



THE FLAME

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of LAGRANGE

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

June 2019

HAPPY SUMMER!

It's my joy to share this edition of summertime updates!

CAMP VIOLA

Jesus said, "When you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." – Matthew 25:40

Camp Viola provides a safe camp environment for the spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional development of underprivileged, economically-challenged children of Troup County and adjoining areas.

Each week during the summer, 12 area churches and organizations, including our great church, provide volunteers and leaders to supplement camp staff to host **40 to 50 rising 3rd through 5th graders** in experiencing programs for spiritual enrichment (such as Bible study and worship) and various outdoor activities (such as swimming, hiking, canoeing, and other sports). The goal is that each participant comes to discover or grow in the Christian faith, better appreciate the gift of nature, develop friendships, and enhance his/her own personal abilities, all within confines of a safe and caring learning environment.

For many years, **Rick Free** has done a wonderful job serving as the Director for our church's sponsor/host week. Rick writes, "*Camp Viola... is the best chance we have each year to make a difference in the lives of children we do not know and would probably never know. Our goal each year is give around 40 kids who have very little a week of love and care ... Most of all, these kids love a little attention. That's what we try to do ... to let them know they are special and are cared for.*"

June 3 through 6 is the sponsoring week for First Methodist. This is one more important way we "**SHOW the LOVE of GOD through Hands-on Evangelism and Mission Engagement.**" The following children are entrusted to us. Please place your hands over their names and join me in praying that each child more fully experience the unique love of God through Jesus Christ and more fully know that he/she is an "**Unrepeatable Miracle of God**" over the week.

Kaylon	Kateylen	Eli	Lillian	Caleb	Taylor
Christianne	Tyler	Tanner	Aleah	Aubr	Teanna
Austin	Jacob	Carmelo	Braylon	Bryson	Presten
Michael	Braylon	Matthew	Kelvin	Christien	Jessica
Alexis	Layla	Maleah	Huylynn	Serenity	Kimberly
Destiny	Jatelynn	Eania	Addison	Kamille	Ella
Amber	Rickey	Aniyah	Aleah	Andre	

Nothing great happens in the life of the church without great leadership. Our servant leaders will serve in the kitchen helping prepare meals each morning, Monday through Thursday, chaperone activities each day and night, Monday through Thursday, and assist children with Arts and Crafts on Monday and Tuesday. Please join me in praying for our youth and adult servant leaders and this marvelous ministry lead by Rick Free!

Nothing great happens in the life of the church without great investment. Thank you for your financial support of this impactful mission to Troup County. The \$125 per child cost is provided by our members. I am grateful for each gift and for the family whose gift of \$1,250 is sponsoring 10 children. We are better together!

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

Dr. John Beyers



CHURCH ON THE HOOCH

June 2 through July 28, 2019

Casual worship service
on the banks of the Chattahoochee River.
Come by boat or bring a lawn chair and sit on the bank!

Join us starting June 2, at 10:00 am
for Worship and Fellowship on West Point Lake.

BSA Camp Frank Lumpkin
2818 Antioch Road LaGrange GA 30240

Across the river from Highland Marina, between buoys 50 & 51

Schedule of Speakers

- June 2: Carol Cain
- June 9: The Rev. Susan Landry
- June 16: Linda Frano
- June 23: The Rev. Dr. Colin Dacus
- June 30: The Rev. Dr. John Mattox
- July 7: Russell Davis and The Shoreline Camp
- July 14: Rick Adams
- July 21: The Rev. C. J. Lord & First Methodist Youth
- July 28: The Rev. Dr. John Beyers



We Offer a Helping Hand When You Lose a Loved One.

Losing a family member can be one of the most difficult and painful experiences a person will go through. Often at the time of a loss, the grieving family members find it difficult to focus on ordinary tasks. The Bereavement Committee at FUMC offers assistance to families of church members who experience the death of a spouse or a child or when the deceased was a member of the church.

The Committee will assist by preparing a meal for the family or preparing and serving food for a reception. The meal can be served at the home or in the Small Dining Room. The reception is normally in the Methodist Ministries Center. Cards are also sent to all those in our church family who have suffered a loss.

If you would like to know more about this ministry or if you are interested in assisting with the preparation and serving of food, please call the church office at 706-884-4605 or Shirra Rogers, Bereavement Chairperson, at 706-882-8707.

The June Thursday Lunch Club *presents* The Front Porch Collective Callie Hammond, Nick Mayfield, Dylan Norgard



June 13, 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall
Cost is \$6.00 per person
For reservations call or email the church at
706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org
on or before June 11.

Church Receptions



Celebrate the Ministry of Rev. Blake Trent

Farewell reception for Blake & Katie Trent
Sunday, June 9, 12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

Welcome the Ministry of Rev. Ben Wills

Welcome reception for Ben & Sammi Wills
Sunday, June 23, 12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall



Volunteers Needed for the Community Food Closet

Our Church is responsible for volunteers for the Food Closet on Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 4, 6, 11, and 13, from 12:45 pm to 3:00 pm. Please email or call the church office at 706-884-4635, to volunteer some of your time.

El Salvador Mission Trip

The Mission Team representing the LaGrange District goes to Ahuachapan, El Salvador, June 8 thru June 15. The work that week will be to take bags of food to people and visit with them; also perform construction work on a new church.

Blair & Laura Harlin are selling pound bags of El Salvador coffee for \$10 per pound that will be delivered upon their return. They are also selling "concrete blocks" for \$10. You decorate the contact paper "block," they will place it on a wall in the Church, take a picture of it, and email it back to you. These "blocks" will then be placed in the church building. If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Blair or Laura at 706-594-2609 or mckeeharlin@gmail.com.

School's out for summer and FUMC day camp is beginning. We've had a great time this year during WEW and we finished with games, friends, a bouncy house and Kona Ice! We will be taking a break for the next couple of months but can't wait to be back together again when school starts. Look for announcements in June and July for a couple of summer events!



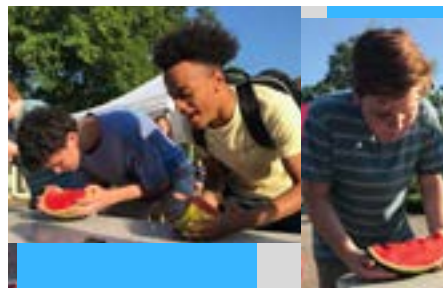
FUMC Day Camp—We have the privilege of hosting more than 70 campers from the LaGrange community this summer on our campus! Camp runs May 28th - August 2nd from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Our 14 counselors have just spent a day training in CPR, first aid, abuse awareness and more. They are ready to open the doors and greet LaGrange families. Our renovated 1st Floor will be put to good use as will the entire second floor of the Children's Building, the chapel, the small dining room, gym and playground. We are serving and showing the love of Christ. Thank you for your commitment to this ministry and the children of Troup County.

Summer Sunday School—Be sure to join us Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. as we learn about our amazing Lord!

Children's Church—Every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of the month during the 11 a.m. Worship Service. The first Sunday of each month is family worship, children will remain with their families during the entire worship service and participate in Communion together.



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



THE MONTH OF MAY

- We wrapped up the school year with Senior Sunday, a Wednesday Night Senior Recognition, and had a blast at our block party on May 15th!
- We were also excited to give away brand new LaGrange Student Ministry t shirts at the block party!
- Please be sure to congratulate our high school and college graduates when you see them!

WATERMELON EATING CONTEST AT THE BLOCK PARTY!



THE MONTH OF JUNE

- We are headed to a Braves game on June 2nd!
- We are also looking forward to a fun-filled week at Camp Viola June 3-6th! Please let us know if you would like to help out.
- Please keep our students and chaperones in your prayers as they head to Lake Junaluska June 15th-20th.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!



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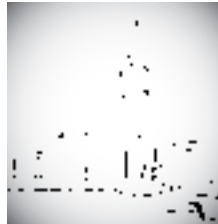
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please call the church office.

We always look forward to hearing from you.



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IN MEMORIAM

**Nancy Lee Reid
May 18, 2019**



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

Staff-Parish Relations News

We are pleased to announce the hiring of **Scott Hill** for the new full-time position of **Facilities Maintenance**, reporting to Andy Rainey. Scott will begin June 1. Welcome back, Scott.

Laura Shedd, SPR Committee

The June Men's Breakfast

The June Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 8, at 9:00 am, in the Small Dining Room. All men in the church are invited to this home-cooked breakfast and program featuring Randy Nix, Georgia State Representative.

United Methodist Women's Covered Dish Supper

Monday, June 4th, 6 p.m., Methodist Ministries Center
The program will be provided by **Greg Watts**, Coordinator of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," the bed-making ministry.

All women in the church are invited to bring a dish and come enjoy the food, fellowship, and program. R.S.V.P. to the Church Office at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Calling all couples who have been married (to the same person) for 50 years or more!



If you **have celebrated or will celebrate** your 50th wedding anniversary anytime in 2019, please call or email the church office at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org.

We want to celebrate with you on **Sunday, June 16**, at the 11:00 am Worship Service and at the luncheon following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone needs to call or email the church office by Wednesday, June 12, to make your reservation.



Cub Scout Camp Cowpie
June 3 — June 7, 8:30 am to 3:15 pm
Located at the Evans Farm
81 John Harris Road, LaGrange

Cub Scouts, rising 2nd through 5th grades, are eligible to attend. For registration forms, contact your Cub Leader or Martha Evans at 706-882-8726, or come by the Church Office. *Non-Boy Scouts in this age range can attend by paying an additional fee.



June 2019

Weekly

SUNDAY	
9:00a	Chapel Worship
10:00a	Church of the Hooh
10:00a	Sunday School
11:00a	Traditional Worship
5:00p	Disciple III
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
1:30p	Staff Meeting
7:00p	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	
8:00a	Summer Camp
11:30a	Soup Kitchen Sack Lunch
5:30p	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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
2 3:00p LaGrange District UMC Conference Briefing	3	4 12:30p Red Cross Blood Drive	5	6	7	1
Our Church's Week at Camp Viola						8 9:00a Men's Breakfast
9 12:15p Farewell Reception for Blake & Katie Trent 4:00p Youth Sized Summer	10 5:00p UMW Board 6:00p UMW Spring Banquet	11	12 5:45p Missions Committee	13 12:00 Thursday Lunch Club	14	15
Our Clergy and Delegates at Annual Conference						
16 12:15p 50th Wedding Anniversary Luncheon	17	18 5:30p Worship Committee	19	20	21	22
23 12:15p Welcome Reception for Ben & Sammi Wills	24	25 5:30p Finance Committee 6:30p Church Council	26	27 5:30p Trustees	28	29
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	4		5 Happy 4th of July Church Offices Closed		6 Church Offices Closed	

Remembrances Received, May 2019

In Memory of

Miriam Holliday—Patricia Smith

Martha Smith—Anita & John Holle, Joan & William Johnston

Ken McGreevy—Martha Stanley

In Honor of

Hank Hughes—Tom Mahaffey

June's Worship Team Volunteers

Ushers: Todd Vinson, Bob Cammon, James Emery, Matt French, Dorothy Cammon, Louise Horvath, Will Allred, John Roberts, Byron Reed, Scott Jones

Altar Guild: Susan Black, Anne Allen, Betty Johnson, Deborah Johnson, Mary Ann Keck, Kim Myers, Nancy Peterson, Caryn Cole

Hospitality Team: Laura Jennings, Richard & Donna Ennis, Mark Huckstep, Carolyn Day, Dee Woodward, Margie Purnell, Laura Holley, Mike & Denise Wilson, Julianne Skipper, Frank & Beth McRae, Laura Harlin, Kelly & Carole Linch, Steve & Caryn Cole, Jim & Carol Morgan, David & Angela Ochsenknecht, Dean & Nancy Larson, Bill & Susan Black, Lauranne Buchanan

We Extend Our Sympathy to

Dean Jackson and Family in the death of his mother **Maria Jackson, May 25, 2019.**

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 28

Sunday School....174 Worship Service.....317

Sunday, May 5

Sunday School....130 Worship Service.....264

Sunday, May 12

Sunday School....153 Worship Service.....307

Sunday, May 19

Sunday School....160 Worship Service.....325

Sunday, May 26

Sunday School....138 Worship Service.....259

We Welcome into Our Church Family

Juanice Still, February 7

Doug & Yvonne Wolfe, February 17

Sara Lindsey, March 10

Beth McClanahan, April 28

Zack & Brenda Webb, April 28

Judy Glass, April 28

Genette McGraw, May 5

Trissa Carlton, May 5

Donald & Isabelle Stephens, May 5

Allen & Sue Daniel, May 19

James & Gina Drake, May 26

Wednesday Evening Weekly will resume in August.