

Grief Support Groups 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 11:30 to 1:00+. We will meet at EFUMC. There is no charge for the support group, but there is limited availability. Please call Paula Acree @ 770-570-9958



Jan. 21: Hannah Vines
Jan. 24: Linda Beldowski
Keegan McCurdy
Danna Tucker
Jan. 25: Zack Evans

Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, January 21st

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
1:00 - 3:00 Single-Mingle
Movie Day EFUMC

Tuesday, January 23rd

11:00 a.m. Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Noon Circle
4:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, January 24th

12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn

Thursday, January 25th

“Hymns of the Wesleys”
1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 27th

8:00 Men’s Bible Study
“Revelation”
led by Allan Tarr

Sunday, January 28th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
1:00 - 3:00 Single-Mingle
Game Day EFUMC

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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Ann Hanline.....Admin Assist/Financial Sec.....office@fumcellijay.org
Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator
Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician

LIJ Kids

See you Wednesday after school until 5:00

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

FUMC Firestarter’s Prayer for the Week

Lord, when we practice the two greatest commandments you taught us – to love you first as our God and Savior, and to love others as we love ourselves – our souls are filled with light. May we keep the fire burning as we fix our eyes on you.



Single/Mingles

Jan 21: Movie Day
FUMC 1 - 3PM
Jan 28: Game Day
FUMC 1 - 3PM

Church Lock Up

1/15-1/21 Lloyd Vautrot
Bill Munson
1/22-1/28 Hank Chapman
1/29-2/4 Katherine Meyer
Joe Poole

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 are in the bulletin.

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.



Ellijay First

United Methodist Church
75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472
Ellijay, GA 30540
January 21, 2024

Third 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: God is not a taskmaster keeping track of our good deeds. Rather, God intervenes boldly and relentlessly for the purpose of life and the restoration of creation.

* **Prelude** “I Will Arise and Go To Jesus”
arr. by Mark Hayes

* **Call To Worship**
“How Excellent Is Thy Name”
by Stanley W. Cowan

† **Responsorial Psalm**
Psalm 62:5-12 UMH787

† **The Invocation**

† **The Hymn of Praise**
“God of Love and God of Power” UMH 578

† **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**

“Change My Heart, O God” TFWS 2152

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “Cybele” *by Jean Baptiste Loeillet*

† **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 “Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel”
Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Roger Emerson

The Scripture Jonah 3:1-5, 10 NRSV

The Sermon “God Changed His Mind” Pastor

The Closing Hymn “Jesus Calls Us” UMH 398

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction** “Amen, Amen” TFWS 2072

The Postlude Variations on “Hymn to Joy”
arr. by Douglas Wagner

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Conversion of Nineveh

3 The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ² “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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,

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