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First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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What Is Stephen Ministry?

"[God] consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God." (2 Corinthians 1:4)

Stephen Ministry is a newly reactivated lay caring ministry of our church that enables fellow members to care for one another in the way Paul describes above. With over 1100 members, it's impossible (and impractical) for myself and Pastor Blake to be able to take care of all the congregational care needs of our church. So, our Stephen Ministry is, therefore, one of the vital complementary components of our overall Congregational Care Ministry. Find out more about this ministry [HERE](#).

Stephen Ministers themselves are fellow church members who have gone through 60 hours of training to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care for people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a tough time (***see below**). Whether it's the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges or hurts, our Stephen Ministers are here to care for you!

Your Stephen Minister will meet once a week for around an hour to listen to you, care for you, pray with and for you, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. The caring relationship is free and lasts for as long as you need care; it's a powerful way either to receive help yourself or a great way to help a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who's been struggling in any way.

To find out more about how you or someone you know can be matched with one of our church's confidential Stephen Ministers, either email stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org, speak in person with our Stephen Leader Miriam Kelly, or either to Pastors Blake (blake@lagrangefumc.org) or myself (brian@lagrangefumc.org). Our Stephen Ministers are here for YOU!

Always remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

() Stephen Ministers are not licensed counselors, therapists, or mental health professionals. They are trained and supervised Christian lay care-givers.*

March 12, 2017
***Morning Glory**
8:45am in the Fellowship Hall

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

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

***Korean Worship Service**
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***Child care is provided.**

**** 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.



Our Stephen Ministers

Brian Germano, Bonnie Norrick, Hank Dobbins, Pat Gilbert, Orren Gilbert, Miriam Kelly (*Stephen Ministry Leader*), Creighton Kelly, Linda Frano

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

WEW Meal on March 15, 2017

Menu: Pork Loin, hashbrown casserole, salad bar, dessert

Children: Grilled cheese & PB & J sandwiches

WEW Meal on March 22, 2017

Menu: Hamburger steak, baked potatoes, salad bar, dessert

Children: Nachos & PB & J sandwiches

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.



Thank you for supporting our Cub Scout Pack 21's community service project "Scouting for Food." We collected a table full of food to donate to LaGrange Personal Aid. In this photo are members of Wolf Den 2 who organized the project for the entire pack.

REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

Mrs. Lucy Martin (Ron Martin's Mother) - Virginia Robertson, Orren & Pat Gilbert

Mrs. Pearlie Simmons - Glenda & Kenneth Butler

Mrs. Frances Scarborough - Robert & Barbara Parker

Mrs. Fern Niedrach - Susanna UMW Circle, Robert & Barbara Parker

Mr. John Huckstep - Robert & Barbara Parker

United Methodist Women

All women in the church are invited to the UMW Quiet Day Apart Service on Monday, March 13th, at 10 am in the Chapel. Rev. Blake Trent will lead this service as together we prepare ourselves for Lent and Easter.

Genesis Class Fundraiser Luncheon

To help support Camp Viola and the El Salvador mission trip

**March 26th, 10:30-12:30
Fellowship Hall**

**Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert
Adults -- \$6.00 and Children -- \$3.00**

Eat at the church or get a to-go plate!!

**Genesis Class
2017 Taco Trivia Winning Team**

**18 Teams, 132 people
Thank you for support of our Youth!**

Easter Lilies

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in honor or memory of someone on Easter Sunday, April 16, please complete this form, return it to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate along with your check for \$12.00, payable to the church and marked "Easter Lily" on or before March 23rd. Lilies will be delivered to shut-ins unless you indicate otherwise below.

In Honor _____ or In Memory _____

OF: _____

BY: _____

Pick up after Easter Service _____ or Deliver to a shut-in _____



Your Change Can Change the World!

A Lenten message from the FUMC Mission Committee



During Lent, **You** have an opportunity to change the world by simply setting aside your spare change every day in the Change Cup provided at all worship services.

Last fall, our church packed 12,000 meals through the Stop Hunger Now program. This year, our goal is to pack **14,000 meals**, and the change you provide will help us purchase the items needed to pack all those meals.

- Take a “*You Can Change the World*” cup, fill it, bring it to church, and then fill it again.

Let’s work together this Lenten Season to **Change the World one meal at a time!**

LFUMC AGAIN SPONSORING “CHURCH ON THE HOOCH”

*Sundays @ West Point Lake
10:00-10:45am, May 28-July 30*



This summer, LaGrange First UMC will again be hosting our ministry initiative on West Point Lake called “**Church on the Hooch.**” Offered each Sunday morning, May 28-July 30 from 10:00-10:45am (new time from last year), this will be a weekly experience at the Boy Scout Camp on the northwest bank of West Point Lake where campers and boaters may gather either in their boats or on shore for a casual worship service featuring songs,

prayer, scripture and message. It will be a great opportunity for our church to be in ministry to and with our community.

However, in order to successfully do it, our “Church on the Hooch” planning task force needs help with the following:

- Equipment set up (willing to help just a few of the Sundays or even all of them)
- Advertising...distribution of flyers, posters, and yard-signs
- Social media promotion
- Financial Donations for ongoing costs (Memo: Church on the Hooch; some funds are already set aside in our church budget, but we will need more.)

If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact Mike Wilson at mikelamar.wilson@gmail.com or email your contact info to churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org so we can get in touch with you. In the meantime, please be in prayer for this important outreach initiative for LaGrange FUMC.

MARCH SERMON SERIES

Join pastors Brian and Blake in the month of March for two unique sermon series.

8:45am “Morning Glory” – **SPiritual THINGS**

During the season of Lent we are called to focus on our soul. This often means that we abstain from small temptations like chocolate and soft drinks. However, it is very easy to forget that Lent is not so much about turning ourselves away from earthly desires as it is about turning ourselves toward God. Throughout His ministry Jesus encouraged people to focus on the things of the soul, rather than the things of this world. Join us throughout the month of March as we follow the lectionary and focus on Spiritual Things.

9am & 11am “Traditional” –

JOURNEYING TO THE PROMISED LAND

Who are we and where are we going as God’s people, both individually and as a church here at LaGrange First UMC? What does God’s “promised land” for our future look like, and what will it take to get us there? Join us in this series, March 12-26, as we explore three things we’ll need to take with us on our “journey” to being who God’s wants us to be.

OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

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 and thanks for joyful events, such as births, new members, graduations, and confirmations. They meet each Thursday in the library at 9:45 am and pray for you.

For 15 years, a group of men from our Church, and some regulars from the community have met weekly for coffee and prayer. 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 each week. They meet Fridays 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? You are always welcome to be a part of these prayer meetings at our Church. Call the Church office at 706-884-4635 or email prayer@lagrangefumc.org if you want to know more.



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We always look forward to hearing from you.



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ATTENDANCE, Sunday, February 26

Sunday School.....214
 Worship Service.....298

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, March 5

Sunday School.....195
 Worship Service.....240



Men’s Breakfast

Our Methodist Men’s breakfast will be held Saturday, March 11th, at 8:00 A.M. in the small dining room. The program will be presented by Mark Davis, Major Gift Officer in the Development Department of LaGrange College. Mark will update us on what’s going on at LaGrange College and share some of his personal experiences. A

very interesting program and a great home cooked breakfast makes for a wonderful start to your Saturday morning. Come join us!

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.

IN MEMORIAM

**Walter Dance
 March 3, 2017**

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the following families:

Stacey Weldon & Family in the death of her Father, **Bill Houze, March 1, 2017**

Hank Dobbins & Family in the death of his Aunt, **Betty Lee Jones, February 28, 2017**

Welcome Into Our Church Family

Shannon Johnson & Hardy Johnson joined our church family on Sunday, February 19th.

Calendar for March 12 - March 18

Sunday * Nursery
 *Worship Services
 *10:00am.....Sunday School
 5:00pm.....Disciple Bible Study
 5:00pm.....Youth’s Sunday Night Live
Monday
 10:00am.....UMW Quiet Day Apart Service
 11:30am-12:00.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday
 9:00am.....Community Care
 5:30pm.....SPR Committee
 7:00pm.....Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
 7:00pm.....Boy Scouts
Wednesday
 11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
 5:00pm.....Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
 5:30pm.....Handbells Rehearsal
 5:45pm.....M.E.R.G.E & Children’s Choir
 6:00pm.....Security Committee
 6:00pm.....Believe Bible Study
 6:30pm.....Chancel Choir
Thursday
 9:00am.....Community Care
 9:45am.....Prayer Ministry
 10:00am.....Dulcimers Class
Friday
 7:00am.....Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday

Calendar for March 19 - March 25

Sunday * Nursery
 *Worship Services
 *10:00am.....Sunday School
 12:00pm.....Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet
 5:00pm.....Disciple Bible Study
Monday
 11:30am-12:00am.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
 5:30pm.....El Salvador Trip Meeting
Tuesday
 9:00am.....Community Care
 7:00pm.....Boy Scouts
 7:00pm.....Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
Wednesday
 11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
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 6:00pm.....Believe Bible Study
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Thursday
 9:00am.....Community Care
 9:45am.....Prayer Ministry
 10:00am.....Dulcimers Class
 5:30pm.....Board of Trustees
Friday
 7:00am.....Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday