

Our Sanctuary will be open tomorrow morning, August 3 at 7:00am for anyone who would like to use it for prayer for the school year.



Red Bird Fall Mission Trip

If you would like to join us on our Fall mission trip to the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY, scheduled for Sept 20-25, please sign up by September 2. The cost is \$515 per person, which covers your meals and lodging for the week. Please contact Karen Woodlief at (770) 891-1088 or the church office to add your name to the list.

Don't forget to sign up for the Wednesday night **Mission Meal** on **August 12** at **5:30pm**. Proceeds will benefit the Sept. trip to Red Bird. The menu will be: Pulled Pork sandwiches, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, and dessert. Sign up on the Attendance Registration in your bulletin or contact the church office at 706-635-2555.

Church Lock-up Schedule:



8/02 - 8/08 Charlie Cobb
8/09 - 8/15 Barry Griffin
8/16 - 8/22 Bill Munson
8/23 - 8/29 Hank Chapman



8/1 - Jenny McCurdy
8/2 - Lori McCurdy
8/3 - Gabrielle Cornett
8/4 - Helen Moran
8/4 - Judy Serritella
8/4 - Georgia White



Blessing of the Backpacks

Students, Teachers, Administrators, and School Support Staff, be sure and bring your backpack next Sunday, **August 9** for our annual blessing of the backpacks for the school year.



LIJKids will resume weekly activities on August 12.

Leah is leading an 8 week study titled "Campfire Stories". They meet each Wednesday after school from 3:30-5:00 pm. All children 1st through 5th grade are welcome. For more information, see Leah Easley, Director of Children's Ministries.



Fall Native American Gathering



Ellijay First United Methodist will host The North Georgia Committee on Native American Ministries gathering on Saturday, September 12 from 10:30 - 1:30. If you would like to help prepare the meal to be served, please see the insert in this week's bulletin. You can also register for the event on the insert.

Altar Flowers
Today's Altar flowers are in celebration of Jenny & Lori McCurdy's birthdays.

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.



Standin' In the Need of Prayer

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

the Family of Clyde White, Ben Tucker, & Cindy Tesar
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.*

Our Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday

Helping Hands Sun School 8:45am
Worship Service 10:00am
Singles/Mingles 1:00-3:00pm

Monday

Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry 9:00am
(1st & 3rd Monday)
Zumba - 4:30pm Scout Hut

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study 11:00am
Chair Yoga 11:30am - Scout Hut
NOG Bible Study 4:00pm Room 11
(1st & 3rd Tuesday)

Wednesday

Young Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Thursday

Chair Yoga 11:30am - Scout Hut
Methodist Men 4:30pm
Fellowship Hall (1st Thursday)
Zumba - 4:30pm Scout Hut

Who's Who in Ellijay First United Methodist Church...

This week we introduce Ms. Stacey Davis . Stacey and her daughter, Jemma Daisy, joined Ellijay First UMC in 2018 when Jemma Daisy was a wee little one in our Pre-school. Stacey serves as the Vice-Chairperson on our Church Council and she is also in charge of our Ushers each Sunday. For the past 30 years, Stacey has operated her own chiropractic practice, Family Life Chiropractic Center in Blue Ridge. In her free time, she enjoys reading, hiking, and being outdoors. Stacey will tell you, she loves her family, church, and country. We love having Stacey and Jemma Daisy as part of our church family. Thank you for all that you do, Stacey!



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Sunday, August 2, 2026
10:00 am Worship Service
10h Sunday After Pentecost

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Mary McDonald
“Goodness of God/God is So Good”

Welcome, Announcements, Invocation
The Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon

The Call to Worship by Doris Akers
“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

† The Greeting Liturgist & Congregation
My people are hungry.
There are too many to feed.
Give them something to eat.
We have only five loaves and two fish.
You have everything you need.
It would take a miracle.
With God, all things are possible.
In Christ, new hope has dawned.

† The Hymn of Praise TFWS 2062
“The Lily of the Valley”

† 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 Joseph Lowery

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation UMH 314
“In the Garden”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music by Mary McDonald
“Down to the River/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

Special Music by Besig & Price
“Chariot’s Comin’!”

† The Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-9

The Sermon
“God’s Wonderful Plan”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12

†The Closing Hymn UMH 380
“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”

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

†The Pastoral Benediction Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude arr by Mary McDonald
“There is a Happy Land”

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

†-Please stand, as you are able.
UMH - [United Methodist Hymnal](#)
TFWS - [The Faith We Sing](#) songbook

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
²Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.
³Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.
⁴See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.
⁵Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”
⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.
⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
⁸“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.
⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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.