

How would like to make the announcements and read the liturgy during the church service? It's a great way to serve, and we need an additional person. If interested, please call Rick Thaxton at 770-241-1852 or [rthaxton@etcmail.com](mailto:rthaxton@etcmail.com). Thank you!

### Grief Support Group to begin in August 2024

Are you experiencing the pain of loss? Loss of a loved one, friend, a spouse? There is a healing place for you!

Please consider joining a grief support group. We meet on Tuesdays from 11:30 to 1+ beginning August 6th.

We will meet at the Church beginning August 6th for 8 weeks. There is no charge for the support group, but there is limited availability.

Contact Paula Acree @ 770-570-9958 to ensure your spot in a group and/or for more information.

### Blessing of the Backpacks

August 11th



Calling all students, teachers, and support staff, please bring your backpacks, brief cases or "Tool Belts" to be blessed.

### SINGLES MINGLES NEWS

The Singles Mingles will meet today for Game Day at EFUMC at 1 PM. Come out and join in the fun!

### Church Lock Up

7/28-8/03: Hank Chapman  
8/04-8/10: Lloyd Vautrot  
8/11-8/17: Charlie Leonard  
8/18-8/24: Bill Munson

7/22: Ken McKeon  
7/23: Jim Cole  
7/23: Ben Corn  
7/26: Penelope Marshall  
7/31: Lloyd Vautrot



### FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Lord of manifold graces, grant that we, in loving you and our neighbors, might comprehend with all the saints the full dimension (height, depth, width, and length) of your love for us. Amen.

### LIJ Kids Summer Fun Dates

**August 11th** - Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10am service. Following the service, we will go to the Davis house for a pool party and lunch. Bring a towel!

Please RSVP to Marianne

### CHOIR NEWS

The chancel choir is taking a short break during the month of July and will be returning to the choir loft the first Sunday in August. Regular choir rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, July 31 from 6:30-8:00pm. Please contact Susan Gooch for more information about becoming a choir member.



### Vespers will be held on

**August 2nd @ 6PM**

Theme: Putting God First

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm**  
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## Ellijay First

United Methodist Church  
75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472  
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July 28, 2024

*The Liturgical Color is Green*

### Welcome and Announcements

### The Chiming of the Hour

**Focusing Words:** Ephesians 3  
God, let the Word you have for us today fall upon our hearts and open us to your presence.

† **Prelude** "Be Still My Soul with Be Still and Know"  
*arr by Mary McDonald*

### † Call to Worship

† **The Greeting** (Ephesians 3)

Leader: May every family in heaven and on earth gather in name and spirit.

**People: May God pour out courage and compassion on our congregation through the spirit.**

Leader: May our minds be open, that Christ may dwell within. May our hearts receive the fullness of our faith.

**People: From generation to generation, God's grace is abundant! Amen.**

### † The Invocation

### † The Hymn of Praise

"My Hope is Built"

UMH 368

† **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:**

“Jesus Loves Me”

UMH 191

***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.

**The Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Music:** “The Power of Your Love”

*by Jane Holstein*

† **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**

**Special Music:**

“Glory, Hallelujah, the Saints are Marchin’ In!

*performed by Men’s Ensemble*

*arr by Greg Gilpin*

**The Scripture:** John 6:1-15

**The Sermon:** “Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand”

Pastor

**The Closing Hymn:**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

UMH 399

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” ( vs 1)     UMH 664

**The Postlude** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*arr by John Carter*

† *Congregation Standing (as able)*

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

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

**John 6: 1-15**

**Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand**

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias),

<sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick.

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples.

<sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?”

<sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

<sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

<sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up,

<sup>9</sup> “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).

<sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

<sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.”

<sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

<sup>14</sup> After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.