

This Wednesday - Benefit Dinner
October 22 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be themed baskets and other items which you can purchase a "chance" to win. All donations for dinner and the drawings will benefit our own Missy Kepley and her ongoing medical needs. Sponsored by G.R.A.S.P. & Ellijay First United Methodist Church. You can sign up on the record of attendance or call the church office.



Special Thanks!

Thank you, Austin Talbot, for blessing us with your song last week! It was beautiful!



10/22 - Robert Bassett



Wednesday, Oct. 29 6-7p.m.
Ellijay First UMC

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available. If you have questions, call 706-635-2555.

We still need more trunks. Sign up on the bulletin insert.



It's All About Jesus!

Now is the time for Ellijay First UMC to become involved in the amazing global mission, Operation Christmas Child by Samaritan's Purse. This year's theme, *It's All About Jesus!*, brings to mind the impact that these boxes have on not only the children who receive them, but their families as well. These boxes are more than a gift, they are sharing Jesus's love and light to so many. Please take a box located in the back hall, fill it with items, and have it **returned by Sunday, November 16, 2025**.

You can use the Samaritan's Purse Gift suggestion tool with this QR code for ideas of items to pack, or contact the church office for information.



Church Lock-up Schedule:

10/19-10/25 Bill Munson
10/26-11/1 Hank Chapman
11/2 - 11/8 Charlie Cobb
11/9 - 11/15 Barry Griffin



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 or changes to the Prayer List.

<u>General</u> Juston Davis Armstrong Dice	Lynn Tudor Dan Weaver Clyde White	Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland
<u>Health</u> Brent Badinski Marcia Bassett Charles Benner Ed Boyd Kevin Brett Mark Brown Kyle Bullington Joan Compton Paul Compton Ron Cornett Brenda Eisanhart Allen Fanelli Sharon Fletcher Barry Griffin Betty Jo Hanes Ginger Hearn Ruth Hix Missy Kepley Rylan Leeper Shannon Leeper Alyse Munson Lynn Perry Wanda Sandels Ann Shearon	<u>Hospital/Rehab</u> Pat Daniels Susan Krebs Mary Uthlaut <u>Upcoming Surgery</u> Vincent Marino <u>Surgery Recuperating</u> Alison Baker Steve Hearn Patti Smith Emily Westbrook <u>Shut-In</u> Peter Adams Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun Earline Copley Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Johnny Johnson Rudi Lanehardt Margie Pyren Myron Seagraves	<u>Hospice</u> Doug Bater Shirley Goldston Ed Jeffery <u>Caregiver</u> Nell Bater Cherie Dice Joy Fanelli Scott Goldston Carolyn Hipp Pat Johnson Julie Kepley Susan Marino Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver <u>Deaths</u> Family of Ryan Miranda Family of Skye Wilkins

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October Events to Mark on your Calendar

10/22 6:00 pm	Benefit Dinner for Missy Kepley Fellowship Hall
10/23 2:00 pm	Book Club Fellowship Hall
10/25 11:00 am	Mountain Top Boy's Home BBQ at MTBH in Sugar Valley, GA
→ 10/28 12:00 pm	Joyful Noon Circle Fellowship Hall - change of date ←
10/28 4:00 pm	Prayer/Visitation Teams meeting Fellowship Hall
10/29 6:00 pm	TRUNK or TREAT Church Parking Lot



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★ Indicates new announcement.



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Photo of Carter's Lake taken by Holly Shearon

Sunday, October 19, 2025

10:00 am Worship Service

19th Sunday after Pentecost



Let's spread kindness here at home and see it's impact globally. Check out www.kind30.org



If you would like to help the family that lost their home and all belongings in a house fire, you may place a check or cash in a pew envelope with "Wade & April Whitcom" on the memo line. We will see that they receive all donations. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

Sunday Worship Service
The 19th Sunday After Pentecost

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
arr. by Joel Raney

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
Rev. Dr. Shearon

Call To Worship “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
By Ken Medema

† The Greeting
Oh, how I love your will, dear Lord. I meditate on
your wisdom all day long.
Your teaching makes me wiser each day. Your
instruction helps me become my true self.
How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than
honey to my mouth.
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light that
shines on my path.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 454
“Open My Eyes That I May See”

† 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 451
“Be Thou My Vision”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “As the Deer”
arr by Douglas E. Wagner

†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 “With A Voice of Singing”
by Martin Shaw

† The Scripture Reading Luke 18:1-8

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Shearon
“The Persistent Prayer”

†The Closing Hymn UMH 404
“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

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

†The Pastoral Benediction Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude “Hornpope from ‘Water Music’”
arr by G. F. Handel

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

† Please stand as you are able

Luke 18:1-8 The Parable of the Persistent Widow

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show
them that they should always pray and not give up.

2 He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who
neither feared God nor cared what people thought.

3 And there was a widow in that town who kept
coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against
my adversary.’

4 “For some time he refused. But finally he said to
himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what
people think,

5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will
see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually
come and attack me!’”

6 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge
says.

7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen
ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep
putting them off?

8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and
quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he
find faith on the earth?”



The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to 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.