



THE FLAME

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of LAGRANGE

August 2019

20/20 VISION FOR 2020 The Godly Influence of Encouragement

I like the story told about the time the devil announced that he was going out of business and would sell all of the tools of his trade. On the day of the sale, he displayed the tools. They were dangerous looking. On display were pride, greed, lust, envy, jealousy, hatred, and deceit. There was a price tag on each one.

Away from these terrible looking tools of his trade, there was one very ominous and much-worn tool. The price tag on it was much higher than the rest.

When someone asked the devil about that tool, he said, "That's discouragement." When asked why it was priced so high, he said, "Because it's more useful to me than the others. I can pry open and get inside a person's consciousness with it while I could never get near that person with any of the other tools. Once I get inside a person's mind with discouragement, I can wreak havoc and heartache and very few people know it comes from me."

The amazing thing is that the devil's price for discouragement was so high that it was never sold. He is still using that tool today!

Discouragement is one of the devil's most effective tools. Every person faces it. The prescription for discouragement is encouragement. How is that administered? By putting courage into a person. Everybody needs encouragement. It may be the most effective medication to treat our sin-sick world.

An interesting survey on the "attention span" of adults reports that the average adult attention span will last for about six compliments, five encouragements, and one criticism. Clearly, we have a healthy appetite for encouragement, but very little appetite for criticism.

One of my favorite Bible characters is Barnabas. His name means "Son of Encouragement." Paul may have been thinking of Barnabas when he wrote 1 Thessalonians 5:11, exhorting believers to "encourage and build each other up."

Everyone is looking for some form of encouragement. You and I can shorten the attention span of others by criticism, or we can expand their attention span by encouragement. I believe that encouragement is the most effective way for believers to influence others for good.

During the month of August, I want to cast a vision for our great church in the Year 2020 around the thought **The Godly Influence of Encouragement** and explore ways that the Lord is calling us to positively influence the members of our community by intentionally and practically encouraging them to live lives that really matter.

Come to worship and be encouraged to encourage others!

Remember how much I love you ...
It's an honor to be your Senior Minister!

Dr. John Beyers

Our Mission:
To **MAKE** and **GROW** Disciples of Jesus Christ or the TRANSFORMATION of the World!



Our School Shepherd-ing Program is getting ready to meet the needs of the young children who do not have the proper tools for school. Your monetary donations are needed to fund this outreach ministry.

Please give as you feel led, and mark your gifts, Back to School.

A Journey With Jesus



A study of the life and ministry of Jesus, from His baptism in the Jordan River to His death and Resurrection.

Led by Dr. Greg McClanahan
Length: 13 Weeks (6 in the Fall, 7 in the Spring)
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm on Wednesdays

September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2 and 16

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

We are looking for more students to join our Acolyte Ministry Team. Students going into the the third grade through high school may participate.

For more information call the church office at 706-884-4635 or email churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org.



Congregational Care Ministry

Our Lay Visitation Ministry provides support and inspiration to fellow Church members who are unable to attend Church/Sunday School over an extended amount of time. Our goal is to promote a feeling of family, namely one's Church family. Our lay volunteers reassure them that their Church family cares about them personally and that they are not forgotten after long absences.

Our dedicated lay volunteers make monthly personal visits, phone calls, and/or mail cards. Gifts made by the Children's Department, the Altar Guild, and the Lay Visitation Coordinator are delivered quarterly. The lay volunteers visit our members at their private homes and in assisted living facilities.

Lay Visitation Ministry needs the following.:

- Do you know of a homebound member who is not already being contacted by us?
- More volunteers are needed to reach out to "our" members.

If you would like to visit or contact one or two of our homebound Church members, please contact Laura Harlin at 706-812-9837 or mckeeharlin@gmail.com.

“With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgment. Always let Him lead you, and He will clear the road for you to follow.”

—Proverbs 3:5-6





Girls' Nite Out

Over 40 girls participated in this year's Girls' Nite Out.

We look forward to 2020!



Summer Camp's Lemonade Fundraiser

A little rain won't stop FUMC day camp. We are excited to have raised \$525.87 at our lemonade sale this year. This is enough to pay for an entire year's tuition for a child to attend the Methodist School in Ahuachapan, El Salvador.



What a summer it has been! Ten fabulous weeks of summer camp, Boys' Night Out, Girls' Night Out, Tweens' Swim Party, Lemonade Sale for Missions, and so much more. This summer we had the opportunity to show the love of Christ to so many families in our church, community, and around the globe. To everyone who participated, helped, supported, and prayed for these ministry opportunities, THANK YOU!

I could go on and on with the list of all the places we've been, people we have met, and fun activities that have taken place in the last ten weeks but this article would take up pages. I just want to thank all the members of FUMC for providing the space, funding, and prayers that have enabled all of this to happen. If you would like details or just want to hear about more, please contact me. I would love to sit down with you and tell you about the ways you have changed lives this summer through FUMC's children's programs.

As school starts, we also begin our regular programming. This year on Wednesday nights we will again be collaborating with 6-12th grade on the Bible topic for each week. From August 14th until January 2020, we will be focusing on the parables of Jesus. Be sure to put August 14th on your calendar for a back to school celebration and Wednesday night kickoff.



C. J. Lord, Youth Minister, cj@lagrangefumc.org

MISSION TRIP FUN!



THE MONTH OF AUGUST

- We're excited to hit Six Flags again before school starts!
- With school back in session, we are looking forward to seeing everyone for our very first Wednesday Evening Weekly of the school year.
- We invite everyone to join us on August 25th for our Annual Fall Family cookout to kickoff the school year and catch up on programming for the fall!

CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENT

- Confirmation is starting again this fall!
- Any student that has not gone through confirmation is welcome to join.
- For more information please contact C.J. Lord at cj@lagrangefumc.org.

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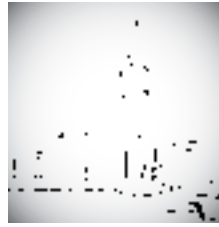
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please call the Church Office.

We always look forward to hearing from you.



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via Text-to-Give (Text LGFUMC to 73256)
or online at lagrangefumc.org/online-giving.

IN MEMORIAM

**Sandra Moncus
July 13, 2019**



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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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 ministries or email stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org.

Holiday Closing

The Church Offices will be closed Monday, September 2,
in observance of Labor Day.

2019 Homecoming

Sunday, August 25

11:00 am Combined Service in the Sanctuary

Rev. Greg Porterfield, Guest Preacher

**Church Family Covered Dish Luncheon
in the Fellowship Hall following the service.**

The Men's Breakfast will not meet in August.

Please mark your calendars for the next breakfast date
of September 14th. All men in the church are invited.

URGENT PLEA—Community Clothing Center

Our church leads the Clothing Center in the month of
August, which is an extra busy month due to the start of
school. Every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon and every
Thursday from 1pm to 3pm, we need volunteers to help.

Please call the church office at 706-884-4635 or email
churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org to let us know when you
can help.

The Center is always in need of girls and boys **new
underwear and socks** for the start of school. Please make
a donation of those items — you can bring them to the
Church Office. **Thank you.**





August 2019

Weekly

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| SUNDAY | |
| 9:00a Early Worship | 10:00a Church on the Hooch |
| 10:00a Sunday School | 11:00a Traditional Worship |
| MONDAY | |
| 10:30a Meals on Wheels | 11:30a Soup Kitchen |
| 5:30p Sons of Lafayette | Rehearsal |
| TUESDAY | |
| 9:00a Community Care | 2:00p Staff Meeting |
| 7:00p Boy Scouts | |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| 11:30a Soup Kitchen Sack Lunch | 5:00p Wednesday Evening Meal |
| 5:30p Handbell Rehearsal | 6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| THURSDAY | |
| 9:00a Community Care | 9:45a Prayer Ministry |
| 10:30a Dulcimers | |
| FRIDAY | |
| 7:00a Men's Coffee & Prayer | |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|----------|
| | | | | 1 12:00 Thursday Lunch Club Luncheon 2:00p Columbarium Committee | 2 Last Day of Summer Camp | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 12:30p Red Cross Blood Drive | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 First Day of School | 13 | 14 WEW Returns Youth & Children's Programming Resumes 5:45p Missions Committee | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 12:00p Stephen Minster Mtg 4:00p Backstage Pass Talent Show | 19 | 20 5:30p Worship Committee | 21 | 22 5:30p Board of Trustees | 23 | 24 |
| 25 11:00a Homecoming Combined Service 12:15p Covered Dish Luncheon | 26 5:00p UMW Board | 27 6:30p Church Council | 28 LaGrange College Classes Begin | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Remembrances Received, July 2019

In Memory of

Rose Marie Krimm (Darian Krimm's Mother)—Carolyn Alise, Susan & Bill Black, Mike & Ellen Dobbs, Virginia Robertson, Pat & Orren Gilbert, Lonnie & Bobbie Ritchie, Carol & Jim Morgan, Sheryl Cooper, Ron & Kay Cole, Carole & Kelly Linch, Jane Willey, Sons of LaFayette Male Choir

Cole Hagood (Peggy Lukken's Grandson)—Jane Willey, Carolyn Alise, Jennie Wadsworth, Mike & Ellen Dobbs, Dusty & Carlene Mills, Carol & Jim Morgan, Virginia Robertson, Faye & Cliff Rainey

Drusilla Knowlton (Eddie Knowlton's Mother)—Dorothy & Bobby Cammon

Carl Becker—Dusty & Carlene Mills, Donna & Jay Fager, Freddie & Gene Hayes, Wanda Lawrence, Pamela & Allen Suchy, Gail Freshner, Jean & David Adams, Sue & Ron Holbrook, Chuck & Kathy Dowe, Chuck & Shelby Martinez, Susan Hurtt, Pat & Pearce Wyche, The McKenney Family, Sheryl Cooper

Our Congratulations

On the birth of **Molly Rowan Fager**, on **July 22, 2019**,
the granddaughter of Donna & Jay Fager.

Our Sympathy to

Esther Rainey & Family in the death of her grandmother, **Esther Boggs, June 29, 2019.**

Jill Nix & Family in the death of her grandmother, **Sara Jackson, July 2, 2019.**

Peggy Lukken & Family in the death of her grandson, **Cole Hagood, July 6, 2019.**

Eddie Knowlton & Family in the death of his mother, **Drusilla Knowlton, on July 8, 2019.**

Darian Krimm & Family in the death of his mother, **Rose Marie Krimm, on July 14, 2019.**

Dawn Douglas & Family in the death of her mother, **Jean Park, July 16, 2019.**

Rumi Massey & Family in the death of her husband, **Gary Massey, July 20, 2019.**

Steve Williams & Family in the death of his mother, **Catherine Williams, July 26, 2019.**

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 7

Sunday School....147 Worship Service.....374

Sunday, July 14

Sunday School....160 Worship Service.....336

Sunday, July 21

Sunday School....100 Worship Service.....357

Sunday, July 28

Sunday School....91 Worship Service.....310

August's Worship Team Volunteers

Ushers: Jay Russell, Bobby Carmichael, Richard Ennis, Danny Arp, Mack Reese, Bill Young, Wayne Shelnett, Dan McAlexander, Bowen Beall, Bonnie Norrick

Altar Guild: Nancy Stevens, Jennie Gordy, Susan Hinson, Deborah Johnson, Julie Smith, Linda Maire, Linda Lloyd

Hospitality Team: Jane Willey, Beth & Frank McRae, Donna & Richard Ennis, Carole & Kelly Linch, Julianne Skipper, Caryn & Steve Cole, Pat & Fred Bodine, Susan & Bill Black, Sharon Jones, Nancy & Dean Larson, Carolyn Day, Lauranne Buchanan, Mark Huckstep, Becky & Philip Ivey, Jared & Jessica Larson, Bill & Joyce Young, Louise Kirby, Linda Frano

Wednesday Evening Weekly Menus

August 14

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Veggie
Kids—Pizza

August 21

Baked Chicken
Mac & Cheese
Veggie
Kids—Chicken Sliders

August 28

Hamburger Steak
Baked Potatoes
Veggie
Kids—Grilled Cheese

Dessert with every meal. Adults - \$6, Children/Youth - \$3