


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



8/18 - Robert Westmoreland
8/20 - Sharon Elkins
8/20 - Karen Patton
8/22 - Tony Gantz
8/23 - Sharlee Cobb



New Church Directory
Copies of the new church directory are available for you. Copies are located in the narthex and at both back doors of the sanctuary. Please take one for your family if you didn't last week. If you have found information that needs to be corrected, please call the church office @ 706-635-2555 or make corrections on the back of the Attendance Registration and place in the offering plate.



Mark your calendar for our Grandparents' Breakfast

Sunday, September 7, we will celebrate all of our Grandparents in the church. Please join us for breakfast at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. You can grab and go so you don't miss Sunday School.

Acolytes Needed
Debbi is looking for youth who would like to serve as an Acolyte for our worship services. If you would like more information, give her a call at 706-455-3207 or email at youth@ellijayfirstumc.org

Safety First
As a move to keep our Nursery workers and children safe during the service, the Trustees have decided to begin locking the back doors of the building during the worship service. Should you happen to arrive late or need to leave the building and regain entry, the doors at the front (Narthex) of the church will be open and remain unlocked. Thank you for understanding this safety measure that we are adopting.



BBQ & BINGO

THIS Wednesday, August 20
@ 6:00 pm, we will have our monthly mission dinner & time of fellowship. Join us for a delicious dinner of BBQ and all the fixings & several rounds of BINGO. Donations accepted for dinner and will go towards missions. Please sign up on the Attendance Registration or call the church office @ 706-635-2555 before 4:00 Monday afternoon.



Church Lock-up Schedule:

8/17-8/23	Bill Munson
8/24-8/30	Hank Chapman
8/31-9/06	Lloyd Vautrot
9/7-9/13	Charlie Cobb

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. They will 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.

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.

<u>General</u> Juston Davis Caleb Grizzle April Smith	Jackie Leva Tom Lowery, Jr Alyse Munson Barbara Nickle Lynn Perry Terry Roylance Wanda Sandels Ann Shearon Al Summers Dan Weaver Joe Webb Betty Wigley	Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Rudi Lanehardt Margie Pyren Myron Seagraves Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland
<u>Health</u> Brent Badinski Doug Bater Charles Benner Ed Boyd Jerry Boyne Kevin Brett Jack Brown Mark Brown Kyle Bullington Dan Charney Paul & Joan Compton Linda Copley Brenda Eisanhart Skip Eubanks Allen Fanelli Sharon Fletcher Barbara Fogel Suzy Gantz Betty Jo Hanes Ginger Hearn Missy Kepley Rylan & Shannon Leeper	<u>Hospital/Rehab</u> Mary Uthlaut	<u>Hospice</u> Ed Jeffery
<u>Surgery /Upcoming</u> Emily Westbrook	<u>Surgery Recuperating</u> Alison Baker Cathy Vautrot	<u>Caregiver</u> Joy Fanelli Carolyn Hipp Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver
<u>Shut-In</u> Peter Adams Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun Earline Copley	<u>Deaths</u> Jean Smilie Family of Lydia Daniel Family of Saydee Lowe Family of Bill Patton	

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

There are some prayer letters in the Narthex and back hallway for the families of Bill Patton & Saydee Lowe, whom we have been praying for. Please feel free to sign them.

August Events

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 24 - GRASP planning meeting 4:00 pm
August 24 - Modern Worship Service 6:00 pm
September 1 - Labor Day Holiday - Church Office will be closed

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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Sunday, August 17, 2025
10:00 am Worship Service
10th Sunday after Pentecost

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude:
“How Firm a Foundation”
arr by Ruth Elaine Schram

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
Rev. Dr. Shearon

Call To Worship “This Is the Day”
by Les Garrett

† The Greeting
Give ear, God of all people.
Stir up your strength and deliver us!
Once you rescued your children from bondage.
Now, set your people free.
Look down from heaven, God of hosts.
Turn to us anew and see us in our need.
Restore us, God of Creation.
Let your face shine upon us.
May our suffering cease.
May all your children be saved.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 156
“I Love to Tell the Story”

† 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 314
“In the Garden”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music
“The Power of the Cross”
arr by Larry Shackley

†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**

Choir Anthem “Hallelujah! By and By”
arr by Mary McDonald

† The Scripture Reading Luke 12:49-53

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Shearon
“A Question of Division”

†The Closing Hymn TFWS 2282
“I’ll Fly Away”

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

†The Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude “Soon and Very Soon”
arr by Jach Schrader

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

Luke 12:49-53 Not Peace but Division

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it
were already kindled!

⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am
under until it is completed!

⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you,
but division.

⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against
each other, three against two and two against three.

⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against
father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law
against mother-in-law.”



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.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow;
The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will
take care of you tomorrow and everyday.
Either He will shield you from suffering,
or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
~ St Francis of Assisi

In loving memory of Tommy Lowery
August 16, 1931-April 22, 2025