

Our Gifts of Time

October 1 Lock up James Grice Barry Petenbrink	October 8 Lock up Katherine Meyer Miriam Niemira
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Our Presence

September 10 - 150
8:45 - 51
11:00 - 99
September 17 - 116
September 24 - 142
8:45 - 60
11:00 - 82



Sunday, October 15
and
October 22
There will be one
Worship Service at 10:00
There will be no Sunday
School

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Oct: 1: Leslie Mannolini
Oct: 3: Sharon Fletcher
Oct: 4: Stan Cole
Oct: 5: Charles Leonard
Oct: 6: Jerry Boyne
Oct: 7: Mike Arnold

Grief Support Group

Are you experiencing the pain of loss? Loss of a loved one, friend, a spouse?
There is a healing place for you!
The Grief Support Group will meet at FUMC, Tuesdays from 11:30 - 1:00 beginning October 3 for 8 weeks. There is no charge for the support group, but there is limited availability.
Please call Paula Acree at 770-570-9958 to sign up and/or for more information.

LIJ Kids / Youth Impact News

LIJ Kids

Special October Dates:

October 4 - Fall Break, No LIJ Kids
October 25th - 6:00 - 7:00 Trunk or Treat
See Bulletin Insert to sign up for hosting a Trunk
Thank you for your participation.

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week



O Holy Wisdom, you know our every thought and feeling. May we grow to maturity and into the image of Christ with all our sisters and brothers together. Amen.



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Given by Faith, Hope and Charity Recycle Store and Ellijay 1st Baptist Church will be held November 11.

Our church has been asked to donate 20 turkeys (cooked, deboned and delivered) and 20 desserts. They need a commitment by Oct 10. If you are able to make either of these please contact Kathy Stephens by text at 706-502-5563. Thank you.

Vespers Service

Unique
Contemplative
Worshipful
Love has no Why
Love without Reward
Friday, October 6, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Questions:
Call Warren Acree
706-273-1134



Ellijay First

United Methodist Church
75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472
Ellijay, GA 30540
Dr. John Brantley
October 1, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is White
The Worship of God - Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Be of one mind, the mind of Christ. Be of one Spirit, the Spirit of God's love. Be of one purpose as beloved people of God.

* **Prelude** "The Wonderful Cross"
arr. by Doublas Wagner

* **Call To Worship** "Seek Ye First" UMH 405

† **The Greeting**
Leader: The God of glory awaits,
People: welcoming us to worship and praise.
Leader: The Christ of humility is here,
People: welcoming our needs and prayers.
Leader: The Spirit of love gathers us in,
People: binding us together as one.

† The Invocation

† **The Hymn of Praise**
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" TFWS 2191

† **The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† **The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

† **The Hymn of Preparation**

“One Bread, One Body” UMH 620
Vs. 1 & 2

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music

“We Fall Down/Holy Is the Lord/Be Still and Know”
by Chris Tomlin/Lloyd Larson

† **The Presentation and Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Anthem

“The Blessing Riddle”
arr. by Pepper Choplin

The Scripture

Matthew 21:23-32 NRSA

The Sermon

“Change of Heart and Mind” Pastor

The Closing Hymn

”Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” UMH 438

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

8:45 “My Tribute” UMH 99
“To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done.”
11:00 “The Blessing Riddle” Choir

The Postlude

“Onward Christian Soldiers”
arr. by Todd Smith/Don Hustad

† *Congregation Standing (as able)*
*11:00 am Service Only
8:45 am Service Only

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

Matthew 21:23-32

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’” ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church by profession of faith or by transfer of your membership, please come forward during the closing hymn or speak to the pastor following worship. Know that you are always welcome here.