

Mark your Calendar

July 21 - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry Fellowship Hall, 9:00 am
July 23 - Worship Service & Communion at Parkside, 3:00 pm
August 1 - Sanctuary open to offer prayers up for start of the 25-26 school year
August 3 - Communion Sunday
August 3 - Blessing of the Backpacks during morning worship
 Back to School Bash: children and youth after the service
August 4 - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry 9:00 am Fellowship Hall
August 10 - UMYF Youth Group 5:00 - 7:00 pm
August 12 - United Methodist Men Burger King 8:00 am
August 13 - LIJ Kids & Families Registration & Board Games 5:00 pm
August 18 - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry 9:00 am Fellowship Hall
August 20 - Children First Preschool 1st day of school
August 22 - Bar-B-Que and Bingo Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm
August 31 - (5th Sunday) Jan Day will be our guest in the pulpit

June 3 - June 7, 2026 - GRASP 2026 Save the Date!

Blessing of the Backpacks August 3, 2025

Calling all students, teachers, and support staff... please bring your backpacks, brief cases or "Tool Belts" to be blessed.



Battery Recycling

Priest Recycling is no longer accepting batteries to recycle, therefore, we no longer have a collection box for used batteries. Thank you to those who were utilizing this service while it was available. A big thank you to Jendy Hays for being the charging force behind this mission.



UMYF

United Methodist Youth Fellowship will resume on August 10!
Join us from 5:00-7:00 pm

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY -

We are doing The Chosen Series Bible Study. If you are 18 to 35(ish) join us on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm. Childcare is available. For more info contact Debbi Westcott @ 706-455-3207 or Emily Barton @ 706-273-9252.



Lifting Up in Prayer

Our sanctuary will be open at 7:00 am on Friday, August 1, for prayer before the start of the school year. Please come and lift our students, teachers, support staff, and administrators in prayer for a safe and successful school year.



If you have pictures from the past couple of years of church events, the church grounds, the parsonage (maybe during the Christmas season), Sunday School Parties, Singles Mingles, Faith Hope & Charity, past GRASPs, or anything of the sort, please use this QR code to upload pictures for our website.



Seamless Summer Mission!

Thank you to the Altar Guild for serving the meal last week! Everyone who helped this summer has been a blessing to the families that were served.



Ellijay First UMC 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 Beginning's workforce housing project on Progress Road will be aided by the \$15 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.



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.

Fall Mission Trip!



Join us for the Red Bird Mission trip, planned for Sept. 21-27. We will travel to Beverly, Kentucky to help serve one of the poorest communities in our country. The cost per person is \$515. Please contact Pastor Mike for more information or to sign up @ 404-583-8324.

Happy Birthday

7/20-Nell Bater
7/22-Ken McKeon
7/23-Jim Cole
7/23-Ben Corn
7/26-Penny Marshall



Church Lock-up Schedule:

7/20-7/26 Bill Munson
7/27-8/02 Hank Chapman
8/03-8/09 Charlie Cobb
8/10-8/16 Barry Griffin



Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician



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Sunday, July 20, 2025

10:00 am Worship Service

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Service
The 6th Sunday After Pentecost

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
arr by Lloyd Larson

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
Rev. Dr. Shearon

† The Greeting
We come into God’s presence,
like green olive trees in the house of God.
We drink from the waters of life,
like young saplings in the courtyard of the Lord.
We ripen in the light of God,
like the fruit of God’s vineyard.
Come! Let us worship.

† The Hymn of Praise
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

† 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.

Baptism of Clifford David Clevenger UMH 34
Rev. Sharon Watkins

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation TFWS 2128
“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “Tell It to Jesus”
rr 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

Baptism of Salem Lee Hofmann UMH 34

† The Scripture Reading Luke 10:38-42

The Sermon “1st Things 1st” Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Closing Hymn UMH 396
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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

†The Pastoral Benediction
Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude “Noble March”
by Mark Hayes

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

Luke 10:38-42 At the Home of Martha and Mary

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

⁴¹ “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

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.

<u>General</u> Marlene Brown Juston Davis Emma Ford Missionary	Jackie Leva Alyse Munson Barbara Nickle Lynn Perry Terry Roylance Wanda Sandels Ann Shearon Al Summers Rick Thaxton Dan Weaver Joe Webb	Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun Earline Copley Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Rudi Lanehardt Margie Pyren Myron Seagraves Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland
<u>Health</u> Brent Badinski Doug Bater Ed Boyd Jerry Boyne 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	<u>Hospital/Rehab</u> Lanny Lane Jean Smilie Mary Uthlaut <u>Surgery/Upcoming</u> Harry Archer <u>Surgery Recuperating</u> Alison Baker Cathy Vautrot <u>Shut-In</u> Peter Adams	<u>Hospice</u> Ed Jeffery Bill Patton <u>Caregiver</u> Joy Fanelli Carolyn Hipp Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver <u>Death in Family</u> Family of Stephanie Bellemlih

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.