



**No Wednesday Dinners Until January 15, 2020**




**First Preschool Fundraiser**  
Preschool is participating in the Honey Baked Ham Gift Card Fundraiser! For every gift card bought on line the preschool gets 20% of the cost of the card.  
[https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/children\\_first](https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/children_first)




**A Time to Pray**  
The Sanctuary will be open each Friday from 10:00 - 2:00 for a time for individual prayer. All are invited to come at any time during these four hours for private silent or verbal prayer.

**Men's Bible Study**  
  
Saturday Mornings  
8:00 - 9:30  
Cornerstone Classroom  
*From Shallow Belief to Mature Believer*  
If you would like to order a book (\$12.00) fill out below (pay later):  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_



**Study of Revelation, Led by Allan Tarr Wednesdays. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary Begins January 8**




**Stephen Ministry**  
"Fears and feelings of guilt, regret or anger often seem to overwhelm us, Father. We are sometimes ashamed to admit that we are so weak. Help me to have the faith of the psalmists, who were able to express their fears while keeping their faith. Give me confidence that even though I cry and wail, You will still give me hope. Help me to focus on Jesus, believing."  
Amen"  
**The Empty Chair** by Zonnebelt-Smeenge and DeVries

"Why are you so downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I Will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God."  
Psalm 42:11




The Church Staff greatly appreciates your generosity during this Christmas Season. Thank you for the generous gift from the church and the many individual gifts. Your kindness, love and support mean the world to us.  
Sincerely,  
Your Church Staff

**Ellijay First United Methodist Church is Now on "YouTube"**  
to view the anthem and sermon  
Key: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
in the search bar type:  
**Ellijay first UMC**  
and scroll to the desired date or to find a specific date:  
in the search bar type:  
(example) **12 15 2019 ellijay**



**LIJ Kids News**  
**Hope everyone is having a wonderful Christmas Season. We will resume our regular schedule on January 8th.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY All 6th-12th Graders are WELCOME**  
Please join us at 9:45 a.m. - Youth Sunday School in Ben Barrett Room



**IMPACT Goes South for Christmas...**  
IMPACT's ticket has been purchased. And IMPACT has been packing (up until the last minute!). And all IMPACT's friends and family members have been called--in which case, it's official:  
**IMPACT is going south for some fun in the sun over the break!**  
**In fact, last I heard? IMPACT boarded its plane only hours after "One Starry Night" was finished...**  
**With IMPACT on vay-cay (that's how IMPACT say vacation, now), we won't have any group meeting between Dec. 22--Jan. 1.**  
**IMPACT will resume on Sunday, January 5 @ 5:00 p.m.**  
**If you have questions or concerns, please let me know. IMPACT left its contact info with me in case we need to get them while they're gone....**

**Student Spotlight:**  
**We'll be spotlighting the Joselyn Valle through December! Drop by the display case in the Cornerstone/Youth Room to read more about her!**

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Rev. Dr. Thom Shores, Pastor**  
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| Ann Hanline.....       | Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary    |
| Julie Kepley.....      | Nursery Coordinator                             |
| Zack Kepley.....       | Audio/Video Technician                          |
| Claudia Mckean.....    | Organist  |
| Austin Talbot.....     | Director of Music                               |



**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

# Ellijay First United Methodist Church

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**Dr. Thom Shores, Pastor**  
December 29, 2019

# First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 29, 2019 - The Color is White

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

## The Worship of God

Visitors, please include your address and telephone number on the attendance sheet so we can contact you.

### Welcome and Announcements

#### † The Ritual of Friendship

#### The Chiming of the Hour

**Focusing Words:** It is no messenger or angel that saves us but God's very presence. Praise the Lord.

**Prelude** ..... *arr. by Jolene Boyd*  
"Christmas Medley" John & Judith Rathbone

**\*The Call to Worship** ..... Welsh Melody  
"Let All Things Now Living"

#### † The Greeting

Leader: Praise the Lord from the highest heavens.

**People: Praise God, sun and the moon; sing for joy, you shining stars.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the deepest seas.

**People: Praise God, fire and hail; dance in ecstasy, snow and frost.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the hearts of the faithful.

**People: Praise God, young and old; laugh with mirth, wise and meek.**

Leader: Worship the Lord our God.

**People: Pay homage to the ruler of heaven and earth.**

† **The Invocation** ..... Rev. Allan Tarr/Tom Rippy

**The Hymn of Praise** ..... UMH No. 62  
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

#### † 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, 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** ..... 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** ..... Warren Acree  
*Children 8 years old and under are invited to attend Children's Church*

### 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.

**The Pastoral Prayer** ..... Dr. Thom Shores

#### The Lord's Prayer

**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. 237  
"Sing We Now of Christmas"

#### The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

**The Offertory Music** ..... *arr. by John Rutter*  
"I Wonder as I Wander" Claudia McMeon & Austin Talbot

† **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 Scripture** ..... Matthew 2:13-23 ..... New Testament

**The Sermon** ..... Dr. Shores  
"Herod The Great..."

**The Closing Hymn** ..... UMH No. 229  
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

#### The Benediction

† **Choral Benediction** ..... *arr. by Nelsie T. Johnson*  
"Amen, Amen"

**The Postlude** ..... English Traditional Carol  
"The First Nowell" ..... *arr. by Willcocks*

*Our Service of Worship has ended  
Our Worship through Service begins*

† *Congregation Standing (as able)* ..... *UMH-United Methodist Hymnal*  
*\*11:00 am Service Only* ..... *TFWS-The Faith We Sing*

### In Our Prayers \*

Tom Allen, Susan Andersen, Ray Beaty, James Bell, Joanne Bennett, Jackie Boyd, Charlie & Pam Brown, Marlene Brown, Charlene Byrd, Don Burkhalter, Amanda Chapman, Mary Thelma Cole, James Davis, Sharon Elkins, James Elliott, Deborah Farley, Missionary Emma Ford, Matthew Fulcher, Austen George, Andrew Griglax, Rosie Haney, Gwen Hanisch, Janet Haver, Matt Hearn, Robert & Ruth Hix, Marie Holt, Bill & Barbara Johnson, Tyler Kepley, Ken Knowlton, Shannon Leeper, Will Mattison, Ethelyne Lingle, Ed McKibbin, Steven McNeese, Rev. Chuck Moon, Bob & Georgia Morrow, Maytly Murray, Andrea O'Connor, Phil Perry, Kathy Rattray, Steven Ray, Tom Rhodes, Sharon Rice, Ellen Ringer, Abel Robinson, Mike Smith, Peter Steiner, Sheila Stiles, George Talbot, Audrey Tarr, Frank & Jennie Sue Taylor, Paula & Chuck Taylor, Rick Thaxton, Susan Tripp, Renee Tully, Rita Van Namen, Carol Ward, Marti Warren, Charlie Wells, Cindy Wildman, Doug Wix, Terry Woehr, Ruth Yarbrough, Elliott Young.

### Calendar For This Week

*December 24th - January 1st  
Church Office will be closed so  
staff can enjoy the holidays with  
their families.*

#### Sunday, December 29th

8:45 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

#### Thursday, January 2nd

11:00 a.m. Joy Circle

#### Friday, January 3rd

#### A Time to Pray - 10:00 - 2:00

#### Saturday, January 4th

8:00 a.m. UMM Bible Study  
Cornerstone Classroom  
9:00 a.m. YOGA

#### Sunday, January 5th

8:45 a.m. Worship - Communion  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Communion

### 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 29, 2019

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

### Our Gifts of Time

#### Nursery

12/29 Need Volunteer  
1/5 Diane Vautrot

#### Children's Church

12/29 Joan Compton  
1/5 No Children's Church

#### Counters

12/29 Paul Compton &  
Judith Rathbone  
1/5 Paul Compton &  
Judith Rathbone

#### Church Lock-up

12/23-12/29 Howard Elkins  
12/30-1/5 Howard Elkins &  
Steve Hanline

#### Acolytes

12/29 Ashlynn & Addy Poole &  
Kaitlyn Grice

### Our Presence

**December 22 - Total - 235**

8:45 am - 92  
11:00 am - 143  
No Impact

### 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.