

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, let us be your salt, tested by fire and true, never diluted to bland weakness in our witness. Amen.

September Mission Dinner



The September Mission Dinner has been moved to October 2nd. If you have already signed up for the dinner that was postponed, you are still on the list for next week. If you want to sign up or cancel, please call the office.

Community Thanksgiving Meal

The 10th Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal will be held at First Baptist Church on Saturday, November 16. Volunteers are needed to serve, park cars, act as greeters, prepare desserts, and provide a COOKED turkey. If you are able to help us with this community event, please contact Jan Day (janwday@aol.com) for additional details. Information also will be available on our FACE-BOOK page! EVERYONE is invited to join in the meal so be sure to invite your neighbors and family. More details to follow!

Announcing an exciting new part of the Care Core called **Friends Team!**

Friends who cook

Friends who drive

Friends who visit

The intent is to assist our members with short term needs like a new baby, recovery from surgery, or transportation to an appointment.

Contact Sharlee Cobb or Paula Acree for more information.

Sign up for this team on the podiums!

Church Lock-up Schedule:

9/29: Bill Munson 10/06: Lloyd Vautrot 10/13: Charlie Leonard



LIJ Kids News

Calling all Kids!

Our normal Wednesday after school fun is back!

The normal schedule for this Fall will be 3:30-5:00 pm. We will continue our normal pick-up at EES after school.

We are excited to get back to digging into God's Word and having fun in the name of Jesus!

The Shoeboxes have been distributed!

November 17th is Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday

If you have taken a box, please return it to the office no later than Sunday, November 17th.

Thank you!



10/1 - Leslie Mannolini

10/3 - Sharon Fletcher

10/5 - Charles Leonard



Our next Vespers Services will be held on Thursday, October 3rd at 6pm.

This month's theme is: "The Tough Teachings of Jesus".

Financial and Attendance Updates

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

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor, Mike.Shearon@NGUMC.net
Lay Leader Rick Thaxton 770-241-1852 rlthaxton@etcmail.com
Church phone: 706-635-2555; Fax: 706-273-2555

Gabrielle Cornett...Pianist
Marianne Evans Children's Ministries and Preschool....
children@fumcellijay.org
Susan Gooch.....Director of Music.....choir@fumcellijay.org
Susan Marino...Admin Asst/Financial Secretary
...ellijayfirstoffice@gmail.com

Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator
Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician



Ellijay First United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street
PO Box 472
Ellijay, GA 30540

706-635-2555
ellijayfirstoffice@gmail.com



Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor

September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Liturgical Color is Green
The Worship of God

Prelude They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
arr. by Mark Hayes

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

Focusing Words: James 5, Mark 9

Salt the world with peace and flavor the world with love.

† **Choral Call to Worship** - "Surely the Presence of the Lord"
by Lanny Wolfe

† **The Greeting** - James 5, Mark 9

Liturgist Becky Moon

Leader: We gather to pray.

People: We gather to praise.

Leader: May our prayers extend beyond ourselves.

People: May our praise rise to the heavens.

Leader: May our lives be salty with love.

People: May our prayers be reflections of peace.

† **The Hymn of Praise:**

"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" UMH 596

† *Congregation standing as able*

UMH- United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

† 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 & Congregational 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

UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH 396

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Mike

The Offertory Music:

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

arr by Jack Schrader

† 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

Mark 9:42-48

Temptations to Sin

⁴² 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.

⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.

⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,

⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

The Sermon: "Sin is Serious, Hell is Real" Pastor Mike

The Closing Hymn

"Trust and Obey" UMH 467

During this time, the Pastor and Prayer Team are available at the altar for anyone desiring personal or corporate prayer.

†The Benediction

†The Choral Benediction

"How Great Thou Art" (refrain) UMH 77

The Postlude

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during the closing hymn.
Know that you are always welcome here.