



Join us on Wednesday's in December at 5:30 for pizza and salad! We will play board games and even have some Christmas-themed activities. All are welcome to come and bring friends. No reservations are necessary.

Upcoming December Events

Advent Sundays: November 28, December 5, 12, and 19

Pot-Luck Breakfast with Santa: December 19 at 9:45 a.m.

Christmas Cantata with Orchestra: December 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Live Nativity: December 19 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service: December 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Service: December 24 at 5:30 p.m.



The Ellijay FUMC Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Come sing with us and see what church choir is all about!

Thank You!

The Christmas craft fair was a great success! We raised enough money to purchase material for 4,200 meals. Thank you to all involved whether donating monetarily, craft items, or time to the sale. The meal packing event will be March 2022. Details coming at a later date.



A volunteer with the Afghan-American Alliance of Georgia would like to thank all the congregants who donated blankets to the Afghani refugees and their families who have resettled in Georgia. All of the refugees arrived in Atlanta with nothing except the clothes they were wearing. They are very grateful for the generosity of our congregation to help keep these refugees warm this winter!

A Night With New Room

December 2 at 7:00p.m.

Join us to welcome in the Advent season with "A Night With New Room" 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 2, in the Fellowship Hall. We will join the Awakening Team of Seedbed and the New Room for this joyous time of celebration, music, worship and poetry. Anticipate the Coming; First and Second!



North Georgia Crisis Center Shower

The Joy Circle is sponsoring a "shower" for the North Georgia Crisis Center. The shelter is requesting items for
Adults: underwear, sports bras, socks, house shoes, lip balm, yoga pants, and gift items for Christmas like sweaters, jackets, perfume,
Children: coloring books, colored pencils, underwear, socks, kid sized blankets, gift items like dolls, Barbie's, trucks, cars
Household Needs: books, dvds, games, cleaning supplies, disinfecting wipes, laundry detergent, Clorox, reusable shopping bags, non-perishable food items.



Stephen Ministry

"Making Our Church a More Caring Place"

We can all help make our church a more caring place with a bright smile, a sincere greeting, a warm hug, a word of encouragement. As you greet people this morning, let them know how much you care. And remember, when you meet someone with extra needs, tell him or her about our Stephen ministry program.

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

LIJ Kids News

Sunday School @ 10:00



All children ages 4 years thru 5th grade are welcome to join us for our LIJ KIDS!

Wednesday Night LIJ Kids for December



December 1: We will meet at 4:30 for a lesson.
December 3: Parent's Night Out. Dinner will be provided for the kids. (Contact Marianne to RSVP)
December 8: We will meet at 4:30 for a lesson.
December 15: We will meet at 4:30 for a lesson.

Youth News!

Good Things: Session 1

Sunday, November 28 | 6:30PM

Christmas is almost here! Which means there's a lot for us to look forward to — sometimes impatiently. But you know the saying, "good things come to those who wait"? It's true for Christmases now, but it was true on the very first Christmas as well. You see, the day Jesus came to earth wasn't a sudden surprise. It was the first step in a long-awaited plan. In this 4-week series, we'll hear the Christmas story from the perspective of the prophets in the Old Testament, who foretold and then waited for the good things God had in store. Christmas is a reminder of what the prophets proclaimed: that **God has always had a plan**, that **Jesus completes God's plan**, that **God's plans bring joy**, and that **God's plans require sacrifice**.

Good Things: Session 2

Wednesday, December 1 | 6:30PM

There's nothing better than when your plans come together to result in the perfect outcome...whether it's a strategy for beating the high school's XC record, planning for the perfect senior trip, or something else--you gotta love a good plan. Everything comes together in God's plan with Jesus. Join us tonight to talk about how!

This Week at First Methodist...

Want to know about what going on at FUMC Ellijay everyday of the week? scan the QR code to see what's going on all this week!



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

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



Dr. John Brantley
 November 28, 2021



First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021 - The Color is Purple

8:45 & 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: A righteous branch has sprung forth to bring goodness and justice to our world.

Prelude "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted"
*by. G.H. Handel from The Messiah
arr. by Emily Land*

†The Greeting

Leader: Our promised salvation is at hand

People: A righteous branch has sprung forth, bringing hope to our world.

Leader: Our eyes have beheld the goodness and mercy of the Lord.

People: A Son has been given to us, bringing justice and virtue to our land.

Leader: Our hearts have felt the stirrings of God's Presence.

People: The Spirit of truth is here to heal us, teaching transgressors

God's ways.

Leader: Let us worship the God of our salvation.

†The Invocation

†The Hymn of Praise "This Is The Day" UMH 657

†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.**

*Children's Sermon

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.

† Congregation Standing (as able)

*11:00 am Service Only

8:45 am Service Only

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS-The Faith We Sing

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" UMH 211

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*The Offertory Music "The Wexford Carol"
Gabrielle Cornett & Claudia McKeon
arr. by Mark Hayes

†The Presentation and Doxology UMH 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 "O Holy Night"
arr. by Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

The Scripture 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 NT

The Sermon "Too Strong, Too Fast" Assoc. Pastor

†The Closing Hymn "When We All Get to Heaven" UMH 701

†The Benediction

*†The Choral Benediction "Amen, Amen"

The Postlude "In the Bleak Midwinter"
arr. by Gustav Holst

Our Service of Worship has ended

Our Worship through Service begins

Prayers for the Week

Ed & Jackie Boyd, Ray Bryant, Lynn McKibbin, Lisa Milam,
Lynn Perry, Birdie Roberts

Ongoing Prayers

Tom Allen, Michael Archer, Lessie Ashmore, Jacob Atkinson, Connie Baker, Gary Barber, Nancy Burkhalter, Tanner Burnett, Charlene Byrd, Jay & Amanda Chapman, Mary Thelma Cole, Marc Daniel, Bric Daughtry, Barbara Davis, Todd DeLaRosa, Regina Diaz, Kevin Duvall, Sharon Elkins, Allan Fanelli, Emma Ford, Matthew Goodner, Shirley Hall, Marie Hamrick, Rosie Haney, Gwen Hanisch, Shirley Heeth, Robert & Ruth Hix, Marie Holt, Adeline Hughes, Missy Kepley, Shannon Leeper, Jackie Leva, Ethelyne Lingle, Charlie & Sandy McCann, Cort Mankin, Will Mattison, David & Sheila Meeks, Jim Murray, Lona Neal, Andrea O'Connor, Marlene Omernik, Crystal Orm, Mary Paquette, Marlene Parker, Jaimie Passmore, Bill Patton, Phil Perry, Chuck Pinson, Gene Pinson, Steven Ray, Sharon Rice, Luis & Pam Santiago, Matthew Schaeffer, Galen Shinkle, Frank & Jennie Sue Taylor, Shelley Taylor, Jon Vigue, Martha Whitlock, Terry Woehr, Jackie Wright, Elliot Young.

Our Presence

Nov. 21st.

8:45 a.m. - 58

11:00 a.m. - 82

Total - 140

Calendar For This Week

Sunday, November 28th

8:45 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Singles Game day

6:30 p.m. Youth IMPACT

Monday, November 29th

4:30 p.m. ZUMBA

5:00 p.m. Talk on Tap at Cartecay

Brewery

Tuesday, November 30th

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

4:00 p.m. NOGS

4:30 p.m. YOGA

6:00 p.m. Pizza with the Pastor at

Papa's Pizza

Wednesday, December 1st

4:30 p.m. LJJ Kids

5:30 p.m. Dinner and games

6:30 p.m. Youth IMPACT

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 2nd

11:00 a.m. Joy Circle

4:30 p.m. ZUMBA

7:00 p.m. New Room

Friday, December 3rd

5:00 p.m. Parent's Night Out

Saturday, December 4th

8:00 a.m. UMM Bible Study

Cornerstone Classroom

9:00 a.m. YOGA

Sunday, December 5th

8:45 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:30 p.m. Youth IMPACT

Church Lock-up

11/22-11/28 John Davis &
Theresa Braswell

11/29-12/5 Howard Elkins &
Steve Hanline

Attendance Registration

All Worshipers

Please complete the following information:

Date: November 28, 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

Short Term List _____

Long Term List _____

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.