



THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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July 2018

We Welcome Dr. John Beyers to Our Church Family

Dr. John graduated from Dunwoody High School, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Baylor University, and then answered God's call to ordained ministry while attending the First United Methodist Church, Waco, Texas. There he preached his first sermon in August 1986.

John enrolled as a Sherman Scholar at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, in 1986 and graduated with the Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Biblical languages and Methodist and Wesleyan theology in 1990. He was co-founder of The Candler Evangelical Society. In 1996 he pursued additional graduate studies at The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, and was granted the Doctor of Divinity degree from Piedmont College, Demorest, Georgia, in 1998.



One of John's greatest passions is reaching unchurched persons for Jesus Christ through media. While serving as the Senior Minister of Atlanta's historic Grace United Methodist Church, his program, "Insight from Grace," aired weekday mornings on "The Morning X" (99.7 WNNX FM) seeking a new way to reach and introduce young urban adults to the transforming love of Jesus Christ. In 2011, The North Georgia Conference and The Foundation for Evangelism awarded John the Harry Denman Evangelism Award in recognition of his leadership in reaching others effectively for Jesus Christ.

John is a teacher at heart and is passionate about teaching and preaching the distinctively Wesleyan view of Biblical theology, the Holy Sacraments, the priority of evangelism, small group discipleship, and hands on missions. John teaches on the faculty of the North Georgia Conference License to Preach School and of Leadership UMC (the North Georgia Conference's lay equipping ministry) leading seminars on the Thought and Theology of John Wesley, the History of Methodism, the Sacramental Theology and Practice of Methodism, and the Doctrine and Discipline of The United Methodist Church. He also teaches on the faculty of The World Methodist Evangelism Institute having led international seminars in Colombia, France, Paraguay, Peru, and Russia.

John is an avid international traveler having visited 51 countries. He is on a quest to visit all of the new Seven Wonders of the World as determined by Zogby International. He has visited the Great Wall of China, the Coliseum in Rome, Italy, Petra in Ma'an Governorate, Jordan, Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer) statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Machu Picchu in Cuzco, Peru, and the Taj Mahal in Agra, India. John has last to visit Chitzen Itzan in Yucatan, Mexico. He is also on a quest to visit the sites/ruins of Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. He has visited the three known ancient sites: Temple of Artemis in Ephesus, Turkey, the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus in Bodrum, Turkey, and the Colossus in Rhodes, Greece. John has not yet visited the Great Pyramid in Giza, Egypt.

John is an Eagle Scout (Silver Palm), a member of the Order of St. Luke, a member of the 300-person World Methodist Council for the 2016-2021 quinquennium, and, since 2011, an international trustee of the Epworth Old Rectory (c. 1709), the childhood home of John and Charles Wesley, in Epworth, North Lincolnshire, England.

John was appointed to serve his first church in October 1987. He was ordained a Deacon in the North Georgia Annual Conference in 1990 and an Elder in Full Connection in 1992 at the hands of Bishop Earnest A. Fitzgerald. He has served six North Georgia Conference congregations. John was honored to be appointed the Senior Minister of LaGrange First United Methodist Church by Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson in June 2018.

Please continue to pray for John and our church family as we begin our new ministry together.



If you have any spare vases cluttering your back porch or basement, feel free to deposit them in the flower room next to the elevator. Altar Guild members use these donated vases to help distribute flower arrangements (made from flowers used in worship services) to our home-bound members.

If you want to contribute your creative talents or if you are interested in enhancing our worship areas, please accept our invitation to become part of the Altar Guild. We would love for you to be a part of one of our monthly teams. Call the church office at 706-884-4635 or contact Davie Biagi or Deborah Johnson at davie@charter.net, johnson.deb.ferg@gmail.com. Our next meeting is July 23, 2018, at 10:00am in the Chapel—a perfect time of year to become a part of the group.



**2018 Homecoming
Sunday, August 26th
10:30 combined Service
in the Sanctuary
Rev. Kathy Lamon,
Guest Preacher
Church Family Covered
Dish Luncheon in the
Fellowship Hall following
the service.**



*Yes,
it's that time
again....*

Our School Shepherding Program is getting ready to meet the needs of the young children who do not have the proper tools for school. Your monetary donations are needed to fund this outreach ministry.

Please give as you feel led, and mark your gifts, Back to School.

Thank you.



**Last Sunday this Year
July 29th**

Please save your Church on the Hooch signs to use next year. You can either keep them at your house or bring them to the church office. We have had really good attendance this year. Thank you for your support of this service.



What does the Congregational Care Committee do?

Its members develop and oversee nurturing and caring ministries that provide compassion and support for our congregation and community. We currently offer the following ministries:

Bereavement, Lay Visitation for Homebound members, Prayer Ministry, Stephen Ministry, the Resource Center, Journeying Through Grief book ministry, and this year we added the 50th Anniversary Luncheon.

More about the individual ministries can be found on our Church website under Programs-Nurturing and Caring. The following scriptures guide these ministries.

John 13:34, "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

1 John 4:21, "And He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister."

Galatians 6:2, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Special Offering: Murphy Harpst Children's Centers

On Sunday, July 8th, we will join other churches in the North Georgia Conference and take a special offering for the **Murphy Harpst Children's Centers**. The money collected through your donations is the main funding source for the therapy services that are so critical to the recovery of these young people. Your prayers are also needed to make a difference in the lives of the children to bring life and hope to Georgia's most severely abused children.

THE CLOTHING CENTER

The Clothing Center resumes operation in August after a 2-month summer break. August is always busy, and it's our church's month to provide volunteers. We need volunteers to work at the Center on Tuesdays (10am-12) and Thursdays (1pm-3). Please contact the Church Office at 706-884-4635.

The Center is always in need of girls and boys **new underwear and socks** for the start of school. Please make a donation of those items—you can bring them to the Church Office. *Thank you.*

August 2, 2018 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall

Thursday Lunch Club presents

Kevin Dunn



For reservations for the meal & program call or email the church at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org.
Cost is \$6 per person. All are welcome!

Student Ministries

C. J. Lord, Director, cj@lagrangefumc.org

As we quickly approach the second half of summer break, the FUMC Student Ministries is looking forward to a busy, fun-filled month. We have a group of outstanding high school students returning from their mission-immersion trip in New Orleans where they had the unique opportunity to live, learn, and serve alongside the community members. On July 1st, our 8th Graders will leave for a mystery trip to spend some quality time together, and to be officially welcomed into the Sr. High Youth Group.

Our youth group also has a few day trips and events planned during July.

—Following the Chapel Service on Sunday, July 8th, students will head over to Six Flags for a day of roller-coasters and fun. The trip costs \$40 covering admission, transportation, and lunch.

—The very next Sunday, July 15th, the group will be headed to Suntrust Park right after the Chapel Service to Chop ‘till they Drop and cheer on the Atlanta Braves as they take on the Arizona Diamondbacks at 1:45 p.m. Only \$10 to cover your ticket and transportation for this game. Sack lunches will be packed for everyone to enjoy before the game.

—Sunday, July 22nd, put on your swimsuit and bring your boat out to Church on the Hooch at 10:00am. Our fabulous youth will be leading the worship as they share their experiences during their trip to NOLA. Prepare to stick around afterward to enjoy some great food and fellowship with the students!

—FUMC Student Ministries will wrap up the month of July with their Summer Camp at Lake Junaluska July 27th – August 1st. Students will have the opportunity to grow closer to God and each other while having fun with whitewater kayaking trips and serving the Lord together.

Calling all parents of rising 6th graders: please contact me (cj@lagrangefumc.org) about your 6th Graders or provide me with their contact information. We want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy all that the mid-high group has to offer!

Lastly, you may notice a few new team members working with your students over the summer. We would like to thank Andrew Ochsenknecht for the amazing job he is already doing as the Summer Intern for the Student Ministries office. We would also like to welcome Anabeth Ivey as the new Student Ministries Assistant, coordinating communications and volunteer opportunities for the Mid and Sr. High groups. Lots of great work going on here for our students!



Upcoming Worship & Sunday School News

July 1— *(NO Sunday School this Sunday)*

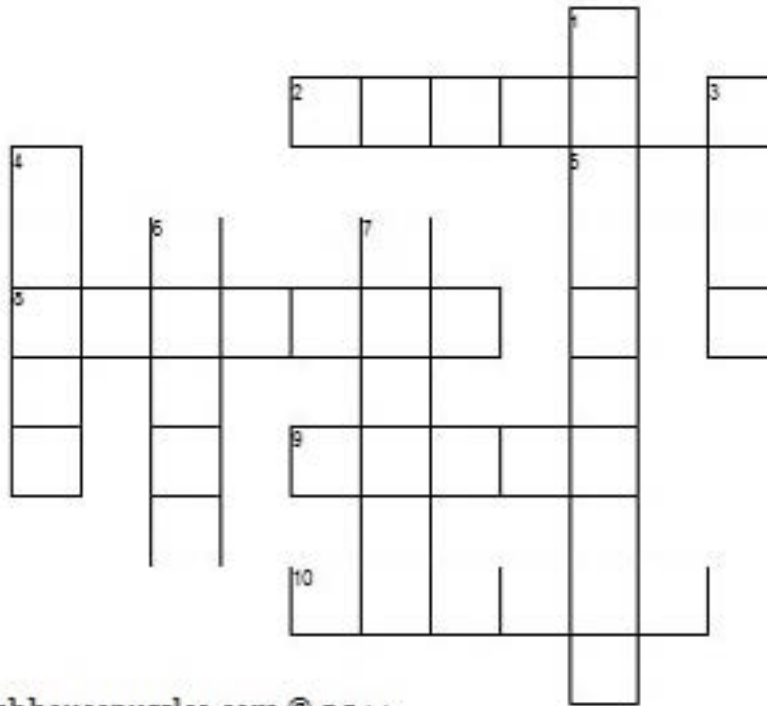
10:30am -- One Combined, Casual Patriotic Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall

11:45am -- Church Family Cookout (Hamburgers & Hot Dogs)

July 29—10:00am -- Final Sunday of 2018 “Church on the Hooch”

9:00am and 11:00am Services as usual

Noah



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ACROSS

- 2 Noah found _____ in the eyes of God
- 5 God sent _____ of every animal to Noah
- 8 A _____ is a symbol of God's promise to never flood the earth again
- 9 The ark had _____ levels
- 10 The ark came to a rest upon the mountains of _____

DOWN

- 1 Noah's grandfather; oldest man in the Bible
- 3 A _____ brought back an olive leaf to Noah
- 4 God made it rain for _____ days and nights
- 6 There were _____ people on the ark
- 7 The ark was made from _____ wood

Children's Ministry

Jeanne Jones, Director, jeanne@lagrangefumc.

This summer we are shaking things up with new and exciting programs for the children in our church family and community.

Get the word out!

Special summer dates
for your Children's calendars

July 1st - No Sunday School
One Patriotic Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
Church Family Cook-out after the service.

July 13th - 5:30 p.m., Girls Night Out



girl's night out

Girls in Elementary School and their moms or favorite adult female are invited to join us for this fun and inspiring evening.

Friday, July 13
5:30 p.m.

RVSP by July 9th
jeanne@lagrangefumc.org



Summer Camp Ministry

Jeanne Jones, Director, jeanne@lagrangefumc.



Learning and Playing = Great Summer Camp
It's happening every day!

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We always look forward to hearing from you.



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In addition to traditional giving methods (cash & check),
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(Text LGFUMC to 73256)
or online at lagrangefumc.org/online-giving.



Need to Talk? Refer yourself or a friend in need to one of our church's confidential Stephen Ministers who can help walk one-to-one with you or them through crisis. For more information or for a referral, speak to one of our Pastors or email stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org.

IN MEMORIAM

**Ben Crockett
June 18, 2018**

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the following families.

John McManaway & Family in the death of his sister, **Jeanne Armitstead, June 3, 2018**

Carolyn Alise in the death of her brother & sister in law,
Bob & Barbara Overton, June 10, 2018

**LaGrange First UMC
Members and Friends,**

Trish and I want to express our heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love shared with us for our time of ministry with and among you! Our "goodbye" worship service and reception were wonderful and touching in many ways, as have been your gifts, cards, emails, and the love offering as expressions of your thanks and appreciation! Know that we love you and will miss you, but that we know God has even greater things in store for your future under Pastor John's leadership! And always remember that God loves you and we do, too!

In Christ,
Brian & Trish Germano

P.S. Our new address is:
2460 Compton Place
Suwanee, GA 30024

**Church Offices will be Closed, Wednesday,
July 4th, for the Holiday.**

July Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, July 14th, at 9:00am in the Small Dining Room. James Emery will provide the program. All men in the church are invited. Please call or email the Church Office at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org.



July 2018

Weekly

SUNDAY

9:00a Chapel Worship
 10:00a Church on the Hooch
 10:00a Sunday School
 11:00a Traditional Worship Service

MONDAY

10:30a Meals on Wheels
 11:30a Soup Kitchen

TUESDAY

9:00a Community Care
 1:30p Staff Meeting
 7:30p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

11:30a Soup Kitchen Sack Lunch

THURSDAY

9:00a Community Care
 9:45a Prayer Ministry
 10:30a Dulcimers

FRIDAY

7:00a Men's Coffee & Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No Sunday School 10:30a Combined Worship, Fellowship Hall Church Family Cookout	2 5:00p U.M.W. Board Meeting	3 12:30 Red Cross Blood Drive	4 CHURCH CLOSED <i>Happy 4th!</i>	5	6	7
8	9 Circles Meet	10	11 5:45p Missions Committee	12	13 5:30p Girl's Night Out—Pizza and Paint	14 9:00a Men's Breakfast
15	16	17 5:30p Worship Committee	18	19	20	21
22	23 10:00a Altar Guild 11:45p Memorial Foundation	24	25 5:00p Altar Guild Encore Meeting	26 5:30p Board of Trustees	27	28
29	30	31	1	2 12:00 August TLC Luncheon	3 Last Day of Summer Camp	4

Remembrances Received, June 2018

In Memory of

Bob & Barbara Overton (Carolyn Alise's Family)—Jane Willey, Freddie & Gene Hayes, Virginia Robertson

Walter Murphy—Ann & Dee Woodward, Ric & Joanna Selbie, Martha Adams

Keith Aspinwall—Ric & Joanna Selbie, Betty & Walt Knight

Bill Fackler—U.M.W., Tee Borders, Ric & Joanna Selbie, Betty & Walt Knight

John Alise—Ric & Joanna Selbie, Betty & Walt Knight

Charles Stevens—Susan & Bill Black, Gregory & Robert Morton

Francie Ryder—Betty & Walt Knight

In Honor

Amy & Ken McGreevy—Betty & Walt Knight

July's Worship Team Volunteers

Ushers: Hoyt Rogers, Robby Burch, Jerry Clement, Ken Young, Bill Davidson, Sam Graham, Blair Harlin, Ray Holmes, Mike Peterson, Lewis Powell, Ric Selbie, H. R. Shepherd, Perry Wilder

Altar Guild: Belinda Borders, Mary Beth Colley, Carlene Mills, Jane Stephens

Hospitality Team: Bill & Joyce Young, Susan & Bill Black, Mike & Denise Wilson, Jane Willey, Fred & Pat Bodine, Julianne Skipper, Dusty & Carlene Mills, Trish Smith, Frank & Beth McRae, Jan Lockerbie, Margie Purnell, Carolyn Day, Dean & Nancy Larson, Laura Jennings, Jim & Carol Morgan, Oleeta Aspinwall, Jackie Huckstep, Carole & Kelly Linch, Jared & Jessica Larson, Louise Kirby, Linda Frano, Ric & Joanna Selbie, Joye Greene

Church on the Hooch Schedule for July

Preaching

July 1: Rev. Colin Dacus
 July 8: Linda Frano
 July 15: Russell Davis
 July 22: C. J. Lord & The Youth
 July 29: Rev. Carl Von Epps

Music

July 1: Bryson Smith
 July 8: Bryson Smith
 July 15: Russell Davis & Bryson Smith
 July 22: Bryson Smith
 July 29: Bryson Smith

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 27

Sunday School.....81 Worship Service.....203

Sunday, June 3

Sunday School.....144 Worship Service.....239

Sunday, June 10

Sunday School.....119 Worship Service.....294

Sunday, June 17

Sunday School.....101 Worship Service.....279

Sunday, June 24

Sunday School.....80 Worship Service.....423

Special Sunday

Sunday, July 1st

No Sunday School — Worship Service 10:30am, Fellowship Hall
 Church Family Cookout following the service, Fellowship Hall