

SEAMLESS SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

This year, we will once again be a feeding site for this program. We will serve lunch and breakfast bags, Monday-Thursday 11:30-12:00 from June 3rd-July 18th.

Serving our community and God's children this week include Lynn Higginbotham and Nancy Smith.

Thanks go out to Sharlee & Charlie Cobb and Mike Moran for their assistance last week.

Contact Marianne at 706-635-2555 with offers of assistance or questions.



FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Holy Mystery, we plant seeds for trees under whose shade we may never sit. We water them, fertilize them, and groom them. It is you, Lord, who grow them for your glory. Amen.



Farewell to the Shoemakers

Today will be Pastor Shoemaker's last worship day with us. Join us at the luncheon after the service today to say our goodbyes and to have a time to extend our thanks to Chris and Kerri. There will be a basket for cards, love offerings and well wishes.

Their new address: PO Box 1139, Camilla, GA 31730

They will be missed!

Singles Mingles Event

Sunday 6/9@ 1pm

Game Days at the Church
Contact Warren Acree

Church Lock Up

06/9-6/15: Charlie Leonard
6/16-6/22: Bill Munson
6/23-6/29: Hank Chapman
6/30-7/06: Bill Munson

6/09: Joan Compton
6/12: Patricia Johnson
6/12: Sarah Thorne

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9th: Pot Luck luncheon

June 11th: UMM Breakfast @
Smokehouse Barbeque

Please Note: There will be no Bible Study nor Lunch and Learn with Pastor John during the month of June.



Vacation Bible School starts June 10th and runs through June 14th. Please pray for our volunteers and campers. Thank you!

Honoring the Brantleys

Join us for a Church Luncheon to honor John and Wendy Brantley following the June 23rd worship service.

It is time for fellowship and to show Rev. Dr. Brantley our appreciation for his service here.

The Church will be providing fried chicken and the congregation is asked to bring sides, salads and desserts. There will be a basket for messages and love offerings.



Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm

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Ellijay First

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June 9, 2024

The Liturgical Color is Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Should everything we cling to be destroyed, we have an imperishable house, not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens. *2 Corinthians 5*

The Choral Introit: "O, Worship the King"

arr by Joel Raney

The Call to Worship: "Come and See"

by Marilyn Houser Hamm

† The Greeting

Leader: In this family of faith, we have a place where we will always belong.

People: Here we find friends who will love us as children of the Most High.

Leader: In this house of God, we worship a King who rules with equity.

People: Here we follow One whose steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

People: Thanks be to God

† The Invocation

The Hymn of Praise:

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” UMH 126

† **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:**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” UMH 452

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music: “Ivory Palaces”

Duet by Jennetta Kelly & Pastor Chris Shoemaker
by Henry Barraclough

† **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: “For We Are All His People”

by Jay Althouse
Nolan Walker, Trumpet

The Scripture: Mark 3:20-35

Communion Devotional: “Boundaries of the Kingdom “

Rev. Dr. Brantley

The Closing Hymn: “Lead On, O King” UMH 580

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty” UMH 176

The Postlude “Marching to Zion”

arr by Smith/Hustad

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

Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.

²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”

²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”

²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?

²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;

²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—

³⁰ for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.

³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and Sisters are outside, asking for you.”

³³ And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”

³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!

³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”