



THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

Christians . . . SERVING, CARING, & SHARING

November 19, 2017

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

***THE BRIDGE
10:55am
in the Fellowship Hall**

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

***Korean Worship Service
11:00am in the Chapel**

November 26, 2017

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10:55am
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***Traditional Service
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***Nativity Festival
December 10th
4pm to 7pm**

**Child care is provided.*

Children's Church is for ages 3rd grade & younger. Children will dismiss to Room 111 in the Children's building.

Three Ways To Be Thankful

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night." (Psalms 92:1-2)

Back when I was still living in my parents' home, I remember hearing my pastor share a Thanksgiving sermon that was especially meaningful to me -- enough that I wrote down the main points and have kept them all these years! As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, I share with you these same *"Three Ways To Be Thankful"* in the hope that they will inspire you as they did me.

During Thanksgiving, we are challenged to have...

1) **Thankful Minds.** Learn to become aware of all the blessings given to you by God... your family, friends, health, and for people who help us be the best we can be. In the words of a famous hymn, *"Count your many blessings, see what God has done."* In other words, learn to acknowledge the *outward* blessings of God.

2) **Thankful Hearts.** Philippians 4:6 says, *"Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking Him with a thankful heart."* Learn to be thankful for the inner, spiritual "gifts" of God in our lives... blessings that may not be outwardly apparent, but which one can *choose*, with the right perspective, to see as blessings. This could include things like being "thankful" for being laid off, for an illness that causes us to see our need for (and reliance on) God even more, and even learning to be thankful for the troubles and trials of life that help us grow. In other words, learn to acknowledge the *inward* blessings of God.

3) **Thankful Hands.** James 1:22 says that we are to *"be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."* "Hands" here represents our actions and deeds. In other words, we are not called to keep our thankfulness of "mind" and of "heart" to ourselves. Instead, we're called to *show* thankfulness through what *we do* and through our loving and caring for others by sharing their joys and sorrows, their good times and bad.

My prayer is that this Thanksgiving holiday you'll remember and enjoy God's blessings in your life. But more than that, I pray that you'll also allow those blessings to inspire you to practice your thankfulness in the three ways above.

Remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

Wednesday Evening Weekly

Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm

NO WEW Meal on November 22, 2017

Happy Thanksgiving to You!

WEW Meal on November 29, 2017

Menu: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, 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.

Cost: \$0 for those 2 years & under, \$3 for those 3 years-12th grade, and \$6 for adults.



REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

Mr. Raymond Rambo - Nancy & Mike Peterson

Mr. Fred Willingham - Nancy & Mike Peterson

UMW CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The UMW Christmas Banquet will be held on Monday, December 4th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To make your reservation, call or email the Church Office at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org by November 27th. The price is \$8 per person.

**2017 Leadership LaGrange
Saturday, December 9**

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

“Leadership LaGrange” is our annual orientation and commissioning event for all 2018 LaGrange First UMC leaders, plus anyone else who desires to learn more about our church leadership structure and processes.

9:00 -10:45 am (Fellowship Hall) – General Leadership Orientation meeting for all new and returning 2018 church leaders, as well as anyone else who desires to learn more about our church leadership structure and processes. This session is designed to help new and returning church leaders understand our church’s policies, guidelines, and procedures, plus we’ll also explore the role and function of our church’s leadership structure. All members of the Church Council, Trustees, SPRC, and Finance Committees, Sunday School class leaders, children’s and youth ministry leaders, Evangelism, Missions, etc. are asked to attend.

11:00am – 11:45pm (Fellowship Hall) – Church Council Member Orientation *(For all members of the 2018 Church Council)*

12Noon - 12:30 pm (Chapel) – Leadership Commissioning Service *(for all new AND returning leaders)*

Help FUMC Spread the Spirit of Christmas!

The Evangelism Committee is hosting a community outreach, offering free gift wrapping on the



Plaza of the Chamber of Commerce *(across from the fountain)*, from 11 am till 5 pm on Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th. If you enjoy wrapping gifts and can help for a couple of hours on one or both of these days, please call Lea Rawlinson at 706-333-8446, Terri Cook at 770-548-3918, or Joyce Young at 706-416-7868.

Missing Hearing Aids

Please help us **LOOK** for the missing hearing aids in the Sanctuary. If by chance one was used and taken home by mistake, please return it to the church office.

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 5th. A list of all those honored will appear in *The Flame* printed on December 12th.

In Honor _____

In Memory _____

Of: _____

By: _____



The Angel Tree

Once again First Methodist is participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. The Angel Tree will be located in the Sanctuary Narthex and ready for you to adopt an angel on **Sunday, November 19th**. The Angel gifts need to be returned to the Fellowship Hall no later than Monday, December 4th. The Salvation Army will pickup all gifts on Tuesday, December 5th. **Thank You!**

When you take an Angel, you will be the only person shopping for that child. If you wish to just make a monetary donation for this project, you can make a check payable to FUMC, marked Christmas Angel. Thank you.

Youth Ministry

CJ Lord, Director, cj@lagrangefumc.org



Calling all Senior High Youth - Join us for the next "7:05 High School Devotion" on Tuesday, November 28th. Thank you, **Mrs. Joyce**, for opening 505 EATS early for us to eat and fellowship together.

Thursday Lunch Club December 7th, 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall



First Baptist Church on the Square's New Horizon Choir

For reservations for the meal & program call or email the church at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org. Cost is \$6 per person. All are welcome!

Children's Ministry

Jeanne Jones, Director, jeanne@lagrangefumc.org



The children have been busy learning about serving the Lord and his people. Missionaries Heather and Michael Wall came to FUMC to share about their experiences and how each one of us can be a missionary wherever we are.

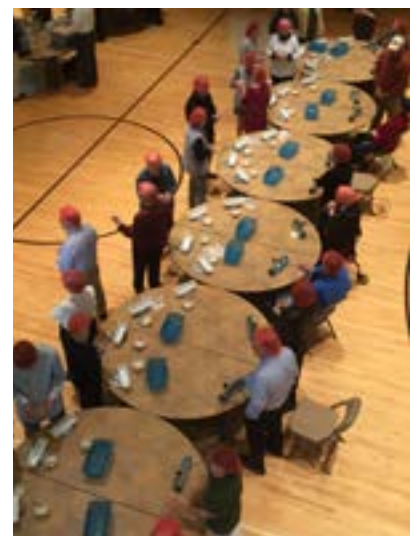
As part of the FUMC family, the children will be presenting a Thanksgiving Skit during the "Evening to Give Thanks" worship service.

There will be no children's programs on Wednesday, November 23rd due to our Thanksgiving break.

The next Family Worship Service is on November 26th.



Thank You for helping pack over 20,000 meals for starving people around the world.



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To reach all other employees and/or volunteers,
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We always look forward to hearing from you.



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ATTENDANCE, Sunday, November 5

Sunday School.....164
 Worship Service.....255

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, November 12

Sunday School.....178
 Worship Service.....235



Need to Talk? Refer yourself or a friend in need to one of our church's confidential Stephen Ministers who can help walk one-to-one with you or them through crisis. For more information or for a referral, speak to one of our Pastors or email stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org.

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.



The church will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 22nd and will remain closed Thursday & Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. All services will be held on Sunday, November 26th. See you then.

Calendar for November 19 - November 25

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Disciple II Bible Study
Monday	
11:30am-12:00.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
11:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
7:00pm.....	THE BRIDGE Band Rehearsal
Wednesday	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
The Church Closes at 12 Noon for the Thanksgiving Holidays	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

Calendar for November 26 - December 2

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
3:30pm.....	Leadership/Nominations Committee
Monday	
11:30am-12:00am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:30pm.....	Music Committee
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
11:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
5:30pm.....	Worship Committee
6:00pm.....	Cub Scout Pack Meeting
7:00pm.....	Boy Scout Court of Honor
7:00pm.....	THE BRIDGE Band Rehearsal
Wednesday	
9:30am.....	Explorers Bible Study
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
5:30pm.....	Safety/Security Committee
5:45pm.....	Children's Wednesday Program
6:00pm.....	Bible Study - David
6:00pm.....	Mid & Sr. High Youth Small Groups
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Rehearsal
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

We wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.
 Please know that we consider all of you among our greatest blessings.
 If you find yourself in need of a pastoral emergency, please call 1-888-456-1203.

Church Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 19th, are from the wedding of **Ashley Moody and Hank Davis**. These are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dr. Rusty Willimon**, by Lisa & Leon Moody and Family.