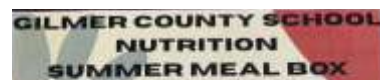


Ellijay First UMC Tee-shirts
Ellijay First UMC MISSION
tee-shirts ARE HERE! They are
\$10 each. Come by the
church office to get
yours! Children's sizes
are also available.



Thank you for the tremendous response to help! We only have a few slots to fill for the remaining time of the summer meal program. If you would like to volunteer to help, we need **one person on July 16 & one person on July 23** 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

It Takes All of Us!

In the heat of summer, it is difficult to keep our buildings cool, and IMPOSSIBLE to cool the outside. With this in mind, we are asking that everyone please be aware of doors being left open. If you see an outside door propped open, please close it. Thank you!



Returning to Red Bird!

We are gearing up to return to Beverly, KY to the Red Bird Mission. Our Fall mission trip is scheduled for September 20-25. The cost is \$515 per person, which covers your meals and lodging for the week. If you are interested in going, please contact Karen Woodlief, Missions Chairperson, at 770- 891-1088 or the church office to add your name to the list. The deadline to register is September 1, 2026.

Church Lock-up Schedule:



7/12 - 7/18 Barry Griffin
7/19 - 7/25 Bill Munson
7/26 - 8/01 Hank Chapman
8/02 - 8/08 Charlie Cobb



7/14 - Molly Kelly-Viars
7/17 - Jenny Easley



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.



Wednesday, July 15 from 4-6pm
we will have
Popcorn & a Movie!
Join us for some good summer
fun & fellowship!

The July Church Council
meeting has been postponed.
Church Council will meet on
August 10 at 6:00 pm.
All church members
are always welcome.



The Staff/Parish
Relations Committee will
meet on Monday, July 20 at
6:00pm in room 13 across
from the Choir Room.

USA is TOPS Hat Contest

Congratulations to
Delores Thaxton,
the winner of our
4th of July USA is TOPS
hat contest!

There was no doubt that
her own design outshined all the rest!
If you have pictures from July 4 at the
church, please send to the office for use on
our media display outside the office.



Chancel Choir

Practice will begin
again on Wednesday,
July 22 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. If
you would like to join the choir
or have questions, please contact
Sarah Thorne, our Music
Director at 706-972-0014



Standin' In the Need of Prayer

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

Ruth Hix, Carol Stembridge, Patrick Sterling. Ann Shearon

God knows their 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 is a retreat called "Walk to Emmaus"?

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program and three-day retreat designed to strengthen Christian disciples and church leaders. Rooted in the biblical story from Luke 24, the weekend retreat emphasizes discovering Christ's grace and includes teaching, worship, and small-group discussions. Operated by The Upper Room, the retreat is open to members of many Christian denominations. It is intended to help active church members grow spiritually and to equip them for leadership and service in their communities. For more information, check out <https://www.upperroom.org/walktoemmaus>

Our Weekly Schedule:

Every Sunday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Upcoming Events:

Week of July 13 - 17 Pastor Mike at Pastor's Conference
Wednesday, July 15 - LIJKids Popcorn & a Movie
4:00-6:00 pm

Monday, July 20 - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry
Monday, July 20 - Staff/Parish Relations Committee
6:00 pm - Room 13

Wednesday, July 22 - LIJKids Board Games & Pizza
Wednesday, July 22 - Chancel Choir Practice resumes
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Who's Who in Ellijay First United Methodist?



This week we introduce Steve Hearn. Steve is here every Monday morning helping with our weekly deposit and entering contributions in the computer as part of our Finance Committee. He was born in Walton Co. & raised in DeKalb Co. He graduated from Georgia State with a degree in accounting. He also completed some studies at Asbury College. In his life, Steve has served as a Youth Minister, Minister of Music, Sunday School teacher, & as Pastor in two different Wesleyan congregations. He & his late wife, Ginger, have 8 children & 11 grandchildren. They joined Ellijay First UMC in 2016. We greatly appreciate Steve and all that he does for our church!

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"Emmaus Road" ~Painting by Mike Moyers

Sunday, July 12 2026
10:00 am Worship Service
7th After Pentecost

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Mary McDonald
“Wonderful Words of Life”

Welcome, Announcements, Invocation
Rev. Warren Williams

† The Greeting Liturgist & Congregation
The risen Lord comes alongside us this morning.
He blesses us with His presence on our daily journey.
Though the road winds between fear and hope, we never walk alone.
Jesus invites us to step out of the safety of our ordered lives and join Him in faith.
Let us fix our eyes upon the true Light and walk with Him in the light of life.
Bring your burdens, your joys, and your expectations to the One who walks beside you.
We open our hearts to worship the Lord together.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 715
“Rejoice the Lord is King”

† The Affirmation of Faith UMH 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada
We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. 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 Leah Easley

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer Jan Day

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

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

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by John Purifoy
“He Leadeth Me”

†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 JD Pearce
“Ancient of Days” arr by Ron Kenoly

† The Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35

The Sermon
“Emmaus: Where Broken Hearts Go To Mend”

†The Closing Hymn TFWS 2158
“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

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

†The Pastoral Benediction Rev. Williams

†The Postlude arr by Cindy Berry
“Marching to Zion”

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

Luke 24:13-35 On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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.