

**What is a Liturgist?** The Liturgist is a facilitator for Sunday worship services. They are church members who volunteer to open our worship services, provide weekly announcements, assist with collection of tithes and offerings and assist with Communion. Our Liturgists are Becky Moon and Rick Thaxton. Contact Rick if you are interested in volunteering your time.

### 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+ 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.

### 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

### Singles/Mingles Activities in the Month of August

Sunday	08/04/24	Game Day	EFUMC	01:00 PM
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

### Church Lock Up

8/04-8/10: Lloyd Vautrot  
8/11-8/17: Charlie Leonard  
8/18-8/24: Bill Munson  
8/25-8/31: Hank Chapman

### Weekly Financial Updates

Needed Weekly: \$9963  
Received 7/28: \$4312  
(includes \$1700 for designated projects)



8/4: Llewlee McKinney  
8/4: Helen Moran  
8/4: Judy Serritella  
8/4: Georgia White  
8/8: Belda Payne

### 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 information.



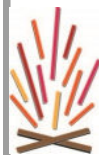
### Blessing of the Backpacks

August 11th  
Calling all students, teachers, and support staff, please bring your backpacks, brief cases or "Tool Belts" to be blessed.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

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



**FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week**  
**Father God, feed us with the true bread of heaven, which is your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm**  
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*The Liturgical Color is Green*  
The Worship of God - Holy Communion

### Welcome and Announcements

### The Chiming of the Hour

**Focusing Words:** John 6  
Are you spiritually well-fed? Eat well of the bread of life. Drink your fill of the living water, and share this feast with every hungry guest.

**Prelude** "Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah"  
*arr by John Purifoy*

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

† **The Greeting (John 6)**  
Leader: We do not live by bread alone, but by the life-giving word of God's love.

**People: God, give us the bread of life, today and always.**

Leader: Too long we have lived with hunger, seeking to fill our appetites with food that leaves us wanting.

**People: Too long we have starved ourselves of spiritual food that truly satisfies.**

Leader: "I am the Bread of Life," Jesus tells us.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry."

**People: "Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Feed us with your grace and love.

**People: May we love our neighbors, ourselves and you, so that we may never be hungry again. Amen.**

† **The Invocation**

**The Hymn of Praise:** “Gather Us In”

TFWS 2236

† **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:**

“Come, Share the Lord “ TFWS 2269

**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:** “How Beautiful”

*arr by* Lloyd Larson

† **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:** “Elijah Rock!”

*Traditional spiritual, arr by* Roger Emerson

**The Scripture:** John 6:22-35

**The Sermon:** “The Bread of Life - Part I”

Pastor

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

UMH 12

† **The Closing Hymn:** “Lamb of God ”

TFWS 2113

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

UMH 349

**The Postlude** “This Is My Father’s World”

*arr by* Mark Hayes

† *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.