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January 10, 2016

***Early Worship Service**

9:00am in the Chapel

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

***Morning Glory**

9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

***Traditional Service**

11:00am in the Sanctuary

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

***Korean Worship Service**

11:00am in the Chapel

Rev. Daniel Kim

January 17, 2016

***Early Worship Service**

9:00am in the Chapel

Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

***Morning Glory**

9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

***Traditional Service**

11:00am in the Sanctuary

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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 children ages 1st grade and younger in room 203. A leader will escort the children from the 11:00 worship service.

THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

THE FIRST STEP

"The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country...'" (Genesis 12:1)

The following was a devotional from the Upper Room Devotional Guide that I am passing on as a reminder of the importance of letting God guide us in all "new" things in life, whether it be a new year, a new job, new relationship, or something else....

"'Watch that first step!' my friend cautioned as I approached the stairway. 'It's taller than the rest.' First steps are often the hardest -- whether it's starting a new school, tackling an overdue project, or beginning something God nudges us to do. Fortunately, the Bible is filled with numerous examples of people who stepped out in faith and accomplished great things for God. Abram walked away from his homeland for a new country and became the father of many nations (Genesis 12:1-4). Ruth journeyed with Naomi and became an ancestor of the Savior (Ruth 1:16-17). Jesus travelled a path that led first to death but ultimately to resurrection (Matthew 28:1-7).

What first step are you facing? Is it giving up an old habit? Looking for a new job? Finding new friends? Reconciling with a family member? Accepting God's call to serve in the church? As we approach any first step, we can find courage in remembering that we don't take it alone. God strengthens and supports us as we continue the journey, step by step!

[--Phyllis Wezeman, writing for The Upper Room devotional magazine, November 2, 2002]

As we begin a new year, may you remember that the power and presence of God is in all the "first steps" you may be taking! Don't forget to join us for our new series **RENOVATE!** that can help you take some of those "first steps."

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

Pastor Brian



From the

Greatest Story Ever Told...

Join us **THIS** Sunday,
January 10, 2016,
at 10:00am
in the fellowship hall for the
Radio Show,
"Flight into Egypt".

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

WEW Meal on January 13, 2016

Menu: BBQ chicken, mac & cheese, veggie, salad bar, dessert

Children: Mini chicken & PB & J sandwiches

WEW Meal on January 20, 2016

Menu: Hamburger steak, baked potatoes, veggie, salad bar, dessert

Children: Pizza & 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.

REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

Mr. John Huckstep - Marianne & Walter Murphy, Gordon & Martha Smith, Donna & Richard Ennis, Hildred Cammon, Orren & Pat Gilbert, Oleeta Aspinwall, Robert & Betty Ward, Jane Willey, Luther Hunt, Tammy Hunt, Mike Huckstep, Dana Huckstep, Keith Huckstep, Jane & Gary Stephens, Catherine Carmical, Carol Freeman, Shirra & Hoyt Rogers, Shep & Betty Phillips, Laura Shedd, Bobbie & Lonnie Ritchie, Freddie & Gene Hayes, Margaret Camp, Frank & Suzanne Sanders, Dusty & Carlene Mills, Carolyn & John Alise, Stuart & Kathleen Gulley

Mr. Bill Burnett (Becky Ivey's Father) -Jared & Alynda Jones

Mr. Edward Long - Heather & Sam Graham, Laura Shedd, Virginia Robertson, Peggy Lukken

Mrs. Edna Kelly - Jane & Gary Stephens, Mary Will Thompson Sunday School Class

Mr. David Kiser Whatley - Kristin D. Whatley

Mr. Don Harlin - Gordon & Martha Smith

Rev. Sidney Tate - Enid Tate, Gordon & Martha Smith, Frank & Suzanne Sanders

Mr. Tim Huckstep - Gordon & Martha Smith

Mrs. Memory Johnson - Gordon & Martha Smith

Mr. Ray Newman - Gordon & Martha Smith, Debbie Rivers

Mr. Bill Petry - Gordon & Martha Smith

Mr. Steve Bledsoe - Gordon & Martha Smith

Mrs. Bobby Hamilton - Gordon & Martha Smith

Mr. Tom Stanley - Gordon & Martha Smith, Debbie Rivers

Items Needed for January
Canned Goods &
Macaroni & Cheese (individual cups)

UMW CIRCLES Meet January 11, 2016

Esther	10:00am	Library
Susanna	10:00am	Jane Stephens, 803 Wisteria Way
Lydia	10:00am	Lea Rawlinson, 435 Longview Drive
Ruth	10:30am	Peggy Lukken, 304 St. Andrews Court
Elizabeth	10:00am	Jean Edwards, 405 Gordon Street
Hannah	6:00pm	Small Dining Room

January 12, 2016

Mary	3:00pm	Church Parlor
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Dave Ramsey's FINANCIAL PEACE

LaGrange First UMC will host the **Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University** beginning January 13, 2016. This 9-week course will be led by **Zachary Taylor & Linda Frano**. The kits are \$99 per couple or individual and for the first 10 who sign-up, it will be \$90. Learn to handle money GOD'S way. If you have money, owe money, or spend money, FPU will apply to you. It is not only for you, but you will learn principles to teach your children and grandchildren. Please email churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org or call the church office at 706-884-4635 or more information. Please share this with your friends.

SUMMER DAY CAMP DIRECTOR



We are now accepting applications for the position of Director for our Methodist Summer Day Camp Program. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please send a resume to "Day Camp Position" at sprc@lagrangefumc.org.

MEMORIALS GIVEN TO HENDERSON TRAYLOR MEMORIAL EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Libba Traylor - Marianne & Walter Murphy, Janet & Parker Petit, Zada & Bill Feighner, Rudy & Elizabeth Quillian, Lakeview Capital Partners (Ted Beason, Kyle Crawford, Laura Shedd), Ginger & Bill Farrell, Donna & Richard Ennis, Mary Will Thompson Sunday School Class, Hildred Cammon, Gail Daniel Browne, Orren & Pat Gilbert, Kathleen & Stuart Gulley, Oleeta Aspinwall, John & Jan Thompson, Virginia Kyle, Laura Shedd, Mr. & Mrs. Thurston Garrard, Shirra & Hoyt Rogers, Bobbie & Lonnie Ritchie, Freddie & Gene Hayes, Jane & Gary Stephens, Margaret Camp, Dusty & Carlene Mills, Carolyn & John Alise, Virginia Robertson



Christmas Eve 2015

ATI Restoration

On February 5th & 6th, there will be an opportunity for church members (adults and youth 6th grade & up) to experience a hands-on encounter with women and children in Atlanta that are transitioning out of homelessness. The overnite trip will be for Friday night and part of Saturday. The cost is \$79 per person. For more information, contact Blake Trent at 706-265-9422 or blake@lagrangefumc.org.



Soup for Sale Sunday, February 7th \$6 per Quart
10:00am till sold out (No pre-orders)

Choices Available
Potato Vegetable Beef White Chicken Chili
Mexican Chicken Corn Chowder



Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 9th

\$5 per person
5:00 to 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Children's Ministry

Grayson Bailey, Director
childrens@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635 ext. 209

Children's activities will start back Wednesday, January 6th. We look forward to seeing you all!

January Memory Verse: "Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven." Ephesians 1:3

Youth Ministry

Kali Grenus, Director
kali@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635 ext. 215



CONFIRMATION IS FINALLY HERE! On January 10th we will kick off Confirmation 2016 with a class of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Confirmation is a 15 week program where we talk about what it means to be a United Methodist, learn the history of the church and who we are as a church, and at the end of it all, we will walk away with a better understanding of who we are as Christians and as members of LaGrange FUMC.

Will Allred
Reid Doerr
Ander Gay
Thomas Jones
Holly Lynn
Sam Roberts

Ally Arp
Caroline Erickson
Hooper Hammond
Kelsey Knight
Mackenzie Mitchell
Jacob Rogers

Mariana Ceja
Michael Evans
Grace Huff
Megan Knight
Jesse Nix
Bella Sanchez

Chloe Dagenhart
Aaron Fritchley
Alyssa Jolly
Caleb Kostial
Mallory Ragland
Olivia Sato

J. D. Dennis
Nathan Fritchley
Grace Jones
Adaline Lanier
Elizabeth Rainey
Valerie Tures

** If you are a parent of a student who would like to participate in confirmation, there is still time to join us! Contact Kali at kali@lagrangefumc.org or by calling 706.884.4635 ext.215**

BLESSINGS

Well everyone, we have been 6 months serving a new school and so far everything has gone wonderfully. We would like to thank all of you that have helped, supported, and donated to Blessings in a Bookbag in 2015. At one point our closet was overflowing with donated items, we are so blessed to have such a giving church family.

BOOK BAG

In the next few months we have a special request. Normally each month we ask for different donation of items to fill our bags. With our partnership with Feeding the Valley, we have found many resources to cover all our snack and breakfast needs (We were even being able to provide milk over the Christmas Holiday). Our biggest need is drinks and dinner items, which we have had to purchase at our local grocers.

We are asking for donations of drinks (juices boxes/pouches) and individual dinner items (individual macaroni and cheese, individual cans of ravioli, Ramen noodles) for the next several months. We are needing items that are kid friendly, meaning, things that can be easily opened and only require a microwave. We serve students as young as kindergarten so we want make sure they are safe while preparing the food we provide.

LaGrange Youth Ministry wants to thank you all for supporting Blessings in a Bookbag. We are so thankful for the donations, support, and for volunteers who come, and help us pack. We are so glad to be able to serve our neighbors and can't wait to see what 2016 holds for this amazing ministry!

THE FLAME

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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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Creating lasting and impactful New Year’s commitments require planning, execution, and overcoming obstacles and surprises so that we can improve our lives. Join Pastor Brian and Blake for a new sermon series called “RENOVATE!” focusing on how we can renew our lives for the new year both spiritually and relationally, shared at all worship services
January 10-31.

- January 10: Blueprint (2 Chronicle 34:1-3)
- January 17: Demolition (2 Chronicles 34:4-7)
- January 24: Hidden Obstacles (2 Chronicles 34:9-11, 14-18)
- January 31: The Big Reveal (2 Chronicles 34:29-32)



FINANCIAL REPORT 2016

Needed Weekly	\$ 23,617.49
Received for this year	\$ 24,534.01
Prepaid Pledges	\$ 28,169.70
Received YTD	\$ 52,703.71

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, December 20

Sunday School.....	248
Worship Service.....	410

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, December 27

Worship Service.....	220
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ATTENDANCE, Sunday, January 3rd

Sunday School.....	238
Worship Service.....	370

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration

The Troup County Branch of the NAACP will host a MLK Birthday Celebration on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1109 East 10th Street, West Point, Georgia 31833. If you have any questions or need more information, please call 706-302-0345.

IN MEMORIAM

**Libba Traylor
December 24, 2015**

IN MEMORIAM

**John Huckstep
December 29, 2015**

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Becky & Philip Ivey in the death of her father, **Mr. Bill Burnett, December 15, 2015.**

OUR ROSEBUDS

Our rosebuds on Sunday, January 10th are in honor of the following.

Josie Ann Carter, born November 24, 2015, is the granddaughter of Debbie & Randy Ogle.

Lillian Elizabeth Lovejoy, born December 21, 2015, and is the daughter of Kyle & Maryanne Lovejoy, the granddaughter of Bill & Andrea Lovejoy.

Calendar for January 10 - January 16

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
*10:00am.....	Radio Show, “Flight to Egypt”
5:00pm.....	Mid & Sr. High Youth Activities
Monday	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
7:00pm.....	Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:30pm.....	Children’s M.E.R.G.E. Activities
5:45pm.....	Missions Committee
6:00pm.....	Young Parents Small Group
6:00pm.....	Youth Activities
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
6:45pm.....	Financial Peace
Thursday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Group
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

Calendar for January 17 - January 23

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:30am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Mid & Sr. High Youth Activities
Monday	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Church Offices Closed for the MLK Holiday	
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
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