



THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

Christians . . . SERVING, CARING, & SHARING

CAMP VIOLA 2017

"When you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." (Matthew 25:40)

In case you're not familiar with it, Camp Viola provides a safe camp environment for the spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional development of underprivileged, economically challenged children of Troup County and adjoining areas.

Each week during the summer, at least one of 12 area churches and organizations (including LFUMC) provides volunteers and leaders to supplement camp staff to host 40-50 rising 3rd through 5th graders in experiencing programs for spiritual enrichment (such as Bible study and worship) and various outdoor activities (such as swimming, hiking, canoeing, and other sports). Through these experiences, the goal is that each participant will come to grow in or discover Christian faith, better appreciate nature, develop friendships, and enhance his own personal abilities, all within confines of a safe and caring learning environment.

This year, **June 5-8th is the sponsoring week for OUR church**, and our participation is one way that we carry out our mission of being "*Christians SERVING in love, CARING with compassion, and SHARING Christ with boldness.*" For many years, Rick Free has done a wonderful job serving as the Director for our church's sponsor/host week.

In the stewardship article found in your most recent giving statement, Rick had the following to say, "*Camp Viola... is the best chance we have each year to make a difference in the lives of children we do not know and would probably never know. Our goal each year is give around 40 kids who have very little a week of love and care...Most of all, these kids love a little attention. That's what we try to do... to let them know they are special and are cared for.*"

If you've read the information in the latest issues of both our newsletter and Sunday bulletins, you'll know that Rick is still in need of volunteers. At present, we still need...

- Volunteers in the kitchen to help prepare meals each morning Monday-Thursday
- Chaperones for activities each day and night Monday-Thursday
- Volunteers to assist children with Arts & Crafts on Monday and Tuesday.

Any help is needed for any of these times! You don't have to volunteer for the whole week...one or two afternoons, one morning, one evening, or whatever time you can give will be helpful and appreciated not only by Rick and the camp staff, but more importantly by the children campers.

So, I hope you will join me in volunteering to help out in some capacity that week (I'll be leading one of the Bible study times). For more information or to volunteer, contact Rick at rick@lagrangefumc.org or call him through the church office (706-884-4635).

Remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

June 4, 2017

Church on the Hooch
10:00am, West Point Lake

***Morning Glory**
8:45am in the Fellowship Hall

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

***Traditional Service**
11:00am in the Sanctuary

***Korean Worship Service**
11:00am in the Chapel

June 11, 2017

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** **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 ages 3rd grade & younger. Children attending the early services will dismiss to the Small Dining Room in the MMC building; 11:00am service children will dismiss to Room 203 in the Children's building.

Wednesday Evening Weekly

will resume a regular schedule in August.
Watch *The Flame* for updates.

REMEMBRANCE RECEIVED

Memorial

Mr. Gene Davis - Linda & Buddy Murchison

2017 North Georgia Annual Conference

Our Pastors, **Brian Germano and Blake Trent**, and our Lay Delegates, **Linda Frano & Trish Germano**, will attend the Annual Conference from June 12th through June 15th, in Athens, Georgia. Please be in prayer for them and all others gathered for this conference.

This year a new Chancellor will be nominated by Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson. The Chancellor is the attorney for the Bishop and the Annual Conference. The Bishop has selected **Jim Thornton**, our church member, to be the new Chancellor for the North Georgia Conference. This is a tremendous honor for Jim and a wonderful recognition for our church family.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Will Rainey** on receiving the the 2017 Richard Linch Memorial Scholarship and the 2017 Henderson Traylor Eagle Scout Scholarship.

Worship Committee Announces Summer One-Service Sundays

July 2nd, 10:30am, *Patriotic Service* in the Fellowship Hall with a Church Family Cookout after the service

August 27th, 10:30am, *Homecoming Service* in the Sanctuary with a Covered Dish Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Dr. Gil Watson will be our guest preacher.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, June 4th, at the 11:00 Worship Service we will recognize couples in our church family who have been married 50 years or more, *to the same person*. What a loving statement of commitment, understanding, and acceptance.



There will be a luncheon after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall for these **41 couples**, representing **2,347 years of marriage**.



Need An Idea For A Lesson?

Come visit the Curriculum and other sections of our Resource Center. There are DVDs and books you can check out which will help plan a lesson(s). Some Examples: The Susanna and Elizabeth UMW Circles have used the book *If You are Going the Wrong Way, Turn Around* by James Moore. Each chapter can become a monthly program! The Builders Sunday School Class used the book *50 People Every Christian Should Know* by Warren Wiersbe. They selected people highlighted in the book to cover several Sunday School lessons. The Resource Center offers many resources for individuals or small groups to utilize. **Please donate gently used books or DVD sets** after you complete your lessons/programs. **Let's share our resources so all our Church family can benefit!**

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

June 12, 2017

Esther	10:00am	Church Library
Susanna	10:00am	
*Lydia	11:30am	Pat Bodine 4720 Hammett Road
Ruth	10:00am	Donna Ennis 121 Windridge
*Elizabeth	11:30am	Pat Bodine 4720 Hammett Road
Hannah	No Meeting	

* Meet together

June 13, 2017

Mary No Meeting

JUNE USHER COMMITTEE

Todd Vinson, Captain	Bill Fackler	Roger Allen
Bobby Cammon	Dorothy Cammon	James Emery
Marc Huberdeau	Matt French	Louise Horvath

ALTAR GUILD

Susan Black, Chair	Anne Allen	Betty Johnson
Lauranne Buchanan	Deborah Johnson	Kim Myers
Olivia Smith		

COMMUNION

Page Estes, Nancy & Dean Larson, Caryn Cole, Betty Johnson, Tina Diskin, Jennifer & James Emery

MORNING GLORY

Caryn Cole

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The June breakfast meeting of the United Methodist Men will be **Saturday, June 10th, at 8:00 am** in the small dining room. We will enjoy a delicious home cooked breakfast and have an informative program presented by **Scott Malone**, President of the Development Authority of LaGrange. All men in the church are invited to this gathering.

See you on the 10th at 8:00 am.



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.

Children's Ministry



Thank You, Grayson

Some of our children gathered around **Grayson Bailey** on her last Wednesday Evening Weekly/M.E.R.G.E night to wish her well in her new adventures and to say **thank you** for being their leader for the past couple of years. The cake was so large the children shared some of it with the grown ups who came.



Rev. Blake Trent kicked off the first Sunday of Church on the Hooch.

Special thanks to **Denise Wilson and Elizabeth Rainey** for serving as ushers.



Youth Ministry



Can you find the Youth Director in this picture?

Keep your eyes open to each issue of *The Flame*, the website, and phone texts for the summer youth gatherings and activities.



- Here's the Church of the Hooch Sunday Lineup**
- June 4 – Jennifer Emery, Lay speaker
 - 11 – Rev. Dr. Adam Roberts, LaGrange College
 - 18 – Rev. Kory Trinrud, West Georgia Hospice
 - 25 – Harrison/C. J. & LFUMC Youth Group
 - July 2 – Rev. Dr. Colin Dacus, UMC Retired
 - 9 – Linda Frano, Lay Speaker
 - 16 – Russell Davis, UMC Camping & Retreat Ministries Director
 - 23 – Rev. Susan Landry, LaGrange District Superintendent
 - 30 – Rev. Dr. Brian Germano, LaGrange FUMC

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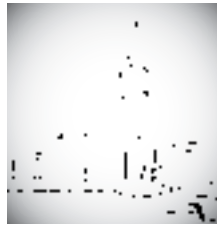
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- Mr. Andy Rainey (ext 201).....Church Administrator
- Mrs. Emily Sims (ext 209).....Director of Summer Camp
- Rev. Blake Trent (ext 206).....Associate Pastor

To reach all other employees and/or volunteers,
 please call the church office.

We always look forward to hearing from you.



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ATTENDANCE, Sunday, May 21

Sunday School.....182
 Worship Service.....325

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, May 28

Sunday School.....120
 Worship Service.....200

Special Request
 The Worship Committee would like to see everyone
 wear **RED** on Sunday, **June 4th**, as we celebrate
Pentecost Sunday.

Supporting Our Ministries

In addition to traditional giving methods (cash & check), you can also donate to First United Methodist Church via Text-to-Give (Text LGFUMC to 73256) or online at lagrangefumc.org/online-giving.

IN MEMORIAM
Gene Davis
May 23, 2017

Calendar for June 4 - June 10

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
12:00.....	50th Anniversary Luncheon
Monday	
Camp Viola Begins	
11:30am-12:00.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
6:00pm.....	UMW Spring Banquet
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
12:30pm.....	Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00pm.....	Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
5:30pm.....	Handbells Rehearsal
5:45pm.....	M.E.R.G.E & Children's Choir
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
Thursday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Rehearsal
Camp Viola Ends	
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	
8:00am.....	Men's Breakfast

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Calendar for June 11 - June 17

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
Monday	
11:30am-12:00am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:30pm.....	Stewardship Committee
6:30pm.....	Called Church Council Meeting
Annual Conference Begins	
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
5:30pm.....	Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
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