



# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

*Christians . . . SERVING, CARING, & SHARING*

May 2018

## Thoughts on "Being Sent..."

*"The apostles and the elders... agreed to send some delegates chosen from among themselves to Antioch, together with Paul and Barnabas." (Acts 15:22)*

If you were at worship on April 22, you'll know that it was announced that I will be reappointed ("*sent*") by our Bishop to serve as Senior Pastor of another church beginning June 24. While Trish and I are sad to be leaving LaGrange, we feel that we have accomplished what God sent us here to do, and are also excited about the possibilities for ministry in the place to which we (like Paul and Barnabas) are being sent. In addition, I am confident that the person God is sending to follow me as your new Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. John Beyers -- is His choice to lead you into the next stage of your future (read more about John in a separate article in this issue of the *Flame*).

Most of you know that the process of moving (or "*reappointing*") pastors every so often (called the "*Itinerancy*") is one of the unique qualities of being a United Methodist pastor and congregation. Based on the early church model of "sending/appointing" leaders, while it's often difficult when there is a pastoral transition, it does mean that our churches don't need to have "search committees" or hire interim pastors, and pastors don't have to go "sell" themselves on the "open market" in order to find a new church. Instead, "*no church is ever without a pastor,*" and "*no pastor is ever without a church.*"

What's more is that since no single pastor possesses all the leadership qualities necessary to lead an individual church, having multiple pastors over time helps our church to be better than if it merely had one pastor. My daughter recently explained to a friend that our United Methodist system of moving pastors is like building a house: we wouldn't want only a plumber doing all the construction work. Instead, to have a complete home, we need plumbers, electricians, carpenters, "floor-folks", roofers, etc., each bringing their own unique skills to the work of building the house.

So it is with building God's church: over the course of several pastoral tenures (over, say, 20-30 years), a congregation led by several pastors will be more well-balanced and "complete" than one where only one or two pastors have served. Some pastors are better speakers; some are better organizers and/or leaders; others are more people-oriented; some excel at visioning or problem-diagnosis; while others are better with evangelism, missions; discipleship, etc. ALL of these are important to have within the life-span of a congregation, but different pastors are appointed by God through our system to bring differing skills and strengths needed by a congregation at differing times in its history.

Most importantly, many of you have heard me say that when our Itinerant system works properly, it encourages congregations to be *built around the people, rather than around a particular pastor*. In doing so, it lessens the likelihood that church members turn the pastor into an idol by becoming merely a "cult following" of that pastor. So as you can see, while our system is challenging when there are transitions, there are plenty of good reasons to have it.

That said, there's been a lot that has been accomplished in my tenure as your Senior Pastor that I want to celebrate with you. For example, together, we have...

- Discerned and articulated a more accurate understanding of our church's unique **MISSION** ("*Christians Serving with love, Caring with compassion, and Sharing with boldness*") and our almost-adopted new **VISION** (the first draft of which was shared by our Long Range Planning Committee at the recent Town Hall meetings; find an article about this elsewhere in this issue of the *Flame*).
- Overseen a reconstitution of our church staff to be better equipped for future ministry, and fostered a healthier sense of staff teamwork and camaraderie.
- Re-started ministries vital to any healthy church such as Disciple Bible Study, Stephen Ministry, an intentional Congregational Care ministry, a collaborative Worship planning team, and increased volunteerism ("every member in ministry").
- Helped to bring our annual budget more in line with current giving patterns, resulting in savings that has enabled us to pay off our line of credit and fund most of our upcoming HVAC system upgrade capital project.
- Introduced church leadership to the healthier and more biblically sound process of decision making by Consensus.
- Engaged the church in more intentional missional and evangelistic initiatives such as Church on the Hooch, increased partnership with our El Salvador ministry, annual Rise Against Hunger meal-packing events, and Operation Christmas Child.

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- Put our church back on LaGrange's "ecumenical map" through our participation in and leadership of things such as the community Easter Sunrise Service at Sweetland Amphitheatre, the LaGrange Clergy Fellowship, Racial Reconciliation events and services, and partnership opportunities with Warren Temple UMC and the Korean UMC of LaGrange.
- Helped the LaGrange Korean UMC purchase and transition to their own ministry facility here in town.
- Led us to embrace essential 21st-century ministry tools such as Online Giving, "Text-to-Give", Direct Deposit for staff payroll, a redesign of our church website, and use of newer technologies as aids to/in worship.
- Helped our Safety & Security ministry address pressing issues with new safety and security protocols.

All of these (and more) are just a few reasons that I can with confidence say I feel that I've accomplished what the Lord sent me here to accomplish with and among you. But even as we celebrate these accomplishments, I ask that you please pray not only for me and my family as we prepare to leave, but also for John as he prepares to arrive and begin leading you in late June.

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

Pastor Brian

### Dr. John Beyers

We are pleased to welcome Dr. John Beyers as our new Senior Pastor this June! Dr. Beyers will be joining us from Hillside United Methodist Church in Woodstock, Georgia, where he served as the Senior Pastor.

Dr. Beyers graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, during which time he attended the First United Methodist Church in Waco, Texas, and heard his call to ministry. From there he attended Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Biblical languages and Methodist and Wesleyan theology; he then pursued and was granted the Doctor of Divinity degree from Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia.

Dr. Beyers was first appointed to serve in October of 1987 and then was ordained a Deacon in 1990 and an Elder in Full Connection in 1992 by the North Georgia Conference.

Dr. Beyers is passionate about many things, but among those, a few stand out. He loves to teach, more specifically with a distinctively Wesleyan view of theology. He is passionate about reaching unchurched people through the use of media; he ran a program called "Insight from Grace" on weekday mornings on "The Morning X" (99.7 WNNX FM radio) while he was the Senior Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Atlanta. In addition to his teaching and media talents and passions, Dr. Beyers is a keen international traveler, having visited 50 countries! He hopes to visit all Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. He is also an Eagle Scout.

We are excited to receive Dr. Beyers and welcome him into our church family; we look forward to getting to know him and show him our church and introduce our members. Much opportunity lies ahead with John, and we are optimistic about what his strengths, skills, and knowledge will bring to the table to better our church.

Dr. Beyers will be officially joining us on Sunday, June 24th. Please be on the lookout for more information about our pastoral transition and accompanying hellos, goodbyes, receptions, etc. from SPRC.

Thank you,  
Kaylynn Cook, Chairperson  
Staff Parish Relations Committee

### Thursday Lunch Club, May 3rd



*Bel Canto*

**12 Noon**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Cost is \$6 per person.**  
**All are welcome!**

**For reservations, call or email the church at 706-884-4635 or [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org).**

*Thank You*

to **Greg Keck** for designing and constructing this candle stand for our Church.



### 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

**Calling all couples who have been married**



**(to the same person) for 50 years!**

We want to celebrate with you on Sunday, June 10th, at the 11:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary and the luncheon in the Fellowship Hall afterward. Everyone needs to call or email the church office by Thursday, June 7th, to make your meal reservation at [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org) or 706-884-4635.



We are excited to have Jeanne Jones not only directing our Children's Ministry, but also overseeing and planning our Summer Day Camp Program. This program is not only a service to church members, but is an opportunity to open our doors to community families who desire a Secure, Safe, Affordable, AND Christian based camp for their children during the summer.

We are excited about the consistency both church members and visitors will experience - having Jeanne be a familiar face for all of the children's programs: Sunday School, Wednesday Evening Weekly, and Summer Daycamp.

### **HOLD ON TO YOUR SEATS!**

First United Methodist Church Summer Day Camp will be anything but the same old song and dance. We are geared up for a fresh new program which includes new materials, programs and activities.

**Who can attend?** Children—Rising Kindergarten to rising 5th Grade

Classes will be divided into 3 age groups to provide age appropriate rotating activities which include Chapel/Devotional time, Music Engagement, Art Expressions, and Physical Education activities.  
NEW THIS YEAR \*\*Innovation Lab - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mechanics (STEM)\*\*

**Weekly Activities:** Wednesday - Walk to the Movies  
Friday - Water Day Each Week

#### **Themed Weeks:**

May 29 - June 1	Pirates and Princesses
June 4 - 8	Under the Sea/Beach Week
June 11 - 15	On the Farm
June 18 - 22	Treasure Island
June 25 - 29	Animal Planet
July 2 - 6	Celebrating the Red, White and Blue
July 9 - 13	Third Rock from the Sun
July 16 - 20	Fun and Fitness- featuring a different sport each day.
July 23 - 27	Christmas in July
July 30 - August 3	TV Game Shows

#### **At a Glance:**

Campers: 27 signups (*as of 4/18*) Target: 40 per week  
Counselors: 10 hired, 6 are returning  
8 hours of training to include: CPR, First Aid provided by The City of LaGrange Fire Department  
Classroom Management & Playground Procedures  
Safe Sanctuary for Child and Counselor Safety  
General Rules of Conduct, Emergency Procedures

Applications can be found at [www.lagrangefumc.org](http://www.lagrangefumc.org) or in the Church Office.

Other Details: Campers bring a sack lunch each day; afternoon snacks are provided.

Time: 9AM until 4PM, extended hours 7:30A until 5:30P

(\$125/week per child or \$135/week non-church members, extended hours free)

*A lot of preparation has gone into making this a terrific camp with more to be done.  
Please keep all the children and camp staff in your prayers.*



### **Camp Viola 2018**

**Our week to host Camp Viola this summer is June 4th — June 7th.**

This important ministry takes a commitment from *you* to make it happen. Rick Free will lead this ministry, and he needs your help. Donations are essential to sponsor the children's camp experience. Let Rick know at [rick@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:rick@lagrangefumc.org) that he can count on you. The cost to sponsor one child is \$125.00. If you wish to sponsor one or more campers, make your check payable to the First Methodist Church, marked Camp Viola. Every year our Camp Viola week continues to be one the best weeks in the life of our church family. Let's work together to keep this ministry alive.



## Youth Choir Concert!

On Tuesday, May 29 at 7:00 pm the Celebration Singers, a 60-voice youth choir from Tucker 1st United Methodist Church, will present "With A Voice Of Joy." The program includes choral anthems by the Celebration Singers and handbell anthems by the Chapel Bells and the Jubilee Ringers.

Ministry through music remains a high calling for these youth who are committed to serve their Lord and His Church through participation in this program. In past years, Tucker UMC's youth choirs have toured New England, Canada, Alaska, the Bahamas, Seattle, Chicago, St. Louis, Texas and much of the Southeastern United States.

Tucker 1st UMC is located in the city of Tucker, Georgia, 14 miles northeast of Atlanta. The Celebration Singers will be on tour in the Mobile and New Orleans area during the week of May 26 – May 30, with performances in Fairhope and Slidell, Alabama, as well as LaGrange and Newnan, Georgia.

**HELP NEEDED...We need host families/host homes for the youth choir.**

We need homes with an extra bed, fold out couch, bonus room, air mattress, etc.

Host requirements:

1. Home must be smoke free
2. Have accommodations for at least 2 teens and 1 chaperone
3. Provide after concert snack and breakfast the next morning
4. Return youth to church by 8:45am next morning

Contact Darian Krimm at [darian@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:darian@lagrangefumc.org) to offer your help.

### Exciting NEWS....Mark Your Calendars

In an effort to reach out to our friends in the community and to be effective with a smaller number of volunteers, we are changing Vacation Bible School this year.

There will not be a traditional weeklong VBS.

**This summer we will have three events filled with faith, fun, and building relationships.**

**June 8th at 5:30 p.m.** All the young men (ages up to and including 5th grade) are invited to a dinner, devotion, and nerf-war! Bring your own nerf device and ammo, everything else will be supplied. And, you get to invite your favorite man or men (dad, grandpa, uncle, etc.)

**July 13th at 5:30 p.m.** Our girls (up to and including 5th grade) will have the chance to invite a special adult female or two to our Pizza and Paint night.

**August 15th.** We will have a family event to kick off our Wednesday Night Kids Program.

*Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors.*

For more information, contact Jeanne Jones at [jeanne@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:jeanne@lagrangefumc.org) or 706-884-4635.

## Group Guitar Classes

Affordable Group Beginning Guitar Classes for All Ages

**ACT NOW**  
Classes begin May 1st  
Tuesday Morning  
or Afternoon at  
First United  
Methodist Church

For more information  
please contact us at  
**706-668-9008**  
or  
[guitarclass@yahoo.com](mailto:guitarclass@yahoo.com)

The 2018 Confirmation Class Insert is included in this issue of the *Flame*. When you see these young people, please let them know how happy you are that they made this commitment to our Church.

Thank you to everyone who contributed with candy, stuffed eggs, and your time and talent! Our community Easter Egg Hunt and Stations of the Cross were well attended and a blessing to the families and children in the LaGrange community. An event like this takes the whole church family working together!

This month we need **donations of newspapers** for our Summer Camp "Innovator's Lab." Please bring your newspapers to the Church Office or the Children's Building. At this point we have enough paper rolls—**thanks** to all who donated.

### **Happening this month –**

**Wednesday Kid's Nite** – 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

**Sunday School** – Every Sunday morning, 9 – 9:45 a.m.

**Children's Church** – Sunday mornings during The Bridge and 11:00 Services

**\*Summer Camp Registration** - ongoing

Summer Camp needs card and board games suitable for ages 5-11. Games should be in good condition with all the pieces needed for play. Examples of games would be UNO, Candyland, Monopoly, Battleship, etc., and we need newspapers to go along with the games.



**News from Our Resource Center** We now have a computer and DVD player available for your use! Use the computer and the resources available in the Resource Center to prepare your lessons, programs, and presentations. The computer has Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel as well as Internet access. The book and curriculum index can now be found on an excel file on the computer and can be easily searched. Operating instructions are with the computer.

The Curriculum Section of the Resource Center is growing. We now have 27 DVD's available (most with leader guides) including "Before Amen: the Power of a Simple Prayer" by Max Lucado, "One Thousand Gifts: Dare to Live Fully" by Ann Vos Kamp and "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus." There are many books available in the curriculum section that are good for a discussion group, too. Don't forget, the first 2 shelving units on your left of the main section of the Resource Center hold all of the reference material you will need.

The Resource Center has an unusual item that might be just what you are looking for if you are interested in the Holy Land and you have a slide projector. We have a Biblical Archeology slide set and a Galilee Archeology slide set that provides a stunning pictorial panorama of the Holy Land. They also illustrate traditional culture which has changed little since Biblical days. The slides are grouped into 14 categories, and each category and slide is described in a handbook for the program leader. This set came from the Biblical Archaeology Society. Come see us if you are interested. The Resource Center is available any time the church is open. Merely press the visitor's button at the back door.



### **START YOUR NEW YEAR WITH NEW IDEAS**

3D Journeys offers you four free lectures to enrich and inspire. Focused on Central Europe, each Monday morning session will feature a member of the LaGrange College community:

APRIL 23rd "Musical gems premiered in Budapest, Salzburg, Bratislava, Vienna and Prague," Dr. Beth Everett, Music. Beginning at 10 a.m. (and ending at 11:15), the lectures will be held in the Dickson Assembly Room off Turner Hall. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Park in the lot located behind Sunny Gables Alumni House, 910 Broad Street; a shuttle beginning at 9:30 a.m. will take you to the door. A Dutch-treat lunch will be available in the Pitts Dining Hall following each session. Questions or reservations (suggested), call 706-880-8244 or email [3DJourneys@lagrange.edu](mailto:3DJourneys@lagrange.edu).

### **Long Range Planning Committee Update**

A huge **thank you** to all who attended one of the Town Hall meetings hosted by the Long Range Planning Committee in March. As you learned, we have been on a journey to discover God's next faithful step for our church. We've prayerfully explored our Congregational Identity, Congregational Internal Context, and Congregational External Context through a series of exercises and discussions, which led to discovery sessions to draft God's next vision for LaGrange First United Methodist Church.

Our next steps are to regroup as a committee to review feedback and refine the vision for presentation back to Church Council. The feedback we received from you will be invaluable in making these final refinements. We anticipate presenting the vision to Church Council in June.

If you have additional questions or comments to share, or if you were unable to attend one of the Town Halls and would like to learn more, please send us an email at [lrp@lagrangefumc](mailto:lrp@lagrangefumc).

Rhonda Mitchell, Chairperson

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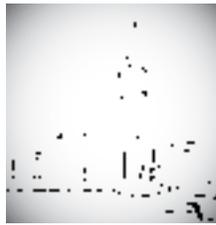
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*We always look forward to hearing from you.*



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**Laura Turner**  
**March 30, 2018**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Bill Fackler**  
**April 6, 2018**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**John Alise**  
**April 2, 2018**

**May Men's Breakfast**  
Please join us for the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 12th, at 9:00am in the Small Dining Room. All men in the church are invited. Please call or email the Church Office at 706-884-4635 or [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org).



**June is OUR Food Closet Month**

We need volunteers for the LaGrange Food Closet, 416 Pierce Street, June 5th, 7th, 12th, & 14th from 12:45 to 3pm. Please call 706-884-4635 or email the church office at [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org) to volunteer to help with this wonderful community ministry. We need 4 people each day to help meet the need.



**Rise Against Hunger Change Cups**

*Thank you* to everyone who took a cup during Lent and filled it with change to help raise the money needed to purchase meals for our Rise Against Hunger event in the Fall. As of Tuesday, April 17th, we have received a total of **\$1,805.95**. If you did not participate in this initiative you may do so at anytime. Thank you again for your efforts in helping rid the world of hunger *One Meal at a Time*.

**OUR SYMPATHY**  
*We extend our sympathy to the following families:*  
Pat Cooper & Family in the death of his sister, Pearl Hill, March 21st  
Mike Dobbs & Family in the death of his father, Julian Dobbs, March 31st  
Todd Vinson & Family in the death of his father, Bill Vinson, April 7th  
Oleeta Aspinwall & Family in the death of her son, Keith Aspinwall, April 13th

**Your Altar Guild**  
A very important part of the work the Altar Guild performs is adorning the altar in the Sanctuary and Chapel with beautiful flower arrangements. Helping with communion, weddings, funerals, holiday preparations, and pew supplies are also a part of the Altar Guild's responsibilities.  
Do you have a creative spirit and a love of beautiful flowers? The Altar Guild invites you to join. We welcome experienced and novice floral arrangers and decorators to be part of our group. Contact Davie Biagi at [davie@charter.net](mailto:davie@charter.net) or Deborah Johnson at [johnson.deb.ferg@gmail.com](mailto:johnson.deb.ferg@gmail.com), or come join us at the next meeting in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 23rd.



# May 2018

## Weekly

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
9:00a	Chapel Worship
10:00a	Sunday School
10:55a	The Bridge
11:00a	Traditional Worship Service
<b>MONDAY</b>	
10:30a	Meals on Wheels
11:30a	Soup Kitchen
1:30p	Staff Meeting
6:30p	Cub Scouts
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
9:00a	Community Care
11:00a	Dulcimers
6:30p	Cub Scouts
7:30p	Boy Scouts
7:00p	The Bridge Band Rehearsal
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
9:30a	Explorers Bible Study
11:30a	Soup Kitchen Sack Lunch
5:00p	Wednesday Evening Meal
5:30p	Handbell Rehearsal
5:45p	Children's Program
6:00p	Mid & Sr. High Youth
6:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9:00a	Community Care
9:45a	Prayer Ministry
10:00a	Dulcimers
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
7:00a	Men's Coffee & Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30 Red Cross Blood Drive	2 6:00p Love God, Love Others Bible Study	3 12:00 Thursday Lunch Club	4	5
6	7 5:00p U.M.W. Board Meeting	8	9 5:45p Missions Committee  6:00p Love God, Love Others Bible Study	10 6:00p Long Range Planning Committee	11	12 9:00a Men's Breakfast
13 	14 Circles Meet	15	16 Last Wednesday of WEW Meals & Weekly Activities for Children & Youth <i>until August</i>	17 7:00p LaGrange College Nurses' Pinning Ceremony	18 5:00p LaGrange College Baccalaureate Service	19
20 Graduate Recognition Sunday	21	22 6:30p Evangelism Committee	23	24 5:30p Board of Trustees	25	26
27	28 <b>CLOSED</b> Memorial Day	29	30	31	1	2

## Remembrances Received, April 2018

### *In Memory of*

**Martha Peacock** (Paige Schine's Mother)—Paige & Murray Schine

**Keith Aspinwall** (Oleeta Aspinwall's Son)—Anne Allen, Bobbie & Lonnie Ritchie, Virginia Robertson, Mary Anne & H.R. Shepherd, Jennie Wadsworth, Carolyn Alise, Carol Freeman

**Bill Vinson** (Todd Vinson's Father)—Carolyn Alise, Jane Willey

**Bill Fackler**—Catherine Carmical, Margaret Camp, Jane & Gary Stephens, Jean & Ellis Smith, Jane Willey, Susannah Circle, Shirra & Hoyt Rogers, Kathleen & Stuart Gulley, Allen & Marilyn Smith, The Bible Class, Virginia Robertson, Mary Anne & H.R. Shepherd

**Pearl Hill** (Pat Cooper's Sister)—Carolyn Alise

**Julian Dobbs** (Mike Dobbs' Father)—Jean & Ellis Smith, Carolyn Alise

**John Alise**—Laura & Blair Harlin, U.M.W., Catherine Carmical, Jackie Huckstep, Mike & Ellen Dobbs, Pat & Pearce Wyche, Jennie & Scott Gordy, Oleeta Aspinwall, Jane Willey, Dusty & Carlene Mills, Debra & Dean Jackson, Dorothy & Bobby Cammon, Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class, Terri & Mark Houghton, Danny Gibbs, Nancy & Pat Cooper, Anne Allen, Trish Smith, Jane & Gary Stephens, Jennie Wadsworth, Margaret Camp, Donna & Richard Ennis, Allen & Marilyn Smith, Ruth Circle, Leann & Joel Romines, Freddie & Gene Hayes, Sheryl Cooper, Donna & Jay Fager, Heather & Sam Graham, Shirra & Hoyt Rogers, Nancy Stevens, William Roane, Carole & Kelly Linch, Mike & Sandra Piper, Virginia Robertson, Mary Anne & H.R. Shepherd

**Laura Turner**—Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class, Ann & Perry Wilder, U.M.W., Jennie Wadsworth, Margaret Camp, Virginia Robertson

**Vivian Knopp**—Donna & Jay Fager

**Francie Ryder**—Cecelia & Lewis Goode

**Judy Roundtree**—Maranatha Sunday School Class, Donna & Richard Ennis

**Charles Stevens**—Walt & Betty Knight, Donna & Richard Ennis

**Allen Holmes**—Walt & Betty Knight

**Wayne Hoven**—Walt & Betty Knight

### *In Honor*

**Murbes Shepherd**—Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class

### May's Worship Team Volunteers

**Ushers:** John Jackson, Tommy Britt, Steve Cole, John Holliday, Dee Woodward, Mike Wilson, Matt Orr, Mark Kostial, Jared Jones, Steve Close, Bill Lovejoy, John Morgan Jackson

**Altar Guild:** Donna Ennis, Kim Burch, Melissa Jolly, Martha Pirkle, Becky Davis

**The Bridge:** Steve Cole, Debra Jackson, Jennifer Emery, Glenn & Tina Quiggle, Lauren Lovin

**Hospitality Team:** Jane Willey, Laura Jennings, Trish Smith, Gary & Jane Stephens, Mike & Denise Wilson, Donna & Richard Ennis, Jared & Lauren Lovin, Mark Huckstep, Joyce & Bill Young, Sharon Jones, David & Angela Ochsenknecht, James & Jennifer Emery, Jan Lockerbie, Bill & Susan Black, Lauranne Buchanan, Dean & Nancy Larson, Jackie Huckstep, Ric & Jonna Selbie, Carole & Kelly Linch

### May 2018

#### Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal Menus

##### WEW Meal on May 2

Menu: Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Dessert.

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

##### WEW Meal on May 9

Menu: Pork Loin, Hash Brown Casserole, Veggie, Salad Bar, Dessert.

Children: Pizza & PB & J sandwiches

##### WEW Meal on May 16

Menu: Cook-Out—Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, All the Fixings, Dessert.

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

### ATTENDANCE

#### Sunday, April 1

Sunday School.....171    Worship Service.....709

#### Sunday, April 8

Sunday School.....159    Worship Service.....223

#### Sunday, April 15

Sunday School.....56    Worship Service.....328

#### Sunday, April 22

Sunday School.....139    Worship Service.....307



## 2018 Confirmation Class

April 15, 2018

LaGrange First United Methodist Church



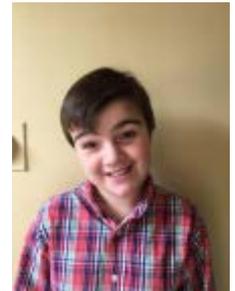
**Bo Beall:** Bo is 13 years old and in the 7th grade at LaGrange Academy. He plays soccer for Troup Titans and LaGrange Academy. An interesting fact about Bo is that he is part Hawaiian. When he grows up, he wants to be a scientist or a soccer player. His favorite thing about Confirmation was that it is a fun environment to learn about God!.

**Hannah Ceja:** Hannah is 12 years old and is in the 6th grade at Gardner Newman Middle School. She attends FUMC with her mom, Meghan Ceja. In her free time she enjoys playing with her sisters. When she grows up, she wants to be a veterinarian. Her favorite thing about Confirmation was our trip to Camp Glisson.



**Walker Dagenhart:** Walker is 12 years old and is in the 6th grade at Gardner Newman Middle School. He attends FUMC with his mom and step dad, Melissa and Cliff Hughes. He plays baseball and soccer. In his free time, he enjoys fishing and biking. When he grows up, he wants to be in the military or be a police officer. Walker's favorite part of Confirmation was talking to people about faith.

**Colton Davis\*:** Colton is 11 years old and is the Grandson of Belle and Emmett Davis. His favorite memory from Confirmation was when we went to the college and ate lunch, played games, and had our lesson. When he grows up, he wants to be a professional video gamer.



**Catherine Claire French:** Catherine Claire is 11 years old and is in the 6th grade at LaGrange Academy. She is the daughter of Matt and Laura Leigh French. She enjoys art and dance. She also enjoys taking care of animals at her great-grandfather's farm. Her favorite memory from Confirmation was the trip to Camp Glisson.



Tatum Fritchley: Tatum is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Gardner Newman Middle School. She is the daughter of Andy and Liza Fritchley. She enjoys playing soccer, cheerleading, tumbling, and volleyball. She is also a member of the Jr. Beta Club. She hopes to go into the medical field when she grows up. Her favorite part of Confirmation was going to Camp Glisson.

Tyler Kostial\*: Tyler is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at Gardner Newman Middle School. He is the son of Mark and Nicole Kostial. He enjoys playing soccer and hanging out with friends. When he grows up, he hopes to be a lawyer. His favorite part of Confirmation was getting to be around his friends.



Emmi Horlander: Emmi is 13 years old and in the 7th grade at LaGrange Academy. She is the daughter of Ken and Anna Horlander. She enjoys acting and is very involved with Young Singers of West Georgia. She hopes to be a cardiologist when she grows up. Her favorite part of Confirmation was spending time with her mentor, Ms. Linda Frano.



Susannah Lynn: Susannah is 11 years old and is in the 6th grade at Gardner Newman Middle School. She is the daughter of Julianne Lynn Skipper. She enjoys dance, and her favorite hobby is walking her dog. When she grows up, she hopes to be a nurse. Her favorite thing about youth group is coming to church on Wednesday nights.



Kenny Horlander: Kenny is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at LaGrange Academy. He is the son of Ken and Anna Horlander. He really enjoys theater and acting. An interesting fact about Kenny is that he can eat really quickly. His favorite part of Confirmation was going to Camp Glisson.

Sophie Nix: Sophie is 13 years old and in the 7th grade at Gardner Newman Middle School. She is the daughter of Cody and Jill Nix. She enjoys running, art, dance, and tumbling. When she grows up, she wants to be a dermatologist and an artist. Her favorite memory from Confirmation was the trip to Camp Glisson.



Henry Huberdeau: Henry is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Gardner Newman Middle School. He is the son of Marc and Marilyn Huberdeau. He enjoys playing soccer and the online game *Poptropica*. When he grows up, Henry plans on being an engineer. His favorite part of Confirmation was growing closer to God.



Charlsie Reed: Charlsie is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at LaGrange Academy. She enjoys baking. She is a member of the Young Singers of West Georgia. An interesting fact about Charlsie is that she loves Corgis. When she grows up, she hopes to be a pediatrician. Her favorite thing about Confirmation was going to Camp Glisson.



Abby Grace Kornek: Abby Grace is 13 years old and in the 7th grade at LaGrange Academy. She is the daughter of Rev. Allen and Casey Pruitt. Her favorite hobby is cake decorating, and she enjoys playing tennis. She hopes to be a restaurant manager when she grows up. Her favorite part of Confirmation was going to Camp Glisson and making friends.



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