & Betty Ward

Rev. Sidney Tate - The Sidney Tate Family

Thursday Lunch Club returns in August



Make plans now to attend the Thursday Lunch Club luncheon on August 4th at 12 noon in the fellowship hall for a delicious meal and a musical program presented by **Pastor Brian Germano**. Cost is only \$6 per person. Please call 706-884-4635 or email: churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org to reserve your seat and lunch.

Responses from Pastors Brian & Blake

To read or listen to reponses from our clergy concerning the recent events within our Nation go to our church's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Lagrangefirstumc>.



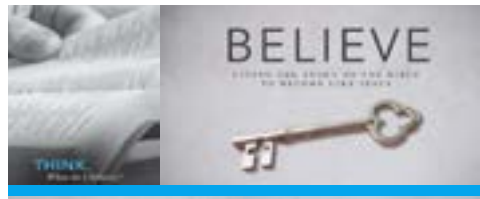
It's Back-to-School on August 10th. Our School Shepherds will need to be ready to assist children with school supplies and/or clothes the week before and the first week of school.

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 your donation. A lot of required school items have changed, so we really need monetary gifts the most. We will receive a special offering for this ministry at all worship services for the next 3 weeks.

Thank you on behalf of each little child that will begin a fresh new year with a new and positive outlook because you care.



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



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



Vacation Bible School 2016
July 27-29, 8:00am to 12:00 noon
**We are still in need of
a few more adult volunteers*



We did it again!
Your church staff dressed like cows to celebrate Chick-fil-a's Cow Appreciation Day.
How'd we do?



GO FOR THE GOLD!

On Friday August 5th over 10,000 athletes from more than 200 countries will gather together for the opening ceremony of the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Nearly two thousand years ago, the apostle Paul watched the predecessor of these games and drew some remarkable observations about the Christian faith. 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!

Believe It or Not...

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.**

The S.O.U.L. Group

(Survivors of Unexpected Loss) meets

Monday, August 1 @ 7:30pm

LaGrange First United Methodist Church
Builders Sunday School Classroom

Sponsored by

Congregational Care Ministry

For more information contact the church office
(churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635)

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. 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.

Altar Guild's Communion Committee

Youth Ministry

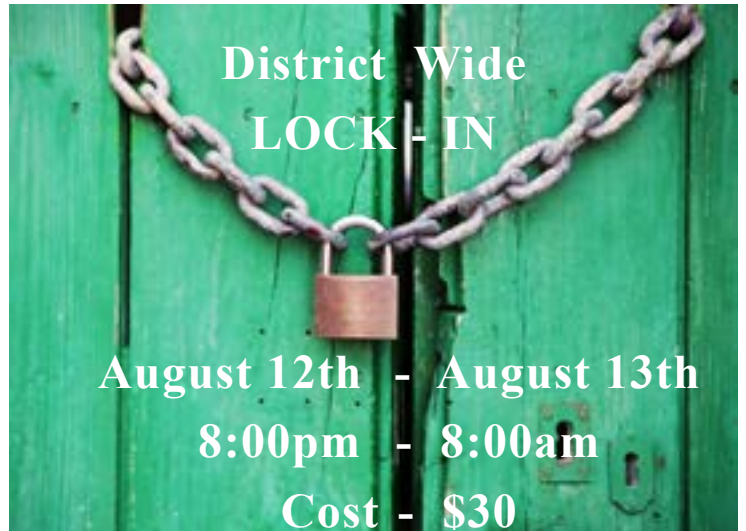
Kali Grenus, Director
kali@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635, ext. 215



Attention Youth (6th thru 12th grades)
Back to School Six Flags Trip

August 7th, Cost: \$30

Call or email Kali at 706-884-4635 (ext 215) or kali@lagrangefumc.org to go!



North Georgia United Methodism Receives New Bishop and Prayers for France & Turkey

During last week's Southeastern Jurisdictional United Methodist Conference at Lake Junaluska, NC, a number of new Bishops were elected to replace ones who were retiring, including our own Bishop Michael Watson.

So, it is with joy that I share with you the election and appointment of our new Bishop, Sue Hauptert-Johnson, effective on September 1st of this year. She comes to North Georgia from the Florida Annual Conference, where she has served as Senior Pastor of United Methodist churches in Tampa, Cape Coral and Ocala, and as an associate pastor in Lakeland. She is married, has a husband and a daughter, holds a law degree from the University of Florida and is a graduate of Emory's Candler School of Theology.

We'll share more information in the near future about ways our conference will be welcoming her. For more information about Sue's appointment, [CLICK HERE](#).

In the meantime, we also celebrate the election of Sharma Lewis -- one of our own North Georgia UMC clergy -- as the new Bishop of the Virginia UM Conference. She is the first African-American woman to be elected bishop in our Jurisdiction -- truly something to celebrate! For more information on Sharma's election and appointment, [CLICK HERE](#).

Please be in prayer both for Sue, Sharma, and for North Georgia United Methodism as we share in this significant changes for the glory of God! On a different note, please also join me in continued prayer for the families of those who lost their lives this past week both in the latest act of terrorism in Nice, France and in the attempted coup in Turkey.

In Christ, Pastor Brian

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"To Know and To Make Christ Known"

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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

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, July 10th

Sunday School.....140
 Worship Service.....249

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, July 17th

Sunday School.....136
 Worship Service.....304

Re-Union Sundays in JULY!
 10:30am, Combined Worship Services
 9:15am, Sunday School

July 24th, Bible Sunday, Sanctuary

The importance of Bible Study with reflections on group Bible studies.

July 31st, Family Sunday, Fellowship Hall

*Celebration of our families, children & youth.
 Hotdog, Hamburger Cookout with games following the service.*

Altar Guild News

The Altar Guild will meet on Monday, July 25th, at 10:00 am in the Chapel. This is a great time to come explore the work of the Altar Guild.

Calendar for July 24 - July 30

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Service	
*9:15am.....	Sunday School
Monday	
10:00am.....	Altar Guild Meeting
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:30pm.....	Music Committee
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Beginning Class
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
8:00am.....	Vacation Bible School
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:30pm.....	SPR Committee
Thursday	
8:00am.....	Vacation Bible School
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
Friday	
8:00am.....	Vacation Bible School
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

Calendar for July 31 - August 6

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Service	
*9:15am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Youth Activities
Monday	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Beginning Class
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
Thursday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

IN MEMORIAM
Rosemary Fling Little
July 4, 2016

IN MEMORIAM
Gary Smith
July 16, 2016

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Avery Shead in the death of her father,
Mr. Alex Shead, July 13, 2016.