

The Heart that Grew Three Sizes



Beginning November 30, we are entering a 4 week study exploring the classic Christmas tale, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" through the lens of faith. There will be a children's class and a youth class. The adult Sunday School class, Helping Hands, will also participate. Please let the church office know by **November 17th** if you wish to join so that materials can be ordered. Come see if you can increase the size of your heart as well.



We need you!

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



Habitat for Humanity Mission Dinner 11/19 @ 5:30 pm

Habitat for Humanity of Fannin & Gilmer Counties is a 501c3 Non-Profit organization that serves Fannin & Gilmer Counties. Habitat for Humanity not only builds homes, but we also provide much needed home repairs to local families. We believe that everyone deserves a safe place to live and we work daily towards this through our mission "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope."

Our November Mission Dinner will benefit this organization. Anita Hardy from Habitat for Humanity will be with us. The menu will be salad, baked potato bar, and dessert. Please sign up to attend on the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office at 706-635-3555.

For more information, see Rachel Tarr.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Sun - Helping Hands Sunday School 8:45 am

Altars Study Group 11:00 am
Singles/Mingles 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Tues - Chair Yoga 11:00 am Scout Hut
Wed - LJJ Kids 3:30 - 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall
Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm
Thurs - Chair Yoga 11:00 am Scout Hut

*Zumba is on sabbatical until the Spring

Feel free to take a EFUMC car tag for you vehicle(s). They are located in the Narthex and back hallway.



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

Thank you to everyone who helped serve our Veterans last Tuesday. We had a great turnout and the Veterans were so very appreciative.



Church Lock-up Schedule:

11/16 -11/22 Bill Munson
11/23 -11/29 Hank Chapman
11/30 -12/6 Lloyd Vautrot
12/7 - 12/13 Charlie Cobb



11/16 - Patti Smith
11/19 - Steve Brown



OCC boxes are due today. Please drop off in the church office. Thank you to all who have already done so, and to those who have participated!

Please note that our ability to take used batteries to recycle has ended. The location no longer accepts them. Please do not leave your batteries at the church any longer. Thank you.



Gilmer County Food Pantry

As we continue to collect items for our local food pantry, please note the items most needed:

Individually wrapped cookies
Saltine Crackers (4 sleeve pkg)
Mayo, Mustard, & Ketchup
Jelly - plastic containers
15oz cans of Baked Beans

There is also a need for drivers to go to Atlanta for supplies. They need a person who can drive a fork-lift and is available on Tuesdays 8:15-11:00 am, and a Spanish/English translator on Wednesdays from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. Remember that there are many ways to serve Jesus locally, nationally, and globally. Mark 10:45 says that "even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve others."

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 to the Prayer List.

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

Prayer Request forms are in the pew racks. Please fill free to complete and drop in the offering plate if you have a request.

November at Ellijay First UMC

11/16 11:00 am	GRASP Meeting	Fellowship Hall
→ 11/17 6:00 pm	Administrative Council Meeting	← Date Change
11/18 12:00 pm	Joyful Noon Circle	Fellowship Hall
11/19 5:30 pm	Mission Dinner for Habitat for Humanity	Fellowship Hall
→ 11/24 10:00 am	Decorating the church for Advent	← Date & Time Change
11/30	First Sunday of Advent	
The Heart That Grew Three Sizes Advent study begins		

Please note that the Church Office will be closed the week of 11/24 - 11/27 for Thanksgiving

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Sunday, November 16, 2025

10:00 am Worship Service

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Service
The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: “Joyful Day”
arr by Mark Hayes

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
Rev. Dr. Shearon

Call To Worship “My Lord, What a Morning”
arr by William Farley Smith

† The Greeting
Joseph Lowery, Liturgist & Congregation

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.
Thus says our God, the Holy One.
Be glad and rejoice in this new creation.
Celebrate all that is coming to you.
Whenever you call, I will answer.
When you cry out, I will come.
Whenever I hear you calling me to serve
I will go where you want me to go.
Heaven and earth will be filled with my peace.
Everything will become a new creation.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 368
“My Hope is Built”

† 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

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation UMH 430
“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “Come Ye, Thankful People, Come”
arr by Joel Raney

†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 “Be Thou My Vision”
arr by Douglas E. Wagner

† The Scripture Reading Luke 21:1-6

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Shearon
“Does the Inside match the Outside?”

†The Closing Hymn UMH 724
“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” vs. 1 & 4

Anyone wishing to join Ellijay First United Methodist Church may
come forward during the closing hymn.

†The Pastoral Benediction Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude “There is a Happy Land”
arr by Mary McDonald

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

† Please stand as you are able

Luke 21:1-6

21 As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their
gifts into the temple treasury.

2 He also saw a poor widow put in two very small
copper coins.

3 “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put
in more than all the others.

4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth;
but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live
on.”

5 Some of his disciples were remarking about how
the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and
with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said,

6 “As for what you see here, the time will come when
not one stone will be left on another; every one of
them will be thrown down.”



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.