



FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Lord, when your teachings become hard, let us not fall back; let us be emboldened to trust you and love you more.



Singles/Mingles Activities for Sunday, 8/25

"If a Woodchuck Could Chuck Wood"
Gilmer Arts Playhouse @ 12pm
There will be no Singles Mingles on 9/1.



Breakfast Goodies for GRANDS!

Coming to the Fellowship Hall on September 8th, we celebrate You and your special place in God's Family! Goodies available from 8:45-9:30 to take to Sunday School with you or dine in the Fellowship Hall.

"Love is the greatest gift one generation can leave another."
Richard Garrett



AUGUST MISSION DINNER

Please join us August 28th for the monthly Mission Dinner. Our speaker will be Jan Day, Manager of Faith, Hope and Charity who will update us on how FHC supports the community and the need for volunteers. The menu will be a salad and potato bar.

Church Lock Up

8/25-8/31: Hank Chapman
9/01-9/07: Lloyd Vautrot
9/08-9/14: Charlie Leonard
9/15-9/21: Bill Munson



8/25: Tommy Burnette
8/29: Amanda Payne
8/31: Becky Moon

Financial and Attendance Updates

Please check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for updated financial information.

Thank you to **Roxanne Golden** for serving as our organist again this Sunday. We appreciate you!

It's time to start thinking about Shoeboxes!



November 17th is Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday.

You can include:

- a "wow" quality toy such as a stuffed toy/animal, a doll, a soccer ball and pump.
- school supplies or personal items (combs, socks, toothbrushes and shoes).
- Do not include food, candy, war-related items or toy guns.
- No liquid or breakable items.

This may be a child's only gift and only chance to hear about the love of Jesus Christ. More info to follow soon.



Services for Claudia McKeon

Memorial services at the church will be held next Sunday, September 1st at 12:30pm. Our regular Church Service will be held as usual at 10am.

Lunch Visitation with the family will begin after church services. For the luncheon, the family has asked for donations of finger foods.

This month's Holy Communion will be moved to the following Sunday, September 8th.

In Honor of our Church Members that have recently passed away:

Our fellow church member Rosie Haney passed away on June 8th of this year. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 31st from 11-1 at the Coosawattee River Resort Water Tower meeting room, 634 Beaver Lake Drive, Ellijay.

On Sunday, September 8th, a memorial service will be held here at the church for Frances Reddick from 2-4pm with refreshments to follow.



Ellijay First

United Methodist Church
75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472
Ellijay, GA 30540
August 25, 2024

The Liturgical Color is Green
The Worship of God

Prelude "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Adeline Smith and Kimberly Weber, Duet
Sung in memory of Claudia McKeon

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

Focusing Words: God's light is shining. Christ's love is flowing. The Spirit's presence is here, sustaining and strengthening us.

Choral Call to Worship

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
by Helen H. Lemmel

† **The Greeting** - Lay Leader Rick Thaxton
1 Kings 8, Psalm 84, Ephesians 6

Leader: God is our sun and our shield.

People: God's glory shines upon us.

Leader: God is our strength and our hope.

People: God's faithfulness guides us.

Leader: God is our hope and our salvation.

People: God's love and mercy welcome us.

The Hymn of Praise: "Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

† **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.

Pastoral Prayer & Congregational Prayer

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**

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus “
UMH 462

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings Pastor Mike

The Offertory Music: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
arr by J. Wayne Kerr

† **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 Choral Anthem: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
by Carl F. Mueller

The Scripture: John 6: 52-59 Liturgist Rick Thaxton

The Sermon: “The Bread of Heaven” Pastor Mike

† **The Closing Hymn:**

“Blessed Assurance” UMH 369

During this time, the Pastor will be available for prayer at the altar.
Anyone wishing to join the Church should also come forward.

† **The Benediction** Pastor Mike

† **The Choral Benediction**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” - refrain UMH 140

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

Following today's service, the Prayer Team members (in white stoles) are available for prayer at the altar. Anyone desiring personal prayer time may also come forward.

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

John 6: 52-59

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.

⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

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Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church, come forward during the closing hymn. Know that you are always welcome here.