

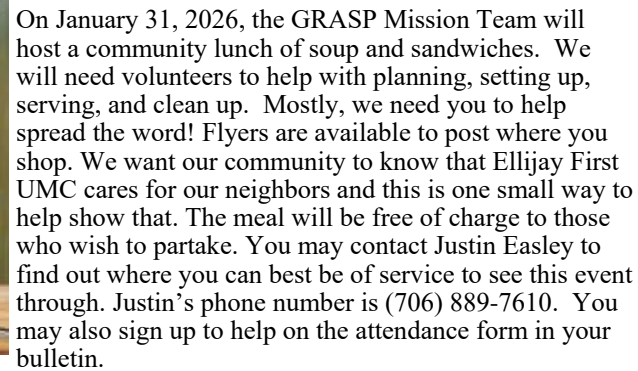


### Church Lock-up Schedule:

1/18 - 1/24	Bill Munson
1/25 - 1/31	Hank Chapman
2/01 - 2/07	Charlie Cobb
2/08 - 2/14	Barry Griffin



## Community Lunch



It's time for you to start thinking of where you would like to travel! The Children First Pre-School Program will soon begin their annual SouthWest Airline Ticket promotion.

Be on the lookout for our trustee  
SouthWest Pilot and Flight Attendant to  
begin sharing more information!



If you would like to serve the church as an Usher on Sunday mornings, please contact Judy Wray at (727)430-3381, Cindy Corn at (661)414-2807, or Jennetta in the church office. This is an easy way to be involved in our ministry here at Ellijay First UMC.

Another opportunity to help at church is to volunteer in the church office. We have openings on Wednesdays and Thursday mornings. If you can answer a phone, take messages, greet visitors in the office, and be a smiling face, we can use your talents. Contact Jennetta if you are interested.

## We Are Going Back!



Missions are calling and we are answering the phone. We will be going back to the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. Mark your calendar for April 26-May 1, 2026. The cost is \$515 per person to cover lodging and meals for the week. We will spend the week working on projects to help the people of the area, one of the poorest in our country. Please let Pastor Mike know if you are interested in going along.

## Estate Sale

There will be a sale at the home of our own Stan Cowan to help rehome some of his and Carol's belongings and close out their estate. The sale will be Friday, Feb. 6 from 9-4 and Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9-12. The address is 86 Carson Cove Road, Ellijay.



The Finance Committee will be sending out Yearly Contribution Statements by the end of the month. If you have had a change of address, please contact the church office or a member of the Finance Committee with corrections.



Administrative Council members, please remember the Webinar that is scheduled for this Thursday, Jan 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Make sure you have pre-registered. Contact the church office if you have questions.

## 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>	<u>Surgery Recuperating</u>	<u>Caregiver</u>
Juston Davis	Suzy Ganz	Nell Bater
	Tony Ganz	Cherie Dice
<u>Health</u>	Bill McKinney	Scott Goldston
Brent Badinski	Katherine Meyer	Carolyn Hipp
Charles Benner	Bill Munson	Pat Johnson
Kevin Brett	Frank Richardson	Julie Kepley
Mark Brown		Susan Marino
Joan Compton	<u>Shut-In</u>	Peggy Richardson
Brenda Eisanhart	Peter Adams	Lorraine Segraves
Sharon Fletcher	Ernette Calhoun	Joan Stanhope
Betty Jo Hanes	Earline Copley	Sherry Weaver
Ruth Hix	Jim Hagopian	
Millie Kelley	Mack Hipp	<u>Deaths</u>
Missy Kepley	Johnny Johnson	Family of Marlene Brown
Vincent Marino	Margie Pyren	Family of Robert Hillhouse
Alyse Munson	Myron Seagraves	Family of DeWayne Lineback
Lynn Perry	Paul Stanhope	Family of Angie Pierce
Wanda Sandels	Robert Westmoreland	
Ann Shearon		
Dan Weaver	<u>Hospice</u>	
Clyde White	Doug Bater	
Bobbie Wilson	Shirley Goldston	
	Ed Jeffery	
	Rudi Lanchardt	

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January 2026 at Ellijay First United Methodist Church

Monday, Jan 19 - Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
 Tuesday, Jan 20 - Joyful Noon Circle, Fellowship Hall Noon  
 Thursday, Jan 22 - Book Club, Fellowship Hall 2:00pm  
 Saturday, Jan 31 - GRASP Mission Team Community Lunch Fellowship Hall  
 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm or until the food runs out.

### Our Weekly Schedule:

<p>Sun - Helping Hands Sunday School 8:45 am          Worship Service 10:00 am          Altars Study Group 11:00 am          Singles/Mingles 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Mon - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry          (1st &amp; 3rd Mon) 9:00 am -12:00 pm</p>
<p>Tues - Chair Yoga 11:00 am - 12:15 pm</p>	<p>Wed -LIJ Kids 3:30 - 5:00 pm</p>
<p>Thur - Chair Yoga 11:00 am - 12:15 pm</p>	<p>Young Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm          Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm**  
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**Sarah Thorne .....Director of Music...music@ellijayfirstumc.org**  
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Sunday, January 18, 2026  
10:00 am Worship Service

Sunday Worship Service  
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The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: “Rock of Ages” arr by Mary McDonald

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation  
The Reverend Dr. Michael Shearon

Call To Worship “Jesus, Name Above All Names”  
by Naida Hearn

† The Greeting  
Can you hear God’s call?  
Christ’s voice is heard far and near.  
Can you discern God’s Word?  
Christ calls on and all.  
God speaks of light and life.  
Christ loves the mighty and the small.  
The Spirit breathes joy and compassion.  
We are called into fellowship together.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 57  
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs 1-5

† 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 & Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation UMH 181  
“Ye Servants of God”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by Larry Shackley  
“The Power of the Cross”

†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 by Besig and Price  
“Lord, Can You Hear Us Praying”

† The Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 17:32-37

The Sermon  
“Seeing What David Saw”

†The Closing Hymn UMH 578  
“God of Love and God of Power”

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

†The Pastoral Benediction

†The Postlude “Trumpet Tune”  
arr by Purcell and Carter

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

† - Stand as you are able

1 Samuel 17:32-37

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

<sup>33</sup> Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

<sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,

<sup>35</sup> I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

<sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

<sup>37</sup> The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you.”



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.