



April 2: Lynn Doss  
 April 2: Susan Gooch  
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 April 4: Missy Kepley

### Grief Support Groups

Beginning April 2024

More information to follow!

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 from 11:30 to 1:00. We will meet here at EFUMC beginning April 9th or 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.

### Save the Date

April 15 - Dinner for airline ticket drawing

### Upcoming Calendar

Monday, April 1st

9:00 a.m. - Team Tabitha  
 4:30 p.m. - Zumba

Tuesday, April 2nd

11:00am - Bible Study

Wednesday, April 3rd

12:00 noon -  
 Lunch and Learn - Acts 20  
 5:00 p.m. Mission Dinner  
 for The Bethesda Mobile Clinic

Thursday, April 4th

4:30 p.m. - Zumba

Friday, April 5th

5:00 p.m. Vespers

### Vespers

Unique  
 Contemplative  
 Worship  
 Friday,  
 April 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

A Service on  
 "Wonder"

### LIJ Kids

Spring Break!!

There will be NO LIJ Kids

Save the Dates! June 10th - 14th

Vacation Bible School is back!

Adult volunteers needed, please contact Marianne .



### FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week



**Hallelujah! YOU have risen indeed, and you are alive forevermore; King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus, we belong to you. Amen.**

### Help Wanted



If you are interested in joining the Mission Committee, please contact Rachel Tarr at 770-316-4934.

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## Ellijay First

United Methodist Church  
 75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472  
 Ellijay, GA 30540  
**March 31, 2024 - Happy Easter**

10:00 am. Worship - The Color is White

### The Worship of God - Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

**Focusing Words:** Are you searching tombs and memories for Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified? Open your eyes to wonder. Our God is full of surprises.

**Prelude** "Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"  
*arr by Mark Hayes*  
*Piano 4 Hands: Gabrielle Cornett & Susan Gooch*

**The Call to Worship** "Alive!"  
*arr. by William Dailey*

† **The Greeting**  
 Leader: This very day, God has acted.  
**People: Today, we will rejoice and be glad!**  
 Leader: We know the message that God sends to all people.  
**People: God's peace, preached by Jesus Christ, is available to all through the Lord of life.**  
 Leader: The one who lived among us,  
**People: doing good and healing all,**  
 Leader: was crucified, dead and buried.  
**People: But God raised him on the third day.**  
 Leader: This very day, God has acted.  
**People: Today, we will rejoice and be glad!**

† **The Invocation**  
**The Hymn of Praise**  
 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH 302  
 Vs. 1 - Choir only  
 Vs. 2-4 Congregation

† 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

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices” UMH 304

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music: “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”  
*arr by Mary McDonald*

† 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: “He Is Not Here!”  
*by Russell Nagy*

The Scripture: John 20:1-18 NRSV

The Sermon “Easter Sunday” Pastor

The Closing Hymn “He Lives” UMH 310

† The Benediction

† The Choral Benediction  
“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

The Postlude “Easter Recessional”  
*arr by Charles Callahan*

*Following the service, the Prayer Team is available at both the Narthex and Altar. They are wearing white scarves.*

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

John 20:1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth, that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabboouni!” (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her. “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God. Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her. When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.