

The History of Methodism

Join us to learn more about our Wesleyan and Methodist History
Now Extended Until May 16!
Thursdays at 6pm ~ Open to All
Nursery is Provided

Vespers



Vespers Services will take place on Friday, May 10 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The topic will be "Pondering the Tough Teachings of Jesus". All are welcome to attend.

SEAMLESS SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

This summer we will be participating in the Seamless Summer Food Program. We will be providing free meals to children 18 and under. Our church will distribute these lunches at our church from June 3rd-July 18th, Monday-Thursday, 11:00-11:30. We need about three people each day to go and pick up the lunches at the high school, bring them to the Church site and pass them out to the children. We are looking for groups to sign up for a week of service. See or Call Marianne at 706-635-2555.

Help Wanted

If you are interested in joining the Mission Committee, please contact Rachel Tarr at 770-316-4934. **Thank you!**



May 5: Kay Ivey
May 5: Paula Lineback
May 9: Allan Tarr
May 11: Charles Fletcher
May 11: Susan Marino
May 11: Colby Reece

Singles Mingles Event!

Sunday, May 5th @ 1pm
Cinco de Mayo Party @ the Lowery Farm

Church Lock Up

5/05-5/11 Charlie Leonard
5/12-5/18 Lloyd Vautrot
5/19-5/25 Hank Chapman
5/26-6/1 Bill Munson

LIJ Kids

This Wednesday we will be discovering our surprise Bible person/word. The letter is M! Guess it and win a prize! Our last regular Wednesday for the School year will be May 15th! We will celebrate Karli and Miller Jane graduating from LIJ kids into Youth as they are rising 6th graders! Come prepared to get a little wet!

Registration for VBS has begun!

April Financial Recap

Check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for complete financial information.
Needed Weekly: \$9963 Received 4/28: \$809
Year to Date Budget: \$220,491.93
Year to Date Received: \$142,796.31

Thank You!

Thanks to **Kerri Shoemaker** for filling in as organist during Claudia's vacation. Thank you to **Sarah Thorne** for directing the choir while Susan is out of town. Also, thank you to **Rachel Tarr** and her team for an enjoyable High Tea to benefit the Kenya Project.

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week



Gracious God, your love for us is immeasurable. You give us grace we don't deserve. Help us to trust and walk faithfully until we are home with you. Amen.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
Rev. Dr. John Brantley, Pastor 404-323-5646 john@brantley.net
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Ellijay First



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May 5, 2024

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion**

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

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: The Holy One's steadfast love and faithfulness are shared with all. We are called to the greatest commandment: to abide by God's love and to love one another as God has loved us - not servants, but as friends.

Prelude : "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

arr by Lloyd Larson

The Call to Worship : "When in Our Music God is Glorified"

arr. by Fred Green and Charles Stanford

† **The Greeting: (Psalm 98)**

Leader: Sing to our God a new song,

People: for God has done wondrous things.

Leader: The Holy One's might is not found in destruction,

People: but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.

Leader: These gifts are not for us alone,

People: they are for one and all.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Break forth into songs of praise.

Leader: Let all creation praise the Lord.

† The Invocation

† The Hymn of Praise

“Victory in Jesus”

UMH 370

† 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.

Prayers of the People

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH 526

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music: “Land of Rest”

arr. by Judith Maggs

† 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: “Shout Glory, Hallelujah”

*Based on an Early American folk song
arr. by Hal H. Hopson*

The Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16

CEB

Communion Devotional: “Across the Divide”

Interim Associate Pastor Shoemaker

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH 12

The Closing Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” UMH 557

† The Benediction

† The Choral Benediction

“Victory in Jesus” (refrain)

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The Postlude “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. by John Purifoy

Following the service, the Prayer Team is available at both the Narthex and Altar. They are wearing white scarves.

† Congregation Standing (as able) UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS - The Faith We Sing

Ephesians 4:11-16 (CEB)

¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,

¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.

¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

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.