

### Our Weekly Schedule:

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

### 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 Each Sunday evening for exciting activities and



Scout Troop 402 Venture Crew recently held a reunion in Ellijay. This troop originally formed from the 402 charter that was sponsored by Ellijay First UMC. Many of those pictured are present and former church members. Can you recognize these adult faces of former EFUMC youth and their Scout leaders? Pictured: Jarod Vautrot, Jessie Easley, Hudson May, Harrison Smith, Kimberly Weber, Zack Kepley, Sid May, and Justin Easley

### Happy Birthday

8/3 - Gabrielle Cornett  
8/4 - Helen Moran  
8/4 - Judy Serritella  
8/4 - Georgia White



### Church Lock-up Schedule:

8/03-8/09 Charlie Cobb  
8/10-8/16 Barry Griffin  
8/17-8/23 Bill Munson  
8/24-8/30 Hank Chapman  
8/31-9/06 Lloyd Vautrot



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

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. See Debbi or Jennetta if you need assistance. Thank you in advance for your help!



**Our Church Prayer Team** is made up of individuals who spend time after the service to pray with anyone who wishes, and stays abreast of prayer requests that come to our attention during the week. If you are currently on the prayer team, or have interest in joining, PLEASE make plans to meet with us on **August 5 at 4:00 pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**.



### THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Susan Gooch for sharing her talents with us this morning while Gabrielle is away on vacation.

### A Note of Thanks

Thank you for all of your prayers & for the beautiful flowers. They meant so much to me!

All my love,  
Marsha Lemon



### 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.

#### General

Juston Davis  
Emma Ford Missionary  
Caleb Grizzle  
April Smith

Rylan & Shannon Leeper

Jackie Leva

**Tom Lowery, Jr**

Alyse Munson

Barbara Nickle

Lynn Perry

Terry Roylance

Ann Shearon

Al Summers

Dan Weaver

Joe Webb

**Betty Wiggle**

Earline Copley

Jim Hagopian

Mack Hipp

Rudi Lanehardt

Margie Pyren

Myron Seagraves

Paul Stanhope

Robert Westmoreland

#### Health

Brent Badinski

Doug Bater

Charles M Benner

Ed Boyd

Jerry Boyne

Kevin Brett

Jack Brown

**Mark Brown**

Kyle Bullington

Dan Charney

Paul & Joan Compton

Linda Copley

Skip Eubanks

Allen Fanelli

**Barbara Fogel**

Pam Grant

Betty Jo Hanes

Ginger Hearn

Missy Kepley

Lanny Lane

#### Hospital/Rehab

Mary Uthlaut

#### Surgery /Upcoming

**Emily Westbrook**

#### Surgery Recuperating

Alison Baker

Cathy Vautrot

#### Shut-In

Peter Adams

Marlene Brown

Ernette Calhoun

#### Hospice

Ed Jeffery

Bill Patton

#### Caregiver

Joy Fanelli

Carolyn Hipp

Lorraine Segraves

Joan Stanhope

Sherry Weaver

#### Deaths

Jean Smilie

**Lydia Daniel**

## August Events

**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

**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**

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**Gabrielle Cornett...Pianist & Organist**

**Marianne Evans ....Children's Ministries and Preschool....**

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**Jennetta Lowery. .Administrative Assistant ....ellijayfirstoffice@gmail.com**

**Sarah Thorne .....Director of Music**

**Debbi Westcott ... Youth Director.....youth@fumcellijay.org**

**Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator**

**Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician**



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**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**10:00 am Worship Service**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday Worship Service  
The 8th Sunday After Pentecost

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: “When Morning Gilds the Skies”  
arr by Lloyd Larson

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation  
Rev. Dr. Shearon

Call To Worship “Soon and Very Soon”  
by Andre Crouch

† The Greeting  
Give thanks to God,  
for God’s steadfast love lasts forever.  
God accompanies us in our distress,  
as we cross the threshold to worship’s  
blessings.  
Give thanks to our God,  
for God’s steadfast love abides with us.  
Let us enter this space for worship,  
celebrating God’s works for humankind.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 277  
“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

† 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 618  
“Let Us Break Bread Together” vs. 1-3

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “Blessed Assurance”  
arr by Jeff Bennett

†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 “I’ll Fly Away”  
by Albert E. Brumley

† The Scripture Reading Luke 12:13-21

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Shearon  
“The Parable of the Rich Fool”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

†The Closing Hymn UMH 362  
“Nothing But the Blood”

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

†The Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude “Heavenly Sunlight”  
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 12:13-21 The Parable of the Rich Fool

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”  
  
<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”  
  
<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”  
  
<sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’”  
  
<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’”  
  
<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”



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.