

Rainforest Falls was a HUGE success!



Happy Birthday

6/23 - Mack Hipp
6/23 - Tom Lowery
6/26 - Bobbie Wilson
6/27 - Cindy Corn

We have had the most exciting week in Rainforest Falls. Around 50 children experienced the amazing nature of God through scripture, song, activities, and crafts. The week would not have been possible without the support of this church congregation. The gifts, be it financial, physical, or spiritual, were abundant, as usual. God's grace is always more than sufficient and His message touched so many lives through VBS this week. Thank you, church family!

~Leah

Hot Dogs & Hallelujahs Celebration

We are planning a celebration on the church lawn for the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence. We will begin at 6:00 pm on July 4, 2026 grilling hot dogs and passing out ice cold water. Plan to join your church family to commemorate this exciting day in our Nation's history. Wear your best USA inspired headgear, be it hat, headband, or whatever you dream up and enter our "USA is TOPS" hat contest. Bring your lawn chairs, your cornhole games, and plan to hang out for the fireworks!

Church Lock-up Schedule:



- 6/21 - 6/27 Bill Munson
- 6/28 - 7/4 Hank Chapman
- 7/05 - 7/11 Charlie Cobb
- 7/12 - 7/18 Barry Griffin

Altar Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are in honor of Pastor Mike & Holly Shearon's 43rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Mike & Holly!

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 Merchandise
Ellijay First UMC MISSION tee-shirts will be here this week! They are \$10 each. Come by the church office to get yours! Children's sizes are available.



A wise physician said
The best medicine for humans is
LOVE.
Someone asked "What if it doesn't work?"
He smiled and answered
Increase the dose.



If you would like to volunteer to help with Seamless Summer, we need people on the following dates; on **June 25th, & July 9, 16, & 23. This will be at Clear Creek Elementary School** on Yukon Road. The distribution time is from 4:00 - 5:30 pm each day. Please contact the church office to sign up. 706-635-2555

Standin' In the Need of Prayer

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

Little Lauren Pritchett, daughter of Kevin & Regan Pritchett
The family of Bob Smith, grandfather of Sarah Thorne
The family of Cameron Smith-Pew, sister-in-law of Heather Shearon-Smith

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... Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington, at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. After hearing a sermon about Anna Jarvis' Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them, as she was raised by her father, a Civil War veteran & single parent who raised his six children. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors of the Spokane Ministerial Alliance did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. 1924: President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea and urged state governments to observe the holiday, though it was not yet a federal mandate. 1966: President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation establishing the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. 1972: President Richard Nixon signed a law making Father's Day a permanent national holiday. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and father figures in our lives!

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, June 21 - Father's Day
Monday, June 22 - Faith, Hope, & Charity Volunteer Social 1:00pm Fellowship Hall
Saturday, July 4 - Hot Dogs & Hallelujahs Community Celebration

Who's Who in Ellijay First United Methodist?



Our Tuesday morning office volunteer is Bliss Cole. Bliss and her husband, Jim, joined Ellijay First UMC in 2001 after they relocated to Ellijay from Cobb County. They met while both were students at Shorter College where she majored in Art. Before their daughter was born, Bliss worked for the State of Georgia Industry & Trade, first in the Tourism division and then the Research division. After their daughter was older, Bliss worked at Harmony Leland Elementary school as a Paraprofessional. Volunteering is important to Bliss, as she is a member of Team Tabitha, and volunteers for Georgia Mountain Hospice. She loves God, her church, her family, and her friends. She DOES NOT love grocery shopping or cooking so she delegates those responsibilities to Jim. We are so blessed to have Bliss and cherish all that she contributes to EFUMC.

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Sunday, June 21, 2026
10:00 am Worship Service
Father's Day & VBS Celebration

Sunday Worship Service
June 21, 2026
Father's Day & VBS Celebration Sunday

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Pepper Choplin
"I've Got the Joy"

**Welcome, Announcements,
Recognition of VBS Volunteers
Invocation** Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon

† The Greeting Liturgist & Congregation

Praise the Lord, everything He has created, everything
in all His kingdom. (Psalm 103:22)

God is our creator.

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know
everything in me. (Psalm 139:1)

God knows everything.

Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, "You are my place of
refuge." (Psalm 142:5)

God is our safe place.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love
endures forever." (Psalm 136:1)

God is love.

But we can praise the Lord both now and forever!
Praise the Lord! (Psalm 115:18)

God is forever.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 365
"How Firm a Foundation" vs. 1, 2, & 5

† 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.

VBS Celebration Leah Easley

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation UMH 368
"My Hope is Built"

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by Jack Schrader
"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

†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

† The Scripture Reading

The Message Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon

†The Closing Hymn UMH 144
"This is My Father's World"

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

†The Pastoral Benediction Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude by Lloyd Larson
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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

† - Please, stand as you are able

Scripture Reading

Matthew 19:13-14

"Then the people brought little children to Jesus for him
to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the
disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little
children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the
Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

2 Corinthians 6:18

"I will be a Father to you and you will be by sons and
daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Proverbs 22:6

"Start children off in the way they should go, and even
when they are old they will not turn from it."

Proverbs 23:22-25

"Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not
despise your mother when she is old. Buy the truth and
do not sell it-wisdom, instruction, and insight as well.
For the father of a righteous child has great joy; a man
who fathers a wise child rejoices in them. May your
father and mother rejoice over you; may they be joyful.

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.