

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 9th—Grief Group resumes @ 11:30 for eight weeks
Sunday, April 13th—Palm Sunday Easter Cantata (no sermon today)
Wednesday, April 16th—Mission Dinner @ 5pm
Friday, April 18th—Good Friday Service 6 pm
Easterr Sunday—Pot Luck @ 9-9:50 with services to follow

Ladies, SAVE THE DATE—High Tea will be held May 3rd!
Sign-up sheets will be available this week.



We will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 service on Easter Sunday, April 20th. We need the congregation's help by sending in filled eggs. You can fill them with candy or a special treat. You can leave your donations in the Office or outside the door by the mailboxes. Thanks for your support as this is a special treat for the kids.



We are on a 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! It will be held this year on June 16-19 from 9-12. The sign-up for the kids will begin in April.



Financial Report from 3/30/25

Thank you to our generous Church families,
\$4,324 was received in operating funds last week.
Up to date financial reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

To give electronically, sign up at www.fumcellijay.org.

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during the closing hymn.

Prayers for the Week

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

General

Juston Davis
Meg Dorabrook
Emma Ford Missionary
Trey Free

Health

Doug Bater
Kevin Brett
Jack Brown
Kyle Bullington
Joan Compton
Paul Compton
Allen Fanelli
Joy Fanelli
Sharon Fletcher
Jessica Good
Pam Grant
Betty Jo Hanes
Missy Kepley
Ellie Knight
Rylan Leeper
Shannon Leeper
Jackie Leva
Lynn McKibbin
Alyce Munson
Barbara Nickle
Lynn Perry
Ann Shearon
Holly Shearon

Rick Thaxton
Mike Vitelli
Dan Weaver
Clyde White

Hospital/Rehab

Ed Boyd

Surgery /Upcoming

Brad Badinski
Tammy Baughman
Emily Fogarty

Surgery/Recuperating

Pat Daniels

Jan Day

Larry Lykins
Hannah Nabors
Karen Vitelli

Shut-In

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

Paul Stanhope
Mary Uthlaut
Robert Westmoreland

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 Eddie and
Jill Franklin
Family of Gene Rice
Family of Jimmie Lee
Wildharber
Family of Ken Makant
Family of Norma Brennan

Firestarter's Prayer

**When we see only obstacles, by the power of the depth of
your love for us, dear Lord, you always make a way where
there is no way. We thank you, in Jesus' name.**



Thank you to Steve Hearn for officiating today's worship service.

Also, thank you to Allan Tarr for leading today's Holy Communion.

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

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Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worship Service
The Liturgical Color is Purple
The Worship of God

The Prelude: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
arr by Lloyd Larson

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

† **Choral Call to Worship :**
“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”
arr by Crosby & Doane

† **The Greeting:** Psalm 126
When we have been hurt and lost,
God brings us laughter and joy.
When our lives reach a dead end,
God opens a way forward.
When the rivers of our lives dries up,
God sends living water to quench our thirst.
God has done great things for us!
Let us rejoice!

† **The Hymn of Praise**
“O How I Love Jesus”
UMH 170

† **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.

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer
Rev. Steve Hearn

The Lord’s Prayer
UMH 895

†**The Hymn of Preparation:**
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
UMH 298

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Rev. Steve Hearn

The Offertory Music:
“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”
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: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”
arr by Lloyd Larson

The Scripture Reading:
Isaiah 43:16-21
Revelation 21:3-5

The Sermon: "God Has a Plan"
Steve Hearn

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
UMH 12
Rev Allan Tarr

†**The Closing Hymn**
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
UMH 57
vs. 1-5

*Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during
the closing hymn.*

†**The Pastoral Benediction**
Steve Hearn

†**The Choral Benediction**
“His Name Is Wonderful”
by Audrey Mieir

†**The Postlude**
“This is the Day of New Beginnings”
arr by Mark Hayes

The Scripture:
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God Has a Plan

Isaiah 43:16-21
¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise;
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Revelation 21:3-5
³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples
and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am
making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words
are trustworthy and true.’