

Calling all Kids!

Wednesday after school fun is back, starting September 3rd from 3:30-5:00pm.

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

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Next Sunday is our Grandparents' Breakfast

We will celebrate all of our

Grandparents in the church next Sunday, Sept 7. Please join us for breakfast at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. You can get it grab and go style, too, so you don't miss Sunday School.

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

Mon - Zumba Gold - 4:30 pm

Tues - Chair Yoga 11:00 am Wed - LIJ Kids 3:30-5:00 pm

Young Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm

Thurs -Chair Yoga 11:00 am & Zumba Gold - 4:30 pm

Yearly Charge Conference

The Charge Conference for electing officers for 2026 is set for, **Sunday. October 5**, 2025 at **3:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, will be officiating. Please, plan to attend this important meeting.

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.

Attorney Ann Johnson will present a program on **Estate Planning for Seniors** at the September 7 Singles//Mingles gathering. She will discuss information and provide handouts to help Seniors make sure that all of their affairs are in order for end of life and ease for their family. The program will be from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It is open to anyone who would like to attend, however, registration is appreciated in order for enough materials to be on hand. Sign up on the Attendance Registration or call the church office prior to Wednesday, September 3.



8/31 - Becky Moon

9/02 - JoAnn Davis 9/03 - Gwen Calhoun

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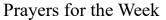
9/04 - Paul Compton

9/04 - Justin Easley 9/04 - Barbara Nickle

9/04 - Judy Wray

Church Lock-up Schedule:

8/31-9/06 Lloyd Vautrot 9/7-9/13 Charlie Cobb 9/14-9/20 Barry Griffin 9/21-9/27 Bill Munson



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> Barbara Nickle Rudi Lanehardt Margie Pyren Juston Davis Lynn Perry Caleb Grizzle Wanda Sandels Myron Seagraves April Smith Ann Shearon Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland Al Summers Dan Weaver Health Brent Badinski Hospice Shirley Goldston Joe Webb Doug Bater Betty Wigley Charles Benner Ed Jeffery Hospital/Rehab Terry Roylance Ed Boyd Jerry Boyne Mary Uthlaut Paul Compton Kevin Brett Caregiver Joy Fanelli Jack Brown Surgery /Upcoming Mark Brown Scott Goldston Kyle Bullington Emily Westbrook Carolyn Hipp Dan Charnev Patti Smith Lorraine Segraves **Steve Hearn** Joan Stanhope Joan Compton Zared (infant - Surname not Sherry Weaver Linda Copley Brenda Eisanhart Skip Eubanks Deaths Family of Lydia Daniel Allen Fanelli Surgery Recuperating Sharon Fletcher Alison Baker Family of Saydee Low Family of Bill Patton Barbara Fogel Tom Lowery Cathy Vautrot Suzy Gantz Betty Jo Hanes Ginger Hearn Shut-In Jennifer Hix Peter Adams Prayer Request Forms are in the Marlene Brown Ruth Hix Pew Racks. Please fill free to Missy Kepley Ernette Calhoun complete and drop in the offering Earline Copley Rylan & Shannon Leeper plate if you have a request. Jackie Leva Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Alyse Munson

Upcoming Events

August 31 - UMYF will not meet today

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

September 3 - **LIJ** Kids - 3:30 - 5:00 pm

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

- Communion Sunday

- "An Altar in the World" Bible Study 11:15 am Room 113

- Estate Planning with Ann Johnson 1:00 Fellowship Hall

September 9 - United Methodist Men - 8:00 am Burger King **September 17** - Monthly Mission Dinner for Isaiah House 6:00 pm

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

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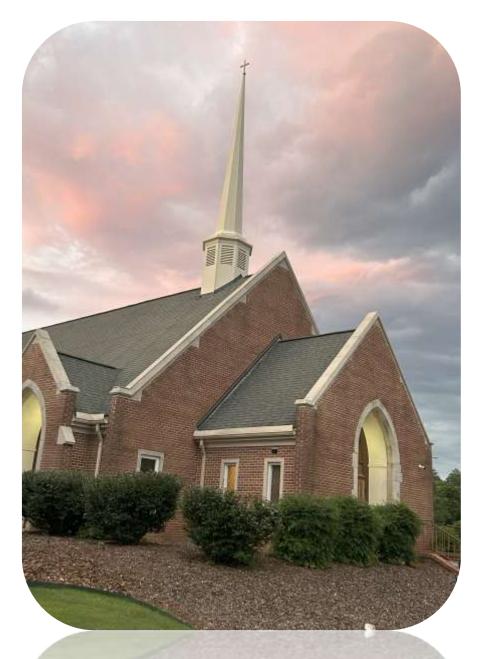
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Sunday, August 31, 2025 10:00 am Worship Service 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Service The 11th Sunday After Pentecost

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude:

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr by John Carter

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

Call To Worship "Precious Name"

by William H. Doane

† The Greeting

Sing in exaltation, people of God.

The Lord fills us with good things.

Shout for joy, children of the Holy One.

God feeds us with finest wheat.

God satisfies us with the sweetest honey.

The Lord sustains us with living water.

† The Hymn of Praise

UMH 370

"Victory in 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.

Children's Sermon Marianne Evans & Children

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

UMH 133

†The Hymn of Preparation

"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by Larry Shackley "I'm Gonna Sing/Ain't-a-That Good News"

†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 "Swing Down, Chariot"

arr by Jerry Ray

† The Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The Sermon

Rev. Mark Westmoreland "It Comes Down to This"

†The Closing Hymn

UMH 527

"Do, Lord, Remember Me"

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

†The Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Mark Westmoreland

†The Postlude

"Fantasy on Holy Manna" arr by John Carter

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

† - Stand as you are able

Concluding Exhortations

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."[a]

⁶ So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?" [5]

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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.