



LJ Kids

meet weekly

Wednesday

after school

from **3:30-5:00 pm**. All children 1st through 5th grade are welcome. Leah is doing a week series called “Campfire Stories”. For more information, see Leah Easley, Director of Children’s Ministries.



Red Bird Fall Mission Trip

If you would like to participate in the Fall mission trip to the **Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY**, scheduled for **Sept 20-25**, please sign up by September 2.



Thank you, dear Church Family, for the going away reception last Sunday. We are so blessed by all of your love, kindness, and prayers. We will miss you all!

Love,

Tony & Suzy Ganz

Wednesday Night Dinner

The Kitchen Crew will be hosting dinner this **Wednesday** evening at **5:30** in the fellowship hall. The menu is Fried Chicken, green beans, potato salad, rolls, and dessert. All proceeds from the dinner will go towards upgrades to the church kitchen. You can reserve your spot on the attendance registration or call the church office by 4:00 pm Monday.





Please mark your calendars for October 30-31. Universal Church Directories will be here to take portraits of our church families for an updated pictorial directory. Every family, even if you are a family of one, will receive a free 8x10 portrait and directory. Harrison Smith and Marsha Vautrot will help head up this project. More information will be available soon. Contact either of them or the church office if you would like to help in organizing.

Church Lock-up Schedule:



8/23 - 8/29	Hank Chapman
8/30 - 9/05	Joe Poole
9/06 - 9/12	Charlie Cobb
9/13 - 9/19	Barry Griffin



8/23 - Sharlee Cobb



Fall Native American Gathering



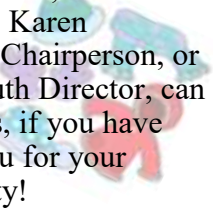
Ellijay First United Methodist will host The North Georgia Committee on Native American Ministries gathering on **Saturday, September 12** from **10:30 - 1:30**. If you would like to help prepare the meal to be served, please see the insert in this week’s bulletin. You can also register for the event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

Help is Needed

Carla Tarrou is putting together a scrapbook of the history of our church. She would like for you to help with any photos that you may have. She will copy the photos and return them to you. If you have pictures of church events over the years, please consider loaning them for this project. You can contact the church office for more information or drop pictures off during office hours.

Cozy Coats & Coverings Campaign For Red Bird Mission

This congregation has been so generous with donations for the Red Bird Mission. So much so, that we need to now focus on specific items, and not just general clothing donations. Red Bird is asking for coats, jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, and anything that is warm for winter months. Please only bring **NEW CLOTHING** with tags, as it can be given to the needy and doesn’t have to be processed through the Red Bird Store. Specifically, clothing for children newborn to 5 years old is in demand. We can also accept canned and non-perishable food, as well as monetary donations. Karen Woodlief, Missions Chairperson, or Joseph Lowery, Youth Director, can provide more details, if you have questions. Thank you for your continuing generosity!



Standin’ In the Need of Prayer

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

Judy Leonard, Judy Serritella, Travis Reese, Joe Poole, Dolly Athman

God knows their needs.

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 Regular 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 Room 11 Chair Yoga 11:30am - Scout Hut NOG Bible Study 4:00pm Room 11 (1st & 3rd Tuesday)
Wednesday  Kids 3:30-5:00 pm 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

Joyful Noon Circle, Altars Sunday School, & Book Club will resume in September.

Handbell Choir will also resume in September. Contact Joann Davis for information.

Who’s Who in Ellijay First UMC... Say hello to Karen Woodlief, our Missions Chairperson. Karen has been attending EFUMC for 10 years, but became an official member in October of 2023. Karen splits her time between Marietta and Ellijay, but rest assured she can be found at Faith, Hope, & Charity Recycle Store cashiering on Saturdays. Karen is a retired educator, having taught in Paulding County for 35 years. She continues to lead a STEM Camp each summer for one week in June in Paulding County. She has been the director of “Camp Invention” for 15 years. Karen and her husband, Russ, have one adult son, Taylor. When she’s not busy volunteering, directing camp, or doing mission work, she enjoys gardening. We are so blessed to have Karen and appreciate her leadership in the church. We love you!



Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm

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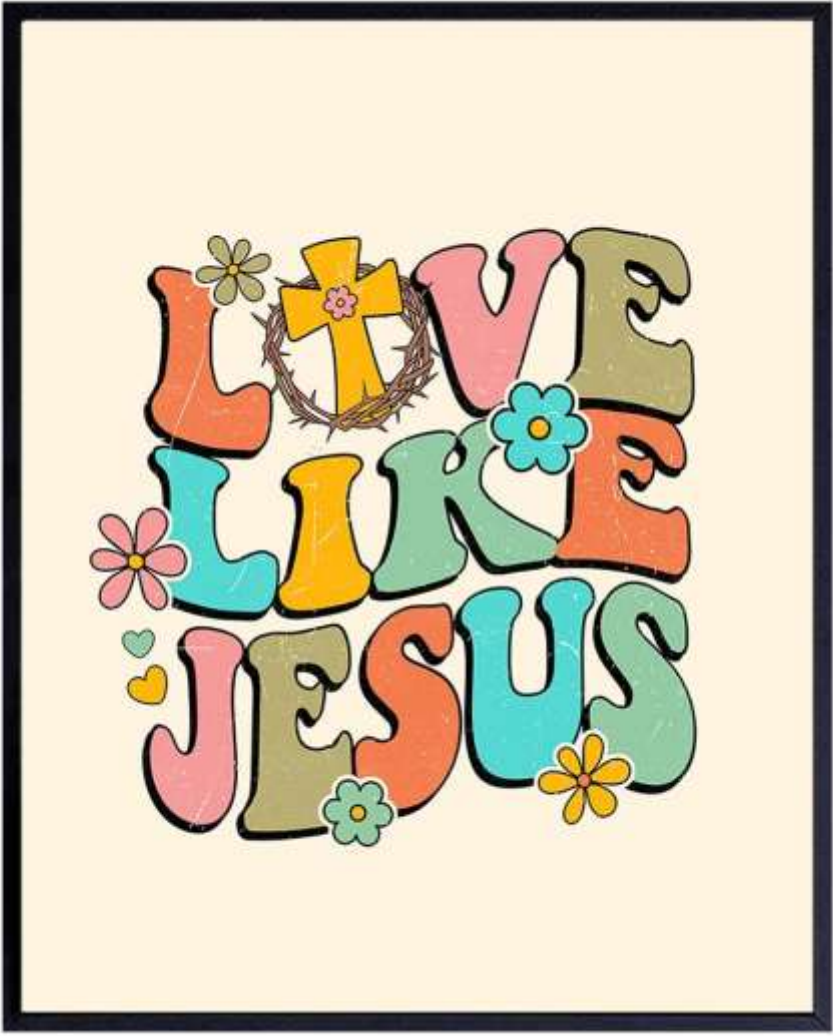
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Sunday, August 23, 2026
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The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Lloyd Larson
“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

The Call to Worship by Charles H. Gabriel
“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

† The Greeting Liturgist & Congregation
Amid the forces of death and destruction,
it takes a village to save us.
Amid the rivers that would carry us out to sea,
it takes willing souls to pull us from the water,
Amid the fear and hatred in our world,
it takes ordinary people to reveal God’s mercy.
Come, let us worship.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 701
“When We All Get to Heaven”

† 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 714
“I Know Whom I Have Believed”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by Joel Raney
“Amazing Grace”

†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

Choir Anthem by Larry Shackley
“New Born Again”

† The Scripture Reading Romans 12:9-16

The Sermon
“Become a Down-to-Earth Loving Christian”

†The Closing Hymn TFWS 2270
“He Has Made Me Glad”

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

†The Pastoral Benediction Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude arr by Charity Book Putnam
“How Firm a Foundation”

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

Romans 12:9-16

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

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.