

### Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

It's time to gather your items and pack your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes should be returned to the church by November 12. Shipping and Handling Fee is \$10.00  
Info: Pam Chapman  
Phone: 214-908-4258

### Our Presence

October 15 - 100

### Greeters

Office - Lynn McKibbin  
Narthex - Karen Woodlief  
Portico - Wanda Sandels

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Rev. Dr. John Brantley, Pastor 404-323-5646 john@brantley.net**

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Gabrielle Cornett...Pianist

Marianne Evans ...

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Susan Gooch.....Director of Music .....choir@fumcellijay.org

Ann Hanline.....Admin Assist/Financial Sec.....office@fumcellijay.org

Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator

Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician

Claudia McKeon....Organist



Oct: 22: Robert Bassett  
Oct: 23: Ann Sweat  
Oct: 25: Paula Taylor  
Oct: 27: Amy Cheslock  
Oct: 27: Diane Vautrot  
Oct: 28: John Tarrou

### Men Wanted

**What:** New Bible Study: "The Judas We Never Knew"

**When:** Begins Saturday, October 28, 8:00 a.m.

**Where:** Cornerstone Classroom (east end of hall)  
To Order Book: email allantarr@gmail.com

### LIJ Kids

**LIJ Kids / Youth Impact News Wednesday, October 25**  
**No After school LIJ kids - Be here by 6:00 p.m.**

**Special October Dates:**  
**October 25th - 6:00 - 7:00 Trunk or Treat**  
**Thank you for your participation.**

### FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week



**God with us, it is a wonder that you do not give up on us. By your infinite mercy, may we begin anew to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Give us courage to surrender our pride and seek forgiveness from those who we have wronged. 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.**

**Important meeting for Volunteers 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 10 First Baptist Church**

### Our Gifts of Time

October 22  
Lock up  
John Davis  
Hank  
Chapman



Volunteers are needed Friday, November 10th to greet (7:00 a.m.) and help serve (8:00) at the Veterans Breakfast.  
Call Barbara Barrett at 770-402-0536



## Ellijay First

United Methodist Church  
75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472  
Ellijay, GA 30540  
**Dr. John Brantley**  
**October 22, 2023**

10:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is Green

### The Worship of God

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Chiming of the Hour**

\* **Prelude** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
*arr. by Joel Raney*

\* **Call To Worship** "Seek Ye First"

† **Focusing Words:** Seek God's presence, that God's goodness, mercy, and grace may bless and strengthen you. Who knows if the Lord may tuck you into a safe place and give; you a glimpse of God's glory?

† **The Greeting**

Leader: Come, Holy God, draw near.

**People: We long to see you.**

Leader: Come, God of justice, be present today.

**People: We need your grace in our world.**

Leader: Come in this hour.

**People: Show us your love.**

† **The Invocation**

† **The Hymn of Praise**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

UMH 64  
Vs. 1,3,5

† **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**

“Near to the Heart of God”      UMH 472

***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**

“Lord, Be Glorified”

*arr. by Douglas Wagner*

† **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 God of Love Will Find You”

*by John Parker & Ruth Schram*

**The Scripture**      Psalm 96:1-13      NRSA

**The Sermon**      “It’s Time to Praise the Lord”      Pastor

**The Closing Hymn**      “God of Grace and God of Glory”      UMH 577

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**      “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. “

**The Postlude**      “Father, We Thank You”  
*arr. by C. Callahan*

† *Congregation Standing (as able)*      *UMH-United Methodist Hymnal*  
*\*11:00 am Service Only*      *TFWS-The Faith We Sing*  
*# 8:45 am Service Only*

**Psalm 96:1-13**

**Praise to God Who Comes in Judgment**

1 O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. 6 Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. 8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering; and come into his courts. 9 Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. 10. Say among the nations, “The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.” 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; 12 let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy 13 before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

***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.