



# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

*"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"*

**September 4, 2016**

**\*Morning Glory  
8:45am in the Fellowship Hall**

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

**\*Traditional Service  
11:00am in the Sanctuary**

**\*Korean Worship Service  
11:00am in the Chapel**

**September 11, 2016**

**\*Morning Glory  
8:45am in the Fellowship Hall**

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11:00am in the Sanctuary**

**\*Korean Worship Service  
11:00am in the Chapel**

*\*Child care is provided.*

*Mark your calendar*

**September 11th  
"Women's Ministry Sunday"  
All Services**

**\*\* 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.

## GIDEON SUNDAY

*"The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)*

"Gideons, International" is the result of a meeting back in 1908 between two businessmen who wished to band commercial travelers together for evangelism. What began back then as an association of Christian businessmen placing Bibles in hotel rooms has evolved today into an interdenominational ministry providing people access to God's Word all around the world.

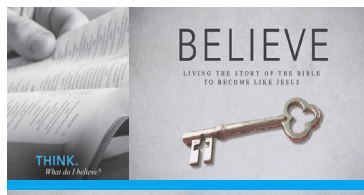
To date, over 2 billion scriptures have been distributed in more than 200 countries, territories, and possessions in 95 languages. Not only do they distribute God's Word for free in hotel rooms (for which most of us are familiar), but also in prisons, military units, schools, hospitals, "on the streets," and in many other places. And while they are not a church, they nevertheless partner with churches like ours to make possible God's ministry through them.

I remember first hearing with fondness about the amazing work that they do growing up as a young boy in my home United Methodist church in College Park, GA. Many United Methodists are part of this ministry (including several of our own LFUMC members), and I want to encourage us as a church to re-engage in their local ministry here in LaGrange/Troup County.

As part of this re-connection. *on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>* we will be hosting "**GIDEON SUNDAY**" where we will welcome two speakers from our local Gideon chapter to speak at all of our morning worship services that day: Mr. Don Seal will speak at our Chapel and Sanctuary services; and Mr. Jeff Miller will speak at our Morning Glory service.

I hope you will join Blake and I that Sunday not only in welcoming them, but to come prepared to have our hearts touched and challenged by the possibilities and opportunities for renewed partnership with Gideons, International through our church. And I invite you also to come prepared to share your generosity in a special offering. For more information about the Gideons ministry, visit [www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org). Remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian



Begins Wednesday, September 7th  
6:00pm to 7:30pm  
Leader: Greg McClanahan  
Small Dining Room

## Wednesday Evening Weekly

**Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm**

### **WEW Meal on September 7, 2016**

Menu: Poppyseed Chicken, rice, fried okra  
salad bar & dessert

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

### **WEW Meal on September 14, 2016**

Menu: Pork Loin, sweet potatoes, veggie  
Children: Nachos

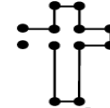
Call or email the church office at 884-4635 by NOON  
on MONDAY to make your meal reservation.

The cost is: \$0 for those 2 years & under; \$3 for those  
3 years-12th grade; and \$6 for adults.



### **REC-LA-MA-TION**

*"The act or process of reclaiming."* Who are we as a Christian community of faith here at LaGrange First United Methodist Church in 2016? What is the nature and essence of our identity as we carry out our current calling as God's people? Join Pastors Blake and Brian September 11-25 as they help us reclaim our identity and purpose by unpacking the meaning of our church's new mission in a new series called RECLAMATION.



**Connections @  
LaGrange First  
UMC**

## REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

### *Memorials*

**Dr. John Gamble** - Spence & Sara Nell Wise, Orren & Pat Gilbert

**Mrs. Idolene Adams** (Billy Adams' mother) - Ric & Joanna Selbie

### *Honorarium*

**Mrs. Mary Funk** - Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class

### **UMW Circles September 12, 2016**

Esther	10:00am	Church Library
Ruth	10:30am	Kay Cole 120 Moss Creek
Susanna	10:00am	Freddie Hayes 412 Ginger Circle
Lydia	10:00am	Laura Shedd 200 Northridge Dr.
Elizabeth	10:00am	Sharon Jones 225 S. Pinc Cove Dr.
Hannah	7:00pm	Genesis Classroom

### **UMW Circle September 13, 2016**

Mary	3:00pm	Church Parlor
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## SEPTEMBER USHER COMMITTEE

Jim Biagi, Captain		
Hank Hughes	Charles Knight	Ben Crockett
John Stewart	Sandy Simmons	Tim Huff
Dean Larson	Mark Hale	Shane Moore

## ALTAR GUILD

Laura Shedd, Chair	Brenda Tilson	Dee Wallace
Nancy Mahaffey	Ellen Parmer	Fay Riddle
Youth: Sarah Sims & Blakely Arp		
Communion: Page Estes, Joyce Morgan Young, Laura Harlin		

**MORNING GLORY** Beth Godwin

This month our church is launching our new Connections College Ministry. If you've been to Wednesday Evening Weekly anytime during the fall or spring, then you've noticed that we have a lot of college students that join us for dinner. Our church has done a great job at filling our college friend's stomachs but we haven't done much to fill their souls. That's why we are starting this new ministry. Every Wednesday evening we'll have a small group discussion and every Sunday morning we'll have Sunday school. Those regular meetings will be coupled with a variety of on-campus visits and different fun events that First Methodist will sponsor throughout the year.

With that said, in order for our church to really connect with LC students, we'll need you to reach out to them. When I was a college student at the University of Georgia, I was two hours from my parents in Dahlonega. I lived off-campus in an old farm house. My next door neighbor was a guy named Dan. Dan was in his mid-50's and he was one of my freshman professors. Throughout my time in Athens, Dan became my resident adult. If I had a question I couldn't answer, I'd call Dan. If I needed to borrow a tool, I'd walk next door to Dan's house. When I contracted Swine Flu my junior year, Dan checked on me while I waited on my mother to come and pick me up.

Dan came to my wedding this past June. He is one of my dearest friends and I met him when I was in college. That's my hope for our new Connections Ministry. I hope that it will allow you to connect with students in a way that creates lasting relationships. So as we get started, my prayer is that you will help me minister to the students at LaGrange College. My prayer is that together we can show them that no matter how far away they are from their parents, that they have a home here at First Methodist.

Blake

## 2017 CHURCH LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Our church's Committee On Nominations and Leadership Development has begun its work to discern God's will for church leadership for next year. To assist them in their task, between August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>, they need your help in identifying potential candidates who are willing to serve in areas of both program and administrative church leadership.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a leadership committee or ministry team for next year, please read the instructions in the "Join In The Ministry of God's Church" brochure available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, or church office and follow the instructions there. For further information, contact either our Senior Pastor or email [nominations@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:nominations@lagrangefumc.org).

*Your 2016 Committee On Nominations  
and Leadership Development*



### **JOB OPPORTUNITY AS MUSIC LEADER AT FUMC MORNING GLORY SERVICE**

The SPR Committee has been conducting a search for a new music leader for our Morning Glory Service. A description of this position is posted on our website at [lagrangefumc.org](http://lagrangefumc.org). If you or anyone you know might be interested in this position, please contact the SPR committee at [sprc@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:sprc@lagrangefumc.org).

### **Youth Ministry**

Kali Grenus, Director  
[kali@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:kali@lagrangefumc.org) or  
706-884-4635, ext. 215

### SPR ANNOUNCEMENT

After serving faithfully for the past two years as our church's Youth Minister, **Kali Grenus** has felt God's call for her to move closer to her home in Florida. Consequently, she will be leaving this position effective September 18, 2016.

She expresses her great love for our youth, and her thanks to our church for the opportunity to do ministry here these past two years. In turn, we deeply appreciate her time with us and pray that God will continue to bless her in the next stage of her calling.

We will be hosting a **Thank You Reception** for Kali on September 18th in the MMC after both early morning services and in the Narthex after the 11:00 service. This will give all of us the opportunity to share our appreciation with her personally.

In the meantime, know that the Staff Parish Relations Committee is working to identify an interim youth leader and is beginning the process of conducting a thorough search to fill her position permanently. In the Meantime, please pray for this process and join us in giving thanks to Kali for her faithful service to God through LFUMC.

*Ken Young, Chairperson  
Staff Parish Relations Committee*

In Christ,

*Brian Germano  
Senior Pastor*

## Revamp, Reactivate, Invigorate!

That is what we are doing to our Church's Library. Under the direction of Donna Fager, a member of our Congregational Care Committee, we are turning our library into a more useful Resource Center. Outdated materials including old VHS tapes have been purged. Shelves are being relabeled. Four major sections are being restocked. We have many BIG plans for this room so stay tuned for future FLAME articles.

Right now you can help us please. We have many books that have been checked out for months or even years and we need them returned. Perhaps they got put on one of your home shelves and forgotten. Just bring back to the resource Center and leave on the grey rolling cart by the sign "Return Books Here". We will replace the card you signed and refile the book on the bookshelves.

### **The S.O.U.L. Group**

(Survivors of Unexpected Loss)

A new support group open to anyone in our community who has experienced loss through suicide.

**Monday, September 12th @ 7:30pm**  
**LaGrange First United Methodist Church**  
**401 Broad Street**  
**Builders Sunday School Classroom**

Sponsored by  
Congregational Care Ministry  
LaGrange First United Methodist Church

For more information contact the church office  
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*We always look forward to hearing from you.*



“To Know and To Make Christ Known”

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**Methodist Men’s September Breakfast**

All Methodist men are invited to breakfast on Saturday, September 10th at 8am in the small dining room for a delicious home-cooked breakfast and a program provided by **Dr. John Tures**, Political Science Professor at LaGrange College. Mark your calendars and join us!

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2016**

Month End	July	Year-to-Date
<b>Budgeted Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 109,917</b>	<b>\$ 706,879</b>
<b>Actual Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 97,940</b>	<b>\$ 678,024</b>
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 109,421</b>	<b>\$ 733,096</b>
<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 108,040</b>	<b>\$ 693,664</b>

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, August 21st**

Sunday School.....252  
 Worship Service.....278

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, August 28th**

No Sunday School  
 Worship Service.....314

**URGENT NEED**

Several of our Meals on Wheels drivers have told us that some of the people to whom they deliver weekly meals are in desperate need of fans. These are mostly elderly people on limited incomes, often with serious health issues, who live in substandard housing. They don’t have air conditioning or fans, and, as you can well imagine, this heat is especially difficult for them. We are asking that you help us address this urgent need by purchasing a box or pedestal fan and dropping it off by the church office. Our Meals on Wheels drivers will, in turn, deliver them personally to those in need.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**John Gamble  
 August 20, 2016**

**OUR SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to  
 Billy Adams & Family in the death of his mother, **Idolene Adams, August 16, 2016;**  
 Terri Cook & Family in the death of her father, **Bobby Black, August, 26, 2016**

**Calendar for September 4 - September 10**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am.....	Sunday School
<b>Monday</b>	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Beginning Class
12:30pm.....	Red Cross Blood Drive
5:45pm.....	LPR Committee
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
4:00pm.....	Youth Activities
4:00pm.....	Policy Committee
5:30pm.....	Handbell Choir
5:45pm.....	M.E.R.G.E & Children’s Choir
6:00pm.....	Believe Bible Study
6:00pm.....	Connections Class
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
10:30am.....	Dulcimers Class
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am.....	Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	
8:00am.....	Men’s Breakfast

**Calendar for September 11 - September 17**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am.....	Sunday School
12:00pm.....	MG Rehearsal
5:00pm.....	Disciple Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	
11:00-11:30am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
6:00pm.....	Scout Den Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Beginning Class
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
4:00pm.....	Youth Activities
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