

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.

There are handmade items for sale on the table outside of the office. These items would make a perfect Christmas gift and all proceeds go towards purchasing food for the Rise Against Hunger packing event. The items will be available for purchase until December 23.

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!

**Blue? Yes, blue as in 'Blues' music, or "I am feeling blue." December 21, 5:00 p.m.**

Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after a divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer, or suffering? This makes parties and festivities painful for many people. We are creating sacred space for people living through difficult times. December 21st the longest day of the year, will be time to support all who are feeling blue. Join us and bring someone you know who might be blessed.



**Upcoming December Events**



**CHRISTMAS SEASON**

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

**Worship Around the Table:** December 19. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 8:45 for a short worship service.

**Christmas Caroling:** December 19. It will be in the fellowship hall starting at 9:15.

**Christmas brunch:** December 19 All are invited to come and bring a dish to share at 9:45.

**Pictures with Santa:** December 19 Santa will be here from 9:45-10:15 to take pictures with the children.

**Christmas Cantata with Orchestra:** December 19 We will move to the sanctuary to listen to the cantata which starts at 11:00.

**Live Nativity:** December 19. From 6:00-7:00 p.m. all are invited to watch our Youth and Children perform a live nativity.

**Blue Christmas Service:** December 21 at 5:00 p.m. All our welcome to gather in the sanctuary for a "blue" service.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service:** December 24 at 5:30 p.m.

**Stephen Ministry**  
**"Pressure: A burdensome, distressing, or weighty condition:"**

Are you feeling pressure right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude, or your relationships with your family and friends? Would you like to have someone to talk to, just to help you get through the next month or two? Our Stephen Ministers can help.

**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 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 3**  
**Sunday, December 5 @ 6:30PM**

Our plans to "do good" continue this evening, as we select another project to complete from our Advent calendar!

**Good Things: Session 4**  
**Wednesday, December 8 @ 6:30PM**

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**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**  
**December 5, 2021**



## Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 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:** By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us - giving light to those who sit in darkness, comforting those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guiding our feet in the way of peace.

**Prelude** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#### †The Greeting

Leader: A messenger calls, "Prepare the way of the Holy One. Make a pathway for God straight into your hearts."

**People: Blessed be the Holy One, who brings light into the deepest shadows.**

Leader: A prophet proclaims, "Make way in the desert for the coming of God to live in our midst."

**People: Blessed be the Holy One, who comes to live among us in peace.**

Leader: Are you ready for the coming Day of God?

**People: Let us worship the one who calls us into light.**

#### †The Invocation

†The Hymn of Praise "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213

#### †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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206

#### The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

\*The Offertory Music "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

By Joseph Parry & 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 "A Midnight Clear"

By Tom Fettke & Thomas Grasse

The Scripture Luke 3:1-6 NT

The Sermon "Time to Clean House" Pastor

†The Closing Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133

#### †The Benediction

\*†The Choral Benediction "Amen, Amen"

The Postlude "The First Nowell" Arr. by David Wilcox

*Our Service of Worship has ended*

*Our Worship through Service begins*

#### Prayers for the Week

Ed & Jackie Boyd, Nancy Chandler, Lisa Milam, Lynn Perry

#### 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, Cort Mankin, Will Mattison, Charlie & Sandy McCann, 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. 28th

8:45 a.m. - 60

11:00 a.m. - 135

Total - 195

#### Calendar For This Week

##### Sunday, December 5th

8:45 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Single Mingle at  
Gilmer Arts

6:30 p.m. Youth IMPACT

##### Monday, December 6th

9:00 a.m. Team Tabitha

4:30 p.m. ZUMBA

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

##### Tuesday, December 7th

8:00 a.m. United Methodist  
Men's Breakfast

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 8th

4:30 p.m. LLJ Kids

5:30 p.m. Dinner and games

6:30 p.m. Youth IMPACT

7:00p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

##### Thursday, December 9th

4:30 p.m. ZUMBA

##### Saturday, December 11th

8:00 a.m. UMM Bible Study

Cornerstone Classroom

9:00 a.m. YOGA

##### Sunday, December 12th

8:45 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:30 p.m. Youth IMPACT

Christmas Party

#### Church Lock-up

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

12/6-12/12 Kay Findell &  
Katherine Meyer

#### Attendance Registration All Worshipers

Please complete the following  
information:

Date: December 5, 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.