

## All Things VBS

The countdown has begun, as VBS is two weeks away! We could use volunteers to help decorate the church on June 11 & 12 beginning at 11:00 am, and after church on June 14. **All those who are helping should plan on joining our Volunteer meeting on June 11 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Also, check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for specific things needed and take the leaf for the item you will provide. Contact Leah Easley for more information at 706-264-5031

## From the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee would like to remind everyone to use a contribution envelope from the pew when donating cash. Cash folded into your attendance form is often separated when we transfer the collection from the offering plates. Please know that all cash not in envelopes will be counted as loose cash going forward.

## Hot Dogs & Hallelujahs Community Celebration

We are planning a churchwide celebration on the church lawn for the 250th celebration of our nation's independence. Stay tuned for more information & plan to celebrate with us on July 4, 2026!

## Children's Church

### Volunteer Schedule:

6/07 - Help Needed  
6/14 - Help Needed  
6/21 - Help Needed  
6/28 - Help Needed

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

## Church Lock-up Schedule:

6/07 - 6/13 Charlie Cobb  
6/14 - 6/20 Barry Griffin  
6/21 - 6/27 Bill Munson  
6/28 - 7/4 Hank Chapman



Happy Birthday

6/7 - Sarah Corn  
6/8 - Karen Woodlief  
6/9 - Joan Compton  
6/12 - Pat Johnson  
6/12 - Tod Shiner  
6/12 - Sarah Thorne



## 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.



GILMER COUNTY SCHOOL NUTRITION SUMMER MEAL BOX

If you would like to volunteer to help with Seamless Summer, we need people on the following dates; **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 church office to sign up. 706-635-2555

## Calling All Youth

Please join us on Sundays 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

## Ellijay First UMC Merchandise

Wouldn't it be great to be identified as a member of EFUMC 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! There is a copy of the print on the church office door for you to check out.



## Standin' In the Need of Prayer

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

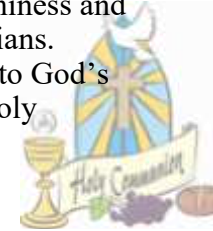
Ken Carmelea, & Crystal Lynch

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... There are 3 "Rs" of Holy Communion?

- Remembrance** - looking back as Jesus commanded that we eat the bread and drink the wine to remember His sacrifice for our forgiveness of sin.
- Reflection** - looking inward as a time for self examination. We reflect on our own spiritual state, confess sins, recognizing our unworthiness and need for God's grace, as well as our unity with fellow Christians.
- Response** - looking forward and outward, believers respond to God's ultimate gift of love by renewing their faith, committing to holy living, and preparing to share the gospel with others. Our response should be an active commitment to live as a follower of Christ in the world.



## 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:

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  
Saturday, July 4 - Hot Dogs & Hallelujahs  
Community Celebration

## Who's Who in Ellijay First United Methodist?

Janet Lynch is featured this week. Janet is our dependable Monday morning volunteer in the church office. Janet has been a member of Ellijay First UMC since January 2001. She is a faithful member of the Helping Hands Sunday School class, as well as a member and church liaison for the Singles/Mingles adult group that meets here regularly on Sunday afternoons. Janet is a little reserved at first, but when you get to know her, you discover what a wonderful wealth of information she holds. Janet worked as a Real Estate title examiner before she retired. She likes to hike, read, crochet, and spend time with her three grandchildren. She also likes to spend time with her mixed breed rescue dog, Buddy. Thank you, Janet, for all that you do to make Ellijay First UMC the best that it can be! We love you!



**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm**  
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Sunday, June 7, 2026  
10:00 am Worship Service  
2nd Sunday After Pentecost

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**The Chiming of the Hour**

**The Prelude:** arr by Lloyd Larson  
“O, God Our Help in Ages Past”

**Welcome, Announcements and Invocation**

Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon

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

Shout with joy,  
**for God has blessed us.**  
Sing with praise,  
**for God is here.**  
Worship and pray,  
**for God is listening.**

**† The Hymn of Praise** TFWS 2126  
“All Who Hunger”

**† 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 381  
Vs. 1, 2, & 4  
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

**The Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Music** arr by John Purifoy  
“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

**†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** written by Gloria Gaither &  
Solo by Maryse Gelder Sandi Patti-Helvering  
“In the Name of the Lord”

**† The Scripture Reading** **Luke 13: 6-9**

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any.

<sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

<sup>8</sup> “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it.

<sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

**The Sermon** Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon  
“The Parable of the Fig Tree”

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**†The Closing Hymn** UMH 348  
Vs. 1, 2, & 4  
“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

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

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

**†The Postlude** “Noble March” by Mark Hayes

*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.