



Happy Birthday

5/11 - Charles Fletcher
 5/11 - Susan Marino
 5/13 - Reagan Pritchett
 5/15 - John Keeler
 5/16 - Carol Stembridge

Ellijay 1st UMC
 Red Bird Mission
 T-Shirts for Sale!
 Get yours in the church office before they are gone.
 \$20 each to benefit the Red Bird Mission.

From the Kitchen Crew
 The Kitchen Crew has a **HUGE THANK YOU** for the support we received at our supper; plus extra donations! We have raised enough for a refrigerator; plus a good amount towards a new stove. Absolutely amazing. Praise God!

Altar Flowers
 If you have an occasion that you would like to place flowers on the Altar in honor or memory of someone or to commemorate an event, please contact the church office by Wednesday, prior to the Sunday you wish to provide them.

Children's Church Volunteer Schedule:

5/10 - **Help needed**
 5/17 - Marcia Bassett
 5/24 - **Help Needed**
 5/31 - **Help Needed**

Contact our Children's Director, Leah Easley, if you would like to help.

Church Lock-up Schedule:

5/10 - 5/16 Barry Griffin
 5/17 - 5/23 Bill Munson
 5/24 - 5/30 Hank Chapman
 5/31 - 6/06 Joe Poole

J.D.'s Gospel Jam
NEXT SUNDAY J.D. Pearce is hosting a Gospel Jam session on Sunday, May 17. For more information, or to participate, please contact J.D. @ (704) 578-8222.

VBS will be here soon!
 Pre-registration is now under way for children to attend this summer. VBS will be June 15 - 19 from 9:00am - 12:00 noon and is open to all children ages 4 years - rising 6th graders. We kindly request a \$10 donation to help cover the cost of student materials. Pre-registration forms are in the church office.

Please fill out the insert in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate if you would like to help with Vacation Bible School this year. All help is appreciated and vital to a successful VBS.

Calling All Youth & Those Who Would Like to Help with Youth
 Please join us on Sundays and Wednesdays. We will share food, fun, & faith. Come and find out how to help our community while growing your faith and continuing your walk with Christ. On Sundays, we will meet from 11am-1pm, and lunch will be provided. On Wednesdays we will meet from 3:30-5pm and there will be snacks available.

The Red Bird Mission team is thankful for the support given for their recent trip to Beverly, KY. In addition to improving the lives of two widows, we blessed them with a 4x6 trailer full of clothes, food, sewing supplies, sewing machines! God's hands are truly at work.

Special Calendar Note:
 Our parking lot is getting a face lift! The Church Council has approved the paving of the church parking lot. The project will take place the **week of May 18**. Please note this and the necessity to adjust some events to accommodate smooth completion within that week. Thank you!

Standin' In the Need of Prayer

Everyone is in need of prayer. Sometimes some need an extra dose. When you pray this week, remember each other, our leaders, Teachers & Law Enforcement personnel, & our neighbors

God knows their needs.

*Prayer Request forms are in the pew racks.
 Please fill free to complete and drop in the offering plate if you have a request.*

Did you know that Mother's Day was founded by a Methodist Woman? In the mid-19th century, Ann Reeves Jarvis, known as "Mother Jarvis," created committees to improve health and sanitation in Appalachia. During the Civil War, she organized "Mothers' Friendship Days" to promote peace and bring together families divided by the conflict. Ann Jarvis died in 1905, before an official holiday was in place. But her daughter Anna stayed true to the purpose of the celebration. She envisioned Mother's Day as a time to write a personal letter to your mother, a time to send her an inexpensive carnation (a flower in which the petals hold tight like a mother's love) and a time to visit or attend church together. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed into law that Mother's Day would be observed the 2nd Sunday of May each year. Thank you, Mother Jarvis!

Our Weekly Schedule:

Every Sunday
 - Helping Hands Sun. School 8:45am
 Worship Service 10:00am
 Altars Study Group 11:00am
 Singles/Mingles 1:00 - 3:00pm

Every Wednesday
 -LIJ Kids 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Young Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm
 Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 - 6:30 pm
 Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Who's Who in Ellijay First United Methodist?
 Say hello to Sarah Thorne, our Music & Choir Director. Sarah and her husband, Bob, moved to Georgia 23 years ago from Ohio. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music education, a Master's in Early Childhood Education, and an EdS Degree in Educational Administration. She taught Elementary Music for 18 years (15 in Gilmer) and is currently in her 9th year as an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) teacher at Mountain View Elementary. Sarah is a member of the Cherokee Chorale and will travel with them in June to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Sarah and Bob are the proud parents of Maverick, their black lab.

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Sunday, May 10, 2026
 10:00 am Worship Service
 Mother's Day

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Mark Hayes
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
The Reverend Dr. Michael Shearon

†**Call To Worship** by Carlton R. Young
"This is a Day of New Beginnings"

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

Gather us in, O God.

Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.

Bring us into your presence, Holy One.

From suffering and pain, save us.

Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.

On the highways of life, guide us.

Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.

As we worship this day, lead us home.

† **The Hymn of Praise** TFWS 2130
"The Summons"

† **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 358
"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by Mary McDonald
"I Need Thee Every Hour"

†**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 by Pepper Choplin
"One Step He Leads"

† **The Scripture Reading** **Luke 7:11-17**

¹¹ Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him.

¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.

¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."

¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"

¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."

¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Shearon
"One Mother's Day"

†**The Closing Hymn** UMH 130
"God Will Take Care of You"

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

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

†**The Postlude** "Holy Manna" arr by John Carter

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.