



# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS HERE!

*"Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."*  
(Hebrews 10:24-25)

This week as you read this article, over 2800 delegates representing the 1000 churches and 364,000+ United Methodists in North Georgia will have gathered at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia for the "North Georgia Annual Conference" with the theme "*Bound for Greater Things.*" Linda Frano and myself are attending as our church's delegates, and others will be attending on behalf of our LaGrange District.

Each year's Annual Conference makes important decisions that affect every United Methodist church in our geographic area: approval and ordination of new clergy and retirement of older ones (on June 7th we celebrated the commissioning of our own Blake Trent!); appointments of pastors to local churches are finalized (we celebrate that our Bishop - Michael Watson - has reassigned me to LaGrange First UMC as your Senior Pastor, and that Blake is being assigned to us for his first official year under appointment as our new "Associate Pastor"); adoption of the conference budget; support for and reports from conference missions and ministries; exciting worship and bible study opportunities to enrich our spiritual lives; present our "**Bishop's Offering**" (to support the work of Action Ministry's "*Raise the Roof about Poverty*" initiative (click [HERE](#) to learn more about the offering); and more!

Upon our return, we'll be available to report on important decisions that were made, and how these might affect us as a congregation. In the meantime, you can find more information about Annual Conference (as well as "real time" updates) on our North Georgia Conference website ([www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org) and click on the 2016 Annual Conference banner). Also, thanks for your prayers, both for ourselves as your representatives, and for the Conference itself.

Always remember, God loves you and I do too!

Pastor Brian

**June 12, 2016**

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

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

**\*Morning Glory  
9:00am in the Fellowship Hall**

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*\*Child care is provided.*

*Mark your calendar*

**Camp Viola  
Begins Monday, June 20th**



**"CHURCH ON THE HOOCHE"**

Sundays @ West Point Lake  
9:00-9:45am, June 5-July 31

(Land Address) 2818 Antioch Road, LaGrange Ga 30240

(Water Address) Across the river from Highland Marina,  
at BSA Camp Frank Lumpkin, between buoys 50 & 51

LaGrange First UMC is hosting a new ministry initiative on West Point Lake called "Church on the Hooch" each Sunday morning, June 5-July 31 from 9:00-9:45am **in addition to our regular worship services.** This is a weekly experience on West Point Lake where campers and boaters may gather either in their boats or on shore for a casual worship service featuring songs, prayer, scripture and message.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Wilson at [mikelamar.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:mikelamar.wilson@gmail.com). Please be in prayer for this important new outreach initiative for LaGrange FUMC and come join us when you can.

**\*Remember to tell your friends!**

**\*\* 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.

## Summer Wednesday Evening Weekly

Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm

WEW Meal on June 15, 2016

GAME NIGHT

Menu: BBQ chicken, baked potato bar, veggie, salad bar & dessert

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

NO WEW Meal on June 22, 2016

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.



## Our Church's Mission at Camp Viola

June 20 - 23, 2016

We anticipate 50 rising 3rd, 4th and 5th graders to join us for our week of camp.

It takes a commitment from You to make this happen.

Please call Rick Free at the church or email him at [rick@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:rick@lagrangefumc.org) to find out how you can best help this year or just come join the fun and spend some time with the campers.

It is **You** that will keep this ministry alive.

## REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

### Memorials

**Dr. Paul Doster** (Sydney Daniel's Father) - Travis and Marion Towns

**Mr. Alex Scarborough** - Lonnie & Bobbie Ritchie

## PASTORAL CARE

Your pastors desire to provide effective and appropriate care to all in our church fellowship who have pastoral needs. This includes situations such as births, deaths, serious illnesses, hospitalizations, or other crises.

If you have or learn about any such pastoral needs within our church fellowship, please inform the church office as soon as possible (706-884-4635 or email [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org)) so that we may appropriately follow up.

After office hours or on weekends, please call the Emergency Pastoral Care System at 888-456-1203. Your help and consideration is much appreciated!

Pastors Brian and Blake

## FUMC Children's Program Summer Schedule

- **JUNE Sunday School:** 10:00 a.m.
- Children's Church, during the 11:00 a.m. Service
- **JULY Sunday School:** 9:15 a.m.
- Children's Church for July 10th, 17th, and 24th during the combined 10:30 a.m. service
- No Sunday School on July 3rd.
- No Children's Church on July 3rd or July 31st

- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Registration is now open! Please complete a form found in the church office, or go to this link to register your child for VBS <http://goo.gl/forms/lgWurRhjpMTUSpPz2>

## What Happened At UMC General Conference?

If you forgot to sign up for the updates from one of our previous newsletter articles, you can read about the results of General Conference at the following North Georgia Conference website:

Georgia Conference website:  
<http://www.ngumc.org/GC2016>

**NO MEETINGS IN JULY FOR  
Thursday Lunch Club and UMW Circles**



## Rafting Professionals... *well, sort of.*

The Pathfinders Sunday School Class took a detour on the way to church. They managed to navigate and tame the wild river and arrived back in LaGrange unscathed.

*\*This picture was taken before the adventure began.*



**Sr. High Mission Trip to Cairo, Illinois July 17-23, 2016 Cost: \$325**

Join us as we head West to Cairo, Illinois. This city, rich in heritage and history, is settled between the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. Students will work on work sites(minor construction, painting, etc.), participate in Kids Club, or help with Outrageous Sports camp. Spots are limited!

**Mission Trip meeting, June 12th @ Noon, Sr. High Lounge (2nd Floor MMC building)**

Rising 9th Graders thru recent High School Graduates are invited to join us as we hang out and jump into the word. We will meet at some host homes this summer, so check out the dates and text Kali (351-624-4557) for directions.

We will begin at 6:30pm (unless posted otherwise).

**Thursday, June 9th - Holmes' Home**

**Thursday, June 23 - Myers' Home**



Join us on Wednesdays this Summer to stay connected with friends and make some new ones. Rising 6th Graders are invited to join us, 6:00-7:30 in the Mid-High Lounge!

- June 8th - Game Night
- June 29th- Messy Games
- July 13th - Nerf Wars
- August 3rd - Bowling Night



**Mark your Calendars**  
**Back to School Six Flags Trip**  
**August 7th**  
**Cost: \$30**  
**Call to save your space today!**



**Summer Camp**

Katie Crumbley, Director  
katie@lagrangefumc.org

*All in the first week of Camp...*

**Many familiar faces and activities served to reunite kids for another year of camp.**

**Some new friends and some new "faces" stopped by to say hello.**

***You just never know who or what might come to camp!!!***



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please call the church office.*"To Know and To Make Christ Known"*

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**FINANCIAL REPORT 2016**

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 23,617.49</b>
<b>Received Week 22</b>	<b>\$ 12,091.79</b>
<b>Received Week 23</b>	<b>\$ 23,067.00</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,162.00</b>
<b>Total Received since last Flame</b>	<b>\$ 45,320.79</b>
<b>Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$ 543,202.27</b>
<b>Received YTD</b>	<b>\$ 505,468.46</b>

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, May 29th**

Sunday School.....178  
 Worship Service.....240

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, June 5**

Sunday School.....209  
 Worship Service.....275

**Calendar for June 12 - June 18**

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

**Calendar for June 19 - June 25**

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

**Church Work Days!****When?** Saturday June 18th, 7:30 am to 1 pm.**Where?** Meet in the MMC parking lot for instructions.**What kind of work will be done and how hard will the work be?** That depends. Most

of the work will be outdoors, trimming & shaping bushes, trees; some moving of debris to dump sites, spreading of mulch, pruning of flowering bushes, and hopefully, planting of bulbs and flowers for each season.  
*\*When the weather does not permit outdoor work, indoor projects will be designated.*

IF for some reason the weather is really bad and there is no indoor project for that work day, the day will be canceled. IF the work day is canceled you will be informed by 5 p.m. the Thursday before the Saturday Work Day!

Please email Scott Hill at [scott@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:scott@lagrangefumc.org) to sign up. If you can't work the whole time that is perfectly fine, please join us and work what you can.

*Every little bit helps and is greatly appreciated!***Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers in our sanctuary on Sunday, June 19th will be in loving memory of **Parker Smith** by his family.

**Our Sympathy**

Our sympathy is extended to the following families.

Randy Jones in the death of his father, **Weems Jones, May 30th**

Jake Behr in the death of his sister, **Betty Behr Hughes, May 31st**

Carol Harlin in the death of her sister, **Norma Brydon, June 14th**