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October 18, 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

October 25, 2015

*Early Worship Service

9:00am in the Chapel

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*Morning Glory

9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

*Traditional Service

11:00am in the Sanctuary

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*Korean Worship Service

11:00am in the Chapel

Rev. Daniel Kim

*Child care is provided.

Homecoming Luncheon

12:00 noon

** 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"

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

If you were at worship with us on Sunday (October 4), you'll know that one of the ways we celebrated World Communion Sunday was by providing opportunities for us as a church to make a difference in the life of needy children around the world through an international, ecumenical ministry called "Operation Christmas Child" (www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

Since 1993, this ministry has partnered with local churches like ours throughout the U.S., Australia, Finland, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Canada, Spain and the U.K to deliver gift-filled shoeboxes to over 124 million children affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, and other crises in more than 150 countries and territories. And although we have participated in this ministry in the past, our church's participation this year is a great way for us all to participate in Jesus' call to minister to "the least of these" described in the scripture above.

Throughout October, individuals, families, and groups within our church are invited to fill empty shoeboxes with items like dolls, balls, and other fun toys, school supplies, hygiene items, as well as scripture messages and notes of encouragement to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who receive the shoebox gifts. (If you didn't get a box last week during worship, we still have a number remaining in our Fellowship Hall/MMC -- just help yourself to however many you want to pack).

After you fill your boxes, just include a \$7 check (per box) to cover shipping costs and bring it back to one of our church's designated drop-off points on or before November 7th. We'll then ship them to a processing center (one in Atlanta), where volunteers will then ship them out to children in some of the hardest-to-reach countries of the world to help them experience Christmas and the love of Christ. You can even follow your box online to discover where in the world your gift is delivered using the donation form.

I hope you will join my wife and I as we seek to make a difference in the life of a child who otherwise might never hear of or experience the Christ of Christmas.

Remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

Football Faith

Learning the value of being part of God's "team".

October 18 - First and Ten (Malachi 3:8-10)

October 25 - Endzone Celebration (Numbers 10:10)

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

WEW Meal on October 21, 2015

Menu: Boneless pork, sweet potatoes, veggie, salad bar, dessert.

Children: Hot dogs & PB & J sandwiches.

WEW Meal on October 28, 2015

Menu: Soup Bar, grilled cheese & pimento cheese sandwiches, dessert.

Children: Same & 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. Tim Huckstep - Rex & Judy Ritchie

Mr. Tom Stanley - UMW's Susannah Circle

Honorarium

Libba Trawick - Rena Ward



The "Dressing Team"

On Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 5th & 6th, Beth Godwin, Asti White, Rick Free, and Amy Jones prepared **340 pounds of dressing** for our upcoming holiday meals at the church. We are all so appreciative of their hard work!

Operation Christmas Child...



is a mission of Samaritan's Purse. This year our church has set a goal of 300 boxes to fill to send to children in need around the world! There will be boxes in each worship service as well

as in various places around the church. Our church can reach this goal with the help of our members, friends, and church families!

IS THIS YOU???

You may have worshiped at LaGrange First for a while, or maybe only for a few Sundays. Maybe you've helped with one of our ministries, and perhaps you've even gotten involved in a small group or Sunday School. Maybe your spouse or neighbor (who are already LaGrange First members) first invited you to church with them. And while you enjoy the worship, and would not mind becoming a member, you're not comfortable standing in front of crowds, even to join the church.

If this describes you, then you're not alone. That's why we invite you and many others like you to "officially" claim the place you've already found here at LaGrange First through our new bi-annual "**Decision Sunday Celebration Lunch**" from 12:15-1:00pm on Sunday, November 1st. Lunch is on us, and you'll find a warm welcome waiting for you. To reserve your spot by Wednesday, October 28th, complete the online form at www.lagrangefumc.org/ready-to-become-a-member/. For more information, contact either Blake Trent or Pastor Brian Germano at the church office (706-884-4635) or email them at brian@lagrangefumc.org or blake@lagrangefumc.org.

An Evening to Give Thanks!

November 18, 2015

*Traditional Thanksgiving Meal served from 5 to 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Service of Thanksgiving begins at 6:30pm Sanctuary

*Meal Reservations—706-884-4635

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



2015-2016 Recipients of the Estelle Bennett Memorial Music Scholarship

On Sunday, October 18th at the 11:00 worship service, we will introduce this year's six recipients of the scholarship that was established through a planned gift to the First Methodist Church Foundation from the **Estate of Mrs. Estelle Bennett**. LaGrange College matches this gift every year which is given to LaGrange College students majoring in music and who sing in our Chancel Choir. We congratulate **Caleb Brown, Linda Jackson, Kelsey Seals, Nikki Stone, Meagan Thompson, and Lawrence West**.

November is OUR Food Closet Month

Our church provides volunteers for the LaGrange Food Closet at 416 Pierce Street on the dates listed below. We need 3 people per day—men and women—from 12:45 pm until 3 pm. Please call the church at 706-884-4635 office to volunteer on:

Nov. 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th.



ALTAR GUILD MEETS

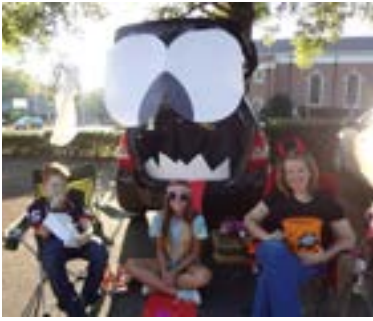
The Altar Guild will meet on Monday, October 26th at 10:00 am in the Chapel. This will be our last meeting of the year and is very important. Please come and bring a friend that might be interested in being a part of the Guild!

November Lunch Club



Come join us on **Thursday, November 5th at 12 noon** for a delicious meal with a program presented by **Keith Schuermann**, Director of Troup-Harris Regional Library. Meal price is \$6 per person. Call the church office at 706-884-4635 to make your reservation by Monday, November 2nd.

Remember how much fun we had last year! *Let's do it again.*



LAGRANGE
First United Methodist Church

TRUNK OR TREAT
ON TRINITY STREET

FREE FUN FOR ALL AGES

OCTOBER 25th
5:00-7:00 P.M.

CONTESTS, GAMES, PRIZES, CANDY, AND MUCH MORE!

For More Information, contact the Children's Ministry Director at childrens@lagrangefumc.org

The Cake Walk and other Games will be back this year for children...of all ages!

We need bags of individually wrapped candy for the games and trunks

and
we need baked goodies...
CAKES—CUPCAKES—PIES, etc.,
for the cake walk.



Please bring your candy donations in as soon as you catch that really good deal on candy.

Baked Items will be needed the day of the Trunk or Treat Event.



Mid-High Madness

Join us for an afternoon movie October 17th @ 12:30pm. Bring \$ for your ticket and snacks.

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 kgrenus@lagrangefumc.org.

**El Salvador Spring Break Trip
Interest Meeting November 28th at 6pm**

The LaGrange District is putting together a youth spring break trip to El Salvador, March 28-April 1st (tentative). Chad Hill, the Pastor from Pleasant Grove UMC, is leading this trip, and he will be here on November 28th for an interest meeting in the Small Dining Room. Contact Kali if you have any more questions.

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We always look forward to hearing from you.



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FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

Needed Weekly \$ 23,919.59
Given Last Week \$ 10,128.00
Needed YTD \$ 980,703.19
Received YTD \$ 940,039.35

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, October 4

Sunday School.....260
Worship Service.....352

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, October 11

Sunday School.....260
Worship Service.....344

Items Needed for October
Ramen Noodles & Individual Juice Boxes

Items Needed for the Month of November:
Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese
Granola or Cereal Bars

OUR ROSEBUD

Our rosebud on Sunday, October 18th is in honor of
Paige Hartley Alexander, born October 6, 2015,
the granddaughter of Linda & Jim Daniel.

******Special Notice******

The Trinity Street parking lot will be the site of the Trunk or Treat Family Event on October 25th. **The parking lot and Trinity Street will be closed to traffic after church that day, (12:30 to 8:00pm).**

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the following families.

Tim & Rhonda Mitchell in the death of his father, **Chris Mitchell, on September 26, 2015.**

Lynda & Rob Petry in the death of her son, his step-son, **Britt Gay, on October 8, 2015.**

Calendar for October 18 - October 24

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
5:30pm.....Music Committee
7:00pm.....Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
Tuesday
5:00pm.....Wedding Committee
7:00pm.....Boy Scouts
Wednesday
11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:15pm.....Evangelism Committee
5:30pm.....Children’s M.E.R.G.E Activities
6:00pm.....Young Parents Small Group
6:00pm.....Youth Activities
6:16pm.....Long Range Planning Committee
6:30pm.....Chancel Choir
Thursday
9:45am.....Prayer Group
Friday
7:00am.....Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday

Calendar for October 25 - October 31

Sunday * Nursery
*Worship Services
*10:00am.....Sunday School
5:00pm.....Trunk or Treat Family Event
Monday
11:00-11:30am.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
12:00.....Memorial Foundation
7:00pm.....Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
Tuesday
9:00am.....Community Care
7:00pm.....Boy Scouts
Wednesday
11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:15pm.....Finance Committee
5:30pm.....Children’s M.E.R.G.E Activities
6:00pm.....Young Parents Small Group
6:00pm.....Youth Activities
6:30pm.....Church Council / Chancel Choir
Thursday
9:00am.....Community Care
9:45am.....Prayer Group
Friday
7:00am.....Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday

55th Annual BBQ sponsored by and held at **Harmony United Methodist Church**
6008 Roanoke Road
Sunday, October 25, 2015
Serving from 11:00am to 3:00pm
ALL YOU CAN EAT
Adults \$10.00
Children under 12 - \$8.00
Take-out plates are available.