



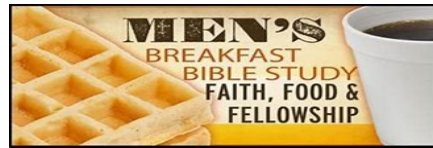
Feb. 4: Clyde White
 Feb. 6: Sharon Pettty
 Feb. 7: David Patton
 Feb. 8: Jan Day
 Feb 10: Lanny Lane
 Feb. 11: Kenny Pugh

Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, February 4th
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 Scout Sunday

Tuesday February 6th
 11 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, February 7th
 Noon. Lunch and Learn
 Acts 13



The United Methodist Men will be meeting at the Smokehouse Grill on Tuesday, February 6th at 8a.m. for fellowship and breakfast.

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.

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

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Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician

Claudia McKeon....Organist

LIJ Kids

February 7th: Surprise Character Letter D from the Bible! Extra prize if you guess right!
 February 14th: All you need is Love!
 February 21st: No LIJ KIDS - Winter Break!
 February 28th:

Share some of Jesus' Love and invite a Friend to learn

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Risen Lord of Living Hope, we no longer are content to live in fear. We receive your Holy Spirit and the power to live in the faith of the early disciples, who saw you face to face - and went on to change the world. Let your awakening quicken us, and faith displace fear.
In Jesus's name we come. Amen

Single/Mingles

February 4: Game Day
 February 10: Out to Dinner
 February 11: Movie Day
 February 18: Comedy Club
 February 25: Game Day

Church Lock Up

1/29-2/4 Joe Poole
 2/5-2/11 Miriam Niemira
 Charles Leonard
 2/12-2/18 Lloyd Vautrot
 Bill Munson

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Ellijay First

United Methodist Church
 75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472

Ellijay, GA 30540

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

The Worship of God - Holy Communion Scout Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

*†The Posting of Colors

Scouts

Focusing Words: Psalm 147:

Those who trust God will rise up with wings like eagles.

* **Prelude** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. by John Carter

* **Call To Worship**

"How Excellent Is Thy Name"

by Stanley W. Cowan

† **The Greeting**

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning?

People: The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: God sits above the circle of the earth and stretches out the heavens like a curtain.

People: Those who wait for the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Leader: They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

† **The Hymn of Praise**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH 139

vs. 1,2,5,6

† **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**

“There is a Balm in Gilead”” UMH 375

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The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “How Beautiful”

by 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 “Gather Us In”

by Lloyd Larson
Kimberly Weber, soloist with Adeline Smith and Sarah Thorne, flute

The Scripture **Deuteronomy 30:1-5** CEB

Communion Devotional “God Says Gather!”
Chris Shoemaker, Associate Pastor

Sacrament of the Communion UMH p.12

The Closing Hymn “Great is the Lord” TFWS 2022
vs. 1,2,5,6

† **The Benediction**

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

The Postlude “Recessional on St. Anne”
arr. by Gordon Young

Following the service, the Prayer Team is available at both the

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

Deuteronomy 30: 1-5

Common English Bible

When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart wherever the LORD your God disperses you among the nations,

² And when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today,

³ Then the LORD your God will restore your Fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you.

⁴ Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the LORD your God will gather you and bring you back.

⁵ He will bring you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors.