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THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

Homecoming Coming!

“Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!.. [For] I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you,... says the Lord.” (Zephaniah 3:14 & 20)

Homecoming (Noun): *“A return home; the return of a group of people... to a place formerly frequented or regarded as home”* (Mirriam-Webster Dictionary).

“Homecoming” is a great tradition in many churches throughout America. It’s a time to invite former church members, pastors and staff back “home” for a special time of fellowship and worship and eating to celebrate a common history and heritage. Homecoming worship usually involves lots of great, rousing singing, inspiring special music, occasional special presentations, and a challenging sermon preached by a former pastor or staff minister.

It’s a time to reminisce about the past (what the church was like in the “good ole’ days!”), to celebrate the present (how the church has changed to meet current needs), and to be challenged with plans and visions for the future (how the church plans to grow to meet the needs of future generations). In fact, it’s a foretaste of the great “homecoming” celebration that Zephaniah describes in the scripture above.

Here at LaGrange First U.M.C., the time has arrived as we celebrate this great tradition each year in September! So, mark your calendars for **Homecoming Sunday, September 13th, beginning at 10:30am in the sanctuary** with worship elements of our three weekly services in one, combined service. Former LaGrange College President, Rev. Dr. Stuart Gulley will return to be our Homecoming Preacher this year. Sunday School classes will not meet and we will conclude with a great covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide meat, drinks, and utensils; you are asked to bring a dish(es) and/or dessert, enough for your family and to share with friends.

I hope you’ll make plans now to be present! It’s a day in the life of your church that you won’t want to miss! I hope to see you there!

Remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

September 6, 2015 2nd Sunday in Kingdomtide

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

Rev. Helen Henry, preaching

***Morning Glory**
9:00am in the Fellowship Hall
Blake Trent, preaching

***Traditional Service**
11:00am in the Sanctuary
Blake Trent, preaching

***Korean Worship Service**
11:00am in the Chapel
Rev. Daniel Kim

September 13, 2015 3rd Sunday in Kingdomtide

***Homecoming**
One Combined Service
10:30am in the Sanctuary
Dr. Stuart Gulley, preaching

***Korean Worship Service**
11:00am in the Chapel
Rev. Daniel Kim

**Child care is provided.*

Homecoming Luncheon
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall

**** 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 Our Church Newsletter

The Flame is published every other week. You can view it online or receive a printed copy in the mail. If you are not getting our newsletter, please call or email the church office at churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635. We want to share with you the ministry taking place at First Methodist.

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

WEW Meal on September 9, 2015

Menu: BBQ Chicken, seasoned potato wedges, veggie, salad bar, dessert.

Children: Pizza & PB & J sandwiches.

WEW Meal on September 16, 2015

Menu: Chicken pot pie, veggie, salad bar, dessert.

Children: Nachos & 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 - Marsha Holliday, Carol & Jim Morgan, Donna & Jay Fager, Nancy & Charles Stephens, Jean Edwards, Jane & Gary Stephens, Pat & Orren Gilbert, Pat & Fred Bodine, Marianne & Walter Murphy, U.M.W., Jean & Ellis Smith, Ann & Perry Wilder, Corinne & Jim Thornton, Janet Johnson, Ken & Lisa Boatwright, Jean Newman & Family, Reaunette Vaughn, Trish Vaughn, Rob & Lynne McClellan, Shirra & Hoyt Rogers, Ron & Eleanor Laney, Page Holle, Virginia Robertson, The John Huckstep Coffee Club, Carole & Kelly Linch, Richard Jolly, Ralph & Cynthia Murphy, Martha Nix, Catherine Carmical, Margaret Camp, Gene & Rochelle Davis, Fay & Cliff Rainey, Elynor Varner, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Edelson

Mr. Tom Stanley - Jean Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Wilson, Carol & Jim Morgan, Ann & Hugh Jones, Libba Trawick, Elynor Varner

Mrs. Memory Johnson - Jean Edwards, Jean & Ellis Smith

Mrs. Margie Williamson - Marsha Holliday

Mrs. Mae Engerman - Jean & Ellis Smith

Morgan & Joyce Jackson - Libba Trawick

Honorariums

The Huckstep Family - Ralph & Cynthia Murphy

John & Cindy Jackson - Libba Trawick

Mary Will Thompson Sunday School Class - Libba Trawick

Ralph Fagan - Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class

Russell Everitt - Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class

Please remember those who are Homebound.

John McManaway, John Gamble, Frances Scarborough, Ann Petry, Laura Turner, Joanne Leverett, Evelyn Jordan, Edna Kelly, Reaunette Vaughn



Handbells

Our Handbell group has begun rehearsing on Tuesdays at 6:00 in the Handbell Room S107 in the Sanctuary basement. If you are interested in learning to play or have played in the past, please join us. For more information, call the church office at 706-884-4635.

United Methodist Women — In Mission

In May the U.M.W. collected and delivered 60 Blessing Bags to the Emmaus Women's Shelter. These bags contained personal items that are given to the clients when they arrive at the center. We have begun collecting items again and hope to make another delivery in December. There is a collection box in the church office or you may bring your items to the next UMW meeting. We would like for anyone in our church family to contribute if you feel so led. Some of the items needed are toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, brushes, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, individual packs of kleenex, travel sewing kits and bath cloths.

UMW Circles September 14, 2015

Esther	10:00am	Church Library
Ruth	11:00am	Donna Ennis 121 Windridge
Susanna	10:00am	Louise Horvath 132 shoal Creek Drive
Lydia	10:00am	Ann Wilder 152 Wisteria Ridge
Elizabeth	10:00am	Shirra Rogers 105 Ashling Drive
Hannah	6:00pm	Genesis Classroom

UMW Circle September 15, 2015

Mary	3:00pm	Church Parlor
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SEPTEMBER USHER COMMITTEE

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

ALTAR GUILD

Laura Shedd, Chair	Dawn Douglas	Betty Johnson
Nancy Mahaffey	Ellen Parmer	Fay Riddle
Youth:	Emily Huff & Hannah Penn	

MORNING GLORY Beth Godwin/Pat Bodine

September CONCERT

“Music for Peace”

Callaway Auditorium, LaGrange College

Friday, September 11, 2015

14th Anniversary of 9/11

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the LaGrange International Friendship Exchange



The Usher Team is in need of volunteers. When you volunteer to serve as an usher, you serve 2 months of the year and you can choose the service where you wish to serve. Please prayerfully consider serving your church in this role. It's not hard and there are no night meetings. Call the church office at 706-884-4635 to sign up for the monthly team that best suits your schedule. Thank you.



A New Sunday School Class

On Sunday, September 20th, the new Young Adult Sunday School class will meet.

Our first Sunday we'll have fresh Starbucks coffee and doughnuts waiting for you.

The class will meet in **Room 215 of the MMC (2nd Floor) at 10:00am.**

We will also meet and do things outside of class. We have class trips planned for: "Trivia Night" and "Escape Atlanta". We will also create a class Trunk or Treat theme for the Church Family Trunk or Treat event.

Please spread the word...bring your friends.

For any questions you might have, please contact Blake at the church office, 706-884-4635 or btrent@lagrangefumc.org.

We hope to see you on our first Sunday!

Children's Ministry

Grayson Bailey, Director

childrens@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635 ext. 209

Our Second Annual Trunk or Treat Event is set for Sunday, October 25th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Trinity Street Parking lot. If you and/or Sunday School class would like to register a vehicle for the Trunk Contest, please pick up a form from the church office or call/email 706-884-4635 / churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org, and we will send you one.

We also need volunteers! We can't make this happen without the help of our parents and church members. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Grayson Bailey at grayson.bailey@gmail.com or 706-594-5794.

Parents of Pre-K through 5th graders, we will have all regular MERGE and Choir activities this week and next. We will NOT have Sunday School on September 13th, which is Homecoming Sunday.

Youth Ministry

Kali Grenus, Director

kgrenus@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635 ext. 215



Blessings in a Bookbag needs your plastic Bags!

One of the things not mentioned in our last Blessings article is that we can always use clean, plastic grocery bags. We pack 200+ bags a month, and we go through plastic bags rather quickly. Please hold on to your bag after a shopping trip and bring them to the youth office, or place them in the food donation box located in the MMC.



Welcome Adam!

I would like to introduce you to Adam Carpenter, the newest member of the FUMC youth ministry team! Adam will be joining us this year as the Youth Ministry Intern. He is from Duluth, Ga., is a senior at LaGrange College, and is perusing a degree in Church Leadership. On top of working with the youth at FUMC and being a full time student, he also works at Golden Bikes downtown! Adam has been volunteering with the youth for the last 2 years and we are so excited to have him on board.

Mid-High Mornings! Join us for a Morning Devotion at the Commerce Ave. Chick-fil-a.

Drop off at Chick-fil-a between 7am and 7:10, we will have a devotion around 7:20.

All students are invited and welcomed to come join us. Currently we provide transportation to GNMS after the devotional. We are looking to expand so we can provide rides to all our students! If you are a parent or volunteer, willing and able to provide rides to any of the Middle schools or Private schools in the area, please let Kali know!

September 15th

October 6th

November 3rd and November 17th

December 1st and December 15th

We will not have a Mid-High Morning on October 20th!

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please call the church office.

We always look forward to hearing from you.



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FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

Needed Weekly	\$ 23,919.59
Given Last Week	\$ 12,545.75
Needed YTD	\$ 837,185.65
Received YTD	\$ 820,950.00

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, August 23

Sunday School.....239
Worship Service.....331

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, August 30

Sunday School.....222
Worship Service.....331

Mark Your Calendar
Church Family Trunk or Treat 2015
Sunday, October 25th
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Trinity Street Parking Lot

Welcome!

We welcome into our
First Methodist Church family:
Kevin & Karen Gooding
August 23, 2015

Items Needed for September
Jello & Pudding Packs

Church Flowers

Our sanctuary flowers on Sunday, September 13th are in honor of
Stuart & Kathleen Gulley by the Builders Sunday School Class.

Meals on Wheels

Our Meals on Wheels program needs a driver for the Amberwood Apartment route. If you and/or a partner can help deliver meals to those in need, please call the church office at 706-884-4635 or Dorothy Cammon at 706-884-2078. We really need your help.

SEPTEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST

The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, September 12th at 8:00am in the small dining room for a delicious home cooked breakfast. The speaker for the meeting will be **Dr. Brian Germano**. All men in the church are invited. You don't want to miss this opportunity for a great meal and terrific fellowship.

Calendar for September 6 - September 12

Sunday * Nursery
*Worship Services
*10:00am.....Sunday School
Monday
CHURCH CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
Tuesday
10:00am.....Dulcimer Class
6:00pm.....Handbell Rehearsal
7:00pm.....Boy Scouts
Wednesday
11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:30PM.....Worship Committee
5:45pm.....Missions Committee
6:30pm.....Chancel Choir
Thursday
9:45am.....Prayer Group
Friday
7:00am.....Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday
8:00am.....Men's Breakfast

Calendar for September 13 - September 19

Sunday * Nursery
*Worship Service
12:00.....Homecoming Luncheon
5:00pm.....Mid & Sr. High Youth Activities
Monday
11:00-11:30am.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday
9:00am.....Community Care
10:00am.....Dulcimer Class
6:00pm.....Handbell Rehearsal
7:00pm.....Boy Scouts
Wednesday
11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:30pm.....SPR Committee
5:30pm.....Security Committee
6:30pm.....Chancel Choir
Thursday
9:00am.....Community Care
9:45am.....Prayer Group
5:30pm.....Board of Trustees
Friday
7:00am.....Men's Coffee & Prayer Group