



Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016

\$6.00 adults

Children Under 12 Free

\$18.00 family maximum

Hosted by Claddagh Circle

Menu: Turkey Loaf, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Casserole, Rolls & Desserts

If you plan to attend:

Fill out the form below, or

Call the church office, or

Register on the website

www.fumcellijay.org

No. of Adults: _____

No. of children: _____

Registration Cut-off is 3:00 p.m. Monday

Wednesday, Dec. 14th

Hosted by Girl Scout Troop 83071

6:30 Thom Shores will lead a study on Wesley's Simple Rules for Money



Christmas Poinsettias

It is time to place your poinsettia order to help adorn the sanctuary for Christmas.

Poinsettias may be placed in honor or in memory of those special people you wish to recognize. Names will be listed in the Christmas Bulletin.

Due to space limitations the number of poinsettias is limited to seventy five. The cost is \$20.00 per poinsettia and the deadline to order is December 11.

In Memory of:

OR

In Honor of:

Given by:

Payment Enclosed @ \$20.00 each:

Check Amount _____

Cash Amount _____



Next Week December 7th

Santa Photos from 4:30 – 6:00

NO CHARGE for the Photos

Please bring new or gently used winter clothing to be shared with

Gilmer County Needy children and adults.



All About Nativity

There will again be a Nativity Display in the Narthex December 11th - 25th.

Please bring any nativity scenes/sets, art work, children's creations, etc. that you are willing to share and will be suitable for this Nativity Display.

Bring your nativities to the church office by **December 7th**. Label each item and each box with your name.

If you can help with set-up on Dec. 8th, 9th or 10th with labeling items, contact Short Brown at 706-881-3334, 706-636-3242 or short.brown2@gmail.com. Small rectangular tables will also be needed to hold the displays.

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

Church phone, 706-635-2555; Fax, 706-273-2555; Pastor's Residence phone, 706-636-3646

Website: www.fumcellijay.org; emails: office@fumcellijay.org; thom@fumcellijay.org; allan@fumcellijay.org; youth@fumcellijay.org; children@fumcellijay.org; Stephen Ministry: gwenyth.allen@gmail.com

Reverend Dr. Thom Shores, Pastor
Reverend Allan Tarr, Assistant Pastor

Charlie Bryant Director of Music
Paul Campbell Organist
Gabrielle Cornett Pianist
Marianne Evans Director of Children's Ministries and Preschool
Ann Hanline Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary
Angel Hughes Nursery Coordinator
Zack Kepley Audio Technician
Kerri Ann Sanford Minister to Youth



Kids News

You are invited! Wednesday Nights 6:30 - 7:30

SLAM (3rd - 5th grades)

Serving God, Loving Others, and Making a Joyful Noise &

JAM (4's - 2nd grade) Jesus And Me

Wed. night we will pick out our costumes for our Live Nativity on Dec. 14th

Questions? Call Marianne: 706-635-2555 or email children@fumcellijay.org



YOUTH MINISTRY

All 6th - 12th Graders are WELCOME

Please join us in the Ben Barrett Room Sundays at 9:45 a.m. for Youth Sunday School

Sundays: IMPACT: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

December 11 - Christmas Progressive Dinner begin at church at 4:30 p.m. Tacky Christmas attire contest and white elephant gift exchange.
December 18th and 25th - No Youth Impact Meeting



Preschool News

Children First Preschool will present "Jesus, Light of the World" at 10:00 a.m. on December 14th. The preschool would like to invite you to this Christmas blessing!



Live Nativity December 14th

Stop by and see what happened the night that Jesus was born!!! Performances at 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.



Stephen Ministry

Holy Father, as our newest Stephen Ministers, John Patrick, Barbara Cheek & Rebecca Saalwaechter, begin their first caring relationships, be with them in all that they do. Help them not to be anxious or fearful but to call upon you for strength, always remembering that their ministry is your ministry. Be with their care receivers as they open their doors and begin to walk the road to recovery. Bless these new relationships that they may be a place of your love and healing in action. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

For more information about Stephen Ministry:

Contact: Gwen Scarth
gwenyth.allen@gmail.com ~ 706-258-8757



Children First Preschool Fundraiser
Honey Baked Gift Cards

20% of the proceeds benefit our preschool.

Redeem at any location nationwide, online, catalog; or use as gifts. Purchase in any denomination, redeem for any purchase, never expire. Would you help us as you do some shopping for Thanksgiving or Christmas? Order online or through the church office

https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/cildren_first_preschool



Ellijay First United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street
PO Box 472
Ellijay, GA 30540

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



Dr. Thom Shores, Pastor
December 4, 2016



Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2016 — The Color is White

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship

The Worship of God - Holy Communion

Visitors, please include your address and telephone number so we can contact you.

Welcome and Announcements

† The Ritual of Friendship

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude *by J. S. Bach*

Largo from Concerto in D minor

* The Call to Worship *by Kevin McChesney*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Lighting Advent Candle

Stephen Ministry Commissioning

† The Greeting

Leader: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
People: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

† The Invocation Rev. Allan Tarr

† The Hymn of Praise UMH No. 567

Heralds of Christ

† The Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles Creed UMH No. 881

**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, 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 UMH No. 71

**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

Children 8 years old and under are invited to attend Children's Church

In Our Prayers

Emory Allen, Anna Maria Alves, Joe Arp, Ed Boyd, Don Burkhalter, Charlene Byrd, Abby Collins, Cindy Corn, **Kevin Duvall**, Leah Easley, Rev. Gene Ebberhart, Edith Elliott, **Gene Evans, Sr. (Gene's Dad)**, Chuck Fletcher, Sandra Freeles, John Gibson, Tiffany Haggard, Rosie Haney, **Julian Heeth**, Rhonda Hilliard, Marie Holt, Dale Jarvis, Bill Kelly, Michelle Kelley, Ethelyne Lingle, Tom Lowery, Kerry Lipscomb, Henrietta MacDonald, Baker Malek, Tom & Elaine McKeever, Ed McKibbin, Dawn McKinstry, Jodi Modica, Bob & Georgia Morrow, Evelyn Musille, Tykie Olinde, Patrick Paquette, Amy Piper & Daughter, Margaret Roycastle, Terry Roycastle, Hilda Sapp, Laine Sanford, Barbara Simmons, Joan Stanhope, Bob Stiles, Christine Stover, **Audrey Tarr**, Seth Weaver, Jay Westhoff, Rev. Michael Whitaker, Clyde White, James Wilson, Elliott Young.

The Pastoral Prayer Dr. Thom Shores

† The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

† The Hymn of Preparation UMH No. 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music *by Douglas E. Wagner*

I Wonder as I Wander

† The Presentation and Doxology UMH No. 95

**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**

*The Anthem *by D. Angerman & M. Barrett*

The Redeemer Will Come

The Scripture Matthew 3:1-12 NT Page 2

The Sermon Dr. Shores

Prophets Make Bad Dinner Guests

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

† The Closing Hymn UMH No. 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel


† The Benediction

† Choral Benediction *15th Century French*

Rejoice


The Postlude *arr. by Patti Drennan*

Pat-A-Pan



**Chancel Choir
Cantata**
December 18
11:00 a.m.
*What Sweeter Mu-
sic*

† Congregation Standing (as able)
UMH-United Methodist Hymnal



**Gilmer Arts
Community Chorus
Concert**
December 10, 7:00 p.m.
Gilmer High School
Sacred & Traditional
Christmas pieces

*11:00 am Service Only
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

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.

Calendar For This Week Sunday, December 4th

8:45 a.m. Worship - Communion

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Communion

5:00 p.m. Youth Impact

Monday, December 5th

8:00 a.m. Preschool

10:00 a.m. Team Tabitha

4:30 p.m. ZUMBA

Tuesday, December 6th

8:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast

Smoke House Grill

8:00 a.m. Preschool

10:00 a.m. Apple Country Quilters

6:00 p.m. NOGS

Wednesday, December 7th

8:00 a.m. Preschool

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 p.m. Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth Choir

6:30 p.m. SLAM & JAM

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 8th

8:00 a.m. Preschool

4:30 p.m. Zumba

Saturday, December 10th

9:00 a.m. Yoga

Sunday, December 11th

8:45 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

4:30 p.m. Youth Impact

Progressive Dinner



Thank You!

On behalf of the Gilmer Touchdown Club we would like to thank each and every person who gave of their time to make a contribution to the lives of each member of the Gilmer Bobcat Football Team.

We appreciate the First United Methodist Church for providing a wonderful meal & words of encouragement for each of these future leaders of our community.

May God Bless you for your service!
Gilmer Touchdown Club

Our Gifts of Time

Nursery Workers

12/4 Need Volunteer

12/11 Need Volunteer

Children's Church

12/4 Need Volunteer

12/11 Patti O'Dell

Counters

12/4 Judith Rathbone & Betty Perry

12/11 Anne Rainey & Paul Compton

Church Lock-up

11/28-12/4 Howard Baker &

Katherine Meyer

12/5-12/11 Kay Findell & Short

Brown

Acolytes

12/4 Olivia, Law, & Sophia Lykins

12/11 Kamryn Baxter, Hayden

Quiett, & Mattie Massengill

Attendance Registration All Worshipers

Please complete the following information:

(For members, address info is not needed unless there is a change to be made.)

Date: December 4, 2016

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

() This is an address change

Email _____

I am a guest of _____

() I am a member of Ellijay FUMC

() I am a 1st time guest
Would you like a visit? () Yes () No

() I am a repeat guest

() I would like more information

() I would like to make a commitment to Christ

() I would like to join Ellijay FUMC

() I would like to talk to the Pastor

Prayer Request: () Please share only with the Pastor

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church by profession of faith or by transfer of your membership, please come forward during the closing hymn or speak to the pastor following worship. Know that you are always welcome here.