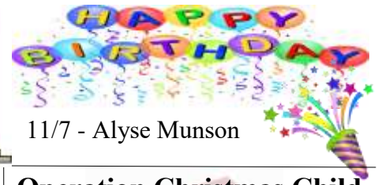
Greeters Needed



If you would like to join the team of Greeters, contact Judy Leonard at 706-273-9114 or call the church office. You can also write a note on the Attendance Registration and drop it in the offering plate.



11/7 - Alyse Munson

LIJKids



Leah is doing a 5 week Advent Countdown with the LIJKids starting on November 4. They will learn about the advent season through a 5 week study. Find out more about our LIJKids program that meets each Wednesday from 3:30pm - 5:00pm, by contacting Leah Easley, our Children's Ministry Director at 706-264-5031

The Youth Chess Club meets every **Thursday** from **3:30-5:30 pm** at the **Student Center**. If you are interested in attending or would like to help, contact Joseph Lowery, Youth Ministry Director, at 706-669-0172.



Georgia Retired Educators' Day

Designated by state proclamation, the first Sunday of November is a time to honor the vast experience, knowledge, and heart of Georgia's retired educators. Many continue to serve our communities long after retirement through volunteering and leadership. If you know a retired educator, please take a moment to say thank you to them today!



The ALTARS CLASS, that meets at 11:00am each Sunday, will begin a new study for Advent on Sunday, November 29. We will be using the book "Names for the Messiah" by Walter Brueggeman. The book can be ordered online. Please join us - we have plenty of room for you to join our conversations! Contact Jan Day at 706/276-1492 for more information.

Church Lock-up Schedule:

11/01 - 11/07 Charlie Cobb
11/08 - 11/14 Barry Griffin
11/15 - 11/21 Bill Munson
11/22 - 11/28 Hank Chapman

Operation Christmas Child

We have more boxes available and ready to be filled. All boxes are due back in two weeks on Sunday, November 15. See Pam Chapman for details.



Methodist Women's Group Soup & Sale



The Methodist Women's circle will hold a Soup & Sandwich luncheon next Sunday, November 8 following the morning worship service. In addition to lunch, they will have various crafts for sale. All proceeds from the lunch and craft sale will be used for missions that the group supports in our church and community. Please sign up on the attendance registration or call the church office to reserve your place at the table.



Trunk or Treat was an absolute success! Thank you to all who decorated a trunk, helped with the hay ride, prepared hot dogs, or brought family. We had 22 trunks and hundreds of visitors. Ellijay First UMC knows how to serve our community!



Hanging of the Greens

Plans are under way to decorate the church for the Advent Season on Sunday, November 22 following the morning worship service. Pizza lunch will be provided for all who help. You will be able to sign up beginning next Sunday. If you have questions, please contact Allison Bascas, Altar Guild Chair, at 404-368-4923.





Children First Preschool Fundraiser
Honey Baked Gift Cards

Our Preschool is participating in Honey Baked Ham's Gift Card Fundraiser. For every gift card bought on line or in the church office the preschool gets 20% of the cost of the card. See Marianne or Jennetta to purchase by cash or check, or go to the link below to place your order. This is great for gift giving or you can purchase a card and use it to order your own holiday ham or turkey and help out our preschool!

Honeybaked.com/fundraising/Children_First
then click on "Start Supporting"

Standin' In the Need of Prayer

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

Steve & Caren Hubbard, Mike Thompson & many unspoken requests

God knows each need & desire.

Prayer Request forms are in the pew racks.
Please complete and drop in the offering plate if you have a request.

Our Regular Schedule:

Sunday

Sunday School 8:45am
Worship Service 10:00am
Sunday School 11:00am
Singles/Mingles 1:00-3:00pm

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

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

Wednesday
LIJ Kids 3:30-5:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm
Handbell Practice 5:30-6:30 pm
Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Thursday
Chair Yoga 11:30am - Scout Hut
Book Club 2:00pm (4th Thursday)
Youth Chess Club 3:30-5:30 Student Center
Methodist Men 4:30pm (1st Thursday) Fellowship Hall
Zumba - 4:30pm Scout Hut

Who's Who in Ellijay First UMC... JoAnn Davis is our featured person this week. JoAnn began calling Ellijay home 5 years ago. She is a retired educator having taught Music & Drama to students from Pre-K through college age. She earned her bachelors degree from Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. She also holds a Master's and Education Specialist degree, both from Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. JoAnn and her brother use to perform as a dance team. They appeared on several local New York tv shows and even performed once on the Ted Mac Amateur Hour. JoAnn is a Past National President & Soloist of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of WW1. She is the mother of three adult children, John, Cat, & Wes, and the grandmother of 8 ages one to eighteen. In addition to being a soprano in our Chancel Choir, JoAnn is also the director of our handbell choir. Thank you , JoAnn, for all you contribute to our church and music program.



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Photo of view from Steve & Caren Hubbard's home, homebound faithful followers of our Sunday service on Facebook

Sunday, November 1, 2026
10:00 am Worship Service
All Saints Day

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The Prelude: arr by Mark Hayes
"My Tribute"

Welcome, Announcements, Invocation
Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon

Passing of the Peace Congregation

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship by Henry Smith
"Give Thanks"

† The Greeting Liturgist & **Congregation**
Bless the Lord, whose love shines upon us.
Bless the Lord, my soul!
Bless our lives, that reflect God's love.
Bless our worship, that it may glorify God.
Bless the Lord, my soul!

Roll Call of the Year's Honored Saints

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 711
"For All the Saints"

† 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

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation UMH 712
"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by Larry Shackley
"Lamb of God"

†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 Tracey Craig McKibben
"Bound for the Promised Land"

† The Scripture Reading **Jude 1:17-25**

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon
"Remembering and Keeping"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12

†The Closing Hymn UMH 160
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

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

†Benediction Rev. Dr. Shearon

†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

Jude 1:17-25

17 But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold.
18 They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires."
19 These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.
20 But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,
21 keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.
22 Be merciful to those who doubt;
23 save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.
24 To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—
25 to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Pastor Mike's Sermon Focus:

Point 1: Faithfulness begins with REMEMBERING God's truth. We are to read and remember Scripture passages and hold them in our hearts. We are to remember the testimonies of saints who lived faithfully. Memory is the anchor that keeps us from being swept away by the tides of deception.
Point 2: Faithfulness is sustained by actively KEEPING ourselves close to God through prayer, worship, and obedience. Keeping is not passive--it is a daily choice to seek God's path and to follow it.
On this All Saints Day, we remember that the saints were kept not by their own strength, but by God's faithfulness and power to overcome when persecution and trials came their way. So remember the truth for it will guard you. Keep yourself in God's love for it will sustain you.
Trust in the keeping power of God for it will carry you home.

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.