

WELCOME New Members!
Carlos & Allison Bascas



They join us from
Fairview Presbyterian in Lawrenceville.
We are so glad to have you with us!

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**.



Red Bird Mission Dinner
The Missions Committee will host another dinner to raise funds for the **Red Bird Mission on Wed, Sept 2 at 5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up on the Church Attendance Registration. The menu is soup and sandwiches. Register on the Attendance form in your bulletin or call the church office before Tuesday noon.

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 can provide more details.

The **Missions Committee** will meet **next Sunday** after the worship service at **11:15am**. Join them in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to become involved.



- 8/30 - Kimberly Weber
- 9/02 - JoAnn Davis
- 9/03 - Charlie Cobb
- 9/03 - Gwen Calhoun
- 9/04 -Judy Wray
- 9/04 - Barbara Nickle
- 9/04 - Justin Easley

Fall Native American Gathering



Saturday, September 12 from **10:30 - 1:30** we will host the Fall Native American Gathering. We are still in **need of green beans and cornbread dressing**. If you could help with either of these items, please let the church office know. If you have not signed up to attend and would like to be added to the list, contact the church office no later than September 11.

Church Lock-up Schedule:



- 8/30 - 9/05 Joe Poole
- 9/06 - 9/12 Charlie Cobb
- 9/13 - 9/19 Barry Griffin
- 9/20 - 9/26 Bill Munson



L.I.J. 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.

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.

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,
Dolly Athman, Joe Poole, The family of Ed Lewis
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 Sunday School 8:45am
Worship Service 10:00am
Altars Sunday School 11:00am
Singles/Mingles 1:00-3:00pm

Monday

Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry 9:00am
THIS MONDAY
Zumba - 4:30pm Scout Hut

Wednesday

L.I.J. Kids 3:30-5:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm
Handbell Practice Resumes 5:30-6:30 pm
Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study - 11:00am Room 11
Chair Yoga 11:30am - Scout Hut
Joyful Noon Circle - 12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall (3rd Tuesday)
NOG Bible Study 4:00pm Room 11
(1st & 3rd Tuesday)

Thursday

Chair Yoga 11:30am - Scout Hut
Book Club 2:00pm (4th Thursday)
Methodist Men 4:30pm
Fellowship Hall THIS THURSDAY
Zumba - 4:30pm Scout Hut

Who's Who in Ellijay First UMC...Please say hello to Barry Griffin who serves as the Chairman of the Trustees. He has lived in Ellijay for 6 years. He moved here from Bainbridge full time when he retired after 44 years in the HVAC business. Barry and his wife, Anjannett, have two children, Haydn & Emmalee, and three grandchildren. When he isn't taking care of the church facilities, he enjoys quail hunting and fishing. Barry and Anjannett also are active rescue/volunteer foster parents for Caviler King Charles Spaniels. Barry works tirelessly to ensure that our church, the Scout Hut, and the Youth Center are always in tip top shape for our services and missions here at Ellijay First UMC. Thank you for all that you do, Barry. We love ya!



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Campmeet ing Sunday



Sunday, August 31, 2026
10:00 am Worship Service
14th Sunday After Pentecost

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Larry Shackley
“Higher Ground”

Welcome, Announcements, Invocation

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

† The Greeting Liturgist & Congregation
O give thanks to the Lord.
We call on God’s name.
Make known the deeds of our Creator
singing them into the world.
Sing to God, O people.
We will sing praise -

† The Hymns of Praise
“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” UMH 724
“There’s Within My Heart A Melody” UMH 380
“Because He Lives” UMH 364
“Victory in Jesus” UMH 370

Children’s Sermon Leah Easley

Choir Anthem arr by Jerry Ray
“Swing Down, Chariot”

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer JD Pearce
The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

†The Hymns of Preparation
“Shall We Gather At the River” UMH 723
“The Old Rugged Cross” UMH 504
“’Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus” UMH 462
“There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood” UMH 622

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by Larry Shackley
“Take the Name of Jesus With You/More Love to Thee“

†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 Mary McDonald
“After All”

† The Scripture Reading John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

The Sermon
“The Word”

†The Closing Hymns

“Nothing But the Blood” UMH 362
“Marching to Zion” UMH 733
“Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah”
“This is The Day” UMH 657

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

†Choral Benediction UMH 672
“God Be With You ‘til We Meet Again”

†The Postlude arr by Charity Book Putnam
“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

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

What is a Camp Meeting?

Back in the 19th and early 20th Centuries, Settlers lived far apart and lacked traditional church buildings, so large crowds traveled to a central outdoor location to worship. Itinerant ministers from denominations like Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian would lead the services. These events became known as “Camp Meetings” because people literally camped out in tents, wagons, or brush arbors while attending multi-day services. These open-air gatherings became popular on the American frontier during the Second Great Awaking because local churches and full-time ministers did not exist in remote areas. Services ran day and night. Participants joined in continuous prayer, hymn singing, and scripture reading. These events provided a rare chance for isolated pioneer families to socialize and build a sense of community. Today, modern camp meetings blend traditional rustic revival roots with contemporary technology, offering spiritual renewal, community fellowship, and a deliberate pause from daily busyness.

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.