

Upcoming Events

July 29 - Chair Yoga with Cindy Tesar begins
11:00 am Fellowship Hall

August 1 - Sanctuary open to offer up prayers
for the 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 5 - Prayer Team meeting 4:00 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 20 - Bar-B-Que and Bingo Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm

August 22 - LIJ Kids Family Movie Night

August 31 - (5th Sunday) Jan Day will be our guest in the pulpit

Weekly Events:

Sun - Singles/Mingles 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Mon - Zumba Gold - 4:30 pm
Tues - Chair Yoga 11:00 am
Wed - Young Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm
Thurs -Chair Yoga 11:00 am
Zumba Gold - 4:30 pm



Please, Say a Little 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.



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.



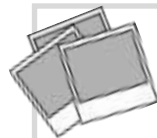
The Prayer Team is made up of individuals who are willing to spend some time after the service to pray with anyone who wishes. Anyone who is currently on the prayer team, or has interest in joining, PLEASE make plans to meet with us on **August 5 at 4:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. For information, please contact Paula Acree @ 770-570-9958.



CHAIR YOGA -

beginning this week!
Starting **Tuesday**, July 29, Cindy Tesar will hold classes for all who wish to join in. The class will meet every **Tuesday & Thursday** from **11:00 -12:15** in the Fellowship hall.

Chair yoga can improve your flexibility, concentration and strength, while boosting your mood, and reducing stress and joint strain. It is good for people of all ages. Each class will cost \$15. Scholarships are available. Cindy will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Come see her Tuesday and check it out!



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



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.

For the last time this month you 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.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY -

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



UMYF

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

Welcome New Members:

We are happy to have Tara Anderson and her daughter Eyrn Hofmann as new members to our congregation. Salem Hofmann, Eryn's daughter, was baptized into the family of God last Sunday. They live in the Cherry Log community. Clifford David Clevenger, son of Lee & Lydia Clevenger, was baptized on July 20 as well. Lydia grew up in Ellijay First UMC. They reside in Marietta, GA.

Church Lock-up Schedule:

7/27-8/02 Hank Chapman
8/03-8/09 Charlie Cobb
8/10-8/16 Barry Griffin
8/17-8/23 Bill Munson



Fall Mission Trip!

Time is running out to sign up for the trip to the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. The trip is planned for September 21-27. Please contact Pastor Mike for more information @ 404-583-8324.



Happy Birthday

7/31 - Lloyd Vautrot
8/01 - Jenny McCurdy
8/02 - Lori McCurdy



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



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United Methodist Church**
Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor

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Sunday, July 27, 2025

10:00 am Worship Service

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Service
The 7th Sunday After Pentecost

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
arr by Jay Rouse

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
Rev. Dr. Shearon

† The Greeting
Before we even knock,
Christ opens the doors and invites us in.
Before we even ask,
God knows our every need.
Come to seek; come to pray; come to worship,
for the Spirit has called us here.

† The Hymn of Praise
“There’s a Spirit in the Air”
UMH 192
vs. 1, 2, 5, & 6

† 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 526
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
arr by Jack Schrader

†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 Sarah Thorne
“How Great Thou Art” arr by Craig Courtney

† The Scripture Reading Luke 11:1-4

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Shearon
“The Lord’s Prayer”

†The Closing Hymn UMH 405
“Seek Ye First”

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

†The Pastoral Benediction Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”
arr by Mark Hayes

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

† - Please stand as you are able

Luke 11:1-4 Jesus’ Teaching on Prayer

¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his
disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

² He said to them, “When you pray, say:

‘Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
³ Give us each day our daily bread.
⁴ Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.”

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> Marline Brown Juston Davis Caleb Grizzle Emma Ford Missionary April Smith	Rylan & Shannon Leeper Jackie Leva Alyse Munson Barbara Nickle Lynn Perry Terry Roylance Ann Shearon Al Summers 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 Charles M Benner Ed Boyd Jerry Boyne Kevin Brett Jack Brown Kyle Bullington Dan Charney Paul & Joan Compton Allen Fanelli Sharon Fletcher Pam Grant Betty Jo Hanes Ginger Hearn Missy Kepley Lanny Lane	<u>Hospital/Rehab</u> Mary Uthlaut <u>Surgery /Upcoming</u> Emily Westbrook <u>Surgery Recuperating</u> Alison Baker Linda Copley Skip Eubanks 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>Deaths</u> Jean Smilie

Jean Smilie passed away peacefully on the morning of July 24, 2025. She died just shy of turning 92 in August. Jean joined Ellijay First UMC on January 14, 1997. She was vibrant and outspoken up until the last month of her life. Jean regarded her church family as her own family, as she had no siblings and her only child years passed before her. She will be greatly missed. By all who knew and loved her.



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.