

Donations accepted now through October 27th at Ellijay First UMC



FOOD DRIVE

You can HELP

Soups and stews
Grain breakfast
Canned or dried beans
pasta

Canned fish, meat
Peanut butter / other nut butters


Pasta sauce
canned tomatoes
Shell, stable milk
Canned vegetables

You can also donate cash or check in the offering plate or church office.



SCAN ME

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



10/27 - Diane Vautrot
10/28 - John Tarrou
10/30 - Elizabeth Dorfman



Remember to Change Your Clocks
Back One Hour
Sunday, November 3


Congratulations to Team Tabitha for reaching a goal set by Toys for Tots. They have completed making **1,200 stockings** to be used in this year's Toys for Tots toy drive in Gilmer County. This task was completed in 2 months by these talented and dedicated ladies. Kudos to you all!



Operation Christmas Child
A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE


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:

10/26-11/1	Hank Chapman
11/2 - 11/8	Charlie Cobb
11/9 - 11/15	Barry Griffin
11/16-11/22	Bill Munson




Trunk or Treat

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.



Pastor APPRECIATION Month
1 Thessalonians 5:22-23

October is Pastor Appreciation Month in the United Methodist Church. The SPRC encourages you individually, or if your group wishes to collectively, to express your appreciation to Pastor Mike in your own way.

From the Finance Committee:
Contributions are down 26% from last year.




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	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>Hospice</u> Doug Bater Shirley Goldston Ed Jeffery
	<u>Upcoming Surgery</u> Vincent Marino	<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>Surgery Recuperating</u> Alison Baker Steve Hearn Emily Westbrook	<u>Deaths</u> Family of Ryan Miranda Family of Skye Wilkins
	<u>Shut-In</u> Peter Adams Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun Earline Copley Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Johnny Johnson Rudi Lanehardt Margie Pyren Myron Seagraves Paul Stanhope	<i>Prayer Request forms are in the pew racks. Please fill free to complete and drop in the offering plate if you have a request.</i>

A Quick Guide to What's Going on at Ellijay First UMC

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
11/02	Daylight Savings time ends	
	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	
	Communion Sunday	
11/06 6:00 pm	Vespers	Fellowship Hall
11/10 6:00 pm	Administrative Council Meeting	
11/11 8:00 am	Veterans' Day Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
11/13 4:30 pm	Men's Group Meeting & Meal	Shane's Rib Shack



Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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Photo of George Mountain in Gilmer County by Pastor Mike

Sunday, October 26, 2025
10:00 am Worship Service
20th Sunday after Pentecost

★ Indicates new announcement.

Sunday Worship Service
The 20th Sunday After Pentecost

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
arr. by Jay Rouse

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
Rev. Dr. Shearon

Call To Worship “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
By William B. Bradbury

† **The Greeting**
Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.
God is our hope and our salvation.
The Lord blesses the earth with rain.
God crowns the year with bounty.
The Lord makes old men dream dreams.
God makes young girls see visions.
Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.
God is our hope and our salvation.

† **The Hymn of Praise** TFWS 2062
“The Lily of the Valley”

† **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 357
“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” vs 1, 2, 3, & 6

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “The Power of Your Love”
arr by Jane Holstein

†**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 “Jesus, What A Beautiful Name”
arr by Joel Raney

† **The Scripture Reading** **Luke 18:9-14**

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Shearon
“The Parable of the Pharisee & the Tax Collector”

†**The Closing Hymn** UMH 351
“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

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

†**The Pastoral Benediction** Rev. Dr. Shearon

†**The Postlude** “Gather Us In”
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 18:9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”



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.