## **Exciting Events for All Ages!**

Impact Ellijay—Wednesdays 5:15-6:15pm Student lead ministry for Middle and High Schoolers

Young Adults— Young Adult Small Group Leadership Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

Wednesday, April 23rd—Red Bird Mission Planning @ 7pm in the Youth Room.

Saturday, 4/26—FOGAS Blessing of the Animals starting at 12:45 at the Courthouse (behind the Downtown Welcome Center). Pastor Mike will be blessing the pets.

No Mission Dinner in May.

Thursday, May 1st—Vespers @ 6pm

Saturday, May 3rd—Native American Gathering, Rydal, GA



Our annual High Tea will be held on Saturday, May 3rd (a, 1) among the church may be made through the Church Office. The fee is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. The proceeds will supplement the Kenya Aission Project expenses.

Sunday, May 11th—Muffins for Moms before our worship service

Sunday, May 18th is Senior Recognition Day—we have many high school and college graduates in our Congregation.

Need help with home repairs? Do you or someone you know need assistance with minor home repairs or yard work? GRASP is back this summer and they are looking for homes that could use a helping hand. If you or someone in our community could benefit from their service, please contact Debbi Westcott at youth@efumc.org.

## We are on a Mission!

**MISSION** This summer, we will be participating again in the Seamless Summer Food Program. We will be providing free meals to children 18 and under. Our church will distribute these lunches at our portico June 2nd-July 18th, Monday-Thursday from 11:30-12:00. We need about 3 people each day to go and pick up the lunches at the Larry Walker Center (below the high school) and bring them to the Church site then pass the food out to the children. We are looking for groups to sign-up for a week of service. See or Call Marianne at 706-635-2555.

### 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, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.

# Prayers for the Week

Jean Smilie

**Rick** Thaxton

Mike Vitelli

Dan Weaver

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors, World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves.

#### General

Health

Doug Bater

Kevin Brett

Jack Brown

Kyle Bullington Joan Compton

Paul Compton

Sharon Fletcher

Allen Fanelli

Jessica Good

Betty Jo Hanes

Missy Kepley

Rylan Leeper

Jackie Leva

Lynn Perry

Ann Shearon

Holly Shearon

Shannon Leeper

Lynn McKibbin

Alyce Munson

Barbara Nickle

Pam Grant

Joy Fanelli

Juston Davis Meg Dorabrook Emma Ford Missionary Trey Free

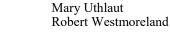
Hospital/Rehab Ed Bovd

> Surgery /Upcoming Brad Badinski Tammy Baughman Emily Fogarty

Surgery/Recuperating Pat Daniels Jan Day Larry Lykins Karen Vitelli

#### Shut-In

Peter Adams Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Rudi Lanehardt Margie Pyren Myron Segraves Paul Stanhope



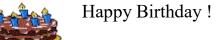
Hospice Tom Lowery, Sr Bill Patton

Caregiver Joy Fanelli Carolyn Hipp Mary Jo Lowery Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver

**Death in Family** Family of Ellie Knight Family of Jimmie Lee Wildharber Family of Ken Makant Family of Norma Brennan

# **Firestarters Prayer**

Lord Jesus, with your finished work on the cross you defeated sin. Walking out of the empty tomb you defeated death. As a result, we fear neither. Hallelujah!



Church Lock-up Schedule:

April 20th: Barbara Chapman April 23rd: Karen Vitelli

4/20-4/26—Hank Chapman

4/27-5/3— Charlie Leonard

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor, Mike.Shearon@NGUMC.net Lav Leader Rick Thaxton 770-241-1852 rlthaxton@etcmail.com Church phone: 706-635-2555; Fax: 706-273-2555 Web site: fumcellijay.org Gabrielle Cornett...Pianist & Organist Marianne Evans ....Children's Ministries and Preschool.... children@fumcellijay.org Sarah Thorne .....Director of Music.....choir@fumcellijav.org Debbi Westcott ... Youth Director.....youth@fumcellijay.org Susan Marino ... Admin Asst/Financial Šecretary ellijayfirstoffice@gmail.com Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator





# **Ellijay First** United Methodist Church Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor

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Gordon's Tomb, Jerusalem

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

Worship Service The Liturgical Color is Purple	Pastoral and Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon	<b>24</b> On t
The Worship of God		women tomb.
<b>The Prelude</b> "Triumphant Resurrection"" <i>arr by</i> Mary McDonald		<sup>2</sup> They fo
The Chiming of the Hour	"He Lives" UMH 310	<sup>3</sup> but wh
Welcome, Announcements and Invocation	The Worship with Tithes and Offerings	Jesus.
<b>† Choral Call to Worship</b> "Alleluia! Alleluia!"	The Offertory Music "Christ Arose" arr by Lloyd Larson	<sup>4</sup> While t clothes <sup>5</sup> In their
arr <i>by</i> Crosby & Doane <b>† The Greeting:</b> Psalm 118 Jesus is the rock of our salvation. <b>But the builders rejected that rock.</b> Jesus is the gate of righteousness. <b>But so many consider him a fraud.</b>	†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	ground, ing amo <sup>6</sup> He is n he was s <sup>7</sup> 'The So be cruci
Jesus has become the cornerstone of our lives. Shall we enter his gate of righteousness? Yes! Let us worship the Lord.	The Anthem "Praise the Living King" (cantata)	<sup>8</sup> Then t
<b>† The Hymn of Praise</b> "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302 Vs 1-4	The Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12	<sup>9</sup> When to the E
		<sup>10</sup> It was and the
<b>† The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed</b> 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;	UMH 322 Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during	<sup>11</sup> But th seemed <sup>12</sup> Peter, he saw 1
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	<b>†The Pastoral Benediction</b> Rev. Dr. Shearon	away, w
Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	<b>†The Choral Benediction</b> "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" vs 5 arr by William Farley Smith	
<b>† The Gloria Patri</b> 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.	<b>†The Postlude</b> <i>"</i> On O King Eternal" arr <i>by</i> Lloyd Larson	0

Prayer team members are available after the service. They will be wearing white shawls.

# Jesus Has Risen!

Luke 24:1-12

the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the took the spices they had prepared and went to the

found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

nen they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord

they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

ir fright the women bowed down with their faces to the , but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the livong the dead?

not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while still with you in Galilee:

on of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, ified and on the third day be raised again.' "

hey remembered his words.

they came back from the tomb, they told all these things Eleven and to all the others.

Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, others with them who told this to the apostles.

ney did not believe the women, because their words I to them like nonsense.

, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went ondering to himself what had happened.



He Is Risen!