



THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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October 8, 2017

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9:00am in the Chapel**

***THE BRIDGE
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in the Fellowship Hall**

***Traditional Service
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**TREASURE: Investing in God
through our Living and Giving**

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

- What do you most *want* to be investing your life in?
- What are you *actually* investing it in?

Our honest answer to these questions may surprise us. Often we think that our treasure (our time, talents, energy, and money) follows our hearts and passions. But in the scripture above, Jesus suggested just the opposite – that whatever and wherever we invest our treasure our hearts will follow after *that*.

It's no wonder, then, that many of us feel a sense of tension about our lives and our finances. We *want* to give our lives to our church, our family, our God. Instead, our hearts follow our debts, our bills, our jobs, and often we don't even realize it. We are left feeling stretched, conflicted, and empty.

What we often fail to consider is how much our view and use of treasure affects our heart. It's true that “treasure” involves more than money. But money IS a big part of the problem in many of our lives. Whether we're in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to our stress level, our anxiety, and the health of our relationships.

It's no wonder, then, that Jesus talked about the relationship between our treasure and our hearts. And because he cared so much about our hearts, he therefore talked about what we do with our treasure.

Each Sunday, October 8-29 in a new series called **TREASURE**, we'll explore Jesus' teachings about treasure found in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6. We'll consider how financial challenges in our personal lives affect our relationships - both with people and with God. We'll see how giving helps to determine the way we feel and act. Most importantly, we'll discover how we can experience the power found in making God our ultimate treasure through our living and giving.

Then, at all three worship services on **October 29 (Celebration/Commitment Sunday)**, we'll have the chance to begin to make personal investments of our treasure in God through our church in the coming year through the sharing of either a physical or online commitment.

At the end of these four weeks, it's my prayer that we'll all have a better awareness not only of *what* we invest our lives in but also of *how* we can do a better job making God our ultimate treasure through our living and giving.

Always remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

**Child care is provided.*

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

Wednesday Evening Weekly

Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm

WEW Meal on October , 2017

Menu: Baked Chicken, Cashbrown Casserole, Veggie, Salad Bar, Dessert.

Children: Mini Chicken & PB & J Sandwiches

WEW Meal on October , 2017

Menu: Fried Chicken Fingers, Potato Wedges, Veggie, Salad Bar, Dessert.

Children: S & 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.



Seasonal Singers Wanted

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 starting Wednesday, October 11th. Rehearsals are at 6:30pm in the Choir Room. All are welcome! Email Darian Krimm (darian@lagranefumc.org) for more information.

REMEMBRANCE RECEIVED

Memorial

Mrs. Shirley Grojean (Jackie Huckstep's Sister) - John & Carolyn Alise

Honorariums

Mrs. Hildred Cammon - Judy & Bernard Bledsoe

Mrs. Jane Williams - Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class



save the date...

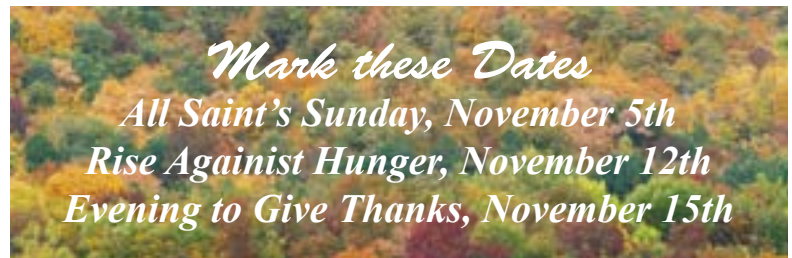
Backstage Pass

Music Ministry fundraiser
4pm, February 11, 2018



Confirmation 2017

This year's Confirmation Class includes 13 young people. Please be in prayer for our Confirmands and those leading them on this special journey.



Mark these Dates

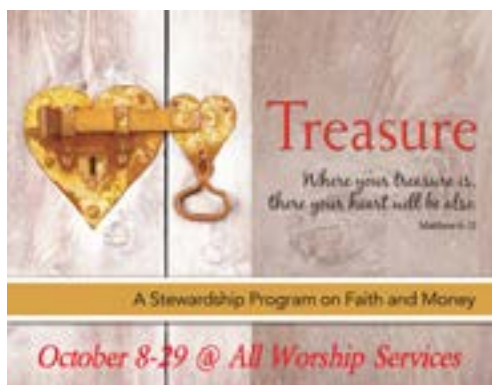
All Saint's Sunday, November 5th

Rise Against Hunger, November 12th

Evening to Give Thanks, November 15th

Chancel Choir to Premiere New Music

The Chancel Choir is excited to give the world premiere of a new anthem "If God Be For Us" by composer Joseph Martin. The anthem was commissioned in memory of Rev. Sidney Tate by the Tate family and the Chancel Choir as a lasting tribute to Sidney's love of music. Composer Joseph Martin chose to set the text, based on Romans 8:31, in a driving rhythm with bold vocal lines, an energetic piano accompaniment, and striking harmonies. Martin is one of the leading composers in church music today. The Chancel Choir sings his music regularly and is proud to add this anthem to their repertoire. The premiere of "If God Be For Us" will be October 15, 2017, during 11am Traditional worship.



OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

Since Jesus cared about our hearts, he talked about our treasure because he knew that where our treasure goes our hearts will follow.

Join Pastors Brian and Blake, October 8th-29th, at all three worship services for **Treasure** – one special series shared two unique ways -- exploring Jesus' words about what we want to be investing in, what we actually are investing in, and how to experience the power found in making God our treasure.

Children's Ministry

Jeanne Jones, Director, jeanne@lagrangefumc.



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First United Methodist Church
TRUNK
OR
TREAT
ON TRINITY STREET

OCTOBER 29th
5:00-7:00 P.M.
CONTESTS,
GAMES, PRIZES,
CANDY, AND
MUCH
MORE!

FREE
FUN
for
ALL
AGES

For
More
Information:
Lagrange FUMC
401 Broad Street
706-884-4635
jeanne@lagrangefumc.org

There will be no Children's program on Wednesday, October 18th.

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Acolyte
Ministry

Acolyte Training will be held on Sunday, October 22nd, after the 11:00am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary.

This training will be for anyone in Grades 4 through 6 who are interested in participating. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Sarah Beall at jbowen442@charter.net or Nicole Kostial at nkostial@troupc.org.

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It's Trunk or Treat Time and
Come Join the Fun

Individuals and Families can help; here's how...

Decorate a Trunk
Help with Games

Make Donations of
Bags of Individually Wrapped Candies
Baked Goods for the Cake Walk

For questions, contact jeanne@lagrangefumc.org.

Youth Ministry

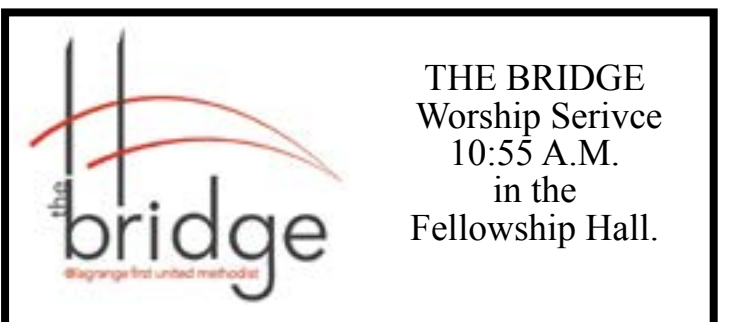
CJ Lord, Director, cj@lagrangefumc.org

We got back from Camp Glisson's Confirmation Retreat with all of our Confirmands. It was a phenomenal trip where we talked about how God has already been working in all of our lives. I will be back at Camp Glisson to partake in the Youth Ministry Institute for training to better develop my own personal youth ministry skills. There will still be our regular Wednesday night programming with small groups.

This Sunday, October 8th, we go to "13 Stories in Newnan."
Sign up using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KJ77RF8>. Sign up by this Thursday!

Thanks again to everyone who makes this student ministry possible!
Grace and Peace, C.J.

Thanks to our Stewardship Committee, pew racks in the Chapel and Sanctuary and offering baskets in the Fellowship Hall now contain Online Giving cards that not only explain more about the three methods of giving available to our church but also provide those who give via either online or text-to-give something to symbolically place in the offering plate/basket. Please use these weekly as you feel led.



THE BRIDGE
Worship Service
10:55 A.M.
in the
Fellowship Hall.

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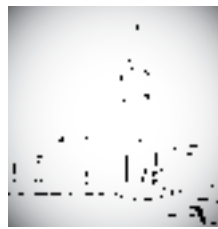
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 please call the church office.

We always look forward to hearing from you.

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**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 (darian@lagrangefumc.org) for more information.

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, September 24

Sunday School.....190

Worship Service.....285

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, October 1

Worship Service.....220

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 15th, are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Rev. Sidney S. Tate** by the Tate Family.

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to

Chris Rosendahl & Family in the death of her grandson **Nathan Christenson**.

Rev. Bennie Huguley and Family in the death of his wife, **Clara Huguley**, **September 30, 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 8 - October 14

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
 5:30pm.....SPR Committee
 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.....Stephen Ministry Supervision
 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.....Worship Committee
Friday
 7:00am.....Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday
 8:00am.....Men's Breakfast

Calendar for October 15 - October 21

Sunday * Nursery
 *Worship Services
 *10:00am.....Sunday School
 4:00pm.....Nominations & Leadership Development
Monday
 11:30am-12:00am.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
 5:45pm.....Stewardship Committee
Tuesday
 9:00am.....Community Care
 11:00am.....Dulcimers Class
 6:00pm.....Nativity Festival Committee
 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 Wednesday Program
 6:00pm.....Minor Prophets Bible Study
 6:00pm.....Mid & Sr High Youth Small Groups
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ATTENTION LADIES

Our Church is honored to serve as the host for this year's Council of Church Women's Fall Luncheon. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together with women of faith from several area churches in support of two important ministries in our community. Please join us!

**Monday, October 23
 12 noon, Fellowship Hall**

Tickets are \$10 and are available in the Church Office from now until October 16th.

*ALL proceeds go to Camp Viola and
 The Clothing Center.*

We look forward to being with you.