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First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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August 13, 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
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August 20, 2017

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**Child care is provided.*

Mark Your Calendar

August 27th, Homecoming

Combined Service, 10:30am, Sanctuary

No Sunday School

Covered Dish Luncheon - *Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.*

(Serving utensils 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 will dismiss to Room 203 in the Children's building.

HOME COMING COMING!

"Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!.. [For] I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you,... says the Lord." (Zephaniah 3:14 & 20)

Homecoming (Noun): *"A return home; the return of a group of people... to a place formerly frequented or regarded as home."*

(Mirriam-Webster Dictionary)

Homecoming is a great tradition in many churches throughout America. It's a time to invite former church members, pastors and staff back "home" for a special time of fellowship, worship and eating to celebrate a common history and heritage. Homecoming worship usually involves lots of great rousing singing, inspiring special music, occasional special presentations, and a challenging sermon preached by a former pastor or staff minister.

It's a time to reminisce about the past (what the church was like in the "good ole' days!"), to celebrate the present (how the church has changed to meet current needs), and to be challenged with plans and visions for the future (how the church plans to grow to meet the needs of future generations). In fact, it's a foretaste of the great homecoming celebration that Zephaniah describes in the scripture above.

Here at LaGrange First U.M.C., the time has arrived as we celebrate this great tradition each year in the early Fall! So, mark your calendars for **Homecoming Sunday on August 27, from 10:30am to 1:00pm** with food, fellowship, and worship featuring the preaching of former Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Gil Watson (now retired from our North Georgia United Methodist Conference). Worship will begin at 10:30am that day in the Sanctuary (with elements of our three weekly services in one combined service), and we'll conclude with a great covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall (please bring a side dish and/or dessert, the church will provide the meat and all utensils). *Sunday School classes will not meet, although we'll still provide Nursery for young children.*

I hope you'll make plans now to be present. It's a day in the life of your church that you won't want to miss! I hope to see you there.

Remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

Mrs. Mary Lou Walker - Virginia Robertson, Hildred Cammon, Jackie Huckstep



August 27th

**10:30am Combined Worship Service
in the Sanctuary**

(Nursery will be provided during the worship service.)

No Sunday School

Dr. Gil Watson, preaching

Covered Dish Luncheon following the service

*Please bring sides dishes and/or dessert
to share with your friends.*



FALL CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TRANSITION

On behalf of the Worship and Task Force Committees, we are pleased to announce the transition of a restructured Morning Glory contemporary service to THE BRIDGE,

beginning September 10th at 10:55 A.M. It will remain a casual service featuring a message and trending contemporary Christian music.

A "Frequently Asked Questions" brochure based on feedback from the congregational Input and Long Range Planning Town Hall meetings -- along with written and verbal feedback -- is available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for anyone who would like further answers regarding this transition and is also available online on our church website.

We ask that you continue to be in prayer for all of our church's worship services that we may better serve and promote Christ not only through and in our church congregation but also with and for our community as well.

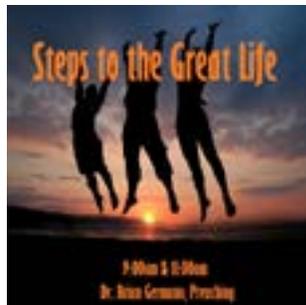
For further questions, please email worship@lagrangefumc.org.



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.

August Sermon Series

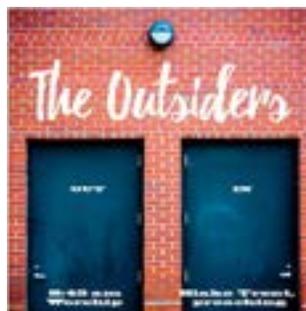
Join pastors Brian and Blake, August 6th-20th for two unique, 3-week sermon series.



9am & 11am Traditional STEPS TO THE GREAT LIFE

What are the essentials of a "great life" with God? How do they impact our daily lives? And how do we go about practicing them? When Jesus was asked these questions, he didn't give an elaborate speech on what we need to believe

or recite a rational creed of propositions that we need to adopt. Instead, he gave two simple commands to follow in our behaviors and actions. 1800 years later, the founder of Methodism John Wesley laid these out as three simple rules for Christians to follow, and they have remained at the heart of our practice of faith since then. Join us in this 3-part series by Dr. Germano.



Have you ever felt like you are outside of the "in" crowd? Feeling excluded, overlooked or unworthy can make it difficult to fit in or to feel at home. Chapters 7 and 8 of Luke's Gospel chronicles Jesus' ministry with those on the so-called "outside."

What can we learn from these stories and from Jesus' call to turn the inside out and the outside in? How can we better understanding our feelings of exclusion? How can we become more aware of those who feel excluded or overlooked by the Church? Join us in Morning Glory this August as Blake Trent leads us on the journey through this series.

8/6/17 – The Unworthy (Luke 7:1-10)

8/13/17 – The Tormented (Luke 8:26-35)

8/20/17 – The Humble (Luke 7:36-48)



Be on the lookout for more information about **Wing Church** one of our new outreach ministries



Music News

Our choir and handbell music programs are back to rehearsals.

If you are interested in participating in these, please contact Darian Krimm at

darian@lagrangefumc.org.

Youth Ministry

CJ Lord, Director, cj@lagrangefumc.org



July was slam-packed with youth ministry! We took all the rising 9th graders on a mystery trip to Savannah, Ga., we took over 30 students to a Braves game, hosted the Exit 18 Olympics, and officially welcomed the rising 6th graders into the student ministries here at LaGrange FUMC! We also just got back from an amazing trip to Six Flags where we took 44 people!

With school starting back, so does regular Wednesday evening programming. But first, last minute summer fun: on Friday, August 11th, we will meet at the church at 7:30 in the evening before joining other churches in worship, and then head to Malibu Grand Prix for an epic lock-in. Sign up for the lock-in is also on the webpage.

Student Spotlight: This August, the student ministries would like to recognize **Bryson Smith** and **Will Roberts** as they are forming a student praise band to lead us in worship on Wednesday nights!

On July 23rd, we had a **Volunteer Summit** for anyone interested in serving the student ministries at LaGrange FUMC. If you were not able to come but would like information on how you can serve, please contact C.J. On August 9th, we will have a service of commissioning for our volunteers. This will be a holy time to acknowledge that in whatever way our volunteers serve our students, they are also serving God.

Children's Ministry

Jeanne Jones, Director, jeanne@lagrangefumc.org

The children of FUMC need YOU!

We have a lot of exciting things planned for children this year and your help is required. Don't worry about your qualifications; God equips the ones he calls. Right now we need Sunday School teachers. Can you give up an hour once a month? That's all the time required of our children's Sunday School teachers.

You will get the curriculum *Bible in a Year* several weeks in advance and you will share teaching responsibilities with three other families/people. Jeanne Jones will be available for help and assistance. Please step forward and help our children's faith grow.

We will recognize our Third Graders on Sunday, August 13th, at both the Morning Glory and 11:00 worship services where we will present each child with a Bible. Please join us at one of these services to celebrate with these children.

Summer Camp Ministry



Another very successful year of Summer Camp is ending this week. Many thanks to Emily Sims for her leadership and to counselors Will, Jay, Tyler, Alex, Caitlyn, Sara Ann, Alaina, and Emily for all their work with the campers. Even Jeanne Jones, our new Children's Director, stepped in to help and get to know the campers. Here's hoping to see many of the campers back next year. Wishing all of you a great school year!

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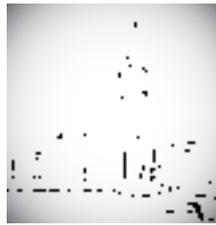
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We always look forward to hearing from you.



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ATTENDANCE, Sunday, July 30

Sunday School.....161
Worship Service.....293

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, August 6

Sunday School.....211
Worship Service.....271

*The LaGrange District
Committee on District Superintendency
cordially invites you to attend
A Service of Worship celebrating
the Installation of
The Reverend Susan Gary Landry
as Superintendent of The LaGrange District
The United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 27, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary
LaGrange First United Methodist Church
401 Broad Street, LaGrange, Georgia
Reception to follow in the
Methodist Ministries Center*

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 August 13 - August 19

Sunday *Nursery
*Worship Services
*10:00am.....Sunday School
5:00pm.....Disciple II Bible Study
Monday
11:30am-12:00.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:45pm.....Stewardship Committee
Tuesday
9:00am.....Community Care
10:00am.....Dulcimers Class
5:30pm.....Disciple I Bible Study
5:30pm.....SPR Committee
5:30pm.....Worship Committee
7:00pm.....Boy Scouts
7:00pm.....Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
Wednesday
11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
5:30pm.....Handbell Rehearsal
5:45pm.....Children's Back-to-School Celebration
6:00pm.....Missions Committee / Ark Ministries
6:30pm.....Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday
9:00am.....Community Care
9:45am.....Prayer Ministry
10:00am.....Dulcimers Rehearsal
Friday
7:00am.....Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday

Calendar for August 20 - August 26

Sunday *Nursery
*Worship Services
*10:00am.....Sunday School
5:00pm.....Disciple II Bible Study
Monday
11:30am-12:00am.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday
9:00am.....Community Care
10:00am.....Dulcimers Class
5:30pm.....Disciple I Bible Study
5:30pm.....Finance Committee
6:30pm.....Church Council
7:00pm.....Boy Scouts
7:00pm.....Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
Wednesday
11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
5:30pm.....Handbell Rehearsal
5:45pm.....Children's Wednesday Program
6:30pm.....Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday
9:00am.....Community Care
9:45am.....Prayer Ministry
5:30pm.....Board of Trustees
10:00am.....Dulcimers Rehearsal
Friday
7:00am.....Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday

**Your Missions Committee
at Work**

The FUMC Missions Committee will visit The Ark Refuge Ministries on August 16 to explore ways we may be able to assist them. This is a re-entry ministry for men transitioning from homelessness, incarceration, and substance abuse.

The tour will begin at 6:00pm and conclude by 7:00; we plan to leave the Church at 5:45 after Wednesday Evening Weekly.

All Church members are welcome to join us. If you would like to join us on this tour, please call 706-884-4635 or email churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org.