



# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

*Christians . . . SERVING, CARING, & SHARING*

**March 26, 2017**

**\*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**

**April 2, 2017**

**\*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**

**\*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 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.

## Called to Be Peacemakers

*"It is to peace that God has called us."  
(1 Corinthians 7:15)*

In today's world of polarized politics and church-life, too often we are caught between people and groups that feel they have to take sides – that they are "right" and everyone else is "wrong."

While there are certainly times that it's important to stand up for "right" and fight the "wrong" in our world, these times actually occur less often than many of us think, and more often than not the things we feel we have to stand up and "fight" about are in the end relatively petty, selfish, and often self-centered issues that do not really matter one bit in the big scheme of things.

In the 18th-century, the founder of Methodism John Wesley once urged his Methodists "*as to opinions that do not strike at the root of Christianity, we [should] think and let think*" (from Wesley's tract *The Character of A Methodist*)... meaning that if something is not absolutely central to who we are and what we do as followers of Jesus, then we need to be "big enough" and mature enough to allow others to have opinions, beliefs, and practices that are different than us without us feeling threatened by those.

Jesus paralleled this attitude when he himself said "*Blessed are the peacemakers*" (Matthew 5:9). And many years later, Saint Francis of Assisi offered this now famous prayer for us to become peacemakers:

*"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."*

[–Saint Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226]

My prayer is that we would all learn from Jesus, Saint Francis, and John Wesley how to be makers of peace with all those around us!

Always remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

**Wednesday Evening Weekly  
Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm**

**WEW Meal on March 29, 2017**

Menu: Poppysseed chicken, rice, okra, salad bar, dessert.

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

**NO WEW Meal on April 5, 2017**

**\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDAR\*\***

**We will not have WEW on April 12th.  
Instead...**

**We WILL HAVE our family dinner on THURSDAY, April 13th, from 5 to 6:30, so you can eat dinner and then attend the Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. WEW Reversations apply.**

Call or email the church office at 884-4635 by NOON on MONDAY to make your meal reservation.

Cost: \$0 for those 2 years & under, \$3 for those 3 years-12th grade, and \$6 for adults.

**Genesis Class Fundraiser Luncheon**

*To help support Camp Viola and the El Salvador mission trip*

**March 26th, 10:30-12:30  
Fellowship Hall**

**Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert  
Adults -- \$6.00 and Children -- \$3.00**

*Eat at the church or get a to-go plate!!*

**Children's Program News**

Our children's program will not meet on Wednesdays, April 5th & 12th. Wednesday Evening Weekly activities will resume on April 19th.

**APRIL USHER COMMITTEE**

Jim Hardy, Captain	Jeff Baker	Jay Allred
Orren Gilbert	Philip Ivey	Lamar McKeen
Skip Smith	Kelly Linch	Terri Bassett
Keenan Knight		

**ALTAR GUILD**

Marilyn Smith, Chair	Kim Adams	Carolyn Alise
Lisa Bateman	Sarah Beall	Davie Biagi
Pat Gilbert	Ashley Wilder	Laurie Wilder

**COMMUNION**

Belinda Borders	Linda Frano	Davie Biagi
Jane Willey	Page Estes	Jennie Gordy
Tina Diskin		

**MORNING GLORY**

Laurie Wilder	Ashley Wilder
---------------	---------------

**REMEMBRANCE RECEIVED**

**Memorial**

**Mr. Bill Houze** (Stacey Weldon's Father) - Hildred Cammon

**What's New in the Resource Center?**

*Book of Discipline 2016.* Published by Cokesbury, this is the United Methodist Church's official resource for law and policy. It is updated every 4 years, and we have just received the new version. It is located at 287 MET.

*Cancer. Now What?* This new book by Kenneth Haug, founder of Stephen Ministries, is a guide to help cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational and spiritual challenges of cancer. We have two copies, one which can be checked out and one which must remain in the Resource Center for our Stephen Ministry. They are located at 264 HAU.

This highlights just two of nearly 40 books added to the Resource Center in 2017. A list of these new books has been added to the front of the book index (white binder).

*NOTE: We have moved our checkout and return of books/curricula materials to clearly marked shelves in the Resource Center. The gray wheeled cart previously used has been removed to provide more efficient space.*

**Thank you, Donna Fager, for maintaining our Resource Center!**



**FUMC Summer Day Camp  
Now accepting registrations!**

Ages: Rising Kindergarten through

Rising 6th Grade

(Cost per week: \$125/Church Members, \$135/Non-Members)

**Camp Counselor and Student Camper Applications** are now being received for this year's camp.

All applications are online ([lagrangefumc.org](http://lagrangefumc.org)) and in the church office.

For questions, email [dayschool@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:dayschool@lagrangefumc.org)



**Thursday Lunch Club  
April 6, 12 Noon  
Fellowship Hall  
presents**

**Randy & Sherri Miller**  
straight from  
Nashville, Tennessee

For meal & program reservations call or email the church at 706-884-4635 or [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org). Cost is \$6 per person. **Everyone is invited!**

**Donations of candy filled eggs and bags of individually wrapped candies are needed.**

**Please bring your donations to the church office.**

**We look forward to seeing you at this year's Easter Family Egg Hunt.**

## LFUMC AGAIN SPONSORING "CHURCH ON THE HOOCH"

*Sundays @ West Point Lake  
10:00-10:45am, May 28-July 30*



This summer, LaGrange First UMC will again be hosting our ministry initiative on West Point Lake called **"Church on the Hooch."** Offered each Sunday morning, May 28-July 30, from 10:00-10:45am (new time from last year), this will be a weekly experience at the Boy Scout Camp on the northwest bank of 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. It will be a great opportunity for our church to be in ministry to and with our community.

However, in order to successfully do it, our "Church on the Hooch" planning task force needs help with the following:

- Equipment set up (willing to help just a few of the Sundays, or even all of them)
- Advertising...distribution of flyers, posters, and yard-signs
- Social media promotion
- Financial Donations for ongoing costs (Memo: Church on the Hooch; some funds are already set aside in our church budget, but we will need more).

If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact Mike Wilson at [mikelamar.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:mikelamar.wilson@gmail.com) or email your contact info to [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org) so we can get in touch with you. In the meantime, please be in prayer for this important outreach initiative of LaGrange FUMC.



### **Your Change Can Change the World!**

During Lent, the Missions Committee is giving **You** an opportunity to change the world by simply setting aside your spare change every day in the Change Cup provided at all worship services.

Last fall, our church packed 12,000 meals through the Stop Hunger Now program. This year, our goal is to pack **14,000 meals**, and the change you provide will help us purchase the items needed to pack all those meals.

- Take a *You Can Change the World* cup, fill it, bring it to church, and then fill it again.

Let's work together this Lenten Season to **Change the World, one meal at a time!**



### **Praying for our United Methodist Church**

PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD  
We are One in Christ  
umc.org • 4-UMC Prayer Community

Our denomination-wide 'Praying Our Way Forward' initiative launched on New Year's Day 2017 with 75 weeks of focused prayer

for The United Methodist Church. Each annual conference is taking one week to have intentional prayer for the mission of The United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and for the work of the Commission on a Way Forward. The

North Georgia Conference's week of prayer is this week, March 19-25. We invite you to continue to be in prayer for our church and for the work of our Bishops' Commission -- [www.ngumc.org/PrayingOurWayForward](http://www.ngumc.org/PrayingOurWayForward).

### **Youth Ministry**



On Friday, March 17th, 18 middle schoolers traveled to Camp Glisson for a Spiritual Life Retreat weekend.

Both Mid High and Senior High will retreat together in June when they go to Lake Junaluska!

For those of you who took a **"Change the World Cup,"** please remember to bring it in, add your change to the donation jug, then take it home and refill it.

***There are no Sunday Night Live events until after Easter.***

# SACRED PLACES

APRIL 9, 2017

4:00 P.M.

CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

LAGRANGEFUMC.ORG



**THE FLAME**

USPS (079-260) IS PUBLISHED BI-WEEKLY BY

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

401 Broad Street

LaGrange, Georgia 30240

Tel: (706) 884-4635 Fax: (706) 845-7068

After-Hours Pastoral Emergencies: 888-456-1203

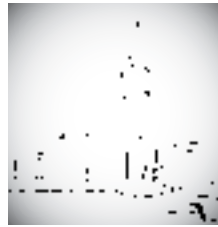
E-Mail address [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org)Web Site: [www.lagrangefumc.org](http://www.lagrangefumc.org)[www.pastorbriang.blogspot.com](http://www.pastorbriang.blogspot.com)

Postmaster: Send Address Change to  
The Flame, 401 Broad Street  
LaGrange, Georgia 30240

Miss Grayson Bailey (ext 209).....Director of Children's Ministry  
Mr. Rick Free (ext 210).....Director of Food Services  
Dr. Brian Germano (ext 205).....Senior Pastor  
Mr. Eddie Giddens.....Custodian  
Ms. Lisa Highland (ext 207).....Business Manager  
Mr. Darian Krimm (ext 202).....Minister of Music & Worship  
Mr. C.J. Lord (ext 215).....Director of Mid High Youth  
Mr. Greg Nichols.....Morning Glory Worship Leader  
Ms. Dodie Patterson (ext 204).....Executive Secretary  
Mr. Harrison Pollard (ext 215).....Director of Senior High Youth  
Mr. Andy Rainey (ext 201).....Church Administrator  
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.*



*Christians . . .  
SERVING,  
CARING,  
& SHARING*

Non Profit Periodical  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
PERMIT NO. 079260  
LaGrange, GA 30240

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, March 12**

Sunday School.....165  
Worship Service.....221

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, March 19**

Sunday School.....246  
Worship Service.....263

**IN MEMORIAM**

**John Allen Holmes**  
**March 19, 2017**

**Maundy Thursday Meal**

Our Wednesday Night Meal will move to **Thursday night** during Holy Week.

We will have a family meal on Thursday, April 13th, 5 to 6:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. You can eat and then go to the Maundy Thursday and Stripping of the Altar Service in the sanctuary.

Please make your reservations by email to [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org) or by calling the church office at

**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](http://lagrangefumc.org/online-giving).

**Calendar for March 26 - April 1**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
9:45am.....	Hospitality Team Meeting
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
10:30am.....	Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser
12:00.....	Stephen Minister Training
5:00pm.....	Disciple Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	
11:30am-12:00.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
5:15pm.....	Congregational Care
5:30pm.....	Worship Committee
7:00pm.....	Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	
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
6:00pm.....	Believe Bible Study
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	

**Calendar for April 2 - April 8**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Disciple Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	
11:30am-12:00am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:00pm.....	UMW Executive Board
7:30pm.....	S.O.U.L. Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:30am.....	Altar Guild Palm Cross Making Class
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
7:00pm.....	Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:30pm.....	Handbells Rehearsal
6:00pm.....	Believe Bible Study
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Rehearsal
12:00.....	Thursday Lunch Club
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the sanctuary altar, Sunday, April 2nd, are from the wedding of **Emma Jackson & Will Brannon, April 1st**, and are given in loving memory of **Julian Clayton Brannon, Julian Adair Brannon, and Dr. & Mrs. James Louis Doerr.**

**April Men's Breakfast**

All men in the church are invited to breakfast on Saturday, April 8th, at 8:00am, for a home cooked meal and program featuring the Honorable Quillian Baldwin, retired Superior Court Judge. See you in the small dining room on April 8th at 8:00am.