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July 10, 2016

**Church on the Hooch
9:00am, West Point Lake**

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Combined Worship 10:30am
in the Sanctuary
Camp Meeting Sunday
Covered Dish Luncheon
following the service in the
fellowship hall.**

***Korean Worship Service
10:30am in the Chapel**

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**Child care is provided.*

Mark your calendar

**NEW "MORNING GLORY"
WORSHIP START TIME
8:45a.m. beginning Sunday,
August 7th**

**Homecoming Sunday
August 28th**

**** 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 10:30 a.m. worship service.

THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT LAGRANGE FIRST UMC

"Worship the Lord in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24)

Worship is one of the practices that lies at the very heart of what it means to follow Jesus Christ. When we worship God publically, we are not only proclaiming our allegiance to His kingdom and ways, but we're spiritually feeding our souls with the "truth" of the gospel. When we neglect regular worship, we're "starving our spirits" and leaving them spiritually vulnerable to the evils of our world. That's precisely why our church seeks to offer worship that not only speaks to the head, but also moves the heart and hands.

So, with that in mind, I want to let you know of several important upcoming decisions and opportunities to help enhance our offerings for congregational worship:

- 1) As one of the key recommendations from the prayerful work this past Spring of a task force of our Worship Committee, **beginning Sunday, August 7, we will move the weekly start time of our "Morning Glory" worship service to 8:45am** (the Chapel service start time will remain at 9:00am). This change will be one of several we'll be implementing over the next few months to gradually transform the current format and physical space of this service in order to foster better opportunities for a more intimate and passionate "modern" worship experience to develop, grow and thrive.
- 2) During the first three Sundays of August, Blake and I will offer a new sermon series called **"Go for the Gold"** to coincide with the Rio de Janeiro Olympics. This series will use metaphors from those games to challenge us all to grow and mature in our own spiritual walk with God.
- 3) At 10:30am on August 28, we'll once again come together as one congregation in the Sanctuary to celebrate our annual **Homecoming Sunday**, featuring music from our choir, praise band, and the inspiring preaching of former pastor Greg Porterfield, followed by a congregation-wide covered-dish lunch in the MMC.
- 4) On **Sunday, September 4 (Gideon Sunday)**, we'll celebrate the importance of (and opportunities to) share God's Word with the world around us through the message and ministry of Gideons, Intl.

I hope you will mark your calendars and plan to make your attendance at these upcoming worship experiences a priority. Worship is one way we express our love to God -- I pray that you'll make time to "love on Him" through regular worship this Fall!

Remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

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

WEW Meal on July 13, 2016, TRIVIA NIGHT

Menu: Homemade Pizza, salad bar & dessert

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

*Come play Trivia with your friends
featuring Mel Major as your MC.*

NO WEW Meal on July 20th

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.

**MEMORIALS GIVEN TO
HENDERSON TRAYLOR MEMORIAL EAGLE
SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP**

Mrs. Libba Traylor - Evamay Ward



**Creative?
Help a Church member smile!**

Do you do woodworking, crocheting,
painting, write poetry or have
another creative hobby?

Your creations could bring a big smile
to our Church's homebound. Our Lay

Visitation volunteers visit in person, make phone calls
and/or mail cards to our homebound each month. Giv-
ing them handmade gifts brings a special smile as they
are reminded their Church loves them. Small and light
gifts could be put inside mailed cards; larger ones can be
delivered in person.

Please share your creativity and be a part of this special
congregational care ministry. Contact Laura Harlin, our
Lay Visitation Coordinator, at
706-812-9837 or mckeeharlin@gmail.com.

Altar Guild News

The Altar Guild's Communion Committee announces the
implementation of a gluten free Communion alternative.
This "new" station will be available September 11, 2016.
There will still be our traditional communion offerings, but
with this new alternative those with allergies will be able to
participate in communion.

This will require 2 additional servers for each service and
the Altar Guild is looking for you to volunteer to help serve
communion. Watch the Flame for details about how you
can serve in this ministry.

Altar Guild's Communion Committee

THE CLOTHING CENTER

The Clothing Center resumes operation in August after a 2-month summer break. August is always busy, and it's our church's
month to provide volunteers. We need volunteers to work at the Center on Tuesdays (10am-12) and Thursdays (1pm-3).
Please contact the church office at 706-884-4635. The Center is always in need of girls and boys **new underwear and socks**
at the start of school so if you want to make a donation of those items, please bring them to the church office. **Thank you.**



***Thank you for a wonderful week at Camp Viola
from the volunteers and Campers!***

Thank you church family, for your prayers and support
of this amazing ministry.

The S.O.U.L. Group

(Survivors of Unexpected Loss) meets

Monday, July 11 @ 7:30pm

**LaGrange First United Methodist Church
Builders Sunday School Classroom**

Sponsored by

Congregational Care Ministry

For more information contact the church office
(churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Deadline for Registration is July 11th!

Come to the church office or go to
<http://goo.gl/forms/lgWurRhjpMTUSpPz2>
to register your child!

Adult volunteers are needed.

Please come forward to help - no matter your age.
Remember when others helped at VBS when your children
came. Please call the church office or email Children's
Director Grayson Bailey at childrens@lagrangefumc.org to
help keep this ministry alive and well.

Special Offering: Murphy Harpst Children's Centers

On Sunday, July 10th, we will join other churches in the
North Georgia Conference and take a special offering for the
Murphy Harpst Children's Centers. The money collected
through your donations is the main funding source for the
therapy services that are so critical to the recovery of these
young people. Your prayers are also needed to make a
difference in the lives of the children to bring life and hope
to Georgia's most severely abused children.

Our newest church service... "Church on the Hooch"



Reaching people who would not otherwise be in church. People come by land and by boat to hear different preachers each week.

Youth Ministry

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

Join us on Wednesdays this Summer to stay connected with friends and make some new ones. Rising 6th Graders are invited to join us, 6:00-7:30 in the Mid-High Lounge!
 July 13th - Nerf Wars August 3rd - Bowling Night



FIRST LOVE
1 JOHN 4:19

Sr. High Mission Trip to Cairo, Illinois July 17-23, 2016 Cost: \$325

Join us as we head West to Cairo, Illinois. This city, rich in heritage and history, is settled between the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. Students will work on work sites (minor construction, painting, etc.), participate in Kids Club, or help with Outrageous Sports camp. Spots are limited!



Believe It or Not...

It's Back-to-School on August 10th. Our School Shepherds will need to be ready to assist children with school supplies and/or clothes the week before and the first week of school.

You have all been so supportive of this Back-to-School Ministry, and you have touched so many young lives through your generosity, we just can't stop now. Please help keep this initiative going by making your donation. A lot of required school items have changed, so we really need monetary gifts the most.

Thank you on behalf of each little child that will begin a fresh new year with a new and positive outlook because you care.

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We always look forward to hearing from you.

"To Know and To Make Christ Known"

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FINANCIAL REPORT 2016

Month End	May	Year-to-Date
Budgeted Receipts	\$100,998	\$483,272
Actual Receipts	\$ 99,700	\$481,942
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 99,991	\$506,338
Actual Expenses	\$ 93,808	\$481,105

ATTENDANCE , Sunday, June 26th

Sunday School.....193
Worship Service.....344

ATTENDANCE , Sunday, July 3rd

Worship Service.....253

Re-Union Sundays in JULY!
10:30am, Combined Worship Services
9:15am, Sunday School

July 10th, Camp Meeting Sunday, Sanctuary
*Covered Dish meal in the fellowship hall following the service.
The Church will provide the meat, drinks, paper products, & utensils.
Please bring a dish or dishes to share with your friends.*

July 17th, Global Friendship Sunday, Sanctuary
*Our Korean Church Family will join our family for a
global celebration worship service in the sanctuary.*

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the church on Sunday, July 17th, are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Cliff Cammon** by Mom & Dad, and Margaret, Tim, Caroline & Ben Sanders.

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Betty & Bob Ward in the death of her granddaughter, **Angie Jones Kellogg, June 20, 2016**
and to
Dr. M.L. Reid in the death of his wife, **Shirley Reid, July 5, 2016.**

Calendar for July 10 - July 16

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Service	
*9:15am.....	Sunday School
Monday	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
7:30pm.....	S.O.U.L. Support Group
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Beginning Class
5:30pm.....	Long Range Planning
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:45pm.....	Missions Committee
Thursday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

Calendar for July 17 - July 23

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Service	
*9:15am.....	Sunday School
2:00pm.....	Thursday Lunch Club Planning Mtg
Monday	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
12:00.....	Memorial Foundation
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Beginning Class
5:30pm.....	Worship Committee
6:30pm.....	Policy Committee
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
Thursday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
5:15pm.....	Board of Trustees
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	