



THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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June 18, 2017

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***Morning Glory
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** **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 ages 3rd grade & younger. Children attending the early services will dismiss to the Small Dining Room in the MMC building; 11:00am service children will dismiss to Room 203 in the Children's building.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS HERE!

SHOW YOUR WORK



WORSHIP THAT INSPIRES ACTION

"Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

This week as you read this article, over 2800 delegates representing the 1000 churches and 364,000+ United Methodists in North Georgia will have gathered at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia for the North Georgia Annual Conference with the theme *Show Your Work: Creative Worship That Inspires Action*. Linda Frano, Trish Germano, Blake Trent, and myself are all attending as our church's delegates, and others from our church will also be attending on behalf of our LaGrange District.

Each year's Annual Conference makes important decisions that affect every United Methodist church in our geographic area: approval and ordination of new clergy and retirement of older ones; appointments of pastors to local churches are finalized (we celebrate that our Bishop – Sue Hauptert-Johnson - has re-assigned both myself and Blake Trent to LaGrange First UMC as your Senior and Associate Pastor, respectively); adoption of the conference budget; support for and reports from conference missions and ministries; exciting worship and Bible study opportunities to enrich our spiritual lives; present our **"Bishop's Offering"** (to support our denomination's *"Ministerial Education Fund"* [<http://www.ngumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-names-annual-conference-special-offering-7684049>]); and more!

Upon our return, we'll be available to report on important decisions that were made, and how these might affect us as a congregation. In the meantime, you can find more information about Annual Conference (as well as "real time" updates) on our North Georgia Conference website (www.ngumc.org and click on the 2017 Annual Conference banner). Also, thanks for your prayers, both for ourselves as your representatives, and for the Conference itself.

Always remember, God loves you and I do too!

Pastor Brian

REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

Mr. Wayne Hoven - Jane Willey

Mr. Jim Hamilton - Virginia Robertson

Mr. Gene Davis - Helga & John Ray, Margaret Camp, Virginia Robertson, Lauranne Buchanan

Worship Committee Announces Summer One-Service Sundays

July 2nd, 10:30am, *Patriotic Service* in the Fellowship Hall with a Church Family Cookout after the service.

August 27th, 10:30am, *Homecoming Service* in the Sanctuary with a Covered Dish Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Dr. Gil Watson will be our guest preacher.

Announcing:

Morning Glory Strategic Input Sessions

The Worship Committee's Morning Glory Task Force has been working diligently since March to ascertain the strategic needs of our 8:45am worship service for growth. This has included prayerful research, brainstorming, feedback from the Long Range Planning Town Hall meetings in May, and the June 12th called Church Council meeting.

The Task Force would like to share those ideas and several proposed changes with the church family, particularly those who currently attend Morning Glory Worship. Presentations will be given by the committee during the Sunday School hour (10-10:45am) on June 25th and July 9th. You are invited to attend one or both.

If you can't make one these sessions, please feel free to email your questions, thoughts or input to worship@lagrangefumc.org.

In the meantime, please be in prayer as we discern God's direction for this important worship service.



Our Homebound Are Not Forgotten

We currently have 23 Church members who are considered homebound. Our **Lay Visitation Ministry** ensures these people are contacted monthly to remind them they are not forgotten and that they are loved by our Church. Through dedicated Lay volunteers, we make personal visits, phone calls and/or mail cards. Lay Visitation Coordinator Laura Harlin has created several special holiday gifts and our Church's children/youth and Altar Guild sometimes make cards or gifts for Homebound. Altar flowers from weddings and family remembrance are also often donated. **These gifts are delivered to our Homebound by volunteers and always bring a BIG smile!**

If you know of a homebound member who is not contacted by us or if you would like to be a Lay Visitation volunteer, please contact the Church office or Laura Harlin.



Church of the Hooch Sunday Lineup

June

18 – Rev. Kory Trinrud, West Georgia Hospice
25 – Harrison/C. J. & LFUMC Youth Group

July

2 – Rev. Dr. Colin Dacus, UMC Retired
9 – Linda Frano, Lay Speaker
16 – Russell Davis, UMC Camping & Retreat Ministries Director
23 – Rev. Susan Landry, LaGrange District Superintendent
30 – Rev. Dr. Brian Germano, LaGrange FUMC

Wednesday Evening Weekly

will resume a regular schedule in August. Watch *The Flame* for updates.



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 Pastors or email stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org.



THANK YOU
to everyone who came out to Camp (including our 30 Youth Counselors) to work, chaperone, or visit with the campers.

THANK YOU
to everyone who made a financial contribution to sponsor the campers and provide the food and materials for camp, as well as the funding for the special outings.

Summer Camp Ministry



Team Games & Learning Activities by Age Groups



Group field Trips with learning and new experiences



And very importantly...New Friendships Made Each Year

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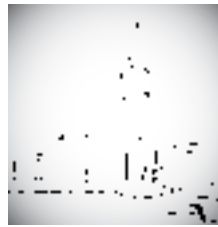
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- Mr. C.J. Lord (ext 215).....Director of Mid & Sr High Youth
- Mr. Greg Nichols.....Morning Glory Worship Leader
- Ms. Dodie Patterson (ext 204).....Executive Secretary
- Mr. Andy Rainey (ext 201).....Church Administrator
- Mrs. Emily Sims (ext 209).....Director of Summer Camp
- Rev. Blake Trent (ext 206).....Associate Pastor

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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ATTENDANCE, Sunday, June 4

Sunday School.....150
 Worship Service.....310

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, June 11

Sunday School.....163
 Worship Service.....279

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on
 Sunday, June 18th, will be in
 loving memory of **Parker Smith**
 by his family.

IN MEMORIAM

Jim Hamilton
 May 31, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

Wayne Hoven
 June 7, 2017

Supporting Our Ministries

In addition to traditional giving methods (cash & check), you can also donate to First United Methodist Church via Text-to-Give (Text LGFUMC to 73256) or online at lagrangefumc.org/online-giving.

Calendar for June 18 - June 24

Sunday * Nursery
 *Worship Services
 *10:00am.....Sunday School
Monday
 11:30am-12:00.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday
 9:00am.....Community Care
 10:00am.....Dulcimers Class
 5:30pm.....Worship Committee
 7:00pm.....Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
 7:00pm.....Boy Scouts
Wednesday
 11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
Thursday
 9:00am.....Community Care
 9:45am.....Prayer Ministry
 10:00am.....Dulcimers Rehearsal
 5:30pm.....El Salvador Trip "Packing Party"
 5:30pm.....Board of Trustees
Friday
 7:00am.....Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday
 5:30am.....Mission Team leaves for El Salvador

Summer Camp — Monday through Friday

Calendar for June 25 - July 1

Sunday * Nursery
 *Worship Services
 *10:00am.....Sunday School
Monday
 11:30am-12:00am.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday
 9:00am.....Community Care
 10:00am.....Dulcimers Class
 5:30pm.....Finance Committee
 6:30pm.....Church Council
 7:00pm.....Boy Scouts
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 6:00pm.....Mission Team arrives home

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OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Charlene McClanahan & Family in the death of her mother, **Stacie Vinson**, on **June 7, 2017.**

OUR ROSEBUD

Our rosebud in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 4, 2017, was in honor of **Elwood Cooke Jennings**, born **May 24, 2017**, the grandson of Laura Jennings.