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October 30, 2016

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**Child care is provided.*

Mark your calendar

**Evening To Give Thanks
November 16th, 6:30 pm
Sanctuary**

Rev. Adam Roberts
preaching

**** 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. 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.

THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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Introducing Online Giving & Text-To-Give

*"Your generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us."
(2 Corinthians 9:11)*

I'm pleased to announce two new ways that you can now give to God through the ministries of LaGrange First UMC: (1) **Online Giving** through our church website; and (2) **Text-to-Give** through your own smart phone.

Both methods accept donations either from checking accounts (EFT direct debit), debit cards, and credit cards (although we encourage givers to use the checking account method, as this is the lowest cost option for the church and the most financially sound method for the giver). What's more is that your giving can be made either as a one-time gift, or can be scheduled as recurring donations with several giving options. If you are a church member, you can even choose to link your giving to your online member profile via a link emailed to your inbox.

Overall, these new options make life easier for you while also yielding significant benefits for your church:

- Your transactions are financially safe and secure
- Setting up your giving takes just a few easy steps
- Recurring donations help you to create consistent and faithful giving, resulting in a more stable base of income so that your church can more easily focus on its mission
- Online giving helps your church be more efficient through simplified accounting and gift processing
- Your current and past giving records (which only you can see) are immediately viewable online - there's no need to wait for a paper statement

Of course, our traditional giving choices remain: members and guests may continue to give cash or checks using our paper envelopes during worship on Sunday mornings, or by mailing them to the church office during the week. But these two forms simply add two new ways to give. And in the weeks to come, those using these giving methods can also participate in the Sunday offering symbolically by placing an "*I Give Electronically*" donation card in the offering plates/baskets.

To give online, simply follow the instructions on the "giving" tab of our church website (<http://www.lagrangefumc.org/online-giving>), or text LGFUMC to 73256 to use Text-to-Give.

My wife and I have chosen to use online giving as our preferred method of giving our tithes and offerings to LaGrange First UMC, and I invite you to join us in this if you are so inclined. But regardless of how you give, know that your giving (your "generosity") produces thanks to God through your church!

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

Pastor Brian

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

WEW Meal on November 2, 2016

Menu: Hamburger Steak, baked potatoes, veggie, salad bar & dessert

Children: Hot Dogs & PB & J sandwiches

WEW Meal on November 9, 2016

Menu: Company Chicken, rice, veggie, salad bar, dessert

Children: Mini-Chicken & 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

Mr. Tim Shepherd (Murbes Shepherd's Son)- Virginia Robertson

Mr. Guinn Vaughn - Patricia Vaughn, Reaunette Vaughn

Mrs. Pearle Simmons (Barbara Parker's Mother) - Allen & Marilyn Smith

All Saints Day/Sunday, November 6, 2016

On Sunday, November 6th, we will celebrate the "saints" of our church who've gone to be with the Lord since All-Saints Day last year. We will remember each person listed below at all three worship services as well as other names that are special to you. We encourage you to join us for this special time in the life of our church family.

Those We Remember

Pete Daniel	Rosemary Fling Little
Jean Ellis	Aileen Miller
Jerry Evans	Ann Petry
Russell Everitt	Alex Scarborough
John Gamble	Gary Smith
John Huckstep	Libba Traylor
Edna Kelly	

**READY TO BECOME
 A LAGRANGE FIRST MEMBER?**

Our upcoming "Decision Sunday Celebration Lunch" from 12:15-1:00pm on **Sunday, November 6th** is designed for you to "officially" claim the place you've already found here at LaGrange First in a setting outside a regular worship service. No coming down the aisle. No standing in front of a congregation -- just you and others like you becoming church members as you enjoy a fellowship and brunch together. You'll find a warm place of welcome waiting for you.

To reserve your spot, www.lagrangefumc.org/ready-to-become-a-member by Wednesday, November 2nd and complete the "Ready to Become A Member?" form there. For more information, contact either Blake Trent or Pastor Brian Germano at the church office (706-884-4635) or email them at brian@lagrangefumc.org or blake@lagrangefumc.org.

New Silver Chalice

Our church has been given two new silver chalices which will be used in serving communion. One in memory of **Mrs. Peggy Hinson** by Susan & Mark Hinson. One in memory of **Mr. James A. Dobbs** by his daughter, Tina Diskin.

NOVEMBER USHERS

John Jackson, Captain	Scott Jones	Dee Woodward
Tommy Britt	Steve Cole	Doug Cox
John Holliday	Mike Dobbs	Dan Lee
Mike Wilson	Jimmy Keith	Matt Orr
Bill Lovejoy	Bob Ward	Mark Kostial
Jeff Rogers		

ALTAR GUILD

Cindy Jackson, Chair	Holly Britt	Becky Ivey
Alynda Jones	Brenda Martin	
Youth-Sophie Myers & Olivia Smith		

MORNING GLORY Jill Gay

COMMUNION Jane Willey, Pat Gilbert, Joyce Morgan Young

SAVE the DATE . . . 2016 Leadership LaGrange FUMC . . . December 10th

9:30am to 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall & Chapel

The Church Family is invited to come and learn how your LaGrange FUMC operates...the how and why we do what we do. Church leaders will be in attendance!

Christmas Decorations

A donation of \$12.00 toward the cost of the Christmas decorations may be made in honor or in memory of someone. If you would like to participate please fill out this form and return it with your check marked "Christmas Decorations" on or before December 12th. A list of all those honored will appear in the Flame printed on December 20th.

In Honor _____

In Memory _____

Of: _____

By: _____



EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

FUMC'S Mission trip to El Salvador is scheduled for June 24, 2017 to July 1, 2017. Our team is in the process of forming. Team Leaders, Laura and Blair Harlin, will be in the church library on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15pm on October 26th, and November 2nd, and from 6:30 to 7:15pm on November 9th, to talk about the trip or answer any questions you might have. No prior experience required, and there is no obligation just by attending these meetings. The expected cost for the mission trip should be about \$1600 per person, but we will only need a \$100 deposit to hold your place for this trip. For more information or questions, you can reach Laura and Blair at 706-594-2610 (Blair) or 706-594-2609 (Laura), or email at mckeeharlin@gmail.com or blairharlin@mindspring.com.

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

November 14, 2016

Esther	10:00am	Library
Susanna	10:00am	Pat Gilbert, Hostess
Lydia	10:00am	Ann Wilder, Hostess
Ruth	10:30pm	Joanna Selbie, Hostess
Elizabeth	10:00am	T Fagan, Hostess
Hannah	6:00pm	Genesis Class

November 15, 2016

Mary	3:00pm	Parlor
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Youth Ministry



We KICKED OFF the year! Come join us!

What a great week we had at FUMC! I believe most kids would say that the highlight was decorating CJ with a pie on Wednesday night. We sure are proud of our mid-high youth for getting their numbers up and having enough kids there at Chick-fil-A to make it happen! Also, a huge thanks to Mrs. Laura for planning a super fun night for 6th and 7th grade girls this past Friday.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH (6-8pm) - FUMC Trunk or Treat - We would love to have all of our youth show up in huge numbers to support our church and this fun, fall activity!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH - our next Sunday night fun night - details coming soon!

We know this is a busy time of year for all of us but, please make sure and involve your church in your plans!



TRUNK OR TREAT
Family Event
IS SUNDAY
October 30th
6 to 8 p.m.

Trinity Street Parking Lot
for All Ages!!!

We still need your decorated trunks.
Please let Grayson Bailey know how many parking spaces you will need for your Trunk at grayson.bailey@gmail.com or call the church office at 706-884-4635.

We also need individually wrapped candy for the games and baked goodies for the cake walk.

*Most especially — we want you here!!!
 Come volunteer for a while and enjoy the fellowship with your church family.*

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

We always look forward to hearing from you.

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, October 16

Sunday School.....222
 Worship Service.....285

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, October 23

Sunday School.....108
 Worship Service.....193

September

Year-to-Date

Budgeted Receipts	\$95,470	\$901,032
Actual Receipts	\$104,259	\$853,520
Budgeted Expenses	\$96,553	\$931,872
Actual Expenses	\$94,904	\$891,180



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**2016 Charge Conference, Sunday, November 13th
 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall**



The Church will sponsor a **Stop Hunger Now** meal packing event
Sunday, November 13th
from 9:30 until 11:30 in the gym.

We will pack 12,000 meals for needy people around the world. Many Sunday School classes plan to make this their lesson that day.

Our early services will meet together at 9:00am in the Chapel for a short service. The 11:00 worship service will take place as usual in the sanctuary.

All are invited to join us for this fun and meaningful event. Please invite a friend. Casual dress is encouraged.

Calendar for October 30 - November 5

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am	Sunday School
5:00pm	Disciple Bible Study
6:00pm	TRUNK or TREAT Family Event
Monday	
11:00-11:30am	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	
9:00am	Community Care
12:30pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
4:00pm	Youth Activities
5:30pm	El Salvador Trip Informational Meeting
5:30pm	Handbell Choir
5:45pm	M.E.R.G.E & Children's Choir
5:45pm	Connections Class
6:00pm	Believe Bible Study
6:30pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday	
9:00am	Community Care
9:45am	Prayer Ministry
10:00am	Dulcimers Class
12:00	Thursday Lunch Club Luncheon
5:15pm	Congregational Care
Friday	
7:00am	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

Calendar for November 6 - November 12

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am	Sunday School
12:15pm	Youth Council
5:00pm	Disciple Bible Study
Monday	
11:00-11:30am	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:00pm	UMW Executive Board
Tuesday	
9:00am	Community Care
7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
4:00pm	Youth Activities
5:00pm	Worship Committee
5:30pm	Handbell Choir
5:45pm	Missions Committee
5:45pm	M.E.R.G.E & Children's Choir
5:45pm	Connections Class
6:00pm	Believe Bible Study
6:30pm	Chancel Choir
6:30pm	El Salvador Trip Informational Meeting
Thursday	
9:00am	Community Care
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10:00am	Dulcimers
Friday	
7:00am	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	
8:00am	Men's Breakfast

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flowers in the church on November 6th are in honor of the baptism of **Kennerly Averett Penrod**, the son of Alyssa & Ross Penrod, the grandson of Lisa & Ken Boatwright.



Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 6th.