

Our Gifts of Time

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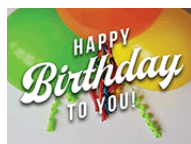
Our Presence

August 27 - 160 8:45 - 47 11:00 - 113	September 3 - 161 8:45 - 59 11:00 - 102
September 10 - 150 8:45 - 51 11:00 - 99	



Kenya Dinner
Wednesday,
Sept 27 5:00 p.m.

Menu is Marianne's famous poppy seed chicken, salad, rolls and desserts.
Special guest will be Gideon Robi, Executive Director of The Kenya Project
Please sign up on the attendance sheet
Donations will be accepted.



Sept. 21: Donna Fowlie
Sept. 22: Kimberly Quiet
Sept. 22: Penny Strickland
Sept. 24: Rob Little
Sept. 25: Warren Acree
Sept. 26: Ed Boyd
Sept. 26: Cody Easley
Sept. 27: Miles Corn
Sept. 27: Bill McKinney



**Thanks to
Scout Troop 402
for replacing the
broken eagle on
the staff of our
American Flag**

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

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Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician

Claudia McKeon....Organist

LIJ Kids / Youth Impact News

LIJ Kids

Wednesday, September 20 at 3:15 p.m.

Let Marianne know if you need school pickup.

A big thanks to our Snack Donor for helping feed our "12 and growing hungry kids".

Special October Dates:

October 4 - Fall Break, No LIJ Kids

October 25th - 6:00 - 7:00 Trunk or Treat

See Bulletin Insert to sign up for hosting a Trunk

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week



Loving God, govern our speech and our thought, that we may be slow to speak, slow to judge another person, and always quick to love and to forgive. We seek your heart, O God. Amen.

August Financial Recap

Check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for complete financial information.

August - Year to Date Contributions \$348,569

August - Year to Date Expenses \$319,846



Ellijay First

United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472

Ellijay, GA 30540

Dr. John Brantley

September 17, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is White

The Worship of God - Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: O God, you are our strength and our salvation. You uphold and save us. We offer you our very lives.

* **Prelude** "How Majestic Is Your Name"

arr. by John Inness

* **Call To Worship** "We Come to Worship"

by Don Besig & Nancy Price

† The Greeting

Leader: Sing to God, for God has triumphed gloriously!.

People: God is our strength and our might!

Leader: Long ago God freed the slaves from Egypt, opening passage through the Red Sea waters.

People: Here and now, God is our salvation, leading us through dangerous waters.

Leader: Who is like our God, majestic in holiness and awesome in splendor?

People: Every knee shall bow, every voice shall praise the God of wonder.

† The Invocation

† **The Hymn of Praise** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

UMH 327

† **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**

☆ "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

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

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
arr. by Mark Hayes

† **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

"Blessed Art Thou"
by Eugene Butler

The Scripture

Matthew 18:21-35 NRSA

The Sermon

"Forgiveness" Pastor

The Closing Hymn

"O How I Love Jesus" UMH 170

† **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

"Recessional"
by Robert J. Hughes

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

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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.