

Our Gifts of Time

September 24 Lock up John Davis Hank Chapman	October 3 Lock up James Grice Barry Petenbrink
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Our Presence

September 3 - 161
8:45 - 59
11:00 - 102
September 10 - 150
8:45 - 51
11:00 - 99
September 17 - 116



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. 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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LIJ Kids / Youth Impact News

LIJ Kids

Wednesday, September 27 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
Thank you for your participation.

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.



Community
Thanksgiving
Dinner

Given by Faith, Hope and
Charity Recycle Store and
Ellijay 1st Baptist Church
will be held November 11.

Our church has been asked
to donate 20 turkeys
(cooked, deboned and
delivered) and 20 desserts.
They need a commitment by
Oct 10. If you are able to
make either of these please
contact Kathy Stephens by
text at 706-502-5563.

Thank you.

Vespers Service

Unique

Contemplative

Worshipful

Love has no Why

Love without Reward

Friday, October 6, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Questions:

Call Warren Acree

706-273-1134



Ellijay First

United Methodist Church
75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472
Ellijay, GA 30540

Dr. John Brantley
September 24, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is Green

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: God showers us with blessings, even when we complain. Perhaps especially when we complain. This is good news indeed!

* **Prelude** "Total Praise"

arr. by Mark Hayes

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

by Don Besig & Nancy Price

† The Greeting

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

People: Call on God's holy name.

Leader: Sing praises to our God.

People: Tell of God's wonderful works.

Leader: The Lord offer bread from heaven to satisfy our hunger.

People: God issues water from solid rock to quench our thirst.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

People: Let everything that draws breath praise God.

† The Invocation

† The Hymn of Praise

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

UMH 731

† **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**

“Give Thanks” TFWS 2036

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

“Now Thank We All Our God”
arr. by Anne Marie David

† **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

“Standing in the Need of Prayer”
African American Spiritual
arr. by Earlene Rentz

The Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16 NRSA

The Sermon

“The Owner Hires the Workers” Pastor

The Closing Hymn

“God Will Take Care of You” UMH 130

† **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

“Sonatina”
by W. A. Mozart

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

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

Matthew 20:1-16

The Laborers in the Vineyard

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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.