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# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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

## November 1, 2015

### \*Early Worship Service

9:00am in the Chapel

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

### \*Morning Glory

9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

### \*Traditional Service

11:00am in the Sanctuary

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

### \*Korean Worship Service

11:00am in the Chapel

Rev. Daniel Kim

## November 8, 2015

### \*Early Worship Service

9:00am in the Chapel

Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

### \*Morning Glory

9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

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### \*Traditional 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 children ages 1st grade and younger in room 203. A leader will escort the children from the 11:00 worship service.

## I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD...

*"To the church of God that is in... [LaGrange], to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints..." (1 Corinthians 1:2)*

*"I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
Who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew;  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green;  
They were all of them saints of God,  
and I mean, God helping, to be one too.*

*They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and his love made them strong;  
They followed right for Jesus' sake  
the whole of their good lives' long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
And there's not any reason, no, not the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.*

*They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,  
In church, by the sea, in the house next door;  
They are saints of God, whether rich or poor,  
and I mean to be one too."*

*[--from the United Methodist Hymnal, #712]*

Some of you already know that this coming Sunday, November 1st is "All Saints Day" -- a day for God's people to celebrate and remember the lives of all God's "saints": those living now who call Jesus their Savior; and those who've gone on to be with the Lord this past year.

As we celebrate the "saints" of our church and the "saints" of our lives who've gone to be with the Lord since All-Saints Day last year, my prayer is that those of us who remain here will learn from the example of the "saints who've gone before" how to be people who live by the call of Christ. In the words of the hymn, "I mean to be one, too." Will you?

Remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian



**Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, October 31st.**

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

**WEW Meal on November 4, 2015**

Menu: Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, salad bar, dessert.  
Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches.

**WEW Meal on November 11, 2015**

Menu: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, field peas w/snaps, 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.

**REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED**

*Memorials*

**Mr. Sidney Tate** - Dusty & Carlene Mills, Pat & Orren Gilbert, Jane Willey, Freddie & Gene Hayes, Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class, Margaret Glennon, Janet Johnson, Marie Everett, Loretta Beall, Margaret Camp, Dillon Vess  
**Mrs. Margie Williamson** - Katherine Cook  
**Mr. Guinn Vaughn** - Reaunette Vaughn, Trish Vaughn

*Honorariums*

**Libba Trawick** - Valerie Dalfume  
**Russell Everitt** - Adult Fellowship Class

**A Special Veteran's Day Celebration**



The Troup LaGrange Council of Church Women will host the first annual Veteran's Day Recognition at the Clothing Center. Members of the local VFW Post will screen qualified Veterans who are in need of clothing and the center will open on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, for veterans to select needed clothing. In addition, each of these men and women will receive 2 pair of new underwear and socks.

*So here's how we can help.*

**Men's' Clothing Drive** - We need donations of men's clothing. For this special day we want to make sure we have an ample selection for the men as well.

**Monetary Donations** - Checks should be made payable to the Yolanda K. Jabley Clothing Center and can be marked "Veteran's Day Clothing", and given to the church office or mailed to the Yolanda K. Jabley Clothing Center, 401 Broad Street, LaGrange, GA 30240.

**Volunteer** - We need 5 - 7 volunteers to help in the Clothing Center on Nov. 11th for about two hours, 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Interested in volunteering?...Email [clothingcenterdirector@gmail.com](mailto:clothingcenterdirector@gmail.com).

*Thank you in advance for your support of our veterans.*

**All Saints Day/Sunday, November 1, 2015**

On Sunday, November 1st, we will celebrate the "saints" of our church who've gone to be with the Lord since All-Saints Day last year. We will remember each person listed below at all three worship services as well as other names that are special to you. We encourage you to join us for this special time in the life of our church family.

**Those We Remember**

Essie Cleaveland	Ray Newman
Bobby Hamilton	Ruth Norris
Danah Hamilton	Bill Petry
Don Harlin	Tom Stanley
Tim Huckstep	Sidney Tate
Memory Johnson	Margie Williamson

**SAVE the DATE**

**2016 Leadership LaGrange FUMC — December 5th**  
9:00am to 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall & Chapel

The Church Family is invited to come and learn how your LaGrange FUMC operates...the how and why we do what we do. Church leaders will be in attendance!

**to Loretta Beall**

You are all invited to a celebration of **Loretta Beall's 80th Birthday** on Saturday, November 7th from 2:30 to 4:30pm in the fellowship hall. Drop by on the 7th to add your best wishes.

**November Men's Breakfast**

Please join us for the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, November 14th at 8:00am in the small dining room. Our program will be presented by **Rett Jones**, President of Toastmaster's International in Columbus, Georgia. See you on the 14th.

**PRAYER NECESSITIES**

Unlocking the Power of Prayer in Life



What is prayer?  
What should be its focus?  
How should we structure it?

Prayer can often seem like a complex and intimidating spiritual practice. Join Pastors Brian and

Blake in Prayer Necessities, a new sermon series November 8-22 highlighting three simple areas of focus (Wow, Help, Thanks) that can unlock the power of prayer in our lives.

NOTE: this series was inspired by Anne Lamott's book *Help, Thanks, Wow* and may be used as a companion book discussion-study by Sunday School classes and other small groups.

**Christmas Decorations**

A donation of \$12.00 toward the cost of the Christmas decorations may be made in honor or in memory of someone. If you would like to participate please fill out this form and return it with your check marked "Christmas Decorations" on or before December 4th. A list of all those honored will appear in the Flame printed on December 15th.

**In Honor** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory** \_\_\_\_\_

**Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

## "FOOTBALL FAITH" THANK YOU!

To all who've already shared your response to God through your 2016 "Football Faith" commitments...**Thank you!** We'll be giving an update soon about this, but in the meantime, *if you have not yet shared your response, it's not too late to do so.* You can turn in your response card several ways: in the offering plate; bring it by the church office; or complete an online commitment "card" at <http://www.lagrangefumc.org/Football%20Faith%20/> God bless you for your support of God's work through LaGrange First UMC for 2016!

## NOVEMBER USHERS

John Jackson, Captain	Scott Jones	Dee Woodward
Tommy Britt	Steve Cole	Doug Cox
John Holliday	Mike Dobbs	Dan Lee
Mike Wilson	Jimmy Keith	Matt Orr
Bill Lovejoy	Bob Ward	Mark Kostial
Jeff Rogers		

## ALTAR GUILD

Cindy Jackson, Chair	Holly Britt	Kay Clement
Connie Hill	Becky Ivey	Alynda Jones
Youth-Blakely Arp & Sarah Sims		Brenda Martin
<b>MORNING GLORY</b>	Allison McCay	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Belinda Borders, Carolyn Alise, Laura Harlin	

## Children's Ministry

Grayson Bailey, Director  
[childrens@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:childrens@lagrangefumc.org) or 706-884-4635 ext. 209



**Thank You** to everyone who furnished candy and cakes, and to all who participated in Trunk or Trick!



## Youth Ministry

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



## Attention 6th and 7th Grade Parents

We are getting ready for the 2016 Confirmation Class, which will be for both 6th and 7th Graders. We will have a brief introduction/informational meeting on November 15th during the Sunday school hour in the Confirmation Room.

A letter will be sent to each potential confirmand before the meeting with more details. Please make a note of any questions you might have and bring them with you. If you are a parent(s) or grandparent(s) of a 6th or 7th Grader and would like to get information on confirmation, please email Kali at [kali@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:kali@lagrangefumc.org).



Sunday Night aLive, presents *Under Pressure*. A two week series about living under pressure, the good kind and the bad kind. Join us on November 1st and 8th from 5pm-7pm, bring \$3 for dinner and Invite a friend!

**\*WARNING:** Contents under pressure might result in explosion\*\*

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To reach all other employees and/or volunteers,  
please call the church office.

*We always look forward to hearing from you.*

**Benefit BBQ**

The Marine Corp League's Hog Heaven \$9 BBQ plate fundraiser is Saturday, October 31st from 11:00am -3:00pm in front of Tractor Supply to help provide funds for the Toys for Tots Christmas project.

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2015**

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 23,919.59</b>
<b>Given Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 7,628.38</b>
<b>Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$1,028,542.37</b>
<b>Received YTD</b>	<b>\$ 974,550.40</b>

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, October 18**

Sunday School.....	207
Worship Service.....	312

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, October 25**

Sunday School.....	218
Worship Service.....	302



*"To Know and To Make Christ Known"*

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**UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**November 9, 2015**

- |           |         |  |
|-----------|---------|--|
| Esther    | 10:00am | Library                                |
| Susanna   | 10:00am | Pat Gilbert, 108 St. Angela Merici Ct. |
| Lydia     | 10:00am | Mary Anne Shepherd, 702 Wisteria Way   |
| Ruth      | 7:00pm  | Carolyn Alise, 305 Sherwood Drive      |
| Elizabeth | 10:00am | Sharon Jones, 225 S. Pine Cove Dr.     |
| Hannah    | 6:00pm  | Genesis Class                          |

**November 10, 2014**

- |      |        |        |
|------|--------|--------|
| Mary | 3:00pm | Parlor |
|------|--------|--------|

**Thursday Lunch Club Presents**



Keith Schuermann, Director

Troup  
Harris  
Regional  
Library

Thursday, November 5th, 12 noon  
First Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall  
\$6 per person, family style meal  
Call 706-884-4635 or  
email [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org)  
for reservations by November 2nd.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Sidney Tate**  
**October 16, 2015**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 8th, are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. Steve Bledsoe**, on the occasion of his birthday, November 13th, by his family.

**OUR ROSEBUDS**

Our rosebuds in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 1st are in honor of the following.

**Rowyn Grace Humphries**, born **October 9, 2015**, the great-granddaughter of Louise Kirby.

**Mark Nathaniel Williams**, born **October 12, 2015**, the grandson of Steve & Janit Williams.

**All filled boxes are due in by November 8th.**

The boxes will be dedicated on Sunday, November 8th at all services.



**Calendar for November 1 - November 7**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
12:15pm.....	Decision Sunday Luncheon
5:00pm.....	Mid & Sr. High Youth Activities
<b>Monday</b>	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:00pm.....	Hospice Memorial Service
7:00pm.....	Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday</b>	
12:30pm.....	Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:30pm.....	Children's M.E.R.G.E Activities
5:45pm.....	Summer Camp Committee
6:00pm.....	Young Parents Small Group
6:00pm.....	Youth Activities
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:45am.....	Prayer Group
12:00.....	Thursday Lunch Club Luncheon
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	

**Calendar for November 8 - November 14**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Mid & Sr. High 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
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:30pm.....	Children's M.E.R.G.E Activities
5:45pm.....	Missions Committee
6:00pm.....	Young Parents Small Group
6:00pm.....	Youth Activities
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Group
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	
8:00am.....	Men's Breakfast



November 8, 2015

Dear Friends,

The congregation of First United Methodist Church will host its annual Nativity Festival December 2nd through December 6th. This will be our 17th festival, where we seek to enrich the Advent season by offering the community an exhibit of art, sculpture, and crèches (manger scenes), and our seventh year participating with other churches in this celebration.

We encourage you to display your Nativity offerings as we open our doors to the community. If you have items to loan for the exhibit, please fill out the form below and mail it to the church, drop it off in the church office, or call or email Dodie Patterson at (706) 884-4635 or ([churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org)). We ask that you bring your exhibit to the Church Office on Sunday, November 29th, from 9:00am to 12:00 noon or on Monday, November 30th, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Please call or email Dodie to schedule a drop-off time if these hours are not convenient for you.

The exhibit will be displayed in the church sanctuary Wednesday, December 2nd, through Friday the 4th from 2:00pm to 7:00pm and on Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th between 12:00 noon-5:00p.m. Exhibits should be picked up on Sunday, December 6th, between 5:00 and 6:30p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Thank you for sharing your treasures with your church and community in this special event.

Sincerely,

Brian Germano  
Senior Pastor

Artist/Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nativity    Painting    Sculpture    Other \_\_\_\_\_ (circle type of exhibit)

Brief description (number of Nativity pieces, title and artist of painting or sculpture. Please include any interesting facts about exhibit) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please label each work and also the outside of container with exhibitor's name. All paintings must be framed or matted.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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