

Grief Support Groups

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

For more information, please call Paula Acree @ 770-570-9958



Jan. 27: Debbie Brown
Jan. 29: Ryland Cheslock
Feb. 3: Nancy Farnham
Feb. 4: Clyde White

Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, January 28th

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

Tuesday, January 30th

11:00 a.m. Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, January 31st

12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn

Thursday, February 1st

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

Friday, February 2nd

5:00 p.m. Vespers

Saturday, February 3rd

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

Sunday, February 4th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Scout Sunday



LIJ Kids

See you Wednesday after school for Mission Wednesday.

We will be helping with the Soup and Potato Meal

FUMC Firestarter’s Prayer for the Week

Light of the universe, you have chosen us to reflect your light into a darkened world. Make us shine brightly with your love for us and with our love for each other. Amen.



Single/Mingles

Jan 28: Game Day
FUMC 1 - 3PM

Church Lock Up

1/22-1/28 Hank Chapman
1/29-2/4 Joe Poole

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

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Claudia McKeon....Organist



Save the Date: Wednesday Jan 31

Our next Mission dinner will be Wednesday, January 31 at 5:00 PM. We will hear from The Christian Learning Center. Jennifer Colsen 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 on the back of the attendance sheet.

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 28, 2024

Fourth 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: What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? What have you to do with my joys and my hopes, with my hurts and my losses? Come with grace and mercy.

* **Prelude** “How Majestic Is Your Name”
arr. by Mark Hayes

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

† The Greeting

Leader: Fount of Life, Glorious One, your great works are full of honor and majesty:

People: the earth that we stand on, the trees that shade us, the birds that soar above us.

Leader: Ever-Living God, Generous One, your goodness and faithfulness endure forever:

People: the wisdom we learn, the justice we long and work for, the hope you offer.

Leader: Sheltering God, Healing One, you remember your covenant and its promises to us:

People: the grace and mercy you give, the healing you offer, the tenderness you show to us.

Leader: The works of your hand are faithful and just. Your teachings are trustworthy and true.

People: Your praise endures forever! Amen

† **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**

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty” UMH176

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 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”
arr. by Roger Wilson

† **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 “Be Thou My Vision”
arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

The Scripture Psalm 111 NRSV

The Sermon “Let’s Just Praise the Lord” Pastor

The Closing Hymn “Jesus, United by Thy Grace” UMH 561
vs. 1,2,5,6

† **The Benediction**

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

The Postlude “St. Anthony’s Chorale”
by Johannes Brahms

Psalm 111

Praise for God’s Wonderful Works

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- ² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
- ³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- ⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

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