

Free Community Lunch!
Just two weeks away, on **April 18** EFUMC is opening it's doors to serve lunch to our community. The meal is from 11am-2pm. We will begin set up at 8:00 am. If you would like to help in any capacity, please contact Joseph Lowery at 706-669-0172.



4/7 - Joan Stanhope



Fun Fridays & Super Sundays

All youth **6th through 12th grade** are invited to join Ellijay First UMYF on **Fridays & Sundays** from 5:00-7:00pm. Join us for fun, food, and time with friends. Contact Joseph Lowery at 706-669-0172

Our Peeps at Work

Members of the United Methodist Men's group built garden boxes for the community garden. Thanks gentlemen! It is very much appreciated.

Jacqueline Poole, Anjanett Griffin, & Ann McClannahan tackled the kitchen and started the long sorting & cleaning project. Awesome job, ladies.



Please Note

We are phasing out the Post Office Box and switching all of our mail to the physical address. Please make any necessary changes with your financial institution if you have contributions sent directly to the church. The address is **75 McCutcheon Street - Zip 30540**



IT WAS MORE THAN JUST A SUPPER

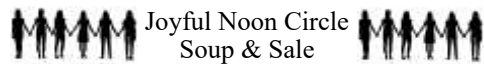
He sat with those who would betray, deny, and abandon Him—and still, He served them.

He broke the bread, knowing His body would be broken. He lifted the cup, knowing His blood would be poured out.

He saw the cross ahead... and still, He stayed. Not because we deserved it—but because He chose us.

Red Bird Mission Team Meeting

The people who are going to Red Bird this month will have a meeting on Sunday, April 19 following the church service. We will discuss the work site we have been assigned and the list of items you need to pack. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Joseph Lowery at 706-669-0172.



Next Sunday following the worship service, the **Joyful Noon Ladies Circle** will host a luncheon and craft sale. They will have a variety of homemade items set up for you to browse through and purchase once you've satisfied your hunger. All proceeds from the Soup & Sale will go toward the various missions and projects supported by the Joyful Noon Circle.

Church Lock-up Schedule:



4/05 - 4/11 Charlie Cobb
4/12 - 4/18 Barry Griffin
4/19 - 4/25 Bill Munson
4/26 - 5/02 Charlie Cobb

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	Upcoming Surgery	Caregiver
Juston Davis	Tanya Gaspard	Nell Bater
Cherie Dice		Scott Goldston
Brett Welch	<u>Recuperating from Surgery</u>	Carolyn Hipp
David & Jeanette Marcellino	Nicole Calhoun	Pat Johnson
Caleb, April, Aaron, & Tye	Jason Neubert	Julie Kepley
	Rick Thaxton	Susan Marino
	Mike Vitelli	Peggy Richardson
<u>Health</u>		Lorraine Segraves
Brent Badinski	<u>Shut-In</u>	Joan Stanhope
Charles Benner	Peter Adams	Sherry Weaver
Kevin Brett	Ernette Calhoun	
Mark Brown	Earline Copley	<u>Deaths</u>
Joan Compton	Jim Hagopian	Family of Gordon Eanes, Sr.
Tom Damron	Mack Hipp	Family of Royce Hugh
Brenda Eisanhart	Johnny Johnson	Family of Rudi Lanehardt
Christine Garner	Margie Pyren	Family of Perry Lynes
Anderson Hamm	Myron Seagraves	
Betty Jo Hanes	Paul Stanhope	
Ruth Hix	Robert Westmoreland	
Johnny Jones		
Missy Kepley	<u>Hospice</u>	
John Mahan	Doug Bater	
Vincent Marino	Shirley Goldston	
Betty Perry	Ed Jeffery	
Wanda Sandels		
Ann Shearon		
Dan Weaver		
Clyde 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.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Sun - Helping Hands Sunday School 8:45
Worship Service 10:00am
Altars Study Group 11:00am
Singles/Mingles 1:00 - 3:00pm
Youth Super Sundays 5:00-7:00pm

SPRING BREAK

Wed - ~~LL~~ 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

Fri - Youth Fun Fridays 5:00-7:00 pm



Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 5 - **EASTER SUNDAY!**
Communion
Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 12 - Easter Cantata
Joyful Noon Soup & Sale!
Saturday, April 18 - Community Meal
Set up - 8:00am
Meal - 11:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday, April 19 - Red Bird Mission Team Meeting after the service/
Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 21 - Joyful Noon Circle
12:00pm /Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 22 - Mission Meal for Red Bird 5:30pm

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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Gordon's Tomb, Jerusalem

Sunday, April 5, 2026
10:00 am Worship Service
Easter Sunday

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Mary McDonald
“Triumphant Resurrection”

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
The Reverend Dr. Michael Shearon

†**Call To Worship** EFUMC Handbells
“Thine is the Glory” arr by Dan R Edwards

† **The Greeting** Liturgist & **Congregation**

From darkness and death, we find light and life.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

From doubt and despair, we find faith and hope.

Christ is with us now! Shout for joy!

From dead ends and overgrown paths, we find new beginnings and clear visions. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

† **The Hymn of Praise** UMH 302
“Christ The Lord is Risen Today”

† **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 303
“The Day of Resurrection”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by G. F. Handel
“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

†**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

Special Music arr by Hayford & Schrader
“Resurrection Chorus”

† **The Scripture Reading** **Mark 16:1-8**

¹Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus’ body. ²Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³On the way they were asking each other, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

⁵When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, ⁶but the angel said, “Don’t be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. ⁷Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.”

⁸The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

I Corinthians 15:12-19

¹²But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? ¹³For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. ¹⁵And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can’t be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. ¹⁶And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Shearon
“The Resurrection: Incomparable,
Indispensable, Inescapable”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

†**The Closing Hymn** UMH 322
“Up From the Grave He Arose”

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

†**The Pastoral Benediction** Rev. Dr. Shearon

†**The Postlude** arr by G. F. Handel
“Hallelujah Chorus”

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

† - Please, stand as you are able

Sermon Notes:

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.