



8/30 - Kimberly Weber

Modern Worship Service

TONIGHT @ 6:00 pm

Please join us for Gospel Jammin', a Guest Speaker, & Prayer Stations!

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Bring your instruments and join in!

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 haven't already. If you have found information that needs to be corrected, please call the church office @ 706-635-2555 or write your corrections on the back of the Attendance Registration and place in the offering plate.



Acolytes Needed



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

Weekly Schedule:

Sun - Singles/Mingles 1:00-3:00 pm
UMYF 5:30 - 7:00 pm
(no UMYF 8/31-Labor Day Weekend)
Mon - Zumba Gold - 4:30 pm
Tues - Chair Yoga 11:00 am
Wed - LIJ Kids 3:30-5:00 pm
(starting back 9/3)
Young Adult Bible Study
7:00-8:00 pm
Thurs -Chair Yoga 11:00 am &
Zumba Gold - 4:30 pm

Church Lock-up Schedule:

8/24-8/30 Hank Chapman
8/31-9/06 Lloyd Vautrot
9/7-9/13 Charlie Cobb
9/14-9/19 Barry Griffin



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.



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. If you prefer, you can grab and go so you don't miss Sunday School.



LIJ Kids News

Calling all Kids!

Our normal Wednesday after school fun is back, starting September 3rd!

The normal schedule for this Fall will be 3:30-5:00pm.

We are excited to get back to digging into God's Word and having fun in the name of Jesus!

Our Mission dinner this past week brought in a little over \$1,000!

Our next Mission dinner is planned for September 17. Our guest will be Sally Jeffery from the Isaiah House.

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.

General

Juston Davis
Caleb Grizzle
April Smith

Health

Brent Badinski
Doug Bater
Charles Benner
Ed Boyd
Jerry Boyne
Kevin Brett
Jack Brown
Mark Brown
Kyle Bullington
Dan Charney
Joan Compton
Linda Copley
Brenda Eisanhart
Skip Eubanks
Allen Fanelli
Sharon Fletcher
Barbara Fogel
Suzy Gantz
Betty Jo Hanes
Ginger Hearn
Jennifer Hix
Ruth Hix
Missy Kepley
Rylan & Shannon Leeper

Jackie Leva
Alyse Munson
Barbara Nickle
Lynn Perry
Terry Royslance
Wanda Sandels
Ann Shearon
Al Summers
Dan Weaver
Joe Webb
Betty Wigley

Hospital/Rehab

Mary Uthlaut

Surgery /Upcoming

Emily Westbroo
Tom Lowery
Patti Smith

Surgery Recuperating

Alison Baker
Cathy Vautrot
Paul Compton

Shut-In

Peter Adams
Marlene Brown
Ermette Calhoun
Earline Copley

Jim Hagopian
Mack Hipp
Rudi Lanehardt
Margie Pyren
Myron Seagraves
Paul Stanhope
Robert Westmoreland

Hospice

Shirley Goldston
Ed Jeffery

Caregiver

Joy Fanelli
Scott Goldston
Carolyn Hipp
Lorraine Segraves
Joan Stanhope
Sherry Weaver

Deaths

Family of Lydia Daniel
Family of Saydee Low
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.

Upcoming Events

August 24 - GRASP planning meeting 4:00 pm Fellowship Hall

August 24 - Modern Worship Service 6:00 pm

August 31 - Mark Westmoreland will be in the pulpit for Pastor Mike
- UMYF will not meet today

September 1 - Labor Day Holiday - Church Office will be closed

September 7 - Grandparents' Day Breakfast - 9:00 am Fellowship Hall
- Communion Sunday

September 9 - United Methodist Men - 8:00 am Burger King

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm

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Sunday, August 24, 2025
10:00 am Worship Service
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Service
The 11th Sunday After Pentecost

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude:

“Shall We Gather at the River”
arr by Joel Raney

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Shearon

Call To Worship

“He Lives”
by Alfred H. Ackley

† The Greeting

Great Healer, we are beaten down by life's suffering.
Make us whole, O God,
and help us share your healing with the world.
Free us from the demons that shackle our spirits,
and set us free from the chains that binds us,
that we may help break the chains of others.
Amen.

† The Hymn of Praise

UMH 600
“Wonderful Words of Life”

† 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.

Children's Sermon

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer

Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH 374

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music

“Rock of Ages”

arr by Joel Raney

†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

“Old Time Religion Medley”

Featuring Kimberly Weber

arr by Mark Hayes

† The Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10-17

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Shearon

“Kingdom Business”

†The Closing Hymn

“We've a Story to Tell to the Nations”

UMH 569

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

†The Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude

“Marching to Zion”

arr by Cindy Berry

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

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues,

¹¹ and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.”

¹³ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

¹⁵ The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?

¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.



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.