

Grief Support Groups to begin in January 2024

Are you experiencing the pain of loss? Loss of a loved one, friend, a spouse? There is a healing place for you!

Please consider joining a grief support group. Choose between Tuesdays or Thursdays from 11:30 to 1:00+. We will meet at EFUMC beginning January 9th and 11th for 8 weeks. There is no charge for the support group, but there is limited availability. Please call Paula Acree @ 770-570-9958 to ensure your spot in a group and/or for more information.



Jan. 14: Lorraine Segraves

Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, January 14th
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, January 15th
11:00 a.m. Mike Lynch Memorial Service
4:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, January 16th
12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn

Thursday, January 17th
“Hymns of the Wesleys”
1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 20th
8:00 Men’s Bible Study
“Revelation”
led by Allan Tarr

Sunday, January 21st
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

LIJ Kids

Join us as we reveal our letter
“B”
Surprise Character

Remember Amos wasn’t famous but
God used him anyway!

FUMC Firestarter’s Prayer for the Week

Give us clean hands and a pure heart, Lord, so we can raise them to you. May we give thanks to you, our greatest treasure and most important friend. You are the Most High, and we praise you. Amen.



Single/Mingles

Jan 14: Comedy Club and Birthdays
FUMC 1 - 3PM
Jan 18: Out to Dinner
El Ray 4:00 PM.

Church Lock Up

1/8 - 1/14 Miriam Niemira
Charles Leonard
1/15-1/21 Lloyd Vautrot
Bill Munson
1/22-1/28 Hank Chapman

Save the Date:



Our next Mission dinner will be Wednesday, January 31 at 5:00 PM. We will hear from The Christian Learning Center. Jennifer Colson and a couple of her students will be our speakers. The menu will be Chili and a Potato Bar. The Preschool is partnering with us for this dinner. Reservation forms will be in the bulletin next week.

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.

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

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Ellijay First

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January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Let all who draw breath shout for joy and sing praises to the living God.

* **Prelude** “Lord Be Glorified” *arr. by Douglas Wagner*

* **Call To Worship**

“How Excellent Is Thy Name”

by Stanley W. Cowan

† **The Greeting**

Leader: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

People: The One who fashioned us in our mother’s womb calls us this day.

Leader: Lead us, O God, and we will follow.

People: The One acquainted with all our ways leads us into life.

Leader: Bless us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, and guide us home.

People: The One who hems us in, from behind and before, is a lamp to our feet.

Leader: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

† **The Invocation**

† **The Hymn of Praise**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH 454

† **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.

Prayers of the People

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**

“Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

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,

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music

“The Lord Whom We Love”
by Kurt Kaiser

† **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 “Sing to the Lord with a Joyful Sound”

by Jill Gallina

The Scripture John 1:43-51 NRSV

The Communion Devotional

“You Will See Greater Things” Pastor

The Closing Hymn

”Take My Life, and Let It Be” UMH 399

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

“Amen, Amen” TFWS 2072

The Postlude

“Plenty Good Room”
arr. by Lloyd Larson

John 1:43-51

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

† *Congregation Standing (as able)*
UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing