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First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

Christians . . . SERVING, CARING, & SHARING

September 24, 2017

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

***THE BRIDGE
10:55am
in the Fellowship Hall**

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

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

October 1, 2017

***Combined Worship Service
with our
Korean Church Family
10:30am in the Sanctuary**

**Celebrating
World Communion
Sunday**

No Sunday School

**Child care is provided.*

Children's Church is for ages
3rd grade & younger. Children
will dismiss to Room 111 in the
Children's building.

World Communion Sunday – One in Spirit

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,... that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose." (1 Corinthians 1:10)

"I'm Methodist." "I'm Baptist." "I'm Catholic." "I'm non-denominational." "I'm just plain Christian!" With all our different labels and so many varieties of Christianity, no wonder non-Christians get confused when we try to share our faith in Jesus with them.

Yet, consider the fact that our differences in belief and practice need NOT keep us apart in *heart and spirit*. Reflect, for example, on the words of John Wesley (founder of Methodist Christianity), spoken in one of his sermons over 250 years ago:

"Although we do not think or worship alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt we may. Every wise person... will allow others the same liberty of thinking which they desire others to... allow them. One should only ask... 'is thy heart right with God? Dost thou believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Is he revealed in thy soul? Is thy faith... filled with the energy of love? Do you show your love by your works?... 'If thine heart is as my heart,' if thou lovest God and all humankind, I ask no more -- 'give me thine hand.'"

(--From Wesley's sermon Catholic Spirit)

Remember, when we get to heaven, God won't ask what denomination or Christian tradition we belonged to. But He WILL ask (and know) what's in our hearts! With that in mind, I hope you'll join me on **October 1st for World Communion Sunday worship.**

As we've done in the past, we'll have one combined, blended worship service at **10:30am in the Sanctuary** with our sisters and brothers in Christ from the Korean United Methodist Church of LaGrange. Their Pastor (Rev. Daniel Kim) will help lead us in worship, and the Korean church choir will join both our BRIDGE praise band and choir in leading our singing. I hope you'll join me as we celebrate our oneness with Christ in heart and spirit across cultures and the globe, starting right here in our own backyard with our Korean friends.

And remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

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

WEW Meal on September 27, 2017

Menu: Pork Loin, Sweet Potatoes, Veggie, Salad Bar, Dessert.

Children: Nachos & PB & J sandwiches

WEW Meal on October 4, 2017

Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Veggie, Salad Bar, Dessert.

Children: Spaghetti & PB & J sandwiches

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.



THE BRIDGE
Worship Service
10:55 A.M.
in the
Fellowship Hall.

**Thursday Lunch Club
October 5th, 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall**



Historical Postcard Collection

**Chris
Cleaveland**

*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!*


October 1, 2017

***Combined Worship Service
with our Korean Church Family
10:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary.
No Sunday School.**



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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.




Amazing GRACE OFFERING | 2017

#NoMoreNos
We restore children and families from trauma through Jesus Christ.

Special Offering

On Sunday, September 24th, at all three worship services, we will receive our annual special offering for the United Methodist Church's Children's Home. Envelopes will be provided in the services.



Treasure

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:21

A Stewardship Program on Faith and Money

October 8-29 @ All Worship Services

OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

Since Jesus cared about our hearts, he talked about our treasure because he knew that where our treasure goes, our hearts will follow.

Join Pastors Brian and Blake, October 8th-29th, at all three worship services for **Treasure** – one special series shared two unique ways -- exploring Jesus' words about what we want to be investing in, what we actually are investing in, and how to experience the power found in making God our treasure.

CAUTION

MMC Hallway Lighting

Due to worship needs for THE BRIDGE service, please be aware that the MMC hallway lights will be dimmed at 10:55 a.m. each Sunday.

Youth Ministry

CJ Lord, Director, cj@lagrangefumc.org

FUMC Youth Families!

Thanks so much to everyone who has made the start of this year so awesome. We have had worship on Wednesday nights (with an attendance of around 70), recently played Candyman in the Children's Building, and had a cookout at Highland Park. And, we're about to go to a haunted house in October. On Wednesday nights, we have been looking at all of Jesus' *I am* statements. We started with "I am the bread of life" and most recently, we looked at "I am the way, the truth, and the life." In a couple of weeks we will switch it up and begin looking at all of the "you are" statements of Jesus. We will kick things off with "You are the branches" and go till Jesus says, "You are my friend."

Confirmation is also about to start. If you know of any student who needs to sign up at the last minute, please contact me as soon as possible. We start Confirmation with a retreat to Camp Glisson on September 29th through October 1st, and then weekly classes begin Sunday, October 8th, during the Sunday School hour. We look forward to an exciting Confirmation Class as these students start on their way to making the most important decision of their lives: to follow the way of Jesus.

Grace and Peace, C.J. Lord

Children's Ministry

Jeanne Jones, Director, jeanne@lagrangefumc.org



Thank you to everyone who helped make our cupcake sale a huge success.

Kudos to our kids for decorating and selling the cupcakes and donating toys to send to LaGrange, Texas.

We raised \$499 and sent several boxes of toys.

Trunk-or-Treat will be here before you know it. This is a great outreach to our community, and your help is needed. Many of you will be participating with your Sunday School class, but there are other areas where we need help that day. Trunk-or-Treat will take place on Sunday, October 29th, from 5-7 p.m., in the Trinity Street Parking Lot. Please contact Jeanne Jones at jeanne@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635 to help with this event. If you would like to host a "trunk," please pick up a registration form from the church office or download one online.

Learn to Play the Mountain Dulcimer

Free Lessons! Can't read music? No Problem!

Nancy Larson and Ann Wilder have taught hundreds of people to play the dulcimer. Let them teach you to play, too! Cardboard dulcimers are available to those who would like to give it a try before investing in an instrument. Classes begin September 9th and will continue on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Genesis Classroom. Call Nancy at 706-883-6915 or Ann at 706-882-5027.



OCTOBER USHERS

Jim Hardy, Captain	Philip Ivey	Jeff Baker
Lamar McKeen	Orren Gilbert	Andy Camp
Keenan Knight	Jay Allred	Skip Smith

ALTAR GUILD

Joanna Selbie, Chair	Debbie Adams	Laura Huff
Cecelia Stevenson	Debbie Lynn	Alison Vinson
Ashley Wilder	Jane Willey	

COMMUNION, Joyce Young, Betty Johnson, Creighton & Miriam Kelly

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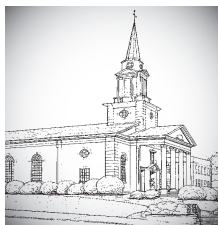
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To reach all other employees and/or volunteers,
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We always look forward to hearing from you.



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ATTENDANCE, Sunday, September 10

Sunday School.....166
 Worship Service.....267

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, September 17

Sunday School.....196
 Worship Service.....258

Hurricane Relief Efforts
 ways YOU can help...

1. Continue to pray for those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.
2. Make a donation online to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) www.umcor.org.
3. Watch for additional needs as they are requested.

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.

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Jackie Huckstep and Family in the death of her sister, **Shirley Grojean**.

Calendar for September 24 - September 30

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
3:00pm.....	Nominations & Leadership Development
5:00pm.....	Disciple II Bible Study
Monday	
11:30am-12:00.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
11:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
7:00pm.....	THE BRIDGE Band Rehearsal
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
5:30pm.....	Handbell Rehearsal
5:45pm.....	Children's Program
5:45pm.....	Parenting Small Group
6:00pm.....	Mid & Sr. High Youth Small Groups
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Rehearsal
5:30pm.....	Board of Trustees
5:30pm.....	SPR Committee
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
3:00pm.....	Youth Confirmation Retreat
Saturday	

Calendar for October 1 - October 7

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
3:30pm.....	Long Range Planning Committee
5:00pm.....	Disciple II Bible Study
Monday	
11:30am-12:00am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:30pm.....	Music Committee
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
11:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
5:30pm.....	Nativity Meeting
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
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"NEW THIS WEEK...
 thanks to our Stewardship Committee, pew racks in the Chapel and Sanctuary and offering baskets in Fellowship Hall now contain Online Giving cards that not only explain more about the three methods of giving available at our church but also provide those who give either via online or text-to-give with something to symbolically place in the offering plate/basket. Please use these weekly as you feel led."