Pre-Summer Events for All Ages!

Monday, May 26th — Office closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 28th @ 6pm: Red Bird Mission Dinner

Our annual Kenya mission trip begins!

Sunday, June 1st @ 11am - Appreciation for Susan Marino's

Sunday, June 8th - 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

Wednesday, June 25th —Mission Dinner @ 5:30. Come out to hear the report from the Kenya mission team!



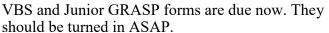
A Message From Our Choir...

The Choir is off Duty! Thank you to our loyal and talented choir for the wonderful music every Sunday. We thank them for their

service and look forward to their return in August.

The LIJ Kids are Busy!!!

Please check your bulletin for updates on summer activities.



Our first summer activity will be held on Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30pm. Get ready for a walking Scavenger Hunt. All ages are invited to participate—from birth through age 101!

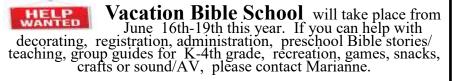


Our next Vespers services will be held on Thursday, June 5th at 6pm.

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



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 are in the Pew Racks Names highlighted in **bold** are new additions to the Praver List.

General Zellie Marbury Brenda Barnes McPherson Juston Davis Shut-In Steven Marks Emma Ford Missionary Peter Adams Alyse Munson Marlene Brown Barbara Nickle Health Ernette Calhoun Lynn Perry Jordan Arredondo Jim Hagopian Ann Shearon Mack Hipp Doug Bater Holly Shearon Ed Boyd Rudi Lanehardt Rick Thaxton Jerry Boyne Margie Pyren Dan Weaver Kevin Brett Myron Segraves Rav Brookshire Paul Stanhope Hospital/Rehab Robert Westmoreland Jack Brown Daniel Rayzor Kyle Bullington Joan Compton Marlene Rayzor Hospice Jean Smilie Paul Compton

Mary Uthlaut Charles Cook Allen Fanelli Surgery / Upcoming Joy Fanelli Brad Badinski Sharon Fletcher Jessica Good Tammy Baughman Pam Grant **Emily Fogarty** Betty Jo Hanes Crystal Lynch Konner Hearn

Ruth Hix Caregiver Missy Kepley Joy Fanelli Dr. Éd Kirkpatrick Carolyn Hipp Rylan Leeper Lorraine Segraves Shannon Leeper Joan Stanhope Jackie Leva Sherry Weaver

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Death in Family Family of Ellie Knight Family of Tom Lowery, Sr Family of Jean Peal Family of Lavern Cobb



The Red Bird Mission Dinner will be held this 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 Shearon.

Please sign up by calling Holly at 470-483-5843.

Church Lock-up Schedule:

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



Happy Birthday!

5 /27-Jendy Hays 5/29-Judy Leonard 5/30-Nancy Smith 5/31-Aaron Evans

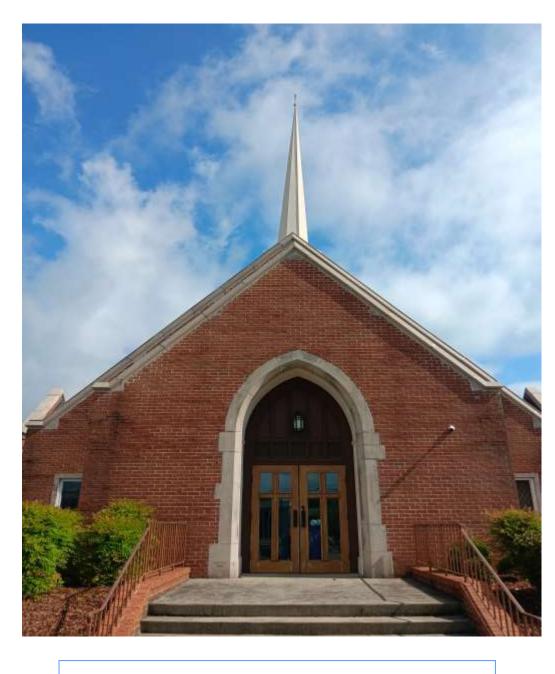
Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor, Mike.Shearon@NGUMC.net Lay Leader Rick Thaxton 770-241-1852 rlthaxton@etcmail.com Church phone: 706-635-2555; Fax: 706-273-2555 Web site: fumcellijay.org

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Sunday, May 25, 2025 The Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday Worship Service The Sixth Sunday of Easter The Liturgical Color is White The Worship of God

The Prelude: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr by Joel Raney

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

† Choral Call to Worship

"The Star Spangled Banner" vocal solo, JoAnn Davis by Francis Scott Key and John Stafford Smith

† The Greeting

Sing and shout for joy.

God's light shines upon us.

Sing praises to God, sing praises.

Let us worship the Lord.

† The Hymn of Praise

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347

† 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

"The Gift of Love" UMH 408

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music

"Rain Down" 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 "The Blessing Riddle" arr by Pepper Choplin

The Scripture Reading John 14:15-24

The Sermon "Obedience" Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Closing Hymn "There's Within My Heart a Melody" UMH 380

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

†The Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Choral Benediction

"The Blessing Riddle" (reprise) arr by Pepper Choplin

†The Postlude

"Down to the River to Pray"

arr by Mary McDonald

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

John 14:15-24

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

Invitation to Church Membership

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

