



# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

*"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"*

**June 26, 2016**

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

**\*Early Worship Service  
9:00am in the Chapel**

**\*Morning Glory  
9:00am in the Fellowship Hall**

**\*Traditional Service  
11:00am in the Sanctuary**

**\*Korean Worship Service  
11:00am in the Chapel**

**July 3, 2016**

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

**Re-Union Sunday  
\*Combined Worship Service  
10:30am  
in the Fellowship Hall**

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

*\*Child care is provided.*

*Mark your calendar*

**Re-Union Sundays Begin  
July 3rd**

**10:30am, Fellowship Hall  
Patriotic Sunday**

*No Sunday School or Children's Church*

**\*\* 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.

## RE-UNION SUNDAYS

Casual Worship in July

10:30 A.M.

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## RE-UNION SUNDAYS IN JULY

*"My goal is that [your] hearts would be encouraged and united together in love so that they might have all the riches of assurance that come with understanding."*

*(Colossians 2:2)*

*"RE-UNION: The act of getting people together again after they have been apart; an act of reuniting the organized gathering of people who have not been together for a long time."*

The fact that our church offers different styles and times of worship throughout the year sometimes gives us and others the false impression that we are more than one congregation. But the fact of the matter is that whether we worship in a more traditional style at 9:00am in the Chapel or 11:00am in the Sanctuary, or in a more contemporary style at 9:00am in the MMC, we are *one congregation* in spirit and soul here at LaGrange First UMC.

Therefore, in order to celebrate and be reminded of this "oneness" we share with one another, this summer we will be **worshipping together as ONE CONGREGATION at 10:30am during the five Sundays of July**. While the services on July 3 and 31 will be held in the MMC and the other three will be held in the Sanctuary, the location will *not* determine whether they are "Traditional" or "Contemporary," but instead *all* of these services will be "Blended" to include some of the best elements from all our services (though all of them will be casual dress).

In case you haven't read it yet in one of our bulletins or newsletter, here's the details (all services at 10:30am, with Sunday School at 9:15am each week except July 3rd):

**July 3: "Patriotic Sunday"** in the MMC – a Sunday celebrating our nation's heritage and our patriotism. (No Sunday School or Children's Church)

**July 10: "Camp Meeting Sunday"** in the Sanctuary – a Sunday celebrating Camp Meeting worship, featuring inspiring old-time hymns and preaching, complete with a church-wide covered-dish "dinner on the grounds" in the MMC afterward.

**July 17: "Global Friendship Sunday"** in the Sanctuary – a Sunday celebrating the partnership between our church and the LaGrange Korean UMC, complete with music and message from both churches.

**July 24: "Bible Sunday"** in the Sanctuary – a Sunday celebrating the power of God's word, featuring testimonies from fellow members who've been transformed by their study of the Bible.

**July 31: "Family Sunday"** in the MMC – a Sunday celebrating the children and families of our church, including the closing celebration of our summer Vacation Bible School. Following the service we'll also have a family-style fair and cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs, "jumpsies" and other fun things for families in the Fellowship hall and MMC parking lot.

So, unless you're sick or out of town, I hope you'll make plans to be present for each and every one of these special Sundays! You'll have the chance to worship with folks you don't normally worship with... to see old friends and make new ones! Most importantly, it will help us as a church to (in the words of Paul, above) *"be encouraged and united together in love..."*

Let's come together (again) to celebrate our unity this summer! Remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

## Summer Wednesday Evening Weekly

Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm

### WEW Meal on June 29, 2016

Menu: Low Country Boil, salad bar & dessert

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

### NO WEW Meal on July 6, 2016

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*

**Dr. Paul Doster** - Lewis & Cathy Goode

**Mr. Alex Scarborough** - Lewis & Cathy Goode, U.M.W.

### *Honorarium*

**Oleeta Aspinwall**- Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class

**Joanne Leverett**- Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class

## ORLANDO SHOOTING RESPONSES

To read responses from our Pastors about the recent Orlando shootings, please visit our church Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Lagrangefirstumc> or visit [www.pastorbriang.blogspot.com](http://www.pastorbriang.blogspot.com).

**Remember to Store this number in your phone.**

**Emergency After-Hours Pastoral Care**

*(To reach a pastor at LaGrange First UMC)*

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## JULY USHER COMMITTEE

Gary Stephens, Captain

Lewis Powell

Bill Davidson

David Erickson

H.R. Shepherd

Sam Graham

Robby Burch

Jerry Clement

Hoyt Rogers

Perry Wilder

Mike Peterson

Ken Young

Blair Harlin

Ric Selbie

Ray Holmes

## ALTAR GUILD

Lea Rawlinson, Chair

Mary Beth Colley

Youth: Catherine Emery & Jessica Emery

Belinda Borders

Carlene Mills

Sally Holmes

Jane Stephens

## MORNING GLORY

Denise Wilson

**COMMUNION** Belinda Borders, Carolyn Alise, Deb Johnson

## PRAYER MINISTRY..... DID YOU KNOW??

Did you know that our Church regularly prays for you? For over 40 years, several members of our Church have met to pray confidentially for you, our Congregation, our Church leadership, our country leaders and world peace. They also give praise for your thanksgivings and joyful events, such as births, new members, graduations, and confirmations. Personal notes are sent for compassion, sympathy, or celebration. They meet each Thursday in the library at 9:45 AM.

For 15 years, a group of men from our Church and some regulars from the community have met weekly for coffee and prayer; all men are invited. They pray for those with prayer concerns in our Church and community. After prayer, they have a short devotion which is led by a different person on a different topic each week. They meet each Friday in the small dining room at 7 AM.

Do you have a passion for prayer and a desire to pray for others on a weekly basis? Come join us at one of these prayer meetings at our Church. Call the Church office at 706-884-4635 or email [prayer@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:prayer@lagrangefumc.org).

Pat Gilbert and the Congregational Care

**NO MEETINGS IN JULY FOR  
Thursday Lunch Club and UMW Circles**

## *What a difference an hour makes! You can be that difference by volunteering one hour a month as a Lay Visitation team member.*

One true example, names changed for privacy: Bob lives in an assisted living facility. Bob was a WWII veteran, a jock throughout his life and a hard working gentleman who provided well for his family. Now his health has declined, he can no longer live in his home of many years, he lost his wife recently, he is in a wheelchair now, he can no longer attend his beloved Sunday School class and worship service. Bob seldom has visitors because folks have simply forgotten him after his long absence. He sits in his room alone, reads, watches TV or sleeps and is so lonely. Then Chuck, a Lay Visitation volunteer, visits and Bob lights up with a big smile. Bob can't wait to talk sports, current events or simply about the weather. Chuck has brought Bob a ribbon cross made by Altar Guild and a special bible verse. They talk and laugh about 30 minutes. Afterward Bob places the cross and scripture on his night table where he can remember how wonderful his visit was. He knows now that LaGrange FUMC still remembers and cares about him.

Lay Visitation is a ministry where lay volunteers are matched with Church members who are homebound or cannot get to Church over long periods of time. Many receive monthly visits, others prefer monthly phone calls or cards instead of personal visits. Volunteers pick whatever day and time works best for them and the one visited.

Started about 2 ½ years ago, this Lay Visitation ministry is currently under the umbrella of our Church's new Congregational Care committee. We need more volunteers (men and women of all ages) because our list often changes with an increase of members' declining health or accidents. Volunteer and you will see firsthand how an hour a month makes a difference, to both you and the ones you visit! Call Pat Gilbert, our Congregational Care Chairman, at 706-883-6759 or email at [patorren@bellsouth.net](mailto:patorren@bellsouth.net).

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*Luke 6:31: And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.*

*1 John 4:7: Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.*

## Youth Ministry

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

Mid High: 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!

June 29th - Messy Games  
July 13th - Nerf Wars  
August 3rd - Bowling Night



"My favorite part about camp was meeting new friends and playing games. Some of the games were really fun like the one we had to go find Garder, that was really fun. Our counselors were the best; they let us open up about anything and they would answer as best as they could to help us and that was really nice to get some opinions from someone else. The color wars game that we played was so much fun, it was better than capture the flag."

*Chloe D. 8th Grade, GNMS*

## Children's Ministry

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

### FUMC Children's Program Summer Schedule

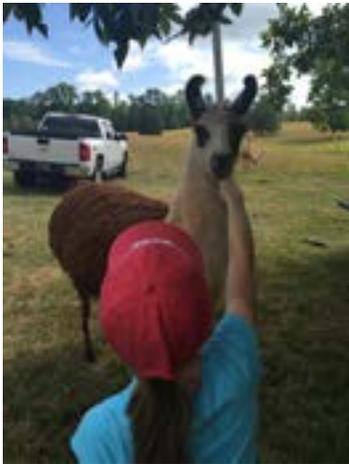
- **JULY Sunday School:** 9:15 a.m.
- Children's Church for July 10th, 17th, and 24th during the combined 10:30 a.m. service
- No Sunday School on July 3rd.
- No Children's Church on July 3rd or July 31st

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Registration is now open! Please complete a form found in the church office, or go to this link to register your child for VBS <http://goo.gl/forms/lgWurRhipMTUSpPz2>

## Summer Camp

Katie Crumbley, Director  
katie@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635, ext. 209

**The Summer Campers...  
Down on the Farm  
along with a few adults  
and yes,  
more new friends!**



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 Rev. Blake Trent (ext 206).....Associate Pastor

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 please call the church office.



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**FINANCIAL REPORT 2016**

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 23,617.49</b>
<b>Received Week 24</b>	<b>\$ 14,429.67</b>
<b>Received Week 25</b>	<b>\$ 10,257.81</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,796.88</b>
<b>Total Received since last Flame</b>	<b>\$ 35,484.36</b>
<b>Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$ 590,437.25</b>
<b>Received YTD</b>	<b>\$ 540,952.82</b>

**ATTENDANCE , Sunday, June 12th**

Sunday School.....214  
 Worship Service.....296

**ATTENDANCE , Sunday, June 19th**

Sunday School.....212  
 Worship Service.....310

**Calendar for June 26 - July 2**

**Sunday** \* Nursery  
 \*Worship Services  
 \*10:00am.....Sunday School  
**Monday**  
 11:00-11:30am.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen  
**Tuesday**  
 9:00am.....Community Care  
 10:00am.....Dulcimers Beginning Class  
 5:15pm.....Finance Committee  
 6:30pm.....Church Council  
 7:00pm.....Boy Scouts  
**Wednesday**  
 11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch  
 5:00pm.....Wednesday Evening Weekly  
 5:30pm.....SPR Committee  
**Thursday**  
 9:00am.....Community Care  
 9:45am.....Prayer Ministry  
**Friday**  
 7:00am.....Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group  
**Saturday**

**Calendar for July 3 - July 9**

**Sunday** \* Nursery  
 \*Worship Services  
 \*9:30am.....Sunday School  
 5:00pm.....Youth Activities  
**Monday**  
 Church Offices Closed for the Holiday  
**Tuesday**  
 9:00am.....Community Care  
 10:00am.....Dulcimers Beginning Class  
 12:30pm.....Red Cross Blood Drive  
**Wednesday**  
 11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch  
**Thursday**  
 9:00am.....Community Care  
 9:45am.....Prayer Ministry  
**Friday**  
 7:00am.....Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group  
**Saturday**

**OUR ROSEBUD**

Our rosebud on Sunday, June 26th is in honor of **Lilly Belle Hill**, born **June 14, 2016**, the daughter of Lauren & Daniel Hill, the grand-daughter of Jan & Brian Lockerbie.

**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 26, 2016, are given by Tom & Mary Ellen Westbrook, in honor of **Katie Westbrook and Blake Trent** on their wedding day.

**OUR SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy to Peggy Lukken, Kim Myers & family in the death of **Edward Edge Jr., June 12, 2016**, the husband of Deborah Lukken Edge.