



# THE FLAME

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of LAGRANGE

October 2019

## HAPPY AUTUMN FROM FIRST METHODIST!

As we move into the month of October, we begin to evaluate the impact we have made in the lives of others this year, and discern the impact we feel called to make in the coming year.

We give thanks to the Lord that through our 2019 **"Prepare A Place"** Campaign, we have made significant investments in our Children's and Youth ministries, in addressing repair, maintenance, and cleanliness issues across our campus, in more effective communications through digital and print media, and in laying the foundations for a new worship option, a Modern Service.

Thank you for investing your time, talent, and treasure in advancing the Kingdom of God through the mission and ministry of our great church! At this writing, we have received 101.83% of our anticipated giving year-to-date. With your help, we are on target to completely meet all of our obligations. Please help us end the year strong with your faithful giving! Every gift counts!

As we look forward to the year 2020, we are claiming the theme, **"Because We Give ..."** as we focus on the impact we can make in the lives of others by the love, mercy, and grace of God!

I am convinced that God's favorite number is the number one. Why? Because the Bible says, **"... there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."** Rejoicing when one comes to faith in Jesus Christ, rejoicing when one comes to discover one's godly purpose, rejoicing when one experiences the healing grace of the Great Physician, rejoicing when one relationship is restored, rejoicing when one injustice is challenged, and rejoicing when one person finds hope!

As you hear stories of the impact we make together in the lives of others, I ask you to begin considering your commitment to support the mission and ministry of LaGrange First Methodist in 2020.

We are better together! And, when we are together, we can more fully fulfill our biblical mission to

### **Make and Grow Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World**

who

**KNOW the Heart of God** through Excellent Multi-Generational Worship,

**GROW in the Grace of God** through intentional Small Group Discipleship,

**SHOW the Love of God** through Compassionate Evangelism and Hands-on Mission Engagement.

Victor Hugo wrote, **"You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving. The great acts of love are done by those who are habitually performing small acts of kindness."** Long ago, I decided to translate my small acts of kindness and my heartbeats of love into negotiable form by adopting God's financial plan. Simply stated, returning **a dime for every dollar** as my thankful offering for His goodness in my life. The timeless biblical principle of the tithe — returning 10% to the Lord — blesses the giver and enables His Church to do more than any of us can do alone. Our small acts of kindness make a huge impact!

The refrain of the great hymn, **"We've A Story to Tell to the Nations,"** fills my heart with joyful hope as I write to you. May this refrain live in us as we pray and work for the day when ...

**"the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light."**

Remember how much I love you ...  
It's an honor to be your Senior Minister!

Dr. John Beyers

### Seasonal Singers

Want to sing in the choir for Christmas? If you would like to join the Chancel Choir for this year's presentation of Handel's "Messiah," come to rehearsals starting October 2. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room. All are welcome! Email Darian Krimm at ([darian@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:darian@lagrangefumc.org)) for more information.

### ALTAR GUILD NEWS

**Join us for the Altar Guild Meeting  
October 21, 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.**

If you haven't participated in Altar Guild activities, now is the perfect time! We will discuss our annual Christmas decorating operations which is a fun way to learn about one of the behind-the-scenes Altar Guild activities. Wreaths, garlands, Christmas ornaments, lights, and more! Newcomers welcome.

### Phantoms of The Organ The Great Spooktacular Organ Concert!

**Saturday, October 26, 2019  
First United Methodist Church of LaGrange  
7:00 p.m. - No Admission Charge**

**A free and fun-filled evening  
of seasonal organ favorites to delight all ages!**

**Sponsored by The Choral Society of West Georgia and  
The LaGrange Downtown Development Authority**

### WORSHIP SERVICE VIDEOS

High-definition video recordings of our 11:00 am Traditional Worship Services and Sermons are now available on our website – [LaGrangeFUMC.org](http://LaGrangeFUMC.org).

### The Community Food Closet

For the next several months, the Community Food Closet is in need of canned yams or sweet potatoes, mushroom soup, and condensed milk as they work to help families when the holidays arrive. You are welcome to bring the food items to the church office.

### LaGrange/Troup County Council of Church Women Fall Luncheon

All ladies are invited to a luncheon at First Baptist Church on the Square, **Monday, October 21, at noon**. Tickets are available in our church office for \$10. All proceeds from ticket sales are used to support the Clothing Center and Camp Viola. We become better people through fellowship with and service to our community. Hope to see you there.



### Journeying Through Grief Ministry

Losing a loved one is a trying time and your Church wants to be there to give love and support. Congregational Care offers a Journeying Through Grief Book ministry. It includes a set of four short books which we deliver to Church members who have lost a spouse or child.

Book 1 called A Time to Grieve is delivered by one of our Pastors within 3 weeks after the loss. The additional books are delivered by Lay Volunteers:

Book 2 - Experiencing Grief, 3 months after the loss

Book 3 - Finding Hope and Healing, 6 months after the loss

Book 4 - Rebuilding and Remembering, 11 months after the loss

Each book focuses on what the person is likely to be experiencing at that point in grief – offering understanding, empathy, compassion and hope. The books are written by Kenneth Haugk who is a pastor, clinical psychologist and founder of Stephen Ministry and who lost his wife after a long battle with cancer. He walks alongside the reader through the grief journey, sharing helpful insights about grief, biblical truths and stories that provide comfort and reassurance.

We started this ministry in 2016 and have already delivered 16 full book sets plus we currently have 10 additional sets in process of being delivered. Many churches mail such books but we make personal visits to deliver them.

Because we care as you go through your grief journey and want to remind you how much your church loves you.

LaGrange First  
United Methodist Church

### BLESSINGS OF THE ANIMALS

All of God's creatures are welcome as we give thanks to God for the gifts of creation!

OCT. 6 // 3:00PM // SOUTH BEND PARK

Join us for a short service  
followed by individual blessings for all pets.  
Please leash or crate your pet for the event.



### Mark Your Calendar

**NEXT  
Thursday Lunch Club  
November 7, 12 noon  
Wesley Hall**

**Program by Rachel & Darian Krimm**

**For reservations call or email the church  
at 706-884-4635 or  
[churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org).  
Cost is \$6 per person. All are welcome!**

It's almost that time of year again! Yes, Trunk or Treat. Did you know last year we had the largest crowd yet? We are estimating that more than 500 people attended, some of us counted close to 700 attendees. This is a great way to welcome all LaGrange families to the FUMC campus for a fun children's event. This year we have added more inflatables, a balloon artist - Hippy the Clown, the Jungle Bus, and invited seven other churches to participate. We are calling this event a Community Children's Festival and Trunk or Treat. Without your help, we could not sponsor an event of this size. Here's how you can become part of this fun way to show the love of Christ to LaGrange children and their families. There is a way for EVERYONE to participate.

1. Host a Trunk (applications in the office or email [jeanne@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:jeanne@lagrangefumc.org))
2. Donate cakes, cupcakes, other baked goods, for the cake walk.
3. Donate bags of individually wrapped candy (last year we ran out, send a lot!)
4. Volunteer to help out on October 27, setup 2-4pm, event 4-6pm.

**Children's Schedule of Events for October**

- 2nd - 5:45-7 Wednesday Night Kids  
Outreach Night with LaGrange College Servant Scholars
- 6th - Family Worship Sunday and  
"Blessing of the Pets" at Southbend Park
- 9th - 5:45 - 7 Wednesday Night Kids  
Parable of the Three Servants
- 16th - 5:45 - 7 Wednesday Night Kids  
Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
- 23rd - 5:45 - 7 Wednesday Night Kids  
Servant Who Had No Mercy
- 27th - 4-6 p.m. COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL/TRUNK OR TREAT
- 30th - 5:45 - 7 Wednesday Night Kids  
Wear Your Costume for Reverse Trick or Treat  
We will go to LaGrange College and give out treats!

**TRUNK OR TREAT HELP NEEDED**  
**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**  
**HOST A TRUNK**  
**BRING A BAKED ITEM**  
**FOR THE CAKE WALK**  
**DONATE**  
**CANDY AND PRIZES**  
**BRING DONATED ITEMS TO CHURCH OFFICE BY OCTOBER 27TH**  
**SUBMIT TRUNK APPLICATIONS NOW**



C. J. Lord, Youth Minister, [cj@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:cj@lagrangefumc.org)

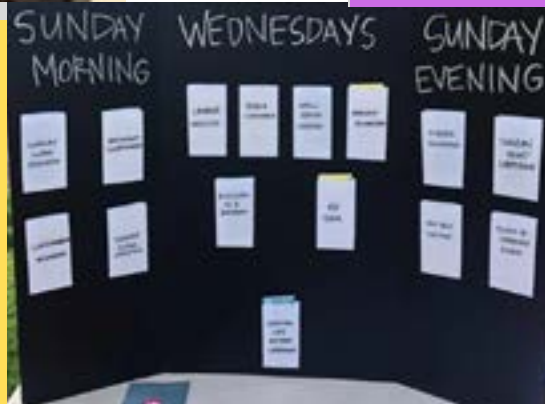


**QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!**

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**THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

- We are looking forward to the first Blessing of the Animals hosted by LaGrange Fist UMC.
- We are also very excited about the church-wide trunk or treat event at the end of the month! Almost time for Halloween!



Be on the lookout for this board on Wednesday nights! Contact us to get involved!



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please call the church office.

***We always look forward to hearing from you.***



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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).



**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 ministers or email [stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org).

### SAVE THESE DATES

**#1 Rise Against Hunger Fundraiser Lunch**  
Sunday, October 20, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Wesley Hall  
Poppy Seed Chicken, Green Beans, Sweet Carrots, Dessert  
Cost: Donation Only

**#2 Rise Against Hunger Packing Event**  
Sunday, November 3, 12:30 p.m., Wesley Hall  
Packing Goal 20,000 Meals

**VOLUNTEER**

### November is OUR Food Closet Month

LaGrange First provides volunteers for the Community Food Closet  
at 416 Pierce Street on the Tuesdays & Thursdays listed below. We  
need at least 3 people per day, (men & women) from 12:45 pm until  
3:00 pm. Please contact the church office at 706-884-4635 to  
volunteer on **Nov. 5, 6th, 7th, 12 and/or 14.**

### IN MEMORIAM

**Tommy Douglas**  
September 1, 2019

### IN MEMORIAM

**Reaunette Vaughn**  
September 4, 2019

### IN MEMORIAM

**Jean Smith**  
September 12, 2019



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, September 22, 2019, we have received **101.83%** of anticipated giving based on our ten-year giving model. **Thank you** for your financial faithfulness to underwrite the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ through our great church!



# October 2019

## Weekly

<b>SUNDAY</b>
9:00a Early Worship 10:00a Church on the Hoop 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship
<b>MONDAY</b>
10:30a Meals on Wheels 11:30a Soup Kitchen 5:30p Sons of Lafayette Rehearsal
<b>TUESDAY</b>
9:00a Community Care 2:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Boy Scouts
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
10:00a Explorer's Bible Study 11:30a Soup Kitchen Sack Lunch 5:00p Wednesday Evening Meal 5:30p Handbell Rehearsal 6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b>
9:00a Community Care 9:45a Prayer Ministry 10:30a Dulcimers
<b>FRIDAY</b>
7:00a Men's Coffee & Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30p Red Cross Blood Drive	2	3	4	5
6 3:00p Blessing of the Animals, Southbend Park	7 5:00p UMW Board Mtg	8 5:00p Discipleship & Spiritual Growth Committee	9 5:45p Missions Committee	10	11	12
13 5:00p Disciple IV Class	14	15 5:00p Worship Committee	16	17	18	19
20 11:00a to 1:00p Rise Against Hunger Fundraiser Luncheon	21 10:00a Altar Guild Mtg	22 5:30p Finance Committee 6:30p Church Council	23 5:00p Altar Guild Mtg	24 5:00p Board of Trustees	25	26 7:00p Organ Spooktacular 8:00p Spooktacular Reception
27 4:00p Trunk or Treat	28 11:45a Memorial Foundation Mtg	29 5:00p Disciple IV Class	30	31		

## Remembrances Received, September 2019

### *In Memory of*

**Wilson Pippin** (Babs & Mike Pippin's Son)—Marty & Ken Young

**Marilyn Fetrow** (Tina Diskin's Mother)—U.M.W. Susannah Circle

**Jean Smith**—Carole & Kelly Linch, Jane Stephens, Marilyn & Marc Huberdeau, Marty & Ken Young, Vince, Ansley, Robert & Catherine Scoglietti, Carol Freeman, Marilyn & Allen Smith, The Bible Class

**Reaunette Vaughn**—Trish Vaughn, Rebecca & Gus Vaughn, Elynor Varner, Catherine & Susan Carmical, Cynthia Hull, Jennie & Scott Gordy, Ellen & Keith Parmer, Sarah Funderburk, Susan Langford

**Cole Hagood**—Mary Anne & H. R. Shepherd, U.M.W., Sharon & Dennis Richardson

**Gary Stephens**—Mary Anne & H. R. Shepherd, Sue & Julian Duttera, Rena Ward, U.M.W., Sally & Ray Holmes, Laura Holley, Mr. & Mrs. James Nappier

**Earl Cook**—Pellie Manning

**Carl Becker**—U.M.W.

**Martha Smith**—Sharon & Dennis Richardson

### *Our Sympathy to*

Mike & Babs Pippin & Family in the death of their son, **Wilson Pippin, August 30, 2019.**

Tina Diskin & Family in the death of her mother, **Marilyn Fetrow, September 1, 2019.**

Elissa Lawson & Family in the death of her grandmother, **Nassie Morman, September 17, 2019.**

Carolyn Alise & Family in the death of her sister, **Betty Underwood, September 21, 2019.**

### *ATTENDANCE*

#### **Sunday, September 1**

Sunday School....131    Worship Service.....284

#### **Sunday, September 8**

Sunday School....153    Worship Service.....322

#### **Sunday, September 15**

Sunday School....168    Worship Service.....334

#### **Sunday, September 22**

Sunday School....124    Worship Service.....350

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### *October's Worship Team Volunteers*

**Ushers:** Jim Hardy, Jay Allred, Philip Ivey, Lamar McKeen, Skip Smith, Jared Larson, Jacob Wise, Trent Smith, Ben Ivey, Jeremy Dockins

**Altar Guild:** Joanna Selbie, Suzie Highland, Cecilia Stevenson, Alison Vinson, Jane Willey, Denise Wilson

**Hospitality Team:** Beth & Wayne Godwin, Joyce & Bill Young, Laura Harlin, Cindy & John Jackson, Denise & Mike Wilson, Jane Willey, Laura Holley, Carol & Jim Morgan, Linda Frano, Pat & Fred Bodine, Margie Purnell, Carolyn Day, Julianne Skipper, Jan Lockerbie, Lauranne Buchanan, Angela & David Ochsenknecht