



Wednesday, July 22 from
4-6pm we will have
Board Games & Pizza!

Worry pulls
tomorrow's cloud
over
today's sunshine!



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.



Returning to Red Bird!

Our Fall mission trip to the Red
Bird Mission in Beverly, KY 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 2, 2026.

Church Lock-up Schedule:



7/19 - 7/25 Bill Munson
7/26 - 8/01 Hank Chapman
8/02 - 8/08 Charlie Cobb
8/09 - 8/15 Barry Griffin



7/19 - Jessica Hubbard
7/20 - Beth Adams
7/20 - Nell Bater
7/23 - Jim Cole
7/23 - Ben Corn



Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are
provided by Nell Bater
in honor of her
74th birthday.

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.



Choir Practice

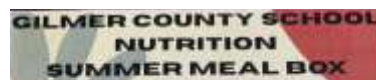
The choir will resume their weekly
practices this Wednesday, July 22.
If you are interested in joining the
choir, please
contact our
Director of Music,
Sarah Thorne.



The August Church Council
meeting will be held on
Monday, August 10 at 6:00 pm.
All are welcome to attend.

The Staff/Parish Relations
Committee will meet tomorrow,
7/20, at 6:00pm in room 13
across from the Choir Room.

Ellijay First UMC MISSION
tee-shirts are available now! Get
yours for only \$10.
Adult sizes to 3XL.
Children's sizes are also
available.



This is the last week of the Summer Meal
program through the Gilmer County
School System. Thank you to everyone
who showed up & helped distribute food
this summer. Ellijay First UMC always
answers the call when asked to help with
the Seamless Summer School Nutrition
program. You are shining examples of
God's love in action! Thanks, again.

Standin' In the Need of Prayer

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

Cliff Kingery

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... That the North Georgia Conference supports a

"Pastor's School"? Pastor's School is for North and South Georgia United
Methodist clergy and their families. The school is managed by pastors, for pastors to
provide inspiration, education, fellowship, and relaxation. Georgia Pastors' School is
held at Epworth by the Sea Retreat Center on St. Simons Island. This year's theme is
Revival Reimagined: Rekindling the Fire, Reaching the Lost, Restoring the Margins.
The school is supported by the attendees tuition, endowments and conference
contributions, as well as sponsors who provide refreshments during retreats. In addition
to the daily lectures and study sessions, the clergy and their families participate in
worship and communion. While this school was initially designed for the Georgia
Conferences, they open the door to clergy from other UM conferences, too.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Every Sunday

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

Every Wednesday

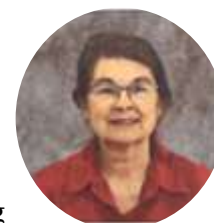
-Young Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm
- Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm

This Week's Events:

Monday, July 20 - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry
9:00am - Noon Fellowship Hall
Monday, July 20 - Staff/Parish Relations Committee
6:00 pm - Room 13
Wednesday, July 22 -LIJKids Board Games & Pizza
4:00-6:00pm Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, July 22-Choir Fellowship 5:30-6:30 pm
UMC Scout Hut

Who's Who in Ellijay First United Methodist?

This week, we would like for you to know more about Cindy
Corn. Cindy currently serves as our Finance Committee
Chairperson. She gracefully stepped up to this position in 2023
and has kept the finance committee, and in many ways, the
church afloat during past turbulent waters. Cindy is a 3rd
generation member of Ellijay First UMC. She remembers going
to church with her grandmother when we were known as
Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church. In addition to serving on the
Finance committee, she has overseen the Acolytes and served as a GRASP Team
leader & shower home host. She also oversees the IT area of our church. Cindy
and her husband, Ed, have two sons and one daughter-in-law. Like her parents,
Cindy returned to Gilmer Co after she retired. We appreciate Cindy's dedication
to our church. She is a true asset to Ellijay First UMC!



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Sunday, July 19 2026
10:00 am Worship Service
8th Sunday After Pentecost

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: “Holy Ground” arr by Lloyd Larson

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

† The Greeting Liturgist & Congregation
God knows us better than we know ourselves.
Even in the darkest places, the light of God’s love is there.
There is nowhere we can flee from God’s presence.
In the heavens and in the depths, the Holy One abides with us.
We are God’s children, serving the Lord from generation to generation.
God is the one who keeps promises and who provides for us wherever we go.
How awesome is this place!
This is God’s house and the gateway to the heavens.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 500
“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

† 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 Leah Easley

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation UMH 393
“Spirit of the Living God”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by Lloyd Larson
“God of Wonders”

†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 Ladies Ensemble
“His Grace is Sufficient for Me” arr. by Mosie Lister

† The Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-21

The Sermon
“Children of God”

†The Closing Hymn UMH 152
“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

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

†The Pastoral Benediction Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude arr by Larry Shackley
“Days of Elijah”

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

†-Please stand, as you are able.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

Romans 8:12-21

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

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.