



# The First United Methodist Church of LaGrange

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 6, 2021 • 11:00 am**

## **WELCOME TO FIRST METHODIST!**

### **MMC Grand Reopening: Sunday, June 13**

Join the First Methodist family on **Sunday, June 13**, for the **grand reopening** of the **Methodist Ministries Center building** immediately following the 11:00 am worship service!

**Come and tour the newly renovated spaces** including Wesley Hall, St. Andrew's Chapel, the Epworth Dining Room, the Youth Center, two new conference rooms, and the newly constructed Vernon Street Welcome Center.

**Lunch** will be provided.

### **Church on the Hooch**

Church On The Hooch, our casual worship-on-the-water service, will be held at 10:00 am Sundays from **June 6 to August 8**. Our featured speakers signed up to participate at the speed of light, and now we need some volunteers to do the same! It takes a village to provide this wonderful ministry, and we need people to help with the set-up, breakdown, and transportation of materials to **Camp Lumpkin** each Sunday this summer. We also need volunteers to distribute signs around the county as well as ushers to collect the offering on the water. If you are interested in helping out, our mighty Church On The Hooch Captain **Mike Wilson** ([mwilson@newventures.org](mailto:mwilson@newventures.org)) would love to find a place for you to serve. We can't offer a worship opportunity of this magnitude without the help of volunteers!

Whether you are worshipping or volunteering at Church On The Hooch, here's how to get there: If you are traveling by car, bring your lawn chairs to the Boy Scouts' Camp Lumpkin at 2818 Antioch Road. If you're visiting by boat, come to Camp Lumpkin's shores almost across from Highland Marina between buoys 50 and 51 on West Point Lake (close GPS coordinates: 33.0600 and -85.1427).

**Pastor Ben Wills** is leading this Sunday with a special **"Blessing of the Boats"** to kick off the season! **Will Locke**, our Youth Minister, will lead next week's service.

### **Music Notes**

Today's choir anthem, **"Here, O My Lord,"** was composed by our Minister of Music, Darian Krimm, and his collaborator, J.B. Taylor. The anthem was inspired by Horatius Bonar's rich communion text, written in 1855. The music features a newly composed melody supported sensitive vocal lines and a beautiful piano accompaniment.

Organ music this morning is attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach from the collection, **"Eight Little Preludes and Fugues,"** so-named for the relative brevity and by extension lesser development as found in other of Bach's works. In recent years notable scholars have asserted it is more likely that the pieces were composed by one of Bach's students—primarily Johann Ludwig Krebs—though there is debate on exactly who. Others debate whether the works were composed for organ or pedal clavichord. Adding to the mystery is that the works were not published until long after Bach's death; and unlike other of his great works relatively few manuscripts were in circulation at the time. Nonetheless, throughout the years the eight pieces, each of which tends to highlight on a particular compositional form or style reminiscent of other composers (Handel, Corelli, Frescobaldi, et al), have been exceptionally popular as teaching material and, indeed, service offerings.

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

Dr. John Beyers

*We're Better Together!*