



THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

Christians . . . SERVING, CARING, & SHARING

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

***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 16, 2017

7:00am

**Sunrise Easter Service
Sweetland Amphitheater**

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

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

***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.

THE PARADOX OF JESUS

*"Think of yourself the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God, but... instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death – and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion."
(Philippians 2:5,8, The Message)*

On that first Palm Sunday, with all the shouts of "Hosanna!" and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!," one would have expected Jesus to enter Jerusalem on a mighty horse --a symbol of might and power. But instead, he chose a lowly donkey. Before he could come as a King to reign, he had to come as a Savior to die. Consider the many contrasts of Jesus' life, described by one writer:

*"He who is the Bread of Life began his ministry hungering;
He who is the Water of Life ended his ministry thirsting;
Christ hungered as a human, yet fed the hungry as God;
He was weary, yet he is our perfect rest;
He paid tribute, yet he is a King himself;
He was called the Devil, yet he cast out demons;
He prayed, and yet he is the one who hears our prayers;
He wept, and yet he is the one who dries our tears;
He was sold for 30 pieces of silver, yet he redeems sinners;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, yet he is called
'The Good Shepherd';
He who is the Resurrection gave up his own life, and by
dying, he destroyed death itself."*

As we begin Holy Week, it is good to recall the wondrous love that God has for each one of us in giving his only son for our salvation. Remember, Jesus suffered and then died so that we might have victory and life today as Christians. Our salvation might be free to us, but it cost Jesus everything! Blessed, therefore, is Christ, who comes in the name of the Lord!

Remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

Easter Lilies

Our annual Easter Lily recognition is enclosed in this issue of *The Flame*.

This is a listing of all those who are remembered and honored with an Easter lily.

If you placed an Easter lily in the church and checked you wanted to take it with you, please do so after the Morning Glory service or after the 11:00 sanctuary service.

*Thank you,
Altar Guild*



Wednesday Evening Weekly

Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm

NO WEW Meal on April 12, 2017

Holy Week Family Meal

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad Bar, Dessert

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

WEW Meal on April 19, 2017

Menu: Pizza Casserole, salad bar, dessert.

Children: Same & 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.

SACRED PLACES



APRIL 9, 2017
4:00 P.M.
CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

LAGRANGEFUMC.ORG

REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

Mr. Allen Holmes - H.R. & Mary Anne Shepherd, Heather & Sam Graham

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!



Happy
EASTER

The Clothing Center

Volunteers (men & women) are needed to staff the Clothing Center in April on Tuesday mornings from 10 to noon and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3. No experience required! Please contact



Wanda-Ann Kinnaman at 706-594-4864 or wanda-ann@kwdesignstudio.com to sign up for a shift or two. Our church is proud to support this important ministry in our community, but we cannot do it without YOU.

UMW Circles APRIL 10, 2017

Esther	10:00am	Church Library
Ruth	11:00am	Jackie Huckstep 229 Laurel Lane
Susanna	10:00am	Jane Stephens 803 Wisteria Way
Lydia	10:00am	Lea Rawlinson 435 Long View Drive
Elizabeth	10:00am	Lauranne Buchannan 107 St. Clare Court
Hannah	6:00pm	Genesis Classroom

UMW Circle APRIL 11, 2017

Mary	3:00pm	Church Parlor
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ALTAR GUILD LUNCHEON

The Altar Guild will meet for a luncheon on Monday, May 8th, at 12 noon in the Small Dining Room. What a perfect time to come enjoy a meal and fellowship with your friends while finding out what the Altar Guild is all about. Call or email the Church Office to make your reservation at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org!

Camp Viola 2017

Our church's week to host Camp Viola this summer is

June 5th through June 8th.

Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more details coming to you soon.



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) and in the Church Office.

For questions, email dayschool@lagrangefumc.org



Your Change Can Change the World!

Thank you for bringing in your coins, dollars, and checks for **Rise Against Hunger**. We now have enough for 10,000 meals! Every .29 cents you contribute to this cause provides 1 meal, so please keep bringing us your change through Easter Sunday.

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

Children's Ministry



LaGrange First UMC is seeking a Director of Children's Ministry. This position will be responsible for leading and developing a comprehensive

children's ministry, birth through 5th grade, that includes the full-time coordination of our Summer Day Camp Ministry.

This position is part-time during the school year (with potential growth to full-time) and full time during the summer months. Applicants should possess a bachelor's degree or equivalent, and prior experience leading children's ministry is preferred. Compensation is based on experience, and the complete job description is available upon request. Interested persons should submit resumés to LaGrange First UMC at sprc@lagrangefumc.org.

Children's Program News

Our children's Wednesday evening program will resume on April 19th.

IS THIS YOU???

You may have worshiped at LaGrange First for a while or maybe only for a few Sundays. Maybe you've helped with one of our ministries, and perhaps you've even gotten involved in a small group or Sunday School. Maybe your spouse or neighbor (who are already LaGrange First members) first invited you to church with them. And while you enjoy the worship and would not mind becoming a member, you're not comfortable standing in front of crowds, even to join the church.

If this describes you, then you're not alone. That's why we invite you and many others like you to "officially" claim the place you've already found here at LaGrange First through our new bi-annual "**Decision Sunday Celebration Lunch**" from 12:15-1:00pm on **Sunday, May 7th**. Lunch is on us, and you'll find a warm welcome awaiting you.

To reserve your spot, <http://www.lagrangefumc.org/ready-to-become-a-member/> by Wednesday, November 2nd, and complete the "Ready to Become A Member?" survey 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.

Holy Week Services, Activities, and Events

April 9th

Palm Sunday, regular service times & places
"Sacred Places," 4:00 p.m., Choir & Orchestra, Sanctuary

April 13th

Maundy Thursday

Family Meal, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall, (*reservations requested*)
Maundy Thursday Worship Service & Stripping of the Altar
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

April 15th

Easter Egg Family Event, 2 to 4:00 p.m.
Nick Allen Pavillion, LaGrange College

April 16th

Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m., Community Sunrise Service, Sweetland Amphitheater
(*bring a chair or blanket for seating*)
8:45 a.m., Morning Glory, Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m., Early Service, Sanctuary
11:00 Traditional Service, Sanctuary



RICHARD LINCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

High School Seniors: The deadline to receive completed applications for the Richard Linch Memorial Scholarship is Wednesday, May 4th. The scholarship will be awarded on Graduate Sunday, May 21st.

If you have not yet applied, pick up an application in the Youth Office, on the church website, (lagrangefumc.org) or in the Church Office **soon**.

Interviews for the scholarship will be held on Monday, May 8th.

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- Mr. Eddie Giddens.....Custodian
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- 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.



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Easter Sunrise Service
7:00am, Sweetland Amphitheater
Bring a chair or blanket for seating

ATTENDANCE , Sunday, March 26

Sunday School.....214
 Worship Service.....259

ATTENDANCE , Sunday, April 2

Sunday School.....152
 Worship Service.....214

Something New: 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 or by calling the church office at 706-884-4635.

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.

Calendar for April 9 - April 15

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Flowers for the Cross

Please bring fresh flowers with you to the Morning Glory and both sanctuary church services on Easter Sunday morning, April 16th. We will cover the crosses with new life!

Our Sympathy is extended to

Pat Wyche & Family in the death of her brother-in-law, **Jimmy Wright, March 27, 2017**

Sharon McLaughin & Family in the death of her mother, **Martha Dodgen, March 27, 2017**



2017 Easter Lilies

First United Methodist Church
LaGrange, Georgia

In Memory Of:

John & Sarah Soltis
Jennifer Soltis Trizzino
David Soltis
Earle Williams
Rev. Sidney S. Tate
John Huckstep
Tim Huckstep
Angela Kellogg (Granddaughter)
Patty Biagi
Leslie Boyd
Debbie Silvey
Ann SeEVERS
O.C. SeEVERS
Edd, Nona, & Eddie Cooper
Florence & Charlie Patterson, & Howard Patterson
Sherry Patterson
Frances & James Thornton, & Frank Thornton
Edna & DeWitt Kelly, & Sue Ann Kelly Tyson
Guinn Vaughn
John Varner
John Robertson
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Eidson
Phyllis Enright
John A. Jones
Ralph T. Johnson
Jeff Hagood
Dick Willey
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Willey, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Hartzell
Walt Lukken
Tom McAfee, Jr.
Jeff Hagood
John Myers
Hifumi Wyman
Gary Martin Smith
Wiley & Edith Reeves
Susan Lynn Gonsalves
Our Gilbert & Guthrie Parents
Lamar Wadworth
George Deane Allen
My Husband, Marion Nix

By:

Paul & Karen (Soltis) Tobben
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Paul & Karen (Soltis) Tobben
Jane Williams
Enid Tate
Jackie Huckstep & Family
Jackie Huckstep & Family
Betty Ward
Davie & Jim Biagi
Davie & Jim Biagi
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Davie & Jim Biagi
Sheryl Cooper
Their Family
Her Family
Their Family
Dodie Patterson & Family
His Family
Elynor Varner
Virginia Eidson Robertson
Virginia Eidson Robertson
Sharon & Alan Jones
Sharon & Alan Jones
Janet Johnson
Marsha Holliday
Jane Willey
Jane Willey
Jane Willey
Peggy Lukken
Peggy Lukken
Peggy Lukken
Peggy Lukken
Rumi Marie Smith
Rumi Marie Smith
Julia A. Reeves
Julia A. Reeves
Orren & Pat Gilbert
Jennie Wadsworth
Anne Childs Allen
Martha Nix

In Memory Of:

My Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Cleaveland
My Brothers; Reuben, Jackson, Gilmer, & Philip
Memory & Forrest Johnson, Jr.
Paul R. Ferguson
Sammie F. Jones
Charles M. Wallace
Raymond A. Newman
Mr. & Mrs. Lawton G. Hiers
Mr. & Mrs. Rupert Denny
Our parents & grandparents
Pearle Dunson Sims
Jimmy Sims
Fallen Police Officers
John & Suzanne Schuessler
Lydia Helms
Woodrow & Virginia Smith
Steve Bledsoe
Grace Smith

By:

Martha Nix
Martha Nix
Clark & Deborah Johnson
Deborah & Clark Johnson
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Jean Newman & Family
Jean Newman & Family
Jean Newman & Family
Ray & Sally Holmes
Elizabeth S. Sims
Elizabeth S. Sims
Norman Wynne - LPD
Mark & Suzie Highland
Mark & Suzie Highland
Joyce & Bob Smith
Judy & Bernard Bledsoe
Joyce & Bob Smith

In Honor Of:

Carol Freeman
Shirra Rogers
Chase & Beth Parmer
John McManaway
Elizabeth & Matthew Hayes
Michael, Audrey, & John Hayes
Miriam Kelly, FUMC Stephen Ministry Leader
Dr. Brian Germano
Kenerly Penrod
The Altar Guild
The Church Staff
Judy H. Ferguson
Walter & Marianne Murphy
Our grandchildren: Hardy, Eva, Daniel & Gunner
Forrest & Shannon Johnson
Christian & Skye Johnson
Jessica & Brooks Moorhead
Ellis & Jean C. Smith
Janice & Dick Ingram
Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class
Our children & grandchildren
Lyons Carmichael
Jackson Carmichael
Max Carmichael
Chris, Maggie, Finley, Emma, & Carson
Peggy Lukken
Kim Myers
Janice Ingram

By:

Elizabeth S. Sims
Laura & Blair Harlin
Mrs. Bernice Strickland
Betty & the Children
Mark & Suzie Highland
Mark & Suzie Highland
Orren & Pat Gilbert
Alyssa, Ross, & Kennerly Penrod
Ken & Lisa Boatwright
Deborah & Clark Johnson
Clark & Deborah Johnson
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Clark & Deborah Johnson
Clark & Deborah Johnson
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Jaleen Welch
Ray & Sally Holmes
Bobby & Molly Carmichael
Bobby & Molly Carmichael
Bobby & Molly Carmichael
Ken & Marty Young
Marsha Holliday
Marsha Holliday
Disciple Bible Study