

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, 1/26: Singles Mingles Game Day @ the Church, 1-3pm

Monday, 1/27: Altar Guild @ 10am

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

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 United Methodist Men will be meeting at Burger King every second Tuesday @ 8am. The next meeting will take place on February 11th.

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 office.

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Loving Lord Jesus, all scripture is fulfilled in you. Let us not trust in "self-help" books, let us trust in the ONE BOOK, your book of truth for life. Amen.

Church Lock-up Schedule

2/2—2/8: Charlie Cobb

2/9-2/25: Charlie Leonard

2/26-3/01: Bill Munson



1/27: Debby Brown

2/03: Nancy Farnham

Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors., pastors, World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves.
Prayer Request Forms are in the Pew Racks

General

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

Nancy Griffin

Betty Jo Hanes

Missy Kepley

Rylan Leeper

Shannon Leeper

Jackie Leva

Ann McClanahan

Barbara Nickle

Austin Salade

Ann Shearon

Rick Thaxton

Mike Vitelli

Kenny Warren

Dan Weaver

Clyde White

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

Caregiver

Joy Fanelli

Carolyn Hipp

Ruth Hix

Mary Jo Lowery

Lorraine Segraves

Joan Stanhope

Renee Walkins

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

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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Sunday, January 26, 2025



Worship Service
The Liturgical Color is Green
The Worship of God

The Prelude - "God of Grace and God of Glory"
arr by Mary McDonald

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

† **Choral Call to Worship** - "There's a Spirit in the Air"
by Brian Wren/Richard Redhead

† **The Greeting:** Psalter Reading, Psalm 19, p. 750-751
Response 1

† **The Hymn of Praise**
"Stand Up and Bless the Lord" UMH 662

† **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
Rev. Dr. Shearon

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:**
"Christ for the World We Sing" UMH 568

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Offertory Music: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
arr by John Rutter

† **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: "Majesty and Glory of Your Name"
by Tom Fettke

The Sermon: "Jesus' Return to Nazareth"
Rev. Dr. Shearon

† **The Closing Hymn**
"In Christ There is No East or West" UMH 548

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

† **The Choral Benediction**
"Go Now in Peace" *by Natalie Sleeth*

† **The Postlude** "Psalm 19" Benedetto Marcello

† *Congregation standing as able* UMH- United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

The Scripture: Luke 4:14-21 **Christ's Mission**

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

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

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.