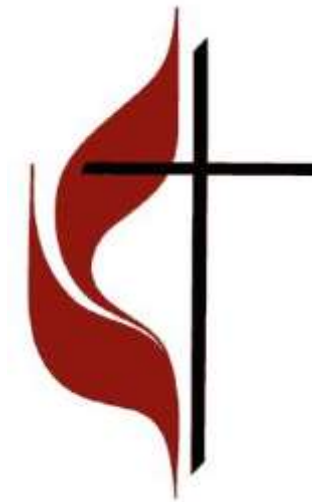


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Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor

October 13, 2024

Week at a Glance - October 13-19

Sunday	Singles Mingles Game Day @ EFUMC	1 pm
Monday	Finance Committee	5:30pm
	Administrative Council	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Joyful Noon Circle	12 noon
Tuesday	Grief Group	11:30 am

Church Lock-up Schedule

10/13: Charlie Leonard
10/20: Bill Munson
10/27: Hank Chapman
11/3: Lloyd Vautrot



10/15: Ashlynn Poole
10/16: Ann Mcclannahan

October Mission Dinner

The October Mission Dinner will be on Wednesday, Oct 16 at 5:30 PM Allen Triebel will share how the Gilmer Food Pantry supports the community with food distribution and will how we can help in that effort. The menu will be meat loaf, parsley potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert. Please call the church office for a reservation so we will know how much food to prepare .

Help Wanted—The Warming Center is still in need of volunteers to provide meals, stay overnight, or provide transportation. If you are willing to serve over the winter, please contact Rachel Tarr (rachel.tarr@yahoo.com or 770-316-4934) for sign up or for more information.

Community Thanksgiving Meal

The 10th Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal will be at First Baptist Church on Sat. Nov.16th. Volunteers are needed to serve, park cars, act as greeters, prepare desserts, or to provide a COOKED turkey. If you are able to help, please contact Jan Day (janwday@aol.com) EVERYONE is invited!

Native American Gathering!

October 26th
10:30-1:30pm



Come out to worship Jesus Native American Style. Fellowship and Smudging begin @ 10:30am
Worship begins at 11am. Lunch to follow.
Lunch will be provided by the North GA Conference of the UMC.
Everyone is invited and there is no charge.



Wednesday, October 30th 6PM—7PM

We (sweet little trick or treaters of the community)
Need your Trunk & Candy!

Pop open your decorated trunks and pass out candy or prizes to all the little goblins.

Contact Marianne for more information@706-635-2555

A Message from the Finance Committee

Quarterly giving statements have been emailed. Anyone wanting a paper statement may pick it up in the Church Office. Current financial information is always available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Appalachian Children's Center Donations

The donation boxes will be removed on October 20th. There will be another request for donations in the Spring. Thank you to all that have donated to this worthy cause.

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Lord, we strive to be number one, to be the best and most deserving. Remind us again that the first will be last, and the last will be first. Help us to seek first your kingdom.
In Christ's name, Amen.

Samaritan's Purse Boxes are Coming Due!

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



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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

The Liturgical Color is Green

The Prelude
“God of Grace and God of Glory” *arr by Mary McDonald*

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

Focusing Words - Psalm 2

“Where do you go, Elusive One, when all hope fades?
Be with us in our time of need
And do not take our Holy Spirit from us.”

† **Choral Call to Worship** - “Praise Ye the Lord”
by Stanley W. Cowan

† **The Greeting - Job 2, Psalm 26**
Liturgist Rick Thaxton

Leader: Where do we go when our cries go unanswered?

**People: Where do we turn when
we feel forsaken and alone?**

Leader: We search for God before and behind us,
but God is not there.

**People: We search for God above and beneath us,
But come away empty.**

Leader: Yet even now, we will commit ourselves to God.

People: Even now, we will put our trust in the Lord.

Leader: Come! Let us worship.

† **The Hymn of Praise**
“Lord, Speak to Me” *UMH 463*

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.

† **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 *UMH 895*
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**
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” *UMH 402*

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings *Pastor Mike*

The Offertory Music: “Christ Be in My Waking”
arr by Larry Shackley

† **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 “Nearer, Still Nearer”
by Lelia Morris, transcribed by Craig Courtney

†*Congregation standing as able*

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

Mark 10:23-31

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”

²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news

³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Sermon: “The Rich Young Ruler” *Pastor Mike*

The Closing Hymn
“Take My Life, and Let It Be” *UMH 399*

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**
“Bring Forth the Kingdom” verse 4 *TFWS 2190*

The Postlude
“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
arr by John Carter