



11/29 - Bonnie Wells
11/30 - Joseph Lowery




Church Lock-up Schedule:

11/30 -12/6 Lloyd Vautrot
12/7 - 12/13 Charlie Cobb
12/14-12/20 Barry Griffin
12/21-12/27 Bill Munson




Hanging of the Greens

The Altar Guild, along with several helpers, met on Monday, 11/24, to prepare our sanctuary for the Advent season. Tremendous thanks to all who showed up and showed off! The results are stunning!





Our Weekly Schedule:

Sun - Helping Hands Sunday School 8:45 am
Altars Study Group 11:00 am
Singles/Mingles 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Wed - LIJ Kids 3:30 - 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall
Young Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm



The Heart that Grew Three Sizes
Today, 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 is a children’s class and a youth class. The adult Sunday School class, Helping Hands, is also participating. Come see if you can increase the size heart as well.

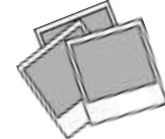

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY -
The Young Adult Bible Study has changed it’s meeting time. They now meet on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm. Note the new meeting time! Childcare is available. For more info contact Debbi Westcott @ 706-455-3207 or Emily Barton @ 706-273-9252.





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

If you have pictures from the past few years of church events, the church grounds, the parsonage (maybe during the Christmas season), Sunday School Parties, Choir (practice or parties) Singles Mingles, Faith Hope & Charity, past GRASPs, or anything of the sort, please use this QR code to upload pictures for our website. See Debbi or Jennetta if you need assistance. Thank you in advance for your help!



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Today we light the Hope candle. It represents the anticipation and hope of the Messiah’s coming. Purple symbolizes Royalty and Repentance as we prepare our hearts.

Lord, as we light this candle of hope today, we remember that your light pierces the darkness of evil and brings HOPE to all who put their trust in YOU. Fill our hearts with anticipation for your coming, and may we carry this same Hope into every corner of our lives.

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 Brenda Eisanhart Allen Fanelli Sharon Fletcher Betty Jo Hanes Ruth Hix Missy Kepley Rylan Leeper Shannon Leeper Vincent Marino Heather Millican 3 yr old Millican child Alyse Munson Lynn Perry Wanda Sandels Ann Shearon Dan Weaver Clyde White	<u>Surgery Recuperating</u> Alison Baker Suzy Ganz Steve Hearn Millie Kelley Karen Vitelli 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 Lanehardt Margie Pyren Myron Seagraves Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland	<u>Deaths</u> Family of Paul Compton Family of Ron Cornett Family of Ginger Hearn Family of John Millican Family of Mary Uthlaut Family of Don White

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


Ellijay First UMC Upcoming Events

11/30	First Sunday of Advent
	<i>The Heart That Grew Three Sizes</i> Advent study begins
12/7-	Communion Sunday
1:00 pm	Visitation with family of Paul Compton (service at 2:00 pm)
12/8- 6:00 pm	Administrative Council Meeting Fellowship Hall
12/11 2:00 pm	Book Club Fellowship Hall
12/14 8:30 am	Church wide pot luck Christmas Breakfast Fellowship Hall
12/17 5:00 pm	LIJ Kids Christmas Dinner & Play Fellowship Hall
12/21 10:00 am	Christmas Cantata Sanctuary
12/24 5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service Sanctuary

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Sunday, November 30, 2025

10:00 am Worship Service

1st Sunday of Advent

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

† Please stand as you are able

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

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.