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November 15, 2015

***Early Worship Service**

9:00am in the Chapel

Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

***Morning Glory**

9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

***Traditional Service**

11:00am in the Sanctuary

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

***Korean Worship Service**

11:00am in the Chapel

Rev. Daniel Kim

November 22, 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

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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.

THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

THE ART OF THANKSGIVING

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name." (Psalm 100:4)

"The art of thanksgiving is thanksLIVING. It is gratitude in action.

It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration to others.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.

It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.

It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs, and voice to your thankful spirit.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksGIVING,... acts of thanksLIVING."

[-Wilfred A. Peterson]

What great words to live by this Thanksgiving season! Let's all strive together to live out our thankfulness through the way we live our own lives – through what we say, what we do, how we treat one another, how we help one another, and even how we work with one another! As you read this article, my prayer is that you and your family will have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday, and that you'll remember to "give thanks to God, and bless His name" through how you live your very life!

God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

SAVE the DATE

2016 Leadership LaGrange FUMC — December 5th

9:00am to 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall & Chapel

The entire 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!

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

WEW Meal on November 18, 2015

Menu: Traditional Thanksgiving meal.
 No salad bar.
 Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches.

NO WEW Meal on November 25, 2015

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Rev. Sidney Tate - Nancy Reid, Marilyn & Allen Smith, Kathleen & Stuart Gulley, Nita & Jerry Overall, Leila & Jim Fulford, Carolyn & John Alise, Murbes Shepherd, Emily Gillespie, Wiley Allgood, Rev. & Mrs. Don Lewis, Rev. & Mrs. Patrick Shannon, Charles & Geni Boswell, Susannah UMW Circle, Public Relations Society of America-Charlotte Chapter, Laura Shedd, Corinne & Jim Thornton, UMC Federal Credit Union, Virginia Robertson, Bill & Brenda Harris, Lea & J M Rawlinson, Carole & Kelly Lynch, Susan Daniel, Ted & Jane Wood, James & Patricia Host, Miriam & Max Royer, Luquire-George-Andrews, Inc., Harold & Jo Loyd, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Huff, Elinor Cawthorne, Matthews UMC's Sanctuary Choir, Allan & Veronica Smith, Pat & Pierce Wyche, Ann & Dee Woodward, Betty Jones Ward, Sylvia & Gene Davis, Bobbie & Lonnie Ritchie, The Huberdeau Family, Martha Nix, Jane & Gary Stephens, Hildred Cammon, Ann & Perry Wilder, Marlene & Dick Timmerberg, Julia Reeves, Brooks Luquire

Mr. Tom Stanley - Marlene & Dick Timmerberg



November 22nd—Annual Charge Conference

Our church will join with several other United Methodist churches within our district for the annual Charge Conference at 3:00pm on Sunday, November 22nd in the fellowship hall.

December 5th — “Leadership LaGrange FUMC”

All church leaders and committee members will meet from 9:30am to 12:00 in the fellowship hall for a training and discovery session.

Everyone one in the church is also invited to come see how your church operates.

Sunday, December 6th — Combined Worship Service

Our church family will meet together for a combined worship service at 10:30am in the sanctuary. Join us as we gather together in worship and music for a Christmas Cantata by our Chancel Choir, Children's Choirs, and musicians with congregational singing.

SS Classes will meet at 9:30.

SUMMER DAY CAMP DIRECTOR



We are now accepting applications for the position of Director for our Methodist Summer Day Camp Program. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please send a resume to “Day Camp Position” at sprc@lagrangefumc.org.

LEARN TO MAKE YOUR OWN CRISMONS

The Altar Guild will hold 2 Crismon making sessions in order to freshen up our Crismons and also make new ones. This is the perfect time for you to come learn about the Crismons and make some for the church trees and even a few to take home for your own tree. The time is from 9am to 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 17th and Thursday, November 19th. If you want more information please call the church office at 706-884-4635 or email Deb Johnson at johnson.deb.ferg@gmail.com.



BE ALERT

At this time of year, there is often a spike in thefts.

Be cautious: keep your purse and/or wallet, phones and other valuables close and in your site.

Even cars parked in the church parking lots and on the street are targets.

Be safe while shopping too.



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: _____



The Angel Tree

Our Salvation Army Angel Tree will be back this year in the Sanctuary Narthex. Angel gifts will need to be returned to the Fellowship Hall around December 12th. More details to come. **Thank You!**

Note: If you take an Angel this year, you will be the only person shopping for that particular child, so please keep that in mind when shopping for your angel.

Thank you for supporting this ministry of First Methodist.



Nativity Festival

December 2nd - 4th,
2 to 7p.m. and the 5th - 6th,
12:00 to 5p.m. in our Sanctuary.

Please bring your Nativities to the church office on Sunday, November 29th, between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, or Monday, November 30th, from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

UMW CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The UMW Christmas Banquet will be held on Monday, December 7th at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Call or email the church office at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org to make your reservation by November 30th. The price is \$8 per person.

Children's Ministry

Grayson Bailey, Director
childrens@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635 ext. 209

MERGE and Sunday School

During the month of November, we will be doing different community and church service projects during MERGE and Sunday School. We will learn about the importance of giving back and being thankful. We will be making gifts and cards for the Lay Visitation Ministry, deployed U.S. Army Troops, City of LaGrange Police & Fire Departments, the LaGrange/Troup County Animal Shelter, and Meals on Wheels. We will also be doing service work for organizations like Sole Hope, No Kid Hungry, and Holiday Mail for Heroes.

We will not have MERGE or children's Choir on Wednesday, November 25th.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Youth Ministry

Kali Grenus, Director
kali@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635 ext. 215



Attention 6th and 7th Grade Parents

Mark Your Calendars

In January, we will begin our 2016 Confirmation Classes, which will include current 6th and 7th grade students.

Please join us for an introduction meeting on November 15th during the Sunday School hour, in the confirmation room (M205). We will have snacks and a brief overview of confirmation.

Contact Kali if you have any questions.

Family Movie Night!

Bring the whole family for a night at the movies!
Cost: \$8

Sunday, November 22nd
at 6:45pm
(movie starts at 7:10pm)



Parents—come with your students and get in FREE!
Siblings 5th grade & younger, tickets are \$4



Ice Skate 2015

December 6th
4pm-8pm

Cost: \$15
(dinner and skating)

Sign up in the youth office today!

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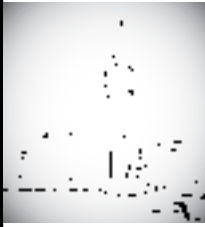
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Mr. Scott Hill (ext 213).....Landscape/Maintenance
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Mr. Andy Rainey (ext 201).....Church Administrator
Mr. Blake Trent (ext 206).....Preaching and Discipleship

To reach all other employees and/or volunteers,
please call the church office.*We always look forward to hearing from you.**"To Know and To Make Christ Known"*

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FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

Needed Weekly	\$ 23,919.59
Given Last Week	\$ 49,521.31
Needed YTD	\$1,076,381.55
Received YTD	\$1,076,458.74

**Items Needed for the Month of
December:****Fruit and Pudding Cups and
Canned Soups****IN MEMORIAM****Russell Everitt
November 10, 2015****ATTENDANCE, Sunday, November 1**

Sunday School.....	233
Worship Service.....	325

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, November 8

Sunday School.....	220
Worship Service.....	356

**Church Closed for Thanksgiving**

The church will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 25th for Thanksgiving, and will remain closed through Thursday and Friday. We hope and pray all of you have a wonderful, safe, and meaningful holiday.

*Grayson, Cindy, Jane, Rick, Eddie, Kali, Lisa, Scott, Brian, Patti, Dodie, Andy, Avery, Blake, Adam, Meghan, Boley, Debbie, and Jordan***Dave Ramsey's FINANCIAL PEACE**LaGrange First UMC will host the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Course beginning January 13, 2016. This 9-week course will be led by Zachary Taylor & Linda Frano. Please email churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org or call the church office for more information. Please share this with your friends.**WELCOME!**

We welcome the following people into our Church Membership.

Tracy & Beth Van Norman
Lonnie Hollis
Wayne & Gina Cottle
Jeremy & Abbey Dockins

ALTAR ARRANGEMENTThe altar arrangement in the Chapel and Sanctuary on Sunday, November 15th and 22nd, is given to the Glory of God, in loving memory of **Joyce & Morgan Jackson**, and in honor of Hope Roddam, by John, Cindy, John Morgan & James Jackson, Libba Trawick and Lee & Linda Jackson.**Calendar for November 15 - November 21**

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Mid & Sr. High Youth Activities
Monday	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
7:00pm.....	Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
Tuesday	
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:30pm.....	Children's M.E.R.G.E. Activities
6:00pm.....	Young Parents Small Group
6:00pm.....	Youth Activities
6:30pm.....	Evening to Give Thanks Service
7:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
Thursday	
9:45am.....	Prayer Group
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

Calendar for November 22 - November 28

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
3:00pm.....	Annual Charge Conference
4:00pm.....	Mid & Sr. High Youth Ice Skating Activity
Monday	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
7:00pm.....	Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
Thursday	
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