

# LIJ Kids News

## Calling all Kids!

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

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



## 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.

# Happy Birthday!

8/31 - Becky Moon  
9/02 - JoAnn Davis  
9/03 - Gwen Calhoun  
9/03 - Charlie Cobb  
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



## 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	Barbara Nickle Lynn Perry Wanda Sandels Ann Shearon Al Summers Dan Weaver Joe Webb Betty Wigley	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 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	<u>Hospital/Rehab</u> Mary Uthlaut <b>Paul Compton</b>	<u>Hospice</u> Shirley Goldston Ed Jeffery <b>Terry Roylance</b>
	<u>Surgery /Upcoming</u> Emily Westbrook Patti Smith <b>Steve Hearn</b> <b>Zared</b> (infant - Surname not known)	<u>Caregiver</u> Joy Fanelli Scott Goldston Carolyn Hipp Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver
	<u>Surgery Recuperating</u> Alison Baker Tom Lowery Cathy Vautrot	<u>Deaths</u> Family of Lydia Daniel Family of Saydee Low Family of Bill Patton
	<u>Shut-In</u> Peter Adams Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun Earline Copley Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp	

*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 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**  
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**Gabrielle Cornett...Pianist & Organist**  
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**Sunday, August 31, 2025  
10:00 am Worship Service  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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.