

EFUMC Local Mission Project

Once again during the month of July our church is participating in the New Beginnings Project along with other area churches.

New Beginnings provides temporary housing for those in need and volunteers staff the warming center each winter. They are now working to build affordable housing opportunities for our community.

New Beginnings' workforce housing project on Progress Road will be aided by the \$1.5 million grant the Gilmer Joint Development Authority of Ellijay, East Ellijay and Gilmer County recently received to extend water and sewage service to the Progress Point project, which has been in the planning stages for 3 years.

This month you now have the opportunity to provide additional financial support for this important local mission. You can contribute by giving a check to our church with "Independence Day Offering" in the memo line.

July Happenings

July 16 - Red Bird Mission Dinner Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm

July 21 - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry Fellowship Hall, 9:00 am

July 23 - Worship Service & Communion at Parkside, 3:00 pm

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP DINNER - THIS WEDNESDAY

Join us for a delicious low country boil and stay for our watermelon eating contest! Gary Crawley, from the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky, will be our guest speaker. Dinner is at 6:00 pm.



Come early for games and door prizes for all ages!

Fall Mission Trip!



Join us for the Red Bird Mission trip, planned for Sept. 21-27. The cost per person is \$515. Please contact Pastor Mike for more information or to sign up @ 404-583-8324.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY -

Whether you're navigating college, starting your career, figuring out relationships, or in those early adulting years, these are your folks! (18-35ish) Our small group studies are based more on life stage than birth year. Childcare is available. For more info contact Debbi Westcott @ 706-455-3207 or Emily Barton @ 706-273-9252.

What's next for GRASP?

July 13, 2025 @ 5pm in the fellowship hall. Complete our GRASP survey here to give us your feedback! Scan the QR code with your phone's camera!



UMYF

United Methodist Youth Fellowship is on break. We will resume on August 10!

Seamless Summer Mission!

The Altar Guild will be serving this, the final week of Seamless Summer. Thank you to the Joyful Noon Circle for serving last week and to Hank & Pam Chapman for filling in the gaps these last two weeks of Seamless Summer!



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 Prayer List.

General

Marline Brown
Juston Davis
Emma Ford Missionary

Health

Brent Badinski
Doug Bater
Ed Boyd

Kevin Brett

Jack Brown

Kyle Bullington

Judy Burch

Dan Charney

Paul & Joan Compton
Allen Fanelli
Sharon Fletcher

Ashley Franklin & family

Jessica Good

Pam Grant

Betty Jo Hanes

Ginger Hearn

Missy Kepley
Rylan & Shannon Leeper
Jackie Leva

Alyse Munson

Barbara Nickle

Lynn Perry

Terry Roylance

Wanda Sandels

Ann Shearon

Al Summers

Rick Thaxton

Dan Weaver

Hospital/Rehab

Jean Smilie

Mary Uthlaut

Surgery /Upcoming

Harry Archer

Surgery Recuperating

Sandy Angevine

Alison Baker

Shut-In

Peter Adams

Marlene Brown

Ernette Calhoun

Earline Copley

Jim Hagopian

Mack Hipp

Rudi Lanehardt

Margie Pyren

Myron Seagraves

Paul Stanhope

Robert Westmoreland

Hospice

Ed Jeffery

Bill Patton

Caregiver

Joy Fanelli

Carolyn Hipp

Lorraine Segraves

Joan Stanhope

Sherry Weaver

Death in Family

Family of Stephanie

Bellemlih

A Message from the Finance Committee

Quarterly financial giving statements have been emailed.

Contact Cindy Corn if you have any



We're BAAAACK!!

Choir rehearsals resume **Wed., July 23rd**! We are a fun-loving group who enjoy making a joyful noise together. And, we are always accepting new members. If you've been thinking about joining us, this is the perfect time. Feel free to speak to any of our choir members or our director, Sarah Thorne, for more information.

Happy Birthday

7/14 - Molly Kelly

7/17 - Jenny Easley



ALSO, Happy Anniversary to Pastor Mike and Mrs. Holly on their first year here at EFUMC!

Church Lock-up Schedule:

7/13-7/19 Joe Poole

7/20-7/26 Bill Munson

7/27-8/02 Hank Chapman

8/03-8/09 Charlie Cobb



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Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator

Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician



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Sunday, July 13, 2025

10:00 am Worship Service

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Service
The 5th Sunday After Pentecost

The Prelude: “I Surrender All ”
arr by Lloyd Larson

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
Rev. Dr. Shearon

† The Greeting
Beloved people of God, welcome to worship.
We come to worship and to praise.
With love for one another, we gather as neighbors.
With love for God, we gather as God’s community of love.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 577
“God of Grace, and God of Glory”

† 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 UMH 427
“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”
arr by Lloyd Larson

†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

Special Music “Leap of Faith” arr by Cody Karey
Soloist: Warren Williams Accompanied by: Susan Hochkins

† The Scripture Reading **Luke 9: 51-56**

The Sermon “Following Christ” Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Closing Hymn UMH 402
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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

†The Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”
arr by John Carter

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

† - Please stand as you are able

Luke 9:51-56 Samaritan Opposition

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him;

⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?”

⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them.

⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village.

Use this space for Sermon notes:

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.

