

## Pre-Summer Events for All Ages!

Sunday, 5/11: Senior Recognition Day! Cake & punch after the service.

Monday, 5/12: Administrative Council @ 6pm.

Tuesday, 5/13: United Methodist Men @ Burger King, 8am.

Wednesday, 5/14: 5-6pm for student ministry with Jessica H.  
6:30-8pm: Young Adult small group

Thursday, 5/15: @ 6pm: Pre-school Graduation

Monday, 5/19 @ 9am: Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry

5/19@ 6pm: GRASP Leadership Meeting

Wednesday, 5/21 from 5-7: Water Day with Jasper UMC

End of school bash for LIJ Kids

June 1, 11-1: GRASP Safe Sanctuary & First Aid/CPR/AED training (lunch provided)

June 16th -19th, 9:00-12:00: VBS Save the dates! Registration forms are now available!

June 20-22 — GRASP

Reminder: GRASP worksite applications are due this week.



A big thank you to our LIJ kids for celebrating Earth Day and God's creation by cleaning up trash in our neighborhood!

We have one more regular LIJ Kids Wednesday and then our End of School Bash on May 21st. Come prepared to get wet - Water slide, water games, outside games! We will join up with our middle school mentors and have some fun and pizza with them. We will start at our regular time and pizza will be available at 5pm.



### We are on a Mission!

This summer, we will be participating once again in the Seamless Summer Food Program, providing free meals to children 18 and under.

For more information, please see or call Marianne at 706-635-2555.



Vacation Bible School will take place from June 16th-19th this year. If you can help with decorating, registration, administration, pre-school Bible stories/teaching, group guides for K-4th grade, recreation, games, snacks, crafts or sound/AV, please contact Marianne.



## Prayers for the Week

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

General Juston Davis Emma Ford Missionary	Brenda Barnes McPherson Alyse Munson Barbara Nickle Lynn Perry Ann Shearon Rick Thaxton Dan Weaver	Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun Lavern Cobb Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Rudi Lanehardt Margie Pyren Myron Segraves Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland
Health Doug Bater Jerry Boyne Kevin Brett Jack Brown Kyle Bullington Joan Compton Paul Compton Charles Cook Allen Fanelli Joy Fanelli Sharon Fletcher Jessica Good Pam Grant Betty Jo Hanes <b>Konner Hearn</b> Missy Kepley <b>Michelle Kingrey</b> Rylan Leeper Shannon Leeper Jackie Leva Zellie Marbury Brian Mattaliano Lynn McKibbin	Hospital/Rehab Ed Boyd Daniel Rayzor Marlene Rayzor Jean Smilie Mary Uthlaut	Hospice Bill Patton
	Surgery /Upcoming Brad Badinski Tammy Baughman Emily Fogarty	Caregiver Joy Fanelli Carolyn Hipp Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver
	Surgery/Recuperating Pat Daniels Jan Day Karen Vitelli	Death in Family Family of Ellie Knight Family of Jimmie Lee Wildharber Family of Norma Brennan Family of Tom Lowery, Sr
	Shut-In Peter Adams	



Happy Birthday!  
May 11th—Chuck Fletcher  
May 11th—Susan Marino  
May 13th—Reagan Pritchett  
May 16th—Carol Stembridge  
May 17th—Stacey Davis  
May 17th—Steve Hearn

### Church Lock-up Schedule:

5/11-5/17 Charlie Leonard  
5/16-5/24 Bill Munson  
5/25-5/31 Hank Chapman

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm**  
**Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor, Mike.Shearon@NGUMC.net**  
**Lay Leader Rick Thaxton 770-241-1852 rlthaxton@etcmail.com**  
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**Gabrielle Cornett...Pianist & Organist**

**Marianne Evans ....Children's Ministries and Preschool....**  
**children@fumcellijay.org**

**Sarah Thorne .....Director of Music.....choir@fumcellijay.org**  
**Debbi Westcott ... Youth Director.....youth@fumcellijay.org**

**Susan Marino ...Admin Asst/Financial Secretary**  
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**Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator**

**Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician**



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**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

Sunday Worship Service  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
*The Liturgical Color is White*  
*The Worship of God*

**The Prelude:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”  
arr by Mary McDonald

**The Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome, Announcements and Invocation**

**† Choral Call to Worship**  
“The Hill of Zion”  
*arr by Stanley Cowan*

**† The Greeting**  
Psalter—Psalm 23, Response 1  
UMH 754

**† The Hymn of Praise**  
“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”  
vs 1,3,4 UMH 128

**† The Affirmation of Faith**  
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 Apostles Creed**

**† 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.

**Recognition of Graduating Seniors**  
Debbi Westcott

High School Graduates: Logan Mashburn, Sophia Lykins and Addison Poole.

College Graduates: Alyssa Ashurst and Olivia Lykins

**Pastoral and Congregational Prayer**  
Rev. Dr. Shearon

**The Lord’s Prayer**  
UMH 895

**†The Hymn of Preparation**  
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”  
UMH 381  
vs. 1,3,4

**The Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Music**  
“The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference”  
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** “For the Beauty of the Earth”  
by John Rutter  
vocal duet JoAnn Davis & Sarah Thorne

**The Scripture Reading**  
John 10:7-18. John 10:27-30

**The Sermon** “One Door, One Shepherd, One Flock”  
Rev. Dr. Shearon

**†The Closing Hymn** “My Jesus, I Love Thee”  
UMH 172  
  
*Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during the closing hymn.*

**†The Pastoral Benediction**  
Rev. Dr. Shearon

**†The Choral Benediction**  
“Bind Us Together”  
by Bob Gillman

**†The Postlude**  
“Marching to Zion”  
arr by Cindy Berry  
  
*Prayer team members are available after the service. They will be wearing white shawls.*

**John 10:7-18**  
**One Door, One Shepherd, One Flock**

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

<sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.

<sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

<sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me

<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep.

<sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life only to take it up again.

<sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

**John 10:27-30**

<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

<sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.

<sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.”