



Early Response Training

The Methodist Men's group is hosting an **UMCOR training in early response** for disaster relief at Ellijay First UMC on Saturday, March 21. The event will be from 8:30am - 3:30pm. The cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch and training materials. Area UMC men are invited to attend. There is a 40 seat limit, so **register** in the church office **by this Wednesday, March 11.**

Ellijay First UMYF



Are you looking for church activities? Are you an adult interested in serving the youth of our church? Contact Joseph Lowery @ 706-669-0172 for information on how to help.

The **Nominating Committee** will have a brief meeting **today** after the worship service. The **SPR Committee** will meet **next Sunday** following the worship service.

Easter is just around the corner!

The Children's Ministry needs of eggs for our annual Easter Egg hunt. Please, if you are able, donate a dozen plastic eggs that are already filled. You can drop off eggs with Marianne or in the church office.



3/4 - Anjannett Griffin

Immediate Need

We **need two adults each Sunday** that are willing to help with Children's Church. If we have 8 people, then each only has to help one Sunday each month. If you can fill this immediate need, please let Marianne know. There is no planning or preparation involved on your part, just your willingness to serve our children. Think of it as visiting your grandchildren for 20 minutes, then sending them back to their parents. Once a month. Not too bad. Call Marianne - 706-635-2555

Church Lock-up Schedule:



3/08 - 3/14 Barry Griffin
3/15 - 3/21 Bill Munson
3/22 - 3/28 Hank Chapman
3/29 - 4/04 Joe Poole

Wanna Get Away?



March 25, 2026 is the last day to make your \$20 donation to win **FOUR** round-trip tickets on Southwest Airlines. On that day, Children First Preschool will host our **March Wednesday night dinner** and hold the drawing for the winning ticket. See Marianne for your opportunity to fly! You may also make your donation in the church office Monday - Thursday. Thank you in advance for your support of our own Children First Preschool.



Be sure to sign up for the **March 25th Wednesday night dinner** on your attendance registration. The menu will be Poppy seed chicken, rice, beans, and desert. Donations benefit the Pre-school.

If you would like to see the 2004 movie that follows the final 12 hours of Jesus's life before he died on the cross, then we have news for you! Ellijay First United Methodist is hosting a **free** showing of *The Passion of The Christ* during Holy Week at Mountain Cinemas in Ellijay. The movie is rated R due to graphic violence. The invitation is open first to our congregation as there are 65 seats available. The theatre will open at 11:00 with the movie starting at 11:30 on Friday, 4/3/26. Please let the church office know if you would like to attend. 706-635-2555



Only 2 weeks left to register!

April 26 - May 1, we are returning to Beverly, KY to the Red Bird Mission. We have had several sign up to go, and we have room for more. **You have until Sunday, March 22** to add your name to our list of missionaries. For more information, please contact Pastor Mike, Joseph Lowery, or the church office. We would love a strong presence as we serve God.



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.

General

Juston Davis
Brett Welch
David & Jeanette Marcellino

Recuperating from Surgery

Jim Brownell
Johnny Ganas
Lanny Lane
Bill McKinney
Vincent Marino
Katherine Meyer
Jason Neubert
Frank Richardson
Rick Thaxton

Hospice

Doug Bater
Shirley Goldston
Ed Jeffery
Rudi Lanehardt

Health

Brent Badinski
Charles Benner
Kevin Brett
Mark Brown
Joan Compton
Tom Damron
Brenda Eisanhart
Betty Jo Hanes
Ruth Hix
Johnny Jones
Missy Kepley
John Mahan
Anthony Palmeri
Betty Perry
Wanda Sandels
Ann Shearon
Mike Vitelli
Dan Weaver
Clyde White

Shut-In

Peter Adams
Ernette Calhoun
Earline Copley
Jim Hagopian
Mack Hipp
Johnny Johnson
Margie Pyren
Myron Seagraves
Paul Stanhope
Robert Westmoreland

Caregiver

Nell Bater
Cherie Dice
Scott Goldston
Carolyn Hipp
Pat Johnson
Julie Kepley
Susan Marino
Peggy Richardson
Lorraine Segraves
Joan Stanhope
Sherry Weaver

Deaths

Family of Gordon Eanes, Sr.
Family of Perry Lynes

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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
Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 - 6:30
Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm



Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 9 - Administrative Council Meeting 6:00 pm *
Thursday, March 12 - Men's Group, 4:30pm *
Tuesday, March 17 - Joyful Noon Circle 12:00pm *
Saturday, March 21 - UMCOR Early Response Training 8:30-3:30 *
Wednesday, March 25 - Preschool Mission Dinner & Southwest Ticket drawing 5:30pm *
Thursday, March 26 - Book Club 2:00pm *
Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

*This event will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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Sunday, March 8, 2026
10:00 am Worship Service
Third Sunday of Lent

