

More Shoeboxes Have Arrived!
 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!

Singles Mingles Events
 10/06/24 Game Day EFUMC 1PM
 10/13/24 Game Day EFUMC 1PM
 10/20/24 Pumpkin Decorating 1PM
 10/27/24 Fall Party Lynn McKibbin 1PM
 10/31/24 Halloween Party / Mask Making 4PM

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week
 When we become hard-hearted or oblivious to our sin, Lord, help us to regain the innocence of little children, to whom belongs the kingdom of heaven. Amen.


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) Check her Facebook page for more information. EVERYONE is invited!



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.
 Call Marianne for more information @
 706-635-2555

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!

Coming Soon to EFUMC!
Native American Gathering!
 October 26th, 10:30-1PM



Come out to worship Jesus Native American Style.
 Lunch provided by the North GA Conference of the UMC.
 Everyone is invited at no charge.

Important Updates Needed!
 This week, we will be mailing financial statements out for Q3, 2024. If you do not get your statement, you may pick it up in office. Please fill out your yellow form with address & telephone numbers so we can have correct information.

Happy Birthday!
 10/11—Bill Munson
 10/12—Marianne Evans

Church Lock-up Schedule
 10/06: Lloyd Vautrot
 10/13: Charlie Leonard
 10/20: Bill Munson
 10/27: Hank Chapman

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor
 October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Liturgical Color is Green
The Worship of God
World Communion Sunday

Prelude “My Tribute”

arr by Mark Hayes

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

Focusing Words - Hebrews 2:6

“What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them?” Not angels, to be sure. Just people, the beloved children of God.

† Choral Call to Worship - “Praise Ye the Lord”

by Stanley W. Cowan

† The Greeting - Job 2, Psalm 26

Liturgist Rick Thaxton

Leader: Your steadfast love is before our eyes, O God.

People: Help us move in faithfulness.

Leader: When tests and trials come - when evil itself appears -

We place our trust in you, O Knower of joy and suffering.

People: Help us move with integrity.

Leader: Place us on level ground, O Redeemer.

People: Move us to sing songs of thanksgiving and to proclaim your wondrous deeds.

† The Hymn of Praise

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH 529

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

“I Come With Joy”

UMH 617

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Mike

The Offertory Music: “Above All”

arr by Mark Hayes

† 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 “At the Table of the Lord”

by Jay Althouse

†Congregation standing as able

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

Hosea 2: 16-23

¹⁶ On that day, says the LORD, you will call me “my husband,” and no longer will you call me “my Baal” (my master).

¹⁷ For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be mentioned by name no more.

¹⁸ I will make for you a covenant on that day with the wild animals, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground, and I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety.

¹⁹ And I will take you for my wife forever; I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy.

²⁰ I will take you for my wife in faithfulness, and you shall know the LORD.

²¹ On that day I will answer, says the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth,

²² and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel.

²³ and I will sow his for myself in the land. And I will have pity on Lo-ruhamah.

and I will say to Lo-ammi, “You are my people,” and he shall say, “You are my God.”

The Sermon: “A Love Story”

Pastor Mike

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH 12

The Closing Hymn

“Bind Us Together”

TFWS 2226

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

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during the closing hymn.