



# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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

**May 15, 2016**

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

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

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

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*\*Child care is provided.*

*Mark your calendar*

**Graduate Sunday  
Today, May 15th**

**Patriotic Sunday, July 3rd**  
(combined service, 10:30am)

**\*\*NEW\*\* July Worship**  
*One combined service  
each Sunday in July  
10:30am, Fellowship Hall*

**\*\* 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.



## **Our Church's Mission at Camp Viola**

A true out-reach mission to the children in our community.

June 20 - 23, 2016

Applications were sent to counselors at Long Cane & West Point Elementary Schools to be distributed to those students who would not have the opportunity

to attend a camp of any kind and would probably have no chance for a vacation. We anticipate sending letters to over 50 rising 3rd, 4th and 5th graders inviting them to join us for our week of camp.

Camp begins on Monday, June 20th, when the campers come to the church packed and ready for a week of fun filled activities. What will we do at Camp? Activities include but are not limited to Arts and Crafts, Music, Bible Study, Recreation, swimming, fishing or canoeing.

Every day at camp or on field trips, it is important to feed the children well. Three good meals a day plus snacks are available to each child. Most of these children don't know what seconds are, and many may never eat until they are full. Most of these children ask for little. What they really need is a little time and attention from someone, to know that someone cares. Giving them a little time will be repaid in so many ways.

Your church staff can't do it alone. It takes a commitment from You. We need your help. Please call Rick Free at the church or email him at [rick@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:rick@lagrangefumc.org) to find out how you can best help this year. Come spend some time with the children, teach a class, or go with them on a trip. You can also be a big help by sponsoring a child. It is free to these children, but not for us. It costs approximately \$125.00 per child to send a camper to Camp Viola. Not bad considering the experiences that these children will encounter. We need financial donations and sponsorships.

Every year our Camp Viola week continues to be one the best weeks in the life of our church. We are a caring and giving church and always reach out to these children. However, Camp Viola is only as good as our effort to make it so.

Let this be your year to experience Camp.

Rick Free

### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Sunday School and Worship in JULY!**

Please take note of our special July worship and Sunday school times: Combined worship services at 10:30am in the fellowship hall each Sunday, Children's Sunday School from 9:15 to 10:15 each Sunday. Adult classes can adjust their meeting times if they wish. **\*NO Sunday School on July 3rd.**

Mark your calendar now and join us as we worship as one church family on each of these special Sundays!

July 3rd, July 10th, July 17th, July 24th, July 31st

## Wednesday Evening Weekly

Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm

### WEW Meal on May 18, 2016

Menu: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, baked beans, slaw, trimmings & dessert

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

### WEW Meal on May 25, 2016

Menu: Breakfast for Dinner, dessert

Children: Same & 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.

## REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

### Memorials

Mrs. Jean Ellis - U.M.W.

Mrs. Gisela Ingram - Jim & Leila Fulford

Mr. Jeff Hagood - Martha & Gordon Smith

### THE BIBLE CLASS

(formerly Men's Bible Class)

Cordially invites all adults to join them each Sunday morning in the Bible Class room in the basement of the Sanctuary building.

Wonderful teachers (John Lancaster, Jamie Bradfield, Dr. Bill Fackler) and inspired songs from the Cokesbury hymnal makes this class very special.



### United Methodist Women's Spring Banquet

Come join the United Methodist Women at their Spring Banquet on Monday, June 6th at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$8 and reservations are needed by May 31st. Call the church office at 706-884-4635 or email [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org).



### A Gift to Comfort

The Bereavement Committee's purpose is to provide food to the family of a deceased member or to a church member who loses a spouse or a child. It is the hope that through this ministry, the committee is able to provide some comfort as well as make a difficult time easier. The committee also sends cards to any members who have experienced a death in the extended family.

The minister is normally the first person to have contact with the family of the deceased. He conveys this information to the chairperson of the committee who in turn makes contact with the family, offering a meal for the family or a reception. A meal can be served in the home or in the small dining room at the church. The other option is to have a reception in the Methodist Ministries Center after the service. This offers the family an opportunity to greet guests in a comfortable setting with food being provided.

If the deceased or spouse is a member of a Sunday School class or the UMW, that group is asked to help in the preparation and serving of the food. Otherwise, the committee members prepare and serve the food. Anyone who has an interest in assisting on this committee either by preparing food or creating centerpieces, please call the chairperson (Shirra Rogers, 706-882-8707) or the church office (706-884-4635). If you would like to make a donation to the Bereavement Committee you may do so by marking your gift for this committee's work.

Shirra Rogers



### Celebrating Graduates

They have been counting down the days finishing classes with enthusiasm, and pushing through to the end even when they don't want to. Their parents and families have been preparing, physically and mentally, for what is to come next, making sense of the changes that are coming. All of us have anticipated announcements and pictures to celebrate the next step for each and every student.

### It is time to celebrate our Graduates!

**To Our Graduates:** Congratulations! You did it, you have stood strong and have made it to the next phase in your life.

Whether you are graduating from high school, undergrad, or graduate school, you are tasked with finding who you are in God's plan. *1 Peter 4:10-11* says to use the gifts that God has given you to help others, as faithful servants of God's grace. Use your gifts, talents and passions that God has given you and with his help find what you are called to do. Pray often for his guidance and wisdom and call on him in times of struggle. He is by your side always and has given you the power to follow your path.

### To Our Church Family:

*13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. 14 You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:13-16*

Let us be salt and light for all our students. Salt is commonly used and referred to as an agent to preserve. Let us create and build an atmosphere that will help preserve all the things that our students have learned here, and create a community of faith that can support them wherever they may go. Let us be a light of hope and trust, and light for them to follow. We are a church family that sees many students come and go. We have students who are graduating and beginning a new chapter, but we also have students who are coming to us. We have a chance to help them know Christ's love through our prayers, actions, ministries, love, and support.

—Kali Grenus

**\*\*\*An Important Reminder\*\*\***

***This is a reminder of where you can find a First Aid Kit, a Defibrillator, or a Fire Extinguisher.***

If a situation ever arises, please inform a member of our Staff Team as soon as possible after the situation is under control. Please do not hesitate to call 911 in the event of an emergency.

**First Aid Kits**

1. One in the Church Office.
2. One in the Children's Director's office on the first floor of the Children's building.
3. One on every floor of the Children's building close to the water fountains.
4. One by the elevator on the first floor of the Methodist Ministries Center.
5. One in Scott Hill's Office in the MMC.
6. One in the Kitchen.

**Defibrillators**

1. One in the hallway outside the Church Offices.
2. One by the water fountains near the Kitchen in the MMC.

**Fire Extinguishers**

***We have many fire extinguishers all over campus; at least one if not two per hallway.***

Security Committee



**Church Work Days!**

**When?**

Every 3rd Saturday of the month,  
7:30 am to 1 pm.

**Where?**

Meet in the MMC parking lot for instructions.

**Why, you say?**

Good question. The answers are simple.

1. Working together is a form of Christian fellowship.
2. Some of the tasks are better suited for group work.
3. Everyone is likely to learn something new.
4. Our church home should look like our own home, well kept.

**What kind of work will be done and how hard will the work be?** That depends. Most of the work will be outdoors, trimming & shaping bushes, trees; some moving of debris to dump sites, spreading of mulch, pruning of flowering bushes, and hopefully, planting of bulbs and flowers for each season. *\*When the weather does not permit outdoor work, indoor projects will be designated.*

IF for some reason the weather is really bad and there is no indoor project for that work day, the day will be canceled. IF the work day is canceled you will be informed by 5 p.m. the Thursday before the Saturday Work Day!

Please email Scott Hill at [scott@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:scott@lagrangefumc.org) to sign up. If you can't work the whole time that is perfectly fine, please join us and work what you can.

***Every little bit helps and is greatly appreciated!***

Board of Trustees



**LFUMC SPONSORING  
"CHURCH ON THE HOOCH"**

Sundays @ West Point Lake  
9:00-9:45am, June 5-July 31

*(Land Address)* 2818 Antioch Road, LaGrange Ga 30240

*(Water Address)* Across the river from Highland Marina,  
at BSA Camp Frank Lumpkin, between buoys 50 & 51

This summer, LaGrange First UMC will be hosting a new ministry initiative on West Point Lake called "Church on the Hooch." Offered each Sunday morning June 5-July 31 from 9:00-9:45am, 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.

This is a great opportunity for our church to be in ministry to and with our community. However, in order to successfully do it, our worship committee needs help with the following tasks:

- Equipment set up
- Advertising...distribution of flyers
- Preparation of pre-recorded gathering music
  - Social media management
- Financial Donations for start-up costs  
*(memo: Church on the Hooch)*

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

**Called Charge Conference, May 17th  
7:00pm, Chapel**

**June is OUR Food Closet Month**

Our church is scheduled to provide volunteers for the LaGrange Food Closet, 416 Pierce Street, June 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th, & 16th from 12:45 to 3pm. It is ideal to have three volunteers to work together each time. Please call or email the church office at 706-884-4635 or [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org) to volunteer your time to this important outreach ministry. ***We need men to volunteer as well!***



**Youth Ministry**

Kali Grenus, Director  
[kali@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:kali@lagrangefumc.org) or 706-884-4635  
ext. 215

**Let's Stay Connected...**

Just because Summer's here doesn't mean we can't get together and have some fun. Join us this summer for some NEW Bible studies for Mid-High and Senior-High. This is a great way for all students and leaders to stay connected this summer. Make sure you mark your calendars and join us. Be on the lookout for new family events coming soon!

**Mid-High Connection**

June 8th & June 29th and July 13th & July 27th

**Sr. High Citizens**

June 9th & June 23rd and July 7th & July 21st  
and August 4th

We are working to set times and locations, but please mark your calendars now and plan to join us this summer so we can stay connected and stay connected with your LaGrange FUMC family!

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*"To Know and To Make Christ Known"*

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**June's Thursday Lunch Club**

Make plans now to attend the Thursday Lunch Club luncheon on **June 2nd** at 12 noon in the fellowship hall for a delicious meal and a very entertaining musical program presented by **Darian & Rachel Krimm**...all for only \$6 per person. Please call 706-884-4635 or email: [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org) to reserve your seat and lunch.



**Begins Thursday, May 26th**  
We welcome all of our campers and wish them the best summer camp experience!

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2016**

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>Needed Weekly</b>                   | <b>\$ 23,617.49</b>  |
| <b>Received Week 18</b>                | <b>\$ 21,448.45</b>  |
| <b>Received Week 19</b>                | <b>\$ 21,843.92</b>  |
| <b>Other Income</b>                    | <b>\$ 6,459.33</b>   |
| <b>Total Received since last Flame</b> | <b>\$ 49,751.70</b>  |
| <b>Needed YTD</b>                      | <b>\$ 448,732.31</b> |
| <b>Received YTD</b>                    | <b>\$ 418,205.36</b> |

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, May 1st**

Sunday School.....232  
Worship Service.....301

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, May 8th**

Sunday School.....261  
Worship Service.....319

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Alex Scarborough**  
**May 6, 2016**

**OUR SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to Nancy & Jim Crump & Family in the death of her father, **Robert David, May 7, 2016.**



Our church family is invited to a time of celebration on **Sunday, May 22nd, from 12 to 2:00pm,** in the **church fellowship hall,** honoring

**Blake Trent & Katie Westbrook**

on their upcoming marriage,  
June 26, 2016.

*This is your special opportunity to extend your good wishes to them.*

**OUR ROSEBUD**

Our rosebud on Sunday, May 15th is in honor of **Carson Thomas Daley, born April 27, 2016,** the great-grandson of Elynor Varner.

**United Methodist Men**

The May breakfast for the United Methodist men will be held **Saturday, May 14th at 8:00am** in the **small dining room.** The program will feature Blair Harlin. Come join the fellowship and have a wonderful homecooked breakfast.

**Calendar for May 15 - May 21**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday</b>     | * Nursery                                    |
| *Worship Services |  |
| *10:00am          | Sunday School                                |
| 5:00pm            | Youth Activities                             |
| <b>Monday</b>     |  |
| 11:00-11:30am     | Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen               |
| 7:00pm            | Morning Glory Band Rehearsal                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    |  |
| 9:00am            | Community Care                               |
| 10:00am           | Dulcimers Beginning Class                    |
| 5:30pm            | Worship Committee                            |
| 7:00pm            | Called Charge Conference                     |
| 7:00pm            | Boy Scouts                                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  |  |
| 11:30am           | Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch                      |
| 5:00pm            | Wednesday Evening Weekly                     |
| 5:30pm            | Handbells / Children's M.E.R.G.E. Activities |
| 6:00pm            | Women's Bible Study                          |
| 6:00pm            | BELIEVE Bible Study Group                    |
| 6:00pm            | Youth Activities                             |
| 6:30pm            | Chancel Choir                                |
| <b>Thursday</b>   |  |
| 9:00am            | Community Care                               |
| 9:45am            | Prayer Ministry                              |
| 5:15pm            | Broad of Trustees                            |
| 7:00pm            | LaGrange College Nurses Pinning Ceremony     |
| <b>Friday</b>     |  |
| 7:00am            | Men's Coffee & Prayer Group                  |
| 5:00pm            | LaGrange College Baccalaureate               |
| <b>Saturday</b>   |  |

**Calendar for May 22 - May 28**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday</b>     | * Nursery                                    |
| *Worship Services |  |
| *9:30am           | Sunday School                                |
| 12:00             | Reception for Blake Trent & Katie Westbrook  |
| 5:00pm            | Youth Activities                             |
| <b>Monday</b>     |  |
| 11:00-11:30am     | Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen               |
| 5:30pm            | Music Committee                              |
| 7:00pm            | Morning Glory Band Rehearsal                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    |  |
| 9:00am            | Community Care                               |
| 10:00am           | Dulcimers Beginning Class                    |
| 5:30pm            | Long Range Planning                          |
| 7:00pm            | Boy Scouts                                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  |  |
| 11:30am           | Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch                      |
| 5:00pm            | Wednesday Evening Weekly                     |
| 5:15pm            | SPR Committee                                |
| 5:30pm            | Handbells / Children's M.E.R.G.E. Activities |
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