

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!







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.

Hospice Doug Bater <u>General</u> Hospital/Rehab Juston Davis Pat Daniels Shirley Goldston Armstrong Dice Surgery Recuperating Ed Jeffery Alison Baker Susan Krebs Brent Badinski Suzy Ganz Charles Benner Steve Hearn Caregiver Millie Kellev Nell Bater Ed Boyd Kevin Brett Karen Vitelli Cherie Dice Joy Fanelli Mark Brown Emily Westbrook Kyle Bullington Scott Goldston Shut-In Joan Compton Jerry Guthrie Brenda Eisanhart Peter Adams Carolyn Hipp Allen Fanelli Marlene Brown Pat Johnson Sharon Fletcher Ernette Calhoun Julie Kepley Betty Jo Hanes Earline Copley Susan Marino Ruth Hix Margaret Guthrie Lorraine Segraves Missy Kepley Joan Stanhope Jim Hagopian Rylan Leeper Mack Hipp Johnny Johnson Sherry Weaver Shannon Leeper Vincent Marino Rudi Lanehardt Deaths Heather Millican Margie Pyren Family of Paul Compton 3 yr old Millican child Family of Ron Cornett Myron Seagraves Alvse Munson Paul Stanhope Family of Ginger Hearn Robert Westmoreland Family of John Millican Lynn Perry Wanda Sandels Family of Mary Uthlaut Ann Shearon Prayer Request forms are in the **Family of Don White** Dan Weaver pew racks. Please fill free to Clyde White complete and drop in the offering plate if you have a request.

## Elliay First UMC Upcoming Events

11/30	First Sunday of Advent
	The Heart That Grew Three Sizes 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

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor, Mike.Shearon@NGUMC.net Lay Leader Rick Thaxton 770-241-1852 rlthaxton@etcmail.com Church phone: 706-635-2555; Fax: 706-273-2555 Web site: ellijayfirstumc.org

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Sunday, November 30, 2025 10:00 am Worship Service 1st Sunday of Advent

# Sunday Worship Service The 1st Sunday of Advent

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: "O Come, Emmanuel"

arr by Mark Hayes

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** The Lowery Family

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Shearon

**Call To Worship** "Soon and very Soon"

arr by Andre Crouch

**UMH 845** † The Greeting

"Psalm 122" with Response #1

† The Hymn of Praise **UMH 732** "Come, We That Love the Lord"

The Apostles Creed † The Affirmation of Faith 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 guick 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.

**Baptism of Zachary William Easley UMH 39** 

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord's Prayer **UMH 895**  **†The Hymn of Preparation** 

**UMH 196** 

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

**The Offertory Music** "Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night" 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** "Come, Jesus, Heavenly Light" by Mary McDonald

† The Scripture Reading Amos 5:15a, 21, 23-24 & Romans 12:9 (NRS)

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Shearon "Don't You Hate It When Everything Goes Wrong?"

**†The Closing Hymn** 

"People, Look East"

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

**†The Pastoral Benediction** 

Rev. Dr. Shearon

**UMH 202** 

**†The Postlude** "The Holly and The Ivy" arr by Mary McDonald

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

† Please stand as you are able

Amos 5:15a, 21, 23-24

New Revised Standard Version

<sup>5a</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;

<sup>21</sup> I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream

## **Romans 12:9**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

#### 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 and your coming in.