Celebrating Gabrielle Cornett

Please join us after the service to celebrate Gabrielle and her more than 40 years of enhancing our worship services and filling our hearts and lives with beautiful music. She has been a constant for Ellijay First UMC through the years! (We might even throw in a "Happy Birthday to you" for her.)



UMYF

United Methodist Youth Fellowship will resume tonight August 10! Please join us for an open house to tour our new an

upcoming Student Center and also see what we have planned for UMYF this fall!

THEN, join us from 5:00-7:00 pm each Sunday evening for exciting activities and meaningful discussions.

Sunday, August 17 from 5:30-7:00 pm, the UMYF will join Peachtree Road UMC for a RESET Party. There will be a special guest speaker, food trucks, fun, friends!



Congratulations to Mrs. Bliss Cole for being nominated for the Georgia Senior Living Association's 2025 Hero of the Year award. Bliss has been volunteering at The Oaks of Ellijay since it first opened under the name Cameron Hall in 2008. She also

volunteers her time with many groups within the church. We are so proud of Bliss and thankful for her service to our church and our community.

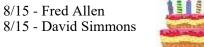
Grief Support Group to begin September 9

Are you experiencing the pain of loss? Loss of a loved one, friend, a spouse?

There is a healing place for you! Please consider joining our grief support group. We meet on Tuesdays from 11:30 to 1:00(ish). We will meet here at EFUMC beginning September 9th for 8 weeks. There is no charge for the support group, but there is limited availability. Please call Paula Acree @ 770-570-9958 to ensure your spot in a group and/or for more information.

Happy Birthday

8/15 - Fred Allen



Church Lock-up Schedule:

8/10-8/16 Barry Griffin 8/17-8/23 Bill Munson 8/24-8/30 Hank Chapman 8/31-9/06 Lloyd Vautrot



project!

The beautiful flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to honor Gabrielle. May we never take for granted the amazing talent and service she provides us each week. We love you, Gabrielle!

Weekly Schedule:

Sun - Singles/Mingles 1:00-3:00 pm UMYF 5:30 - 7:00 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

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We rejoice and welcome our newest member, Ms. Earline Crooke, into our congregation! Earline has been a regular attendee, and decided to become "official" on Sunday, August 3. We are so glad to have her as a church member.



The United Methodist Men will meet this Tuesday morning at Burger King for their monthly prayer breakfast. All men are welcome to join them at 8:00 am for fellowship and prayer.

New Church Directory

We now have copies of the new church directory available for you. Copies are located in the narthex and at both back doors of the sanctuary. Please take one! Tremendous thanks to Judy Wray for helping complete this

Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors, World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves. Names highlighted in **bold** are new additions to the Prayer List.

Missy Kepley

General Lanny Lane Juston Davis Emma Ford Missionary Rylan & Shannon Leeper Caleb Grizzle Jackie Leva April Smith Tom Lowery, Jr Alvse Munson Barbara Nickle Health Brent Badinski Lynn Perry Doug Bater Terry Roylance Charles Benner Ann Shearon Ed Boyd Al Summers Dan Weaver Jerry Boyne Kevin Brett Joe Webb Jack Brown Betty Wigley Mark Brown Kyle Bullington Hospital/Rehab Dan Charney

Mary Uthlaut Surgery /Upcoming Emily Westbrook

> Surgery Recuperating Alison Baker Cathy Vautrot

Shut-In Peter Adams Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun Earline Copley Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Rudi Lanehardt Margie Pyren Myron Seagraves Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland

<u>Hospice</u> Ed Jeffery Bill Patton

Caregiver Jov Fanelli Carolyn Hipp Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver

Deaths Jean Smilie Lydia Daniel

Prayer Request Forms are in the Pew Racks. Please fill free to complete and drop in the offering plate if you have a request.



Paul & Joan Compton

Brenda Eisanhart

Linda Copley

Skip Eubanks Allen Fanelli

Sharon Fletcher

Barbara Fogel

Betty Jo Hanes

Ginger Hearn

Suzy Gantz

Pam Grant

There is plenty of room for new voices to join this dedicated group of worship leaders! Contact Sarah Thorne for information.

August Events

August 10 - UMYF Youth Group & Open House 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

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: ellijayfirstumc.org

Gabrielle Cornett...Pianist & Organist Marianne EvansChildren's Ministries and Preschool....

children@ellijavfirstumc.org Jennetta Lowery. .Administrative Assistantoffice@ellijayfirstumc.org

Sarah ThorneDirector of Music...music@ellijayfirstumc.org Debbi Westcott ... Youth Director......youth@ellijayfirstumc.org

Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician



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Sunday, August 10, 2025 10:00 am Worship Service 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude:

"For a Closer Walk With God/Where He Leads Me" arr by Lloyd Larson

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Shearon

Call To Worship "Sweet Hour of Prayer" by William Bradbury

† The Greeting

From the rising to the setting sun,
God summons us.
In the perfect beauty all around us,
God brightens our hearts.
When we worship with acts of love and mercy,
God is pleased to give us the kingdom.
Come! Let justice and righteousness be our worship.

† The Hymn of Praise TFWS 2145

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

† 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 504

"Old Rugged Cross"

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

arr by Ruth Elaine Schram

†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 "Hallelujah! By & By"

arr by Mary McDonald

† The Scripture Reading

Luke 12:32-40

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Shearon

"A Call to Readiness"

†The Closing Hymn

TFWS 2140

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

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

†The Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude

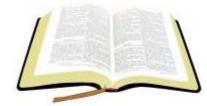
"I Love to Tell the Story" arr by Lloyd Larson

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

† Please stand as you are able

Luke 12:32-40

- ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.
- ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.
- ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- ³⁵ "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning,
- ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.
- ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.
- ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.
- ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.
- ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."



The word of God for the people of God.

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.