

Pre-Summer Events for All Ages!

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

5/19@ 6pm: GRASP Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, 5/20 @ Noon: Joyful Noon Circle, Fellowship Hall

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

End of school bash for LIJ Kids

Friday, 5/23—Gilmer High School Graduations

Wednesday, 5/28 @ 6pm: Red Bird Mission Dinner

Our annual Kenya mission trip begins!

Sunday, 6/1 @ 11am— Appreciation for Susan Marino's Service

GRASP Safe Sanctuary & First Aid /CPR/AED training
(lunch provided)

Sunday, 6/8 - Baptisms @ Harrison Park following Worship
(rain date 6/15)

June 16-19th—9:00-12:00: VBS Save the dates!
Registration forms are now available! (see below)

June 20-22 — GRASP and Junior GRASP Weekend

LIJ Kids will have their End of School Bash on Wednesday, May 21st. Come prepared to get wet - Water slide, water games, outside games and more! We will join up with our middle school mentors, have some fun and share pizza with them. The party begins at 5pm!



The Red Bird Mission Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 28th at 6pm. The menu will be grilled chicken, baked beans, salad, rolls and dessert. The speakers will be Pastor Mike and Holly.

Summer Mission!

This summer, we will be participating once again in the Seamless Summer Food Program, providing free meals to children 18 and under each week from Monday through Thursday. For more information, please see or call Marianne at 706-635-2555.



Vacation Bible School



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

Liturgist

If you are interested in learning more about the role of a Liturgist, please contact Rick Thaxton @ 770-241-1852.

Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors, World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves. Prayer request forms can be found in the pew racks.

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

Church Lock-up Schedule:

5/16-5/24 Bill Munson
5/25-5/31 Hank Chapman
6/01-6/07 Charlie Leonard
6/08-6/14 Lloyd Vautrot



Happy Birthday!

May 9th—Ginger Hearn
May 19th—Anne Rainey
May 21—John Marshall

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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Sunday, May 18, 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Worship Service
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Liturgical Color is White
The Worship of God

The Prelude: “God of Wonders” arr by Mark Hayes

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

† **Choral Call to Worship**
“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” by Doris Akers

† **The Greeting**
The One who loves without distinction calls us here.
They will know we are Christians by our love.
The One who loves us completely welcomes us home.
They will know we are Christians by our love.
The One who loves us well rejoices in our presence.
They will know we are Christians by our love.

† **The Hymn of Praise**
“Come, We That Love the Lord” UMH 732

† **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. Dr. Shearon

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

†**The Hymn of Preparation**
“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”
TFWS 2223

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music
Children’s Medley arr by Mark Hayes

†**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 “We Can Share His Love” by Price/Besig

The Scripture Reading John 13:31-38

The Sermon “When the Rooster Crows” Rev. Dr. Shearon

†**The Closing Hymn** “O Church of God United” UMH 547
vs 1&4

*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**
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
arr by John Purifoy

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

John 13:31-38
“When the Rooster Crows”

Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

³⁶ Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?”

Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”

³⁷ Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”

³⁸ Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!