

Welcome to the Family!

Timothy Pierce is our newest family member. Timothy has been visiting with us for a little while, but made it official on Sunday, May 17. We are so happy to have Timothy with us!



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.



Ellijay First UMC Merch coming soon!

Wouldn't it be great to be identified with our church when you are out working on church missions? We thought so, too! These shirts will be available soon! \$10 each. Call the office to pre-order!



Children's Church Volunteer Schedule:

5/31 - Help Needed
6/07 - Help Needed
6/14 - Help Needed

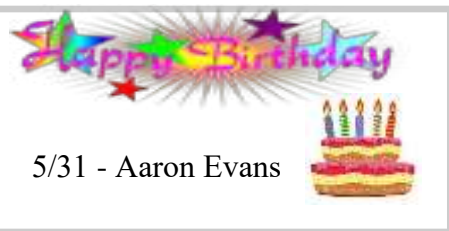


Contact our Children's Director, Leah Easley, if you would like to help.

Church Lock-up Schedule:

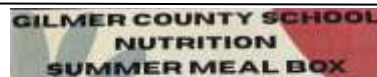


5/31 - 6/06 Joe Poole
6/07 - 6/13 Charlie Cobb
6/14 - 6/20 Barry Griffin
6/21 - 6/27 Bill Munson



5/31 - Aaron Evans

The choir will be on summer hiatus after this Sunday. We look forward to various solos and ensembles to provide the Special Music through June & July. Should you have questions about our music program, please contact Sarah Thorne at music@ellijayfirstumc.org or (706) 972-0014.



If you would like to volunteer to help with Seamless Summer, we need people on the following dates; June 25 @ the Larry Walker Center, & June 4, June 11, June 18, and June 25 @ Clear Creek Elementary School. The distribution time is from 4:00 - 5:30 pm each day. Please contact the

VBS Three Weeks Away!

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



Please join us on Sunday after the worship service. 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. We will meet from 11am-1pm, and lunch will be provided. For more information, please see or contact our Youth Director Joseph Lowery at 706-669-0172 or email him at youth@ellijayfirstumc.org

Standin' In the Need of Prayer

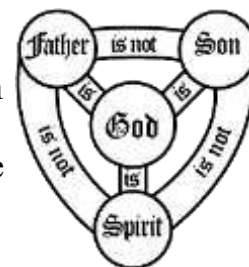
Everyone is in need of prayer. Sometimes some need an extra dose. When you pray this week, remember

Donna & Baron Amos, Austin Sallade, & several unspoken requests

God knows the need.

*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...today is Trinity Sunday? In The United Methodist Church (UMC), Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost) is the only day on the Christian calendar dedicated to a doctrine rather than an event. Rather than trying to solve the mystery of God as Three-in-One, the UMC uses the day to celebrate God's relational nature and love.



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
-Young Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 31 - Trinity Sunday
June 15 - 19 - Vacation Bible School
Rainforest Falls: Exploring God's Nature
June 18 - 20 - Annual Conference in Athens, GA
Sunday, June 21 - Father's Day

Who's Who in Ellijay First United Methodist?

Say hello to Carla Tarrou (pronounced Ta-Roo). Carla and her husband, John, joined Ellijay First UMC in 2019. They moved to Ellijay from Waycross where Carla worked in the nursing field for 40 years. She has two sons, five grandchildren, and one precious great granddaughter, Heidi. Carla serves as president of the Joyful Noon ladies circle. She is an avid scrapbooker and paper crafter. Carla makes beautiful greeting cards and often sells them and donates the money to help fund missions of the Joyful Noon Circle. Carla loves volunteering at Faith, Hope, & Charity and in the church office each Thursday afternoon. She is usually the one responsible for you having a **folded** bulletin each Sunday, as she is the folding machine goddess. Thank you, Carla, for all you do for our church! We love & appreciate you so very much!



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Photo by Pastor Mike Shearon

Sunday, May 31, 2026
10:00 am Worship Service
Trinity Sunday

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Trinity Sunday

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Mark Hayes
"How Majestic is Your Name"

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
Liturgist

† Call To Worship by Carlton R. Young
"Morning Has Broken"

† The Greeting Liturgist & Congregation

In the beginning...

God created mortals, and asked us to care for all creation.

In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus...

Jesus showed us how to love as God loves.

In our time, and throughout eternity...

Jesus commands us to lead others to follow in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 62
Vs. 1-4

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

† The Affirmation of Faith **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 Steve Hearn

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

† The Hymn of Preparation UMH 331
"Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us"

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by John Rutter
"For the Beauty of The Earth"

† 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 Brant Adams
"The Church is an Ark"

† The Scripture Reading **Psalm 8**

- ¹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.
² Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your
enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.
³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?^[c]
⁵ You have made them^[d] a little lower than the angels^[e]
and crowned them^[f] with glory and honor.
⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their^[g] feet:
⁷ all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,
⁸ the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the
paths of the seas.
⁹ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The Sermon Steve Hearn
"Sing Praises to the Lord"

† The Closing Hymn UMH 64
"Holy, Holly, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

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

† The Pastoral Benediction Rev. Dr. Shearon

† The Postlude by W. A. Mozart
"Alleluia"
from Exultate Jubilate K. 165

*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.