

Save the date!
Promotion Sunday
Sunday, August 8
11:00 Service



Thank you to the Joy Circle
and to
Meg Eanes and her "team"
for their service
to the
Seamless Summer Program



Stephen Ministry

I am so very thankful
for the focus You bring to my
life. In the words of TS Eliot,
You are 'the still point of the
turning world.' No matter how
many changes sweep across
my world, I can fix my eyes on
You, pursue You, and find all
the purpose of living I need.

Philippians 3:12

"Not that I have already
reached the goal or am already
perfect but I make every effort
to take hold of it because I
have also been taken hold of
by Christ Jesus."

Grief Support Group

A Grief Support Group will
begin meeting Monday,
July 19 from 11:30-1:30.
Call Paula Morris Acree at
770-570-9958 for more
information or to register.

Older Adult Ministries Interest & Planning Meeting Wednesday, July 28 2:30-3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Back in the 80's, anthropologist
Elaine Lawless spent two years
with a Pentecostal Church trying
to determine how a particular
woman became a preacher in a
denomination which (at the time,
at least) didn't see this as a suit-
able role for women. And do you
know what the good Dr. Lawless
learned? She learned that this
woman was able to do so by
claiming that the Holy Spirit had
called and enabled her. And so,
at the end of her research Law-
less--an outsider--concluded that
her subject used "a tenet of her
faith to subvert male authority
and gain a place of power in her
church." She published these
findings in a book
called *Handmaidens of the
Lord*, and sent her subject a
copy. And her subject? Well, she
was shocked. In fact, she told
Elaine Lawless that she had got-
ten it all wrong in her book. She
didn't preach to subvert authori-
ty, she said. She did it because
she was *called*. Her remark to
Lawless? "I was afraid that some-
one like you--an outsider--
wouldn't understand."

Of course, you're probably
wondering why I'm telling you
about all of this, right? And it's
because at 35 years old--and as
an outsider--I can't presume to
understand your lives, your
hopes, your dreams, your wants,
and your needs from an Older
Adult Ministry Program (one of
my new responsibilities here at
EFUMC!). That's why I want to
hold this meeting. I want to
pray with you about this minis-
try, seek to know what purpose it
should serve, and create an in-
tentional program that will best
facilitate spiritual and communi-
ty growth. So, please join us!

LIJ Kids News

**Sunday School
Starts @ 10:00**



All children ages 4 years thru 5th grade are welcome to join us for our LIJ KIDS! We will begin the first Wednesday in September. Our program for September will be "Digging Into Foundations of Faith". We will have art, science, cooking, games, bible fun and music.

In October we will transition into an Academy style experience with mixed ages.. We will have art, science, cooking, games, bible fun and music. Coming in September we will also be offering Children's Choir and Wednesday Night Suppers will return!

Next Summer Fun Date: Wednesday July 21st @ 6:00

We will be playing Kickball with a twist and roasting our own hotdogs! The more the merrier! Invite a friend or two! We will be joined by Jefferson UMC as they are in town for a mission project in our neighborhood!

Mission Opportunity

Monday at 10:00 we will meet to make sack lunches for seamless summer. We have been serving 80 meals this summer with the county school providing the meals. They are ending their program for the summer and we are picking up the lunch prep for the week so no child goes hungry! We will serve the meals from 11:00-12:00.

Youth News!

Life Together: Session 3

Sunday, July 18 | 6:30-7:30 PM

Being with others, that's easy enough, right? Well, maybe not. Tonight we continue our series on what it really means to be with another.

Seamless Summer Continues!

Youth and Children's Ministries will provide Seamless Summer Meals from 7/19-7/21. Please meet at the church no later than 10:30 AM to prep and serve between 11-12. All youth, children, and their families are invited to help, but we **need** no fewer than 3 servers each day!

Kombat by Kickball

Wednesday, July 21 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Remember our friends from Jefferson First UMC and from GRASP 2019? Sure you do. But it's been too long. Which is obviously why we're doing battle tonight, kickball style. May the best church (that's us, BTW) win! Bring your skillz, church-team spirit, and plenty of smack talk and join us for the ultimate form of (c) kombat! We'll also roast hotdogs! Children, Youth, Family, & Friends are invited!

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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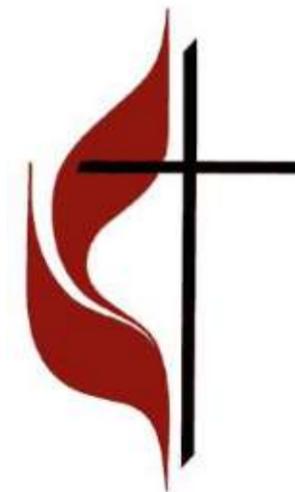
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



Dr. John Brantley
July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021 - The Color is Green

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 Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: From far and near, we gather to be close to God. But always, God swell in and with us. No matter how far we wander, God's Spirit is as near to us as our very breath.

Prelude "Make the Sound of Praise" *by Robert Hughes*

†The Greeting

Leader: From far and near, we gather together,

People: called to unity in Christ.

Leader: Built into one body,

People: we are the dwelling place of God.

Leader: May God guide our steps and direct our ways,

People: that we may reveal God's love in word and deed.

†The Invocation

† **The Hymn of Praise** "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" UMH 540

†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.**

† Congregation Standing (as able)
* 11:00 am Service Only
8:45 am Service Only

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

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 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH 277

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music *by Mohr/Hayes*
"He Who Began a Good Work in You"

†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**

Special Music *by McSpadden & Nelson*
"Jesus is Lord to Me" Frank & Peggy Richardson

The Scripture Jeremiah 23:1-6 OT

The Sermon "Calling All Shepherds" Pastor

The Closing Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" UMH 580

The Benediction

The Postlude "With Trumpets and Horns" *by G. F. Handel*

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

In Our Prayers:

Tom Allen, Betty Ann Archer, Michael Archer, Lessie Ashmore, Connie Baker, Gary Barber, James Bell, Marlene Brown, Nancy Burkhalter, Charlene Byrd, Delores Carter, Jay & Amanda Chapman, Mike Christoforo, Mary Thelma Cole, Marc Daniel, Linda Daughtry, **Barbara Davis**, John & Charlotte Davis, Todd DeLaRosa, Regina Diaz, Kevin Duvall, Sharon Elkins, Allan Fanelli, Sharon Fletcher, Emma Ford, Matthew Goodner, Marie Hamrick, Rosie Haney, Gwen Hanisch, Steve Hanline, Reynolds Hedland, Robert & Ruth Hix, Marie Holt, Sebastian Howell, Bill Johnson, Shannon Leeper, **Jackie Leva**, Ethelyne Lingle, Will Mattison, Cheryl Connell, Jim Murray, Miriam Niemira, Andrea O'Connor, Marlene Parker, Mary & Roger Paquette, Phil Perry, Llea Phrist, Chuck Pinson, Steven Ray, Sharon Rice, Matthew Schaeffer, Ruth & Galen Shinkle, Binni Sigurdsson, Jean Smilie, Sheila Stiles, Frank & Jennie Sue Taylor, Shelley Taylor, Jon Vigue, Sandy Williams, Terry Woehr, Elliot Young.

* Names will be placed on the Prayer List for 30 days unless a request is made to remain longer.



The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Gwen Scarth at the recent passing of her husband Geoff.

Opportunities for Travel in 2022 - Date Changed to July 18

Rachel and Allan Tarr will host an informational meeting in the fellowship hall following the 11:00 worship service on July 18 regarding two international trips in 2022.

Oberammergau (Germany)
Passion Play and Switzerland
Tour; July 13-22, 2022

South America Cruise
(Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil);
March 22 – April 2, 2022

International travel was virtually non-existent during the COVID-19 pandemic. The world is opening up for travel, and these two great opportunities are scheduled for next year. Come to this meeting and find out the exciting details.

Our Presence

July 11 - Total - 217
8:45 a.m. - 81
11:00 a.m. - 126

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.

Attendance Registration **All Worshipers**

Please complete the following information:

Date: July 18, 2021

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.