

## Grief Support Group to Begin This Month

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 will meet on Tuesdays from 11:30 to 1+pm which just began 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.

## Financial Update

Please check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for updated financial information.

## Come Sing with Us!



Chancel Choir rehearses

Wednesdays from  
6:30 - 8:00

We welcome all singers who are interested in being a part of the music ministry at EFUMC.

Please see (or email)

Susan if you have  
questions. [choir@fumcellijay.org](mailto:choir@fumcellijay.org)

## Singles/Mingles Activities in the Month of August

Sunday 08/11/24 Charades EFUMC 01:00 PM

Sunday 08/18/24 Game Day EFUMC 01:00 PM

Sunday 08/25/24 "If a Woodchuck Could Chuck Wood"

Gilmer Arts Playhouse @ 2pm

## Church Lock Up

8/11-8/17: Charlie Leonard

8/18-8/24: Bill Munson

8/25-8/31: Hank Chapman

9/01-9/07: Lloyd Vautrot



8/13: Daniel Petkus

8/16: Tom Lowery

## Caring for a Loved One?

Consider taking part in our Long Term Caregivers Support Group. This group meets every Wednesday at 1pm in the Ben Barrett Room. Contact Paula Acree for more infor-

## Help Wanted

There are currently volunteer openings with the Altar Guild, the Bereavement Committee and also on the Hospitality Committee. If you find it in your heart to volunteer your time, please contact the church office.

Thank you!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



If you or anyone you know is in need of a lap robe or a prayer shawl, please contact the Church Office.

## FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week



**Bread of Heaven, we hunger and thirst for righteousness; feed us with yourself, slake our thirst with your blood. Amen.**

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm  
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Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician

Claudia McKeon....Organist



# Ellijay First

United Methodist Church  
75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472  
Ellijay, GA 30540  
August 11, 2024

*The Liturgical Color is Green*  
The Worship of God

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Chiming of the Hour

**Focusing Words:** 2 Samuel 18, Ephesians 4  
Bring your whole heart before God - all your grief, anger, frustration, joy, hope, and praise. God loves and welcomes you just as you are!

**Prelude** "O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"  
*arr by Larry Shackley*

† **Call to Worship** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"  
*by Helen H. Lemmel*

† **The Greeting (John 6)**  
Leader: We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

**People: May those who are grieving find comfort.**  
Leader: May those who have turned away from God find forgiveness.

**People: May those who are waiting find hope.**  
Leader: May all find God's steadfast love and grace.

**People: Let us worship the One who gives us life!**

† **The Invocation**

**The Hymn of Praise:** “Come, Ye Disconsolate”  
UMH 510

† **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** “The Lily of the Valley “  
TFWS 2062

**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:** “I Believe”  
vocal duet *arranged and performed by Frank and Peggy Richardson*

† **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:** “Devotion”  
*Setting by John Ness Beck, transcribed by Craig Courtney*

**The Scripture:** John 6: 35-40

**The Sermon:** “The Bread of Life - Part 2” Pastor

† **The Closing Hymn:**  
“God Be With You Til We Meet Again ” UMH 672  
vs. 1&2

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**  
“Great is Thy Faithfulness” - refrain UMH 140

**The Postlude** “Jesus, Name Above All Names”  
*arr by John F. Wilson*

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

† *At the conclusion of today’s service, the Prayer Team will be available at the Altar. They are wearing white scarves.*

**John 6:22-35**

<sup>22</sup> The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone.

<sup>23</sup> Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

<sup>24</sup> Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.

<sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

<sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

<sup>30</sup> So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

<sup>34</sup> “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.