



April 23 - Karen Vitelli

April 27 - Susan Ganz

Upcoming Calendar

Tuesday, April 23rd
11:00am - Bible Study
4:00pm - Bible Study

Wednesday, April, 24th
Noon Lunch and Learn
1pm - Caregivers
Support Group

Thursday, April 25th
Zumba 4:30



Help Wanted

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

Thank you!

Singles Mingles Events

Sunday, April 21st @ 1pm - Game Day at the Church

Saturday, April 27th @ 10am - Presentation on Internet Security, Good Samaritan Parish Hall

Southwest Airline Ticket Drawing

Thank you for your support of our preschool fundraiser. We almost met our goal of \$10,000. We could not have done it without our church congregation. A special thanks to our preschool team for their help with the event.

The **lucky** winner was Diane Parks. Have fun on your trip, Diane!



Save the Date:

Saturday, May 4 th

High Tea Party for Kenya

Church Lock Up Schedule

4/21: Hank Chapman
4/28: Bill Munson
5/5: Charles Leonard
5/12: Lloyd Vautrot

IJ Kids

Wednesdays 3:15-5:00

This week we will learn about another person in the Bible. Can you guess correctly to win a prize?



A special thanks to Kerri Shoemaker for playing the piano this morning while Gabrielle is attending her grandson's piano recital.

Save the Dates! June 10th - 14th

Vacation Bible School is back!



FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Lord, you have called us not only to say that we love one another, but truly to do so, as evidenced by the way we live our lives. Create in us clean hearts and loving spirits. Amen.



Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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Ellijay First

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

10:00 am. Worship - The Color is White

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Be bold before God, for Christ, the rejected one, has become the cornerstone of our faith. Through the Good Shepherd, you are found, comforted, and loved.

Prelude

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
by Geistliche Kirchengesange
arr. by Chris Rice

The Call to Worship “He is Lord”

arr. by Tom Fettke

† **The Greeting**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.
People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.
Leader: Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.
People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.
Leader: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.
People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.
Leader: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.
People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

† **The Invocation**

The Hymn of Praise “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”,
vs. 1-5 UMH 57

The Hymn of Preparation

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” UMH 381

† 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 Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music: “Above the Hills of Time”

*Reverend Chris Shoemaker, Soloist
Kerri Shoemaker, Piano*

† 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: “Shepherd of the Lord”

*arr by Patrick M. Liebergen
with Congregation (please refer to insert)*

The Scripture: John 10:11-18 “I Am The Good Shepherd”

The Closing Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation” UMH 529

† The Benediction

† The Choral Benediction

“He Lives” (refrain) UMH 310

The Postlude “Rejoice, The Lord is King”

arr by J. Mansfield

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

I Am The Good Shepherd NRSV

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That’s because he isn’t the shepherd; the sheep aren’t really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ He’s only a hired hand and the sheep don’t matter to him.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

¹⁷ “This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father.”