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THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

Christians . . . SERVING, CARING, & SHARING

February 26, 2017

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8:45am in the Fellowship Hall

***Early Worship Service**

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**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.

WHAT "BONE" ARE YOU?

"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)

"A Church typically consists of AT LEAST SIX BONES:

1. *WISH BONES... those who wish 'someone else' would do all the work.*
2. *JAW BONES... those who do all the talking but little else.*
3. *KNUCKLE BONES... those who knock everything that anyone else tries to do.*
4. *LAZY BONES... those who show up as the work is finished.*
5. *BUSY BONES... those who 'belong' but are always tied up on their own projects and with their own needs.*
6. *BACK BONES... those who get under the load and do the work that's necessary to get the job done."*

What "bone" are you at LaGrange First UMC? As many of you already know, one thing our church is focusing on this year is *"becoming the volunteer church we used to be."* While we all certainly value and appreciate the work that our staff does year-round, their job is not -- after all -- to DO ministry but to help empower, encourage, and equip God's PEOPLE (all of us!) to do it.

Do you recall the vow you made when you became a member of LaGrange First UMC to support the work of *Christ through your church by your "SERVICE" (along with your "Prayers, Presence, Gifts, ...and Witness")*? This means that while praying, worshiping and being active in a small group, giving financially, and sharing our faith are all important, we are also called to serve others through one or more ministries of our church.

With that in mind, you've hopefully been seeing articles in our newsletters, bulletins, Sunday School news and other places about new places and opportunities for you to volunteer to do God's work through your church. Remember: **Healthy churches are always looking for volunteers;** unhealthy churches simply pay staff to do the work. As such, we are therefore currently in need of volunteers for:

- 1) our Children's Ministry (Children's Church helpers, Nursery assistants, Sunday School class teachers and helpers);
- 2) weekly setup & breakdown of our "Morning Glory" contemporary worship service;
- 3) Audio/Visual ministry, to help run sound, lights, and multi-media during all our Sunday worship services;
- 4) Seasonal singers to join our Adult Choir to prepare for and sing in our upcoming community Easter cantata.

You'll see an article elsewhere in this newsletter not only with more information about all of these, but also how you can volunteer for them. I not only invite and encourage but also go so far as to challenge each of you to try one of them out, remembering that as God's people in God's church, we are all called to work for the Lord through some ministry in His church.

I pray that you are -- or will consider becoming -- a "backbone" of our church in the coming months ahead, so that others can experience Him through the ministries of which you are a part!

Remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

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

WEW Meal on March 1, 2017

Menu: Chicken Alfredo, salad bar, dessert.
Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

WEW Meal on March 8, 2017

Menu: BBQ chicken, salad bar, dessert
Children: Chicken nuggets & 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.



Tacos and Trivia March 5th

5:30 pm, MMC

Tickets, \$15, per person
(from any Youth or the church office)

Teams limited to 8 participants Prizes for the winners

All proceeds help support our youth's mission projects and activities.

REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

Mrs. Pearlie Simmons - Glenda & Kenneth Butler

Mrs. Frances Scarborough - Robert & Barbara Parker

Mrs. Fern Niedrach - Susanna UMW Circle, Robert & Barbara Parker

Mr. John Huckstep - Robert & Barbara Parker



Housing & Homeless Special Offering

On Sunday, February 26th, we will join all United Methodist Churches in the North Georgia Conference to receive the annual special offering for the Housing and Homeless Council. All money collected in this offering will go directly to ministries that serve those people who live in poverty and homelessness.

Please make checks payable to our church and mark your gift "homeless offering."

MARCH SERMON SERIES

Join pastors Brian and Blake, in the month of March, for two unique sermon series.



8:45am "Morning Glory" – **SPIRITUAL THINGS**
During the season of Lent we are called to focus on our soul. This often means that we abstain from small temptations like chocolate and soft drinks. However, it is very easy to forget that Lent is not so much about turning ourselves away from earthly desires as it is about turning ourselves toward God. Throughout His ministry Jesus encouraged people to focus on the things of the soul, rather than the things of this world. Join us throughout the month of March as we follow the lectionary and focus on Spiritual Things.



9am & 11am "Traditional" – **JOURNEYING TO THE PROMISED LAND**
Who are we and where are we going as God's people, both individually and as a church here at LaGrange First UMC? What does God's "promised land" for our future look like, and what will it take to get us there? Join us in this series March 12-26 as we explore three things we'll need to take with us on our "journey" to being who God's wants us to be.

Thursday Lunch Club
March 2nd, 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall
featuring



Storyteller, Donald Davis

For reservations for the meal & program call or email the church at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangeumc.org.
Cost is \$6 per person. All are welcome!
First United Methodist Church, 401 Broad Street

Easter Lilies

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in honor or memory of someone on Easter Sunday, April 16, please complete this form, return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate along with your check for \$12.00, payable to the church and marked "Easter Lily" on or before March 23rd. Lilies will be delivered to shut-ins unless you indicate otherwise below.

In Honor _____ or In Memory _____

OF: _____

BY: _____

Pick up after Easter Service _____ or Deliver to a shut-in _____



Crew Members Wanted!

We are looking for people who are willing to help setup and breakdown our Morning Glory worship space each Sunday. We need help moving chairs, panels, altars, and tables each Sunday. Most setup and breakdown can be done in 15 minutes or less. If you regularly worship at Morning Glory, please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a part of our Setup Crew. Please contact Pastor Blake at blake@lagrangefumc.org or Andy at andy@lagrangefumc.org to volunteer.

Thanks for your consideration!

Andy, Darian, Pastor Blake and Pastor Brian



FUMC Children's Program Wants You!

Our Children's program is in need of volunteers to make our awesome activities and classes run smoothly. You do not have to have a child in our program, and you do not even have to be a parent. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out a registration form. Forms can be found in the church office, on the church's Facebook page, and on our website. **OR**, you can contact Grayson directly at childrens@lagrangefumc.org.

Thank you, Grayson

Calling All Singers!

All singers are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir as they present, "Sacred Places," a Holy Week Cantata for choir and orchestra. The cantata performance will be Sunday, April 9th. Please contact Darian Krimm (darian@lagrangefumc.org) for more information. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Can You Hear (and see) Me Now?

Volunteers are needed to serve on our Tech Team. What does our Tech Team do?? They run sound, lights, and slides during Sunday morning worship. Help is needed during both Morning Glory and 11am Traditional worship. Previous audio/video experience is great, but anyone with a willingness to serve is welcome. Please contact Darian Krimm (darian@lagrangefumc.org) for more information.

Your Change Can Change the World!

A Lenten message from the FUMC Mission Committee



As Lent approaches, the Mission Committee is asking **You** to **Change the World!** Does that seem impossible? Not when you consider that with just **29 cents** in change you can provide a **fully nutritional meal** to someone who is hungry. More than **792.5 million people don't get the food** they need to live a healthy life, but **You** can change that by simply setting aside your spare change every day during the Lenten season.



Last fall, our church packed 12,000 meals with the Stop Hunger Now program that recently rebranded themselves as Rise Against Hunger, due to their global expansion and how they are redefining the means to fight hunger. Each meal includes enriched rice, soy protein, dried vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and nutrients. This year, our goal is to pack **14,000 meals**, but your help is needed to reach this goal.

You can help and **Change the World** by:

- Taking a *You Can Change the World* cup that will be given out at church as Lent begins
- Collecting your extra change and place in the cup
- Bringing your change-filled cup to church and empty it into the specially marked containers
- Praying, repeating, and watching the meal count rise during Lent

Your cup of change will help pay for the cost of providing the materials and food to make these 14,000 meals. Challenge yourself, your family, your friends, Sunday School class, and co-workers, for with every 29 cents that is put in the cup there will be **one less hungry person**.

Mother Teresa said, "**If you can't feed 100 people then feed just one.**" See how many meals you can provide during the Lenten season because **You Can Change the World** one meal at a time!

Lent Begins March 1st, Ash Wednesday

Your 2017 Family Lenten Calendar is enclosed in this *Flame* issue. Join us as begin our Lenten journey on Wednesday, March 1st, with one of our **Ash Wednesday Services: [7am in the Chapel](#) or [7pm in the Sanctuary](#).**

Don't forget to pick up a "Lenten Devotional Book" that will be available beginning Sunday, February 26th at all services. Those who are signed up for the email *Flame* will receive a daily emailed devotional during Lent. (www.lagrangefumc.org)



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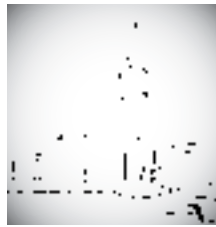
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To reach all other employees and/or volunteers,
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We always look forward to hearing from you.



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- Deborah Johnson, Chair
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- Patricia Smith
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- Carolyn Day

COMMUNION: Page Estes, Louise Horvath, Linda Frano
 Tina Diskin, Davie Biagi, Terri Cook, John Cook

MORNING GLORY: Debra Jackson

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, February 12

- Sunday School.....216
- Worship Service.....360

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, February 19

- Sunday School.....206
- Worship Service.....247



Kiwanis Annual Pancake Bkft

Saturday, March 4th, 7 - 11:30am, \$6 per person
 First Baptist Church on the Square

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 the following families:

Bowen Beall & Family in the death of his grandmother, **Betty Beall, February 7, 2017**

Ron Martin & Family in the death of his mother, **Lucy Martin, February 21, 2017**

Laura Jennings & Family in the death of her sister, **Linda Rumsey Suther, February 21, 2017**

Calendar for February 26 - March 4

| | * Nursery |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday | |
| *Worship Services | |
| *10:00am..... | Sunday School |
| 5:00pm..... | Disciple Bible Study |
| 5:00PM..... | Sunday Night Live |
| Monday | |
| 11:30am-12:00..... | Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen |
| 5:30pm..... | El Salvador Mission Trip Mtg |
| Tuesday | |
| 9:00am..... | Community Care |
| 5:30pm..... | Finance Committee |
| 6:30pm..... | Church Council |
| 7:00pm..... | Boy Scouts |
| Wednesday | |
| 11:30am..... | Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch |
| 5:00pm..... | Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal |
| 5:30pm..... | Handbells Rehearsal |
| 5:45pm..... | M.E.R.G.E & Children’s Choir |
| 6:00pm..... | Believe Bible Study |
| 6:00pm..... | Children’s Council |
| 6:30pm..... | Chancel Choir |
| 6:30pm..... | Disney Movie Night |
| Thursday | |
| 9:00am..... | Community Care |
| 9:45am..... | Prayer Ministry |
| 10:00am..... | Dulcimers Class |
| Friday | |
| 7:00am..... | Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group |
| Saturday | |
| 9:30am..... | Stephen Ministry Training |

Calendar for March 5 - March 11

| | * Nursery |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday | |
| *Worship Services | |
| *10:00am..... | Sunday School |
| 5:00pm..... | Disciple Bible Study |
| 5:30pm..... | Tacos & Trivia |
| Monday | |
| 11:30am-12:00am..... | Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen |
| 7:30am..... | S.O.U.L. Group |
| Tuesday | |
| 9:00am..... | Community Care |
| 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..... | Handbells Rehearsal |
| 5:45pm..... | Missions Committee |
| 5:45pm..... | M.E.R.G.E & Children’s Choir |
| 6:00pm..... | Believe Bible Study |
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| 9:45am..... | Prayer Ministry |
| 10:00am..... | Dulcimers Class |
| Friday | |
| 7:00am..... | Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group |
| Saturday | |
| 8:00am..... | Men’s Breakfast |



Dear Church Family,

We are collecting canned and dry food for our local Food Bank as a community service project. We will collect the food boxes on February 28. We hope you will help us. Thank you.

Pack 21, Wolf Den 2

Donation boxes are placed around the church.

Special Lenten/Easter Activities:

Wednesday, March 1
7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

Palm Sunday, April 9
8:45 a.m. Morning Glory
*9:00 a.m. Chapel Service
*11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
*Palm Processions
4:00 p.m. Holy Week Cantata
(*Choir & Orchestra, Sanctuary*)

Thursday, April 13
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion
Sanctuary

Saturday, April 15
2:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
Nick Allen Pavilion at LaGrange College

Sunday, April, Easter Services
7:00 a.m., Community Sunrise Service
(*Sweetland Amphitheater*)
8:45 a.m., Morning Glory, Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m., Early Traditional Service, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m., Traditional, Sanctuary



*Journey
Through
Lent
2017*

2017 FAMILY LENTEN ACTIVITY CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| Post this calendar where it can be seen by the entire family during the season of Lent. Encourage all members to participate in the activity of the day. There are Bible readings for each of the 40 days of Lent. | | | | | | |
| March 5 Attend Sunday School and Worship. Thank all who help with the services. | March 6 Pray for those suffering from illness. <i>Philippians 3:2-12</i> | March 7 Help someone you do not know. <i>Matthew 23:37-39</i> | March 8 Send an anonymous note of encouragement. <i>Luke 13:31-35</i> | March 9 Pray for those in military service. <i>Romans 4:1-12</i> | March 10 Help a friend. <i>Psalms 105:1-15, 42</i> | March 11 Pray for the children and youth of our church & the world. <i>Luke 13:22-31</i> |
| March 12 Attend Sunday School and Worship. Invite a neighbor to church. | March 13 Pray for our church staff and volunteer leaders. <i>Daniel 3:19-30</i> | March 14 Do something extra nice for a classmate or co-worker. <i>Luke 6:43-45</i> | March 15 Pray for someone who has hurt you. <i>Luke 13:1-9</i> | March 16 Surprise a family member-do something nice for them. <i>Psalms 39</i> | March 17 Pray for missionaries around the world. <i>Ezekiel 17:1-10</i> | March 18 Light a candle and think about Jesus, the Light of the World. <i>Luke 13:18-21</i> |
| March 19 Attend Sunday School and Worship. Sit near someone you don't know. | March 20 Give up TV, iPad, & visual screens for one day. <i>2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5</i> | March 21 Invite a friend or family to have dinner with you. <i>2 Corinthians 5:6-15</i> | March 22 Pray for all elected leaders. <i>Luke 15:1-10</i> | March 23 Thank a veteran for their service to our country. <i>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</i> | March 24 Pray for our community, state, and country. <i>Leviticus 23:26-41</i> | March 25 Weed someone's garden in preparation for spring. <i>Leviticus 25:1-19</i> |
| March 26 Attend Sunday School and Worship. Bring a Friend. | March 27 Display a Cross inside or outside your home. <i>Luke 9:10-17</i> | March 28 Tell someone you love them. <i>Philippians 2:19-24</i> | March 29 Donate clothes to the Clothing Center. <i>Philippians 2:25-3:1</i> | March 30 Share something with a brother, sister or friend. <i>John 11:45-57</i> | March 31 Share your faith with someone. <i>John 12:1-8</i> | April 1 Give up something to make someone happy. <i>Psalms 20</i> |
| April 2 Attend Sunday School & a Worship Service. | April 3 Volunteer to help with Meals on Wheels. <i>1 John 2:18-28</i> | April 4 Make an Easter gift for someone. <i>Luke 18:31-34</i> | April 5 Visit someone who has lost a loved one. <i>Hebrews 2:1-9</i> | April 6 Send someone an Easter card. <i>Hebrews 2:10-18</i> | April 7 Call an out-of-town relative. <i>Luke 22:1-13</i> | April 8 Decorate Easter Eggs and give them away. <i>Luke 19:28-40</i> |
| April 9 PALM SUNDAY Attend a Worship Service & the Easter Family Event. | April 10 Pray the Lord's Prayer at 9am, noon, and 9pm. <i>John 12:1-11</i> | April 11 Make your own crown of thorns. <i>John 12:20-36</i> | April 12 Look for fresh flowers to bring to church on Sunday. <i>John 13:21-32</i> | April 13 Attend the Maundy Thursday Service. <i>John 13:1-17, 31b-35</i> | April 14 Meditate on the grief & pain Christ experienced on Calvary. <i>John 18:1-19</i> | April 15 Attend the Easter Egg Family event. <i>Zephaniah 3:14-20</i> |
| April 16 HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN | | | | | | |