



2/16 - Sidney Mahan
2/18 - John Mahan
2/19 - Michael Moran



Church Lock-up Schedule:

2/15 - 2/21 Bill Munson
2/22 - 2/28 Hank Chapman
3/01 - 3/07 Charlie Cobb
3/08 - 3/14 Barry Griffin

Ellijay First UMYF

Are you looking for church activities? Are you an adult interested in serving the youth of our church? Reach out to Joseph Lowery @ 706-669-0172.

There will be a Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Glisson March 13-15. If you are a youth, or would like to find out about being a chaperone volunteer, Joseph Lowery has information for you!



If you are curious about the Red Bird Mission trip, there will be a meeting on Sunday, February 22 following the worship service. Plan to attend and find out what it's about. The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall.



Hand Bells will be ringing again soon! If you want more information, please contact JoAnn at 706-755-0105.



Don't just attend church. Love the church. Serve the church. Give through the church. Invite people to church. Worship Jesus with the church. Encourage the church. Participate in the church. Pray for the church. Be the church.

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> Juston Davis Brett Welch	<u>Recuperating from Surgery</u> Jim Brownell Johnny Ganas Bill McKinney Vincent Marino Katherine Meyer Jason Neubert Frank Richardson	<u>Hospice</u> Doug Bater Shirley Goldston Ed Jeffery Rudi Lanehardt
<u>Health</u> Brent Badinski Charles Benner Kevin Brett Mark Brown Joan Compton Brenda Eisanhart Betty Jo Hanes Ruth Hix Missy Kepley Wanda Sandels Ann Shearon Mike Vitelli Dan Weaver Clyde White Bobbie Wilson	<u>Shut-In</u> Peter Adams Ernette Calhoun Earline Copley Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Johnny Johnson Margie Pyren Myron Seagraves Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland	<u>Caregiver</u> Nell Bater Cherie Dice Scott Goldston Carolyn Hipp Pat Johnson Julie Kepley Susan Marino Peggy Richardson Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver
<i>Prayer Request forms are in the pew racks. Please fill free to complete and drop in the offering plate if you have a request.</i>		<u>Deaths</u> Family of Lynn Perry Family of Angie Pearce Family of Helen Sutton

Our Weekly Schedule:

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



Upcoming Events:

Monday, Feb 16 - Team Tabitha Charity Sewing Group Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Feb 17 - Joyful Noon Circle Fellowship Hall 12:00
Wednesday, Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm
Sunday, Feb 22 - First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, Feb 22 - Red Bird Meeting 11:15 Fellowship Hall
Thursday, Feb 26 - Book Club Fellowship Hall 2:00 pm

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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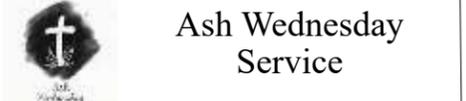
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The Children First Pre-School Program is now selling tickets for their annual Southwest Airline Ticket promotion. With your \$20 donation, you have the opportunity to win FOUR round trip tickets to any US territory destination where Southwest Airlines flies. You have until March 25, 2026 to make your donation to win the tickets. See your friendly flight crew member (aka Marianne) for your opportunity to fly! You may also purchase tickets in the church office Monday - Thursday. Thank you in advance for your support!

The Joyful Noon Circle Women's Group will meet on Tuesday this week at 12:00 noon. Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship as we meet and eat. This week, Cindy Tesar will lead us in making sugar scrub and lotion. There is a \$25 charge for the activity. Let the church office know if you are planning to attend so we have enough supplies. All women are welcome!



Ash Wednesday begins a season of repentance in preparation for Easter. It is a time when many people begin some form of prayer, personal sacrifice, and/or fasting. Ellijay First Methodist will have its Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, February 18, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We hope you can attend.

Sunday, February 15, 2026
10:00 am Worship Service

Sunday Worship Service
February 15, 2026

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Larry Shackley
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
The Reverend Dr. Michael Shearon

Call To Worship “We’ll Understand It Better By & By”
by Charles Albert Tindley

† **The Greeting** Joseph Lowery & Congregation
Come worship the Lord.
Praise the Lord on high.
Worship the Lord from the mountaintop.
Worship the Lord and King.
Let the earth quake and the people tremble.
Let the nations revere the Lord of life.

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

† **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 710
“Faith of Our Fathers”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by Mary McDonald
“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

†**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 Carl J. Nygard, Jr
“Trust and Believe”

† **The Scripture Reading** **Ephesians 6:16**
Romans 1:8-17

The Sermon “Faith”

†**The Closing Hymn** UMH 507
“Through It All”

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

†**The Pastoral Benediction**

†**The Postlude** arr by Giovanni Gastoldi
“In Thee is Gladness”

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

† - Stand as you are able

Ephesians 6:16

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Romans 1:8-17

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. ⁹ God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you ¹⁰ in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

¹¹ I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— ¹² that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith. ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”^L

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.