



THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

Christians . . . SERVING, CARING, & SHARING

October 22 2017

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

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in the Fellowship Hall**

***Traditional Service
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**Child care is provided.*

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

WHY I TITHE

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse... and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." (Malachi 3:10)

*"With my tithe I seal a bargain, with my tithe I pay a debt.
With my tithe I serve a purpose that my God will not forget.*

*With my tithe I fish for sinners, with my tithe I find the lost.
With my tithe I gird the winners, with my tithe I share the cost.*

*With my tithe I love my neighbor, with my tithe I pass a test.
With my tithe I clothe God's image in a form one-tenth divine.*

*With my tithe I build a temple, with my tithe I feed its fire.
With my tithe I still a yearning of my soul's innate desire.*

*With my tithe I heal the stricken, with my tithe they rise again.
With my tithe I walk with giants, in the wake of Godly women and men.*

*With my tithe I walk in honor where the great and strong have trod.
With my tithe I store my treasures in the treasure house of God!"*

[--Written by Peter E. Long]

My wife Trish and I have tithed faithful to God through our church for nearly 28 years, and God has never yet let us down, even in tight financial times -- it's the *first* check we write when we get paid (or, these days, the first online payment we set up). The "tithe" (the *first* 10% of our gross income) is a tool shared in the Bible that helps us be faithful to God, enabling Him to be faithful back to us.

So, are you honoring God in how you use your financial resources, starting with a tithe back to Him? Even if you're not able to tithe immediately, are you willing to take a step forward and move *towards* it *now* so that you can eventually tithe in the near future?

I pray that as we on October 29th share in "Commitment Sunday" for our "**TREASURE**" stewardship journey, you will prayerfully consider tithing (or moving towards a tithe) as an important step of faith in your spiritual life. It's never too late to start! You'll be blessed by it as is anyone who does it!

Remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

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

WEW Meal on October 25, 2017

Menu: Soup Bar, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches,
Salad Bar, Dessert.

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

WEW Meal on November 1, 2017

Menu: Taco Salad, Dessert.

Children: Same & 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.

November is OUR Food Closet Month

Our church provides volunteers for the LaGrange
Food Closet at 416 Pierce Street on the Tuesdays &
Thursdays listed below. We need 3 people per day,
(men & women) from 12:45pm until 3pm. Please
contact the church office at 706-884-4635 to
volunteer on **Nov. 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th and/or 16th.**



ALTAR GUILD MEETS

The Altar Guild will meet on Monday, October 23rd 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!

REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

Mr. Lyman Davidson (Bill Davidson's Brother) - Betty
& Walt Knight

Mr. Guinn Vaughn - Trish and Reaunette Vaughn

Mr. Don (Jabo) Taylor - Betty & Walt Knight

Honorarium

Mrs. Hildred Cammon - Adult Fellowship Sunday
School Class

Rev. Helen Henry - Hildred Cammon



Special Offering

Not every child gets to be a
student. When a child does
not first have their basic needs
fulfilled, they 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 screens and
identifies all needs. All times are given to the School
Counselor who in turns get 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.



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.

Now Hear This! Volunteers are needed to help run
the sound board during 11am



Traditional worship. No experience
necessary. A positive attitude and a
willing spirit are all that's required.

We will train you to operate the sound
board. Are you willing to help one Sunday
per month? Contact Darian Krimm at

darian@lagrangefumc.org for more information.

Join the Choir for Christmas

Want to sing in the choir for Christmas? If you
would like to 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 for more information.

Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child

Boxes are available in the Church Office and in all church
worship spaces. Boxes need to returned no later than
November 5th to the Church Office or the Children's
Department Office. A donation of \$9 is critical to cover
shipping—make the check payable to Samaritan's Purse
inside the sealed envelope on top of your box. Please do
not include candy or toothpaste in your package.
Complete details on packing and shipping will be inside
each box. Thank you for supporting this outreach.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

Please join us for our annual **Rise
Against Hunger** meal packing
event **November 12th**. We will
have a light lunch for the
volunteers at noon and begin
packing immediately after lunch.
We will package over 20,000 meals. This is a significant
increase over the 12,000 meals we packed last year, thanks
to your coin donations made during Lent. Please dress
casually and feel free to invite a friend. It will be helpful
if everyone can register at the email address listed here,
<http://events.stophungernow.org/LaGrangeFUMC2017>.
This will speed up the check-in process, and let us know
how many volunteers to expect.

Children's Ministry

Jeanne Jones, Director, jeanne@lagrangefumc.org.



Trunk or Treat is almost here and we still need some help.

1. Please consider **volunteering 1/2 hour** or more to help with one of the **games or setup**.
2. We also need **baked goods**—cakes, cookies or cupcakes for the **cakewalk**.
3. We need **individually wrapped pieces of candy** to be given away at the games.

It's not too late to register a trunk either!

Let's make this a great event for all children.

Contact Jeanne at 706-884-4635 or jeanne@lagrangefumc.org

Youth Ministry

CJ Lord, Director, cj@lagrangefumc.org



FUMC students have been super active this past month. We took an awesome group of students to Camp Glisson for a Confirmation Retreat. We started Confirmation Classes this month that will continue until Thanksgiving, then we take a break, and will resume the classes after the winter holidays.

Come and support the students as they operate their Haunted House during the Trunk-Or-Treat event.

*Be on the lookout for signups for a trip to SkyZone.

Thursday Lunch Club presents

Jeff Higgins

November 2nd, 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall

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!

NOVEMBER USHERS

John Jackson, Captain	Dee Woodward	Tommy Britt
Steve Cole	John Holliday	Mike Wilson
Matt Orr	Mark Kostial	Jared Jones
Steve Close	Bill Lovejoy	John Cook

ALTAR GUILD

Cindy Jackson, Chair	Davie Biagi	Alynda Jones
Mary Ann Keck	Brenda Martin	Olivia Smith

COMMUNION Jane Willey, Oleeta Aspinwall, Linda Frano, Tina Diskin, Davie Biagi, Terri & John Cook

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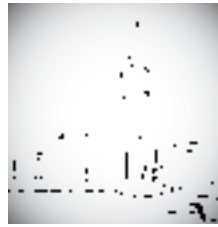
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To reach all other employees and/or volunteers,
 please call the church office.

We always look forward to hearing from you.



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Music Ministry fundraiser
 4pm, February 11, 2018

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, October 8

Sunday School.....143
 Worship Service.....241

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, October 15

Sunday School.....166
 Worship Service.....268

We will meet with other Methodist churches for our **2017 Charge Conference** on Sunday, **November 12th, 5:00pm** at **Trinity on the Hill UMC, 101 N. Davis Road.**

IN MEMORIAM
Ann Jones
October 17, 2017

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.

Calendar for October 22 - October 28

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Disciple II Bible Study
Monday	
10:00am.....	Altar Guild Meeting
11:30am-12:00.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
11:45am.....	Memorial Foundation
12:00.....	Council of Church Women Luncheon
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
11:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
5:30pm.....	Finance Committee
6:30pm.....	Church Council
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
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.....	Handbell Rehearsal
5:45pm.....	Children's Program
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
5:30pm.....	Board of Trustees
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

Calendar for October 29 - November 4

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Trunk or Treat
Monday	
11:30am-12:00am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:30pm.....	The Bridge Task Force
Tuesday	
9:00am.....	Community Care
11:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
7:00pm.....	THE BRIDGE Band Rehearsal
Wednesday	
9:30am.....	Explorers Bible Study
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Altar Guild Summary Meeting
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
5:30pm.....	Handbell Rehearsal
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
12:00pm.....	Thursday Lunch Club
Friday	
7:00am.....	Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

**Interdenominational
 Prayer Service**
Sunday, October 22nd, 6:00pm
**First Baptist Church on the
 Square (in their Sanctuary)**
 Join Pastor Brian and other area
 clergy as they lead this special
 prayer service.

OUR SYMPATHY
 We extend our sympathy to:
 Donna & Richard Ennis & Family
 in the death of her Father, **Raymond
 Rambo, October 14, 2017**
 Maria & Richard Willey & Family
 in the death of her Father, **Fred
 Willingham, October 14, 2017**