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# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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

**November 5, 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 12, 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**

**\*Evening To Give Thanks  
November 15, 2017  
6:30pm, Sanctuary**

*\*Child care is provided.*

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

## LFUMC's 2017 "Rise Against Hunger" Event



*"When they had plenty to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather up the leftover pieces, so that nothing will be wasted.' So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves that had been left over by those who had eaten." (John 6:12-13)*

On behalf of our Missions Committee, I'm pleased to invite you to participate in our second annual **Rise Against Hunger** packing event (formerly called "Stop Hunger Now") on **Sunday, November 12th, from 12:30-2:00pm in the MMC**, where we will be packing 20,000 meals for those in need around the world.

This ministry is a world-wide interfaith initiative (started by a United Methodist minister in 1998, by the way) designed to help people in developed communities, like our own, combat hunger and starvation in communities around the world.

Some of you remember that we sponsored this same event last year, but due to its popularity we moved it from the worship and Sunday School hour to after lunch so that you could invite friends, relatives, and neighbors from other churches to help pack. Plus, your generosity through last year's Lenten change collections allowed us to significantly increase the number of meals we'll be packing.

We'll begin that day, in shifts, with a lite soup and sandwich lunch (donations accepted) in the Small Dining Room beginning at 12Noon and then move into the Fellowship Hall about 12:30pm for the packing event, which will be a great service opportunity appropriate for children, youth, college students, and adults. If you know that you'll be participating, please help us prepare by registering ahead of time [HERE](http://events.stophungernow.org/LaGrangeFUMC2017); [<http://events.stophungernow.org/LaGrangeFUMC2017>].

Remember, Jesus fed over 5000 with the simple offering of one little boy's lunch. At our event, we'll be preparing meals to feed four times that number! Perhaps this is what Jesus had in mind when he spoke the words of John 14:12-14, *"whoever believes in me will do even greater works than these [that I do]."*

So, on November 12th, dress casually for Sunday School and worship, enjoy lunch at 12Noon, and then join your fellow church members as we "rise against hunger" in the name of Jesus!

And don't forget that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

[P.S., to find out more about this initiative, visit their website <http://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>]

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

**WEW Meal on November 8, 2017**

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad Bar, Dessert.

Children: Nachos & PB & J sandwiches

**WEW Meal on November 15, 2017**

Menu: Traditional Thanksgiving Meal,  
 NO Salad Bar, Dessert.

Children: Pizza & 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. Albert Gooding** (Kevin Gooding's Father) - John &  
 Helga Ray

**Mr. Raymond Rambo** (Donna Ennis' Father) - Laura  
 Shedd, Carolyn & John Alise, Hildred Cammon, Allen &  
 Marilyn Smith, Heather & Sam Graham

**Mrs. Ann Jones** - Pat & Orren Gilbert, Gary & Jane  
 Stephens

**Mr. Fred Willingham** (Maria Willey's Father) -  
 Hildred Cammon, Allen & Marilyn Smith

**All Saints Day/Sunday, November 5, 2017**

On Sunday, November 5th, we will celebrate the "saints"  
 of our church who've gone to be with the Lord over the  
 past year year. We will remember each person listed  
 below at all three worship services as well as others who  
 are special to you. We encourage you to join us for this  
 special time in the life of our church family.

*Those We Remember*

Walter Dance	Ann Jones
Gene Davis	Sammie Jones
Jim Hamilton	Myrtle Renfroe
John Allen Holmes	Frances Scarborough
Wayne Hoven	



**Come Check Us Out in the  
 Resource Center!**

Here are some suggestions  
 from Donna Fager,  
 our Resource Center director.

- Are you interested in the geography of the Holy Lands? See The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands by Barry Beitzel, found in Bible Geography & History 220.9.
- If it's too cool and rainy for you today, curl up with a good book like The Greatest Moments in the Life of Christ by Max Lucado. It reveals to us that simple moments, quiet moments, moments missed by many but created by God, forever punctuate the timeline of history. (Find under Jesus Christ and His Family 232).
- If you want to end your day on a positive note, try reading Never Beyond Hope: How God Touches and Uses Imperfect People by J. I. Packer. This book retells the story of eight biblical characters who were imperfect and how God used them. It gives the rest of us hope to continue with life struggles. This is an easy read and perfect for end-of-day reflections. (Find in Salvation and Grace 234).
- Do you have a question about people, places, or events in the Bible? What was everyday life like in Bible times? What's the longest book in the Bible? What's the longest chapter in the Bible? What's the longest verse in the Bible? Read and find the answers in Fascinating Bible Facts: People, Places and Events by David Howard. (Bible Geography & History 220.9).



**Special Offering**

Not every child gets to be a student. When a child does not first have his basic needs fulfilled, he cannot focus on an education and the benefits education has to offer. By contributing to our School Shepherd Program, you are providing school supplies and clothing (*as needed*) to help empower young children. The School Shepherd program works directly with the Troup County School System counselors, who screen and identify all needs. All items are given to the school counselor, who in turn gets them to the student. On **Sunday, November 5th**, we will receive a special offering for this church mission. You can also donate at any time throughout the year. **Thank you**, on behalf of all the children helped through this ministry.

**SAVE the DATE . . . 2017 Leadership LaGrange FUMC . . . December 9th**  
 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!

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

## November Men's Breakfast

All men in the church are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, November 11th, at 9:00 am in the Small Dining Room. After a home-cooked breakfast, Russell Davis, the Director of the North Georgia Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries at Camp Glisson, will present a program. Bring a friend and join us.



## 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.

## Evening to Give Thanks in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm November 15, 2017

Rev. Dr. Deborah Holloway, Warren Temple

Traditional Thanksgiving Meal  
5 to 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall  
\$6 per person  
\*706-884-4635 for Reservations



**Thank You** to everyone who helped out at Trunk or Treat. We welcomed close to 400 guests that night. I can't thank all of you enough for the way you turned out to welcome the community. As a unified body you greeted

our guests, provided cakes and candy, set up and took down tables and equipment, constructed and ran a spooky haunted house, helped with games, hayride, and created fabulous trunks. There are so many of you whom I want to thank! We had participation from across the entire church family!



## 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.



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*We always look forward to hearing from you.*



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**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, October 22**

Sunday School.....160  
 Worship Service.....222

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, October 29**

Sunday School.....161  
 Worship Service.....252

**Church Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 12th, are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Steve Bledsoe**, on the occasion of his birthday, November 13th, by his family.



*Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 4th.*



**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](mailto: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](http://lagrangefumc.org/online-giving).

**OUR SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy to Kevin & Karen Gooding & Family in the death of his Father, **Albert Gooding, October 19, 2017**

**Join the Choir for Christmas**

Want to sing in the choir for Christmas? If you would like join the Chancel Choir for this year's presentation of "Carols by Candlelight," come to rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Choir Room. All are welcome! Email Darian Krimm at ([darian@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:darian@lagrangefumc.org)) for more information.

**Calendar for November 5 - November 11**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
12:00.....	Decision Sunday Luncheon
5:00pm.....	Disciple II Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	
11:30am-12:00.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
11:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
12:30pm.....	Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
7:00pm.....	THE BRIDGE Band Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:30am.....	Explorers Bible Study
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
5:30pm.....	Handbell Rehearsal
5:45pm.....	Missions Committee
5:45pm.....	Children's Program
6:00pm.....	Mid & Sr. High Youth Small Groups
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	
9:00am.....	Men's Breakfast

**Calendar for November 12 - November 18**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
1:00pm.....	RISE AGAINST HUNGER
5:00pm.....	Charge Conference
<b>Monday</b>	
11:30am-12:00am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:45pm.....	Stewardship Committee
6:00pm.....	Long Range Planning Committee
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
11:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
4:45pm.....	Congregational Care Committee
5:30pm.....	Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
7:00pm.....	THE BRIDGE Band Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:30am.....	Explorers Bible Study
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
5:00pm.....	Handbell Rehearsal
5:45pm.....	Children's Wednesday Program
6:00pm.....	Bible Study - David
6:30pm.....	Evening To Give Thanks Service
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
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