



THE FLAME

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of LAGRANGE

MAKE and GROW Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the TRANSFORMATION of the World

July 2019

THANK YOU!

I am so pleased to be returning for a second year to serve as a Senior Minister of this great Church! I am also pleased to be joined by **The Rev. Ben Wills**, appointed by the Bishop to serve as our Senior Associate Minister, and **The Rev. C.J. Lord**, appointed by the Bishop to serve as our Student Associate Minister leading our youth ministry.

Thank you for the excellent sendoff you gave to The Rev. Blake and Katie Trent, and for the gracious welcome you are giving to The Rev. Ben and Sammi Wills. Your gracious hospitality is one of the many ways you **SHOW the LOVE of God** to our community and beyond!

DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE

This summer we are designing new directional signage to be placed at our main entrances and throughout our buildings. I am aware that so many of our newcomers get lost navigating their way across our campus.

In our planning, we have decided to standardize the names of several of our spaces. The Church Council and Board of Trustees have chosen names related to the historic Methodist Revival movement of the 18th century which gave rise to The Methodist Church.

In our **Methodist Ministries Building**, we will call our Fellowship Hall/Gym/Auditorium "**Wesley Hall**" in honor of John and Charles Wesley, ministers of the Church of England, missionaries to the Colony of Georgia, evangelists, social reformers, and founders of the Methodist Revival movement.

We will call our Chapel "**St. Andrew's Chapel**." The father of John and Charles Wesley, The Rev. Samuel Wesley, served the 12th-century St. Andrew's Parish Church in Epworth, on the Isle of Axholme, in North Lincolnshire, England for 45 years (1695–1735). It was there that the Wesley children were baptized, made their professions of faith, and joined the church. It was also where John served briefly as his father's curate.

You will notice that the Chancel Rail in our Chapel is fashioned in the X-shaped **St. Andrew's Cross** with a rosette placed at the crossing. St. Andrew, along with his brother of St. Peter, were the first called by the Lord Jesus to be "fishers of men" and His disciples. It was he who brought the boy with the lunch of five loaves and two fish to Jesus which the Lord turned into a meal feeding 5,000. A 4th-century account reports his death by crucifixion on an X-shaped cross. Thus, St. Andrew is represented by an X-shaped cross like that depicted on the Scottish flag.

The Small Dining room will be called the "**Epworth Dining Room**." It was in the Epworth Rectory kitchen that Susanna Wesley, "the Mother of Methodism," and Samuel planted the spiritual seeds that would become the global Methodist movement in the hearts of their ten children.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

In 2019, we cast a vision to significantly increase the mission and ministry budget of our great church. As of this writing, we have received **105.04%** of anticipated giving to fund our on-campus ministries, our off-campus missions, and to begin addressing significant maintenance needs. Thank you for your generosity! Together, we **MAKE and GROW Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World!**

I look forward to the coming year and ask you to join me in this historic prayer for our ministry together:

Lord God, who inspired Your servants John and Charles Wesley with burning zeal for the sanctification of souls, and endowed them with eloquence in speech and song: Kindle in The First United Methodist Church of LaGrange, we pray, such fervor, that those whose faith has cooled may be warmed, and those who have not known Christ may turn to Him and be saved; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Dr. John Beyers

**Special Offering for
Murphy Harpst Children's Centers**

On Sunday, **July 21**, 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 School Shepherding 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.

Thank you.

Special Presentation



Everyone, including Sunday School classes, is invited to the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, July 21, at 10:00 am**, to learn more about the ministry of the Gideons International.

This is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associat-

ing together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments.

While Gideons are often recognized for Bibles in hotels, Gideons are God-called members, brothers and sisters in Christ, husbands along with their wives—trying to reach the world with the Good News.

Since 1899 Gideons have personally witnessed and distributed God's Word to police, fire, and medical personnel; prisoners; military personnel; students in the fifth grade and above; and to those with whom they interact on a daily basis.

Additionally, Gideons cover hotels, motels, hospitals, convalescent homes, medical offices, and domestic violence shelters. Gideons are today found in some 200 countries, territories, and possessions across the globe, and have placed and distributed more than 2 billion Bibles and New Testaments around the world.



Congregational Care Ministry

How does the Congregational Care Ministry help our church?

The members develop and oversee nurturing and caring ministries that provide compassion and support for our congregation and community. We currently offer the following ministries:

Bereavement, Lay Visitation for Homebound Members, Prayer Ministry, Stephen Ministry, the Resource Center, Journeying Through Grief Book Ministry, and the 50th Anniversary Lunch Celebration. More about the individual ministries can be found on our Church website under Programs-Congregational Care.

The following scriptures guide these ministries.

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

1 John 4:21 "And He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister."

Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Thursday Lunch Club • August 1, 2019

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Storyteller, Allen Keeble

12 Noon, Fellowship Hall

For reservations for the meal & program call or email the church at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org.

Cost is \$6 per person.

All are welcome!



**July 26—the Last Sunday this Year
The Rev. Dr. John Beyers, Preaching**

Please save your Church on the Hooch signs to use next year. You can either keep them at your house or bring them to the church office. We have had really good attendance this year. Thank you for supporting this service.

Children's Ministry

Jeanne Jones, Children's Minister, jeanne@lagrangefumc.org

Summer Camp is in full swing and we are having a great time. During a typical week students engage in a weekly theme, art, PE, music, STEM class, Chapel, field trips and guest speakers. We love our campers and they love being at FUMC. On Fridays we offer a chance for everyone to get wet!



Children's Ministries -

July 7 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, Family Worship, no Children's Church

July 14 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, 11:00 Children's Church

July 21 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 Children's Church

July 28 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Children's Church

Mark Your Calendars!

We are hosting a night for all girls and all boys to bring their favorite gal or guy on a special night designed just for them. More information will be coming soon. There is no fee just RSVP to Jeanne before July 8th.

Girl's Craft Night - July 14th, 5:30 p.m.

Boy's Nerf Night - July 25th, 5:30 p.m.

3rd, 4th and 5th Grader Swim Party

Let's get together on July 24th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for a swim party. We will have hot dogs, chips, and drinks and fun in the pool. Meet at the Burch's home, 1401 Vernon Street. Be sure to RSVP to Ms. Jeanne at the church so we know how much food to have ready. See you soon!



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

THE MONTH OF JULY

- We are looking forward to our Mission/Beach trip to Apalachicola where we will support the hurricane relief efforts.
- We have a few more Life Sized Summer nights during July.
- Last but definitely not least, we're hitting Six Flags again before school starts!

ACTION SHOTS!



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.

BRAVES GAME FUN!



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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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

**Carl Becker
June 17, 2019**



Need to Talk? Refer yourself or a friend in
need to one of our church's confidential Ste-
phen 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.

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 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 mark your calendar and let the Church Office at 706-884-4635 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.***

**Church Offices will be Closed,
Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5,
for the Holiday.**

No Thursday Lunch Club Luncheon in July.

NO Men's Breakfast in July or August



Weekly

- SUNDAY**
 9:00a Early Worship
 10:00a Church on the Hooch
 10:00a Sunday School
 11:00a Traditional Worship
- MONDAY**
 8:00a Summer Camp
 10:30a Meals on Wheels
 11:30a Soup Kitchen
 5:30p Sons of Lafayette Rehearsal
- TUESDAY**
 8:00a Summer Camp
 9:00a Community Care
 2:00p Staff Meeting
 7:00p Boy Scouts
- WEDNESDAY**
 8:00a Summer Camp
 11:30a Soup Kitchen Sack Lunch
- THURSDAY**
 8:00a Summer Camp
 9:00a Community Care
 9:45a Prayer Ministry
 10:30a Dulcimers
- FRIDAY**
 7:00a Men's Coffee & Prayer
 8:00a Summer Camp

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:00p UMW Board	2 12:30p Red Cross Blood Drive	3	4 <i>Happy 4th of July!</i> Church Offices Closed	5 Church Offices Closed	6
7	8	9	10 5:45p Missions Committee	11	12	13
14	15	16 5:30p Worship Committee	17 4:00p Youth Life-Sized Summer	18 5:30p Girls Night Out	19	20
21 10:00a Gideons International Presentation	22 12:00p Memorial Foundation Mtg/ Luncheon	23	24	25 5:30p Board of Trustees 5:30p Boys Night Out	26	27
28	29	30	31 4:00p Youth Life-Sized Summer	1 12:00 Thursday Lunch Club Luncheon	2	3
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Remembrances Received, June 2019

In Memory of

Carl Becker—Bob & Betty Ward, Carolyn Alise, Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class, Jane Willey, Virginia Robertson

Our Congratulations

On the birth of **Caroline Madison Curry**, on **June 20, 2019**, the daughter of Will & Natalie Young Curry, the granddaughter of Bill & Joyce Morgan Young.

July's Worship Team Volunteers

Ushers: Hoyt Rogers, Bill Davidson, Blair Harlin, H.R. Shepherd, Jerry Clement, Ken Young, Lewis Powell, Mike Peterson, Perry Wilder, Ray Holmes, Ric Selbie, Robby Burch, Sam Graham, Bill Lovejoy, Billy Adams

Altar Guild: Belinda Borders, Mary Beth Colley, Carlene Mills, Jane Stephens, Nancy Peterson, Lauren Lovin, Jessica Larson

Hospitality Team: Carolyn Day, Joye Greene, Carole & Kelly Linch, Ric & Joanna Selbie, Oleeta Aspinwall, Jackie Huckstep, Bill & Joyce Young, Beth & Wayne Godwin, Laura Holley, Pat & Fred Bodine, Jane Willey, Mike & Denise Wilson, Laura Harlin, Carol & Jim Morgan, Julianne Skipper, Linda Frano, Lauranne Buchanan, Margie Purnell, Jan Lockerbie

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 2

Sunday School....139 Worship Service.....307

Sunday, June 9

Sunday School....152 Worship Service.....346

Sunday, June 16

Sunday School....153 Worship Service.....331

Sunday, June 23

Sunday School....140 Worship Service.....297



Wednesday Evening Weekly will resume in August.