



Longtime faithful member of Ellijay FUMC, Ethelyne Lingle, passed to be with her Lord on Monday, August 21, 2023, at Wildwood Nursing Home in Talking Rock. A memorial service will be held in the church sanctuary Friday, September 15, at 4:00 p.m. A time of sharing with Ethelyne's family will follow in the fellowship hall.

### Our Gifts of Time

**September 10**  
**Lock up**  
Katherine Meyer  
Miriam Niemira

**Greeters**  
8:45 Narthex Stacey Graham  
Office Judy Leonard  
Portico Mike Graham  
11:00 Narthex Sandy Webb  
Office Stacey Davis  
Portico Lynn McKibbin

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

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Sept. 11: Barbara Fogle  
Sept. 11: Jeff Cleary  
Sept. 12: John Rathbone  
Sept. 13: Ken Makant  
Sept. 14: Marlene Brown  
Sept. 15: Nathan Grice  
Sept. 15: Joe Poole  
Sept. 16: Frank Kelley  
Sept. 17: Barbara Parks

### Our Presence

August 13 - 173

8:45 - 51

11:00 - 122

August 27 - 160

8:45 - 47

11:00 - 113

September 3 - 161

8:45 - 59

11:00 - 102

### LIJ Kids / Youth Impact News

LIJ Kids

Wednesday, September 13 at 3:15 p.m.

Let Marianne know if you need school pickup.

### FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Sometimes, Lord, we doubt that we can truly have healed hearts, restored relationships, and forgiven, fruitful lives. We seek your forgiveness and we offer forgiveness and love to others as you have offered to us, so that our hearts find a real home in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



### Building Unity and Seeking the Heart of God

John 13:35

This is how all men will know that you are my disciples because you have such love for one another. Phillips

One Service

OUR

COMMUNION

COMMUNITY

BREAK BREAD

BRINGS

PRAY

PEACE

Join us for a combined service on September 17, 2023. At 10 am we will gather in one accord for a church wide service followed by communion in the sanctuary. We will join in the Fellowship Hall after communion for the breaking of bread together and prayer afterward in the Sanctuary.

*LET'S DO SOMETHING RADICAL AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER*



## Ellijay First

United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472

Ellijay, GA 30540

Dr. John Brantley

September 10, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is Green

### The Worship of God

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### The Chiming of the Hour

**Focusing Words:** Place your hope and trust in the Lord, whose faithful love watches over your home in times of greatest need.

\* **Prelude** "America the Beautiful"

*arr. by Mark Hayes*

\* **Call To Worship** "In This Place" ("We Come to Worship")

*by Nancy Price and Don Besig*

#### † The Greeting

Leader: Sing a new song to God.

**People: Sing of light and hope.**

Leader: Dance with laughter and joy.

**People: Dance with hearts full of love.**

Leader: Rejoice with strings and drums.

**People: Rejoice with justice and peace.**

Leader: Sing a new song to God.

#### † The Invocation

#### † The Hymn of Praise

☆ "All Creatures of Our God and King" UMH 62

Vs. 1,5,7

† **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.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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**

☆ "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384

***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 Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Music**

"This Little Light of Mine"

*arr. by John Carter*

† **The Presentation and Doxology**

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**

"I Will Sing with the Spirit"

*by John Rutter*

**The Scripture**

Romans 12:9-21

NRSA

**The Sermon**

"Overcome Evil with Good"

Pastor

**The Closing Hymn**

☆ Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

"Bind Us Together"

TFWS 2226  
refrain

"Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love."  
*by Bob Gillman*

**The Postlude**

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*arr. by Jerry Westenkuehler*

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

*UMH-United Methodist Hymnal*  
*TFWS-The Faith We Sing*

**Romans 12:9-21**

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. [NRSA]

***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.