



Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday Service
February 26,
6:30 p.m.



Wednesday Night Dinner
February 26
5:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Hospitality

\$6.00 adults
 Children Under 12 Free
 \$18.00 family maximum

Menu: Sloppy Joe's & Tater Tots

Registration is Required!
 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



WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Living Light"
A Women's Retreat for
all the women of
Ellijay First United Methodist
and their friends


Led by "Grace in Him" Ministry

Saturday, March 21
9:00-1:30

\$20.00
Breakfast & Lunch Included

RSVP

Name: _____
Phone: _____



Stephen Ministry

You have heard my angry prayers: prayers uttered through tears and clenched teeth. And You have never turned away from me. You really hear me when I pour out my heart to You. Thank You for your patient love. Thank You for your High Priest, the Lord Jesus, who understands and sympathizes with every longing in my heart.

"Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger, and don't give the devil an opportunity."
 Ephesians 4:26-27

If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Gwen Scarth, Stephen Leader at 706-258-8757.



A Time to Pray

"Pray in the Spirit with all kinds of prayers and requests."
 Ephesians 6:18

We, at EFUMC believe in prayer.
 To God Be the Glory. Amen

Appalachian Children's Center

Joy Circle is collecting needed items for the Appalachian Children's Center.

Each year they provide services to 400-500 local children who are experiencing trauma. Community donations and volunteers help the Center use their budget to provide more services for children and in-depth training for their staff.

There is a container in the Fellowship Hall to collect needed items. Items needed are: individual snacks for children, hygiene products, tissues, and toilet tissue.

Please bring your donations by March 8.

Heartlite Hospice Grief Support Group

Thursdays at 11:30 in the BYKOTA room for more information or to register call Paula Morris at 770-570-9958




LIJ Kids News -- This Week

Our schedule this week will be:
5:30 Dinner
6:00 Singing & Devotion
6:30 Ash Wednesday Service

Back to regular schedule next week.

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



Disciple: Unit 4--Covenant... Sunday, February 23 | 5-7 PM

We are confused. Overwhelmed. We don't know what to do. We don't even know how to begin. We long for a purpose that will take us beyond ourselves...

These are *Disciple's* words regarding one of our many human problems--namely, the problem of purpose.

What do you think our purpose is? Do you know? And if not, how do we figure it out?

Tonight, we'll discuss purpose, covenants, and more. We'll also play a game of Commit and Sharknado: The Game of Deadly Combos!


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Wednesday, February 26 | 6:30-7:30 PM

Tonight we join our church family in the sanctuary for a special service--*Ash Wednesday*. We'll confess our sins, receive the imposition of ashes, and enter into the season of Lent. Please join us for this important service!

Student Spotlight:
This month, we'll be spotlighting Kayla Valle! Drop by the display case in the Cornerstone/Youth Room to read more about her!



Attention: Yard Sale Helpers
 There will be meeting in the fellowship hall Saturday, February 29th 10:00 a.m.



Thank You to those who purchased apples in support of Rise Against Hunger. Packing Day is March 7th

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Rev. Dr. Thom Shores, Pastor

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Sam Burcham.....	Youth Minister
Gabrielle Cornett.....	Pianist
Marianne Evans.....	Director of Children's Ministries and Preschool
Ann Hanline.....	Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary
Julie Kepley.....	Nursery Coordinator
Zack Kepley.....	Audio/Video Technician
Claudia Mckeon.....	Organist
Austin Talbot.....	Director of Music




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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



Dr. Thom Shores, Pastor
 February 23, 2020

Transfiguration Sunday
February 23, 2020 - 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: Transfigured by light, Jesus was changed. All those who witness God’s light will be changed. Climb to the mountaintop to see God and to see yourself bathed in God’s holy light. Climb to be changed.

Prelude *by G. F. Handel*
“With Trumpets and Horns” from “Water Music”

***The Call to Worship**

† **The Greeting**

Leader: Come, praise the Lord our God, and worship at God’s mountain.

People: For the Lord our God is holy, full of compassion and grace.

Leader: When God’s prophets cried out, God answered them, speaking in a pillar of cloud.

People: Let all God’s people sing praises to God’s great and awesome name.

Leader: Mighty God, lover of justice, you establish equity throughout the earth.

People: Let us worship God from the mountaintops. Let us praise God’s holy name.

† **The Invocation**

The Hymn of Praise UMH No. 139
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

† **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** Pastor Thom
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. 451
“Be Thou My Vision”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music *arr. by Mark Hayes*
“How Majestic is Your Name”

† **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** *arr. by Joel Raney*
“How Great Thou Art & Majesty”

The Scripture Matthew 5:38-48 New Testament

The Sermon Dr. Shores
“Asking The Impossible”

The Closing Hymn UMH No. 103
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

The Benediction

† **Choral Benediction** *by John Rutter*
“A Clare Benediction”

The Postlude *by G. F. Handel*
“Coro” from ”Water Music”

*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, Ray Beaty, James Bell, Joanne Bennett, Ed Boyd, Charlie & Pam Brown, Marlene Brown, Charlene Byrd, Don Burkhalter, **Samantha Callahan**, Sayward Carter, Amanda Chapman, Shannon Chastain, Mary Thelma Cole, James Davis, Sharon Elkins, James Elliott, Deborah Farley, Missionary Emma Ford, Matthew Fulcher, Austen George, Tom Glover, Andrew Griglax, Rosie Haney, Gwen Hanisch, Janet Haver, Matt Hearn, Robert & Ruth Hix, **Jacque Holloway**, Marie Holt, Rebecca Irvin, Bill Johnson, Tyler Kepley, Ken Knowlton, Shannon Leeper, Ethelyne Lingle, Louie Lucas, Will Mattison, Gary & Hannah McSwain, Ed McKibbin, Steven McNeese, Rev. Chuck Moon, Bob & Georgia Morrow, Maytly Murray, Robert Nelson, Andrea O’Connor, Phil Perry, Kathy Rattray, Steven Ray, Sharon Rice, Ellen Ringer, Abel Robinson, **Margie Slodysko**, Peter Steiner, Sheila Stiles, George Talbot, Audrey Tarr, Frank & Jennie Sue Taylor, Paula & Chuck Taylor, Rick Thaxton, Susan Tripp, Renee Tully, Rita Van Namen, Marti Warren, Charlie Wells, Cindy Wildman, Doug Wix, Terry Woehr, Elliott Young.

Calendar For This Week

Sunday, February 23rd

*8:45 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers
5:00 p.m. Faith Ringers
5:00 p.m. IMPACT*

Monday, February 24th

*11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Workshop
4:30 p.m. ZUMBA*

Tuesday, February 25th

*8:00 a.m. Preschool
11:00 a.m. Bible Study
4:00 p.m. NOGS*

Wednesday, February 26th

*8:00 a.m. Preschool
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 p.m. Children & Youth
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice*

Thursday, February 27th

*8:00 a.m. Preschool
11:30 a.m. Grief Support Group
4:00 p.m. ZUMBA*

Saturday, February 29

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

Sunday, March 1st

*8:45 a.m. Worship - Communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship - Communion
4:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers
5:00 p.m. Faith Ringers
5:00 p.m. IMPACT*

**Our Gifts of Time
Nursery**

*2/23 Bliss Cole
3/1 Jackie Boyd*

Children’s Church

*2/23 Sam Burcham, Aaron Evans & Youth
3/1 No Children’s Church - Communion*

Counters

*2/23 John Halligan & Jeff Cleary
3/1 Judith Rathbone & Paul Compton*

Church Lock-up

*2/17-2/23 John Davis & Theresa Braswell
2/24-3/1 Howard Elkins & Steve Hanline*

Acolytes

*2/23 Matthew & Nathan Grice, & Logan Mashburn
3/1 Kaitlyn Grice, Ashlynn & Addy Poole*

Our Presence

February 16 - Total - 270
*8:45 a.m. - 83
11:00 a.m. - 168
Impact - 19
Youth - 15
Adults - 4*

**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: February 23, 2020

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.