

Exciting Events for Youth!

Impact Ellijay—Wednesdays 5pm-6:30pm
Student lead ministry: Food, Fellowship, Fun!

Java and Jesus —Sundays 9am-9:45am - Sunday school class for college students and families held at Mountain Coffee.

Sunday School for Middle and High Schoolers—Sunday evenings 6:30-7:30pm. Learn about the Methodist Church.

Contact Debbi Westcott @ 706.455.3207 or by emailing to youth@fumcellijay.org. Instagram @impactellijay



2/03: Nancy Farnham
2/04: Clyde White
2/06: Sharon Petty
2/07: David Patton
2/08: Jan Day
2/10: Lanny Lane



Welcome to Our Newest Members
Bob and Ann Hunt



The United Methodist Men will be meeting at Burger King on second Tuesdays @ 8am.

Their next meeting will take place on February 11th.

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Lord, you knew us before we were conceived or formed in our mothers' wombs. Your will was that we would believe in you, follow you, and obey your teaching. Help us to be all you intend for us to be. In your name we pray. Amen.



Tuesdays are Bible Study Days!

Church Lock-up Schedule

2/2—2/8: Charlie Cobb
2/9-2/15: Charlie Leonard
2/16-2/22: Bill Munson
2/23-3/1: Hank Chapman

Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors,

General

Juston Davis
Jeffrey and Micherlle
Enslar
Emma Ford Missionary

Health

Doug Bater
Ed Boyd
Jerry Boyne
Kevin Brett
Kyle Bullington
Joan Compton
Paul Compton
Allen Fanelli
Joy Fanelli
Sharon Fletcher
Terry Freeman
Jessica Good
Betty Jo Hanes
Missy Kepley
Rylan Leeper
Shannon Leeper
Jackie Leva
Ann McClannahan
Barbara Nickle
Austin Sallade
Ann Shearon
David Simmons
Rick Thaxton
Rylan Leeper
Shannon Leeper

Jackie Leva
Ann McClannahan
Barbara Nickle
Austin Sallade
Ann Shearon
David Simmons
Rick Thaxton
Mike Vitelli
Kenny Warren

Hospital/Rehab

Mike Watkins

Surgery /Upcoming

Earline Crooke

Surgery/Recuperating

Barbara Fogle
Brad Opit
Fred Partin

Shut-In

Peter Adams
Marlene Brown
Ernette Calhoun
Jim Hagopian
Mack Hipp
Rudi Lanehardt
Caryl Putnan
Margie Pyren
Myron Seagraves

Paul Stanhope
Mary Uthlaut
Robert Westmoreland

Hospice

Bob Hix
Tom Lowery Sr
Bill Patton
Dan Weaver

Caregiver

Joy Fanelli
Carolyn Hipp
Ruth Hix
Mary Jo Lowery
Lorraine Segraves
Joan Stanhope
Renee Walkins
Sherry Weaver

Death in Family

Family of Andrew
Griglak
Family of Bryan
McFarland
Family of Peggy Puckett
Family of Valerie Weiss
The Family of Craig
Baum
The Family of
Mr. Yekle

Southwest Airlines Ticket Opportunity



The children's preschool drawing/donation is back again this year! Two round-trip tickets to any Southwest destination can be yours or transferred to another lucky person. The tickets are good until April, 2026. Tickets are \$20 each and you will be supporting our wonderful preschool program. The drawing is 4/2/25. Tickets are available from Marianne, any preschool member or in the Church Office.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm

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Sunday, February 2, 2025

Worship Service

The Liturgical Color is Green

The Worship of God

The Prelude - "Rock of Ages"

arr by Mary McDonald

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

† **Choral Call to Worship** - TFWs 2271 vs.5
"Come! Come! Everybody Worship" *by Natalie Sleeth*

† **The Greeting:** Jeremiah 1, 1 Corinthians 13, Luke 4
Let us gather to listen deeply.
Word of God, speak.
Let us gather with childlike faith.
Ageless wisdom, reveal.
Word of God, speak.
Your servants are listening.

† **The Hymn of Praise**
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH 110

† **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 and Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

†**The Hymn of Preparation:**
"Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH 399

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Offertory Music:
"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley / Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" *arr by Mary McDonald*

†**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: "Timeless Love" *by Tom Fettke*

The Scripture Reading Luke 4:21-30

The Sermon: "Isn't This Joseph's son?"
Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12

†**The Closing Hymn**
"Wonderful Words of Life" UMH 600

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

†**The Pastoral Benediction** Rev. Dr. Shearon

†**The Choral Benediction**
"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" UMH 128
Refrain

†**The Postlude** "The Gift of Love" *arr by John Carter*

The Scripture: Luke 4:21-30
Isn't This Joseph's Son?

²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'

²⁴ "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land.

²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.

³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

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.