



**Wednesday
Night
Dinner
March 11
5:30 p.m.**

Hosted by: Preschool
\$6.00 adults
Children Under 12 Free
\$18.00 family maximum

**Menu: Creamy Chicken over
Rice, Veggies, Rolls & Desserts**
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: _____



**Preschool Fundraiser
Honey Baked Gift
Cards**

Preschool is participating in the Honey Baked Ham 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 Ann or Marianne in the office to purchase one by cash or check or go to the link below to order and pay for a card that will be shipped to you. This is great for gift giving or you can purchase a card before you order your holiday ham or turkey to help out the preschool!

https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/children_first



Stephen Ministry

I especially love to wrap my prayers in the words of the psalms, just as You did on the day You gave Your life to me on the cross. Thank you for listening to me. Thank you for moving in my life.

"For the Word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12

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



**Eggs
Needed**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11:00 am service on April 12th.

We need the congregation to help provide a dozen or so filled eggs by April 5th. You may fill them with candy or a special treat.

There is a collection box outside the church office. Thanks for supporting this special treat for our children.



Reminder: The church yard sale is April 25th from 8 am -2 pm. Here is a list of items requested:
Small Appliances, Clothing, Lamps, Linens, Holiday Items, Kitchenware, Baby and Kids Items, Sporting Goods, Jewelry, Crafts, Pet/Garden/Baskets, Personal Care, Books/CD's/Frames

We cannot store donations until the week of the sale (April 20-24). Pick ups will be scheduled for large items and large donation amounts during that time.

ALL Proceeds go toward the Building Fund.

**Singles Havin' Fun
TODAY! 12:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Come join us for a light lunch, planning session and game afternoon as we continue to enjoy fellowship together.



LIJ Kids News -- This Week

Join us Wednesday as we work toward finishing our lesson on Psalm 23!
5:30 Dinner
6:00 Choir
6:30 - 7:00 LIJ Kids

Our new goal is to finish our study on Psalm 23 by March 25th. That is the day to have the whole Psalm 23 memorized for a prize!

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 6--Order Sunday, March 8 | 5-7 PM
We cannot live in total disorder and confusion. We want structure, though we don't often admit it. Boundaries give us a sense of security. And we need order to feel like we belong...

This week, we study the Law (& Order...cue the theme song here). But really? It's the study of what keeps chaos at bay; it's the study of what makes life make sense.

It won't be all "law", though. We'll also play with our food (i.e., food-based games)...you know, since so many of the OT laws are food-related...

Rhythm & Flow, Session 1: Notice
Wednesday, March 11 | 6-7:30 PM

Oddissee is my favorite hip-hop artist. Mainly because my pastoral care professor loved his "rhythm and flow." Like, here are some of his lyrics: "you grew up, no you didn't change, you were made the same as those before you came. You grew up and all your growing pains were given like your name, but you just bought the blame."

This whole song, "You Grew Up," is actually all about the rhythms and flows of life as we grow up--some of which we can get trapped in. Tonight we start a series that will teach us how to live in a different rhythm, one that is mysterious, mystical, & governed by faith!

Student Spotlight:

Throughout March, we'll be spotlighting Kayla Valle! Drop by the display case in the Cornerstone/Youth Room to read more about her!



Our annual Easter covered dish brunch will be on Sunday, April 21st at 9:30 a.m.

Please bring a breakfast item to share; casserole, donuts, etc. Milk, juice, coffee and tea will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. There will not be any Sunday School Classes.

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

Church phone: 706-635-2555; Fax: 706-273-2555; Pastor's Residence: 706-636-3646
Website: www.fumcellijay.org; emails: office@fumcellijay.org; thom@fumcellijay.org; samueledwardburcham@gmail.com; children@fumcellijay.org; Stephen Ministry: gwenyth.allen@gmail.com

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



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

**Ellijay First
United
Methodist
Church**

75 McCutchen Street
PO Box 472
Ellijay, GA 30540



**Dr. Thom Shores, Pastor
March 8, 2020**

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020 - The Color is Purple
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: Listen, for God is calling. Follow, and you will never be alone.

Prelude by J. S. Bach
“Prelude in G” from “Well-Tempered Clavier”

* **The Call to Worship** arr. by Carlton Young
“Christ Beside Me”

† The Greeting

Leader: Leave your well-worn paths and walk with God.

People: But we are secure where we are.

Leader: Walk in new paths and you will be blessed.

People: Can't God bless us on our own turf?.

Leader: If you will walk in faith, God will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you.

People: Lead on, O God, your faithful people await.

Leader: Receive God's blessing to be a blessing to others.

† The Invocation

The Hymn of Praise UMH No. 98
“To God Be the Glory”

† 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** Jan Day
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. 369
“Blessed Assurance”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music by J. S. Bach
“Arioso”

† **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 Stainer/Bock
“God So Loved the World”

The Scripture John 3:1-17 New Testament

The Sermon Dr. Shores
“More Than You Bargained For”

The Closing Hymn TFWS No. 2149
“Living for Jesus”

The Benediction

† **Choral Benediction** by Douglas Wagner
“The Peace of God”

The Postlude by Phoebe Knapp
“Blessed Assurance”

*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, Ray & Eve Elkins, 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, Jacque Holloway, Marie Holt, Rebecca Irvin, Bill Johnson, Tyler Kepley, Ken Knowlton, Shannon Leeper, Ethelyne Lingle, Louie Lucas, **Renda Mashburn**, Will Mattison, Gary & Hannah McSwain, Ed McKibbin, Steven McNeese, **Becky Moon**, Bob & Georgia Morrow, Maytly Murray, Robert Nelson, Andrea O'Connor, **Larry Ottsen**, Phil Perry, Llea Phrist, 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, **Jim & Sandra Thaxton**, 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, March 8th

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, March 9th

8:00 a.m. Preschool
10:00 a.m. Team Tabitha
4:30 p.m. ZUMBA
6:00 p.m. Administrative Council
6:30 p.m. Claddagh Circle

Tuesday, March 10th

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

Wednesday, March 11th

8:00 a.m. Preschool
2:00 p.m. Caregiving Support
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 p.m. Children & Youth
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, March 12th

8:00 a.m. Preschool
4:30 p.m. ZUMBA

Saturday, March 14th

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

Sunday, March 15th

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

Our Gifts of Time

Nursery
3/8 Need Volunteer
3/15 Donna Carlsen

Children's Church

3/8 Diane Vautrot
3/15 Aaron Evans

Counters

3/8 Anne Rainey & Jane Rippy
3/15 Gina Putman & Beverly Taylor

Church Lock-up

3/2-3/8 Kay Findell &
Katherine Meyer
3/9-3/15 Lloyd Vautrot & Judith
Rathbone

Acolytes

3/8 Matthew & Nathan Grice,
& Logan Mashburn
3/15 Kyla Beale, Kaitlyn Grice &
Ashlynn Poole

Our Presence

March 1 - Total - 245

8:45 a.m. - 93
11:00 a.m. - 137
Impact - 15
Youth - 11
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: March 8, 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.