



Yearly Charge Conference
The Charge Conference for electing officers for 2026 is set for **TODAY, October 5, 2025** at **3:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Our new DS, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, will be officiating.

See you there!

Benefit Dinner
- **NEW DATE**-



Wednesday, October 22 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All donations will benefit Missy Kepley and her ongoing medical needs.
Sponsored by G.R.A.S.P. & EFUMC



Safety Reminder

The Trustees are locking the back doors of the building during the worship service, in order to keep our Nursery workers and children safe from potential undesired visitors. Should you happen to arrive late or need to leave the building and regain entry, the doors in the Narthex of the church will remain unlocked. Thank you for understanding this safety measure that we have adopted.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Sun - Singles/Mingles 1:00-3:00 pm
Mon - Zumba Gold - 4:30 pm
Tues - Chair Yoga 11:00 am
Wed - Choir Practice 6:30 pm
Young Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm
Thurs -Chair Yoga 11:00 am
Zumba Gold - 4:30 pm



We need you!
Seeking actors and animal managers of all ages.
Email or text
Debbi Westcott
youth@ellijayfirstumc.org
or 706-455-3207



10/5 Charles Leonard
10/6 Jerry Boyne
10/11 Bill Munson

Farewell to Jackie & Ed Boyd

Please join family and friends at a farewell party for Jackie and Ed Boyd, who are moving to Colorado Springs. The farewell party will be on Friday, October 10 from 2:30 - 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Come when you can, stay as long as you like.
No Gifts, other than your presence, please.

Local Help for Displaced Family

Wade and April Whitcom lost their home and belongings to a fire this week. They are neighbors to our own Marsha Lemon in Coosawattee River Resort. If you would like to help with clothing, toiletries, or a financial contribution, contact Charlotte Silvers at 706-502-5931 or Marsha Lemon for clothing sizes needed. A 'GoFundMe' account has been established as well.



Reminder:

If you wish to make a donation to any of our missions, in addition to your regular giving, you can write the intended mission on the memo line of your check our use an offering envelope found in the pews. Thank you for helping us be a church involved in local, national, and world wide missions.



Team Tabitha will meet on October 6th and 20th this month. If you enjoy sewing, this is your group! They meet at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Lock-up Schedule:

10/5-10/11 Charlie Cobb
10/12-10/18 Barry Griffin
10/19-10/25 Bill Munson
10/26-11/1 Hank Chapman



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.

General

Juston Davis

Health

Brent Badinski
Charles Benner
Ed Boyd
Kevin Brett
Mark Brown
Kyle Bullington
Dan Charney
Joan Compton
Paul Compton
Brenda Eisanhart
Allen Fanelli
Sharon Fletcher
Betty Jo Hanes
Ginger Hearn
Jennifer Hix
Ruth Hix
Missy Kepley
Rylan Leeper
Shannon Leeper
Alyse Munson
Lynn Perry
Wanda Sandels
Ann Shearon
Dan Weaver
Clyde White

Hospital/Rehab

Pat Daniels
Mary Uthlaut

Surgery Recuperating

Alison Baker
Steve Hearn
Vincent Marino
Patti Smith
Emily Westbrook
Zared (infant - Surname not known)

Shut-In

Peter Adams
Marlene Brown
Ernette Calhoun
Earline Copley
Jim Hagopian
Mack Hipp
Johnny Johnson
Rudi Lanehardt
Margie Pyren
Myron Seagraves
Paul Stanhope
Robert Westmoreland

Hospice

Doug Bater
Shirley Goldston
Ed Jeffery

Caregiver

Nell Bater
Joy Fanelli
Scott Goldston
Carolyn Hipp
Pat Johnson
Julie Kepley
Lorraine Segraves
Joan Stanhope
Sherry Weaver

Deaths

Family of Ryan Miranda
Family of Bob Morrow
Family of Terry Roylance
Family of Skye Wilkins

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October Events to Mark on your Calendar

10/5 4:00 pm GRASP meeting Fellowship Hall
10/9 4:30 pm Ellijay First United Men Shane's Rib Shack
10/10 2:30-4:30 pm Farewell Gathering for Ed & Jackie Boyd Fellowship Hall
10/21 12:00 pm Joyful Noon Circle Fellowship Hall
10/22 6:00 pm Benefit Dinner for Missy Kepley Fellowship Hall
10/23 2:00 pm Book Club Fellowship Hall
10/24-26 Rooted Retreat for Middle School students at Camp Glisson
10/25 11:00 am Mountain Top Boy's Home BBQ at MTBH in Sugar Valley, GA
10/28 4:00 pm Prayer/Visitation Teams meeting Fellowship Hall
10/29 6:00 pm TRUNK or TREAT Church Parking Lot

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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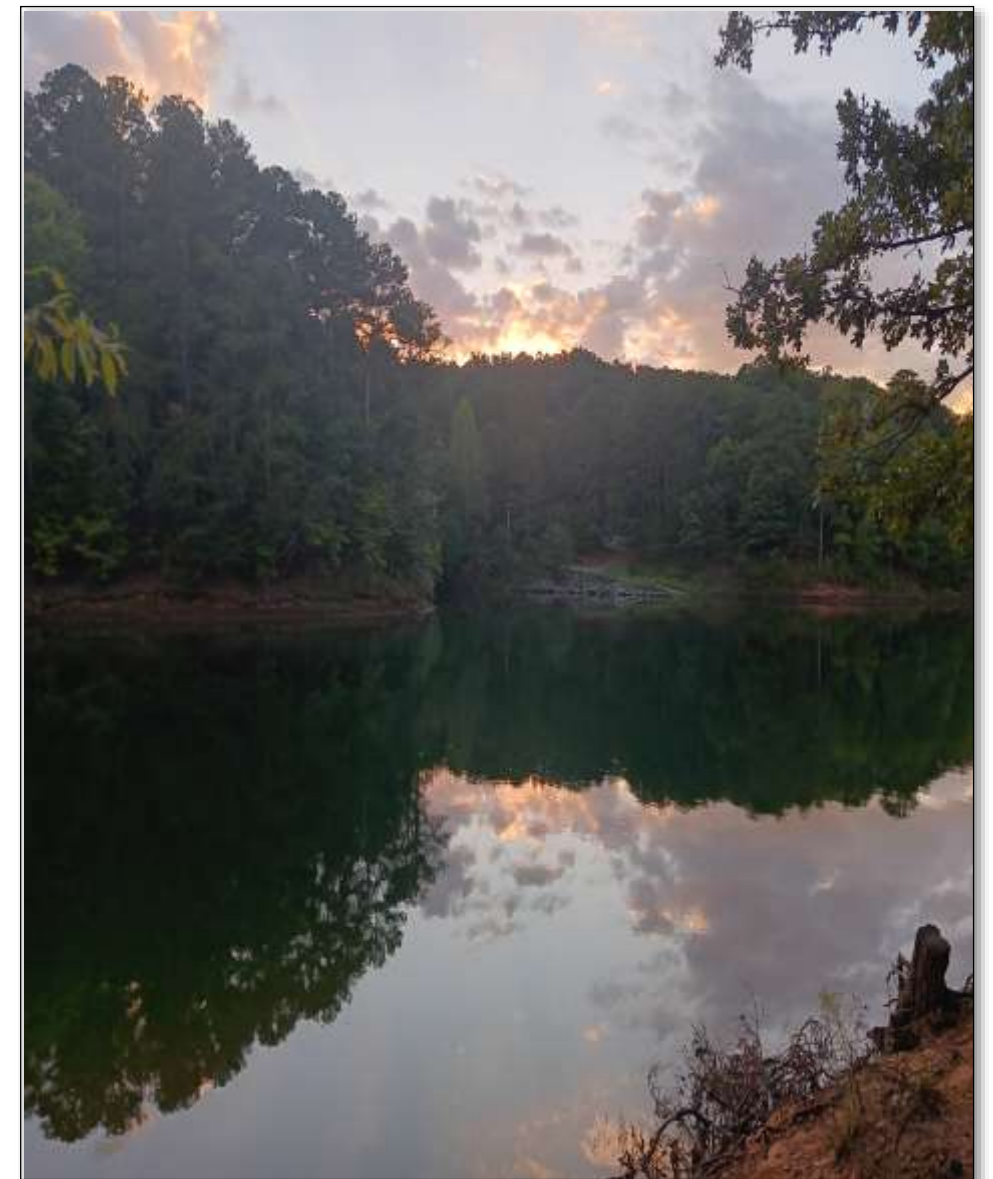
Gabrielle Cornett...Pianist & Organist
Marianne EvansChildren's Ministries and Preschool....

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Debbi Westcott ... Youth Director.....youth@ellijayfirstumc.org
Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator
Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician...media@ellijayfirstumc.org
Finance office....Giving statements/Accounts.....finance@ellijayfirstumc.org



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Sunday, October 5, 2025

10:00 am Worship Service

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Service
The 17th Sunday After Pentecost

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Mark Hayes
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness with J.S.Bach’s Prelude in C Major”

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
Rev. Dr. Shearon

Call To Worship by Brian Wren/Carlton Young
“This is the Day of New Beginnings”

† **The Greeting**
The Holy Spirit rekindles God’s purpose and grace for our lives.
Grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.
Christ Jesus, our savior, abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.
This is good news, not just for ourselves, but for the world.
Let us worship in thanksgiving and praise.

† **The Hymn of Praise** UMH 710
“Faith of Our Fathers”

† **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

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†**The Hymn of Preparation** UMH 616
“Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast” vs 1, 3, & 5

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “Total Praise”
arr by Mark Hayes

†**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 “We Walk By Faith”
by Williams and Sanborn

† **The Scripture Reading** **Luke 17:1-10**

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Shearon
“Be Careful How You Live”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

†**The Closing Hymn** UMH 452
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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

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

†**The Postlude** “When We Are Living”
arr by John Carter

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

Luke 17:1-10 **Sin, Faith, Duty**

¹ Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come.

² It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.

³ So watch yourselves. “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them.

⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶ He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

⁷ “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’?

⁸ Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’?

⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do?

¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

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.

† Please stand as you are able