

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.

There will be a Youth Group fundraiser on Tuesday, 3/4 @ 6pm here at the Church. The Youth are raising funds for their Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Glisson. Please support their mission and get your last sugar-fix before Lent begins.

MISSION DINNER

The Mission Committee will be having the first monthly Mission dinner (luncheon) next Sunday, February 23 after the 10:00 AM worship service. The program will be for the three youth who will be going on the May mission trip to Kenya. The menu will be poppy seed chicken and rice, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert. Please make a reservation to attend by marking it on your attendance form.

Special Worship/Communion Service

A special worship service with Holy Communion will take place on Wednesday, February 25th at 3:30 pm in the cafeteria room of Parkside Rehab.

Everyone is welcome to join us in song, devotion and fellowship.

Upcoming Events for March

Tuesday, March 4th @ 6pm—Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper (see flyer)

Wednesday, March 5th @ 6pm—Ash Wednesday, Lent with imposition of ashes. Bring a friend or two.

Thursday, March 6th—Vespers @ 6pm

Saturday, March 15th , starting @ 8am—Church Spring Cleaning—more information coming soon.

Sunday, March 16th—Joyful Noon Fundraiser—soup/sandwich lunch after services. Please sign up in the church office.

Sunday, March 30th—Fifth Sunday Worship Service led by our own Reverend Steve Hearn.

Welcome home Susan Gooch!

Susan will be conducting the hymns, the choir and providing us with a special piano duet this morning un Sarah's absence. Thank you!

Church Lock-up Schedule

2/16-2/22: Bill Munson
 2/23-3/1: Hank Chapman
 3/2-3/8: Lloyd Vautrot

Welcome New Member
 Justin Barton



2/16: Sidney Mahan
 2/16: Debbie Westcott
 2/18: John Mahan
 2/19: Mike Moran
 2/22: Rachel Tarr

Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors, World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves.

General

Juston Davis
 Jeffrey and Micherlle Enslor
 Emma Ford Missionary
 Trey Free
 Micki Steif

Barbara Nickle
 Austin Sallade
 Ann Shearon
 David Simmons
 Rick Thaxton
 Mike Vitelli
 Sherry Weaver
 Dean and Dale Withey

Paul Stanhope
 Mary Uthlaut
 Robert Westmoreland

Hospice

Bob Hix
 Tom Lowery Sr
 Bill Patton
 Dan Weaver

Surgery /Upcoming

Earline Crooke

Surgery/Recuperating

Sharlee Cobb
 Barbara Fogle
 Fred Partin
 Dr. Tom Turner

Caregiver

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

Shut-In

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

Death in Family

Family of Andrew Griglak
 Family of Caryl Putman
 Family of Gene Rice
 Family of Valerie Weiss
 Family of Mr. Yekle

Firestarter's Prayer

Gracious Lord, we rejoice and give thanks for our blessings, and we lament and relinquish our woes to you. You hear them all when we raise them, and you respond in righteousness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Financial Report

Thank you to our wonderful Church Congregation for your generous tithes and offerings. Last week, \$6,955 was received in operating funds. Up to date financial reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall. Did you know you can now donate on line? There is an online giving button on the fumcellijay.org webpage. Contact Cindy Corn in the finance office or via phone at 661-414-2807.

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

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Sunday, February 16, 2025

Worship Service

The Liturgical Color is Green

The Worship of God

The Prelude - "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

Piano duet by Gabrielle Cornett and Susan Gooch
arr by Mark Hayes

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

† **Choral Call to Worship** - TFWS 2271
"Come! Come! Everybody Worship" *by* Natalie Sleeth

† **The Greeting:** Jeremiah 17, Psalm 1
Happy are those that delight in God's ways,
**who set their hearts and minds on the laws of
God's love.**

In the presence of the Holy, they are like trees
planted by the waters of life.

**They are fed by enduring streams, with roots
that reach into the depths of the soul.**

They are nourished at times of drought and bring
forth fruit in seasons of famine.

**Life shall spring forth as they walk each day in
the Way of peace.**

† **The Hymn of Praise**
"Rejoice in God's Saints" UMH 708

† **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

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

† **The Hymn of Preparation:**
"I Want a Principle Within" UMH 410

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Offertory Music:
"Lord, I Want to be a Christian" *arr by John Carter*

† **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: "Blessed Are the Pure In Heart"
by Mary Kay Beall

The Scripture Reading: Luke 6:20-27

The Sermon: "The King's Proclamation", Part 1
Rev. Dr. Shearon

† **The Closing Hymn** "Marching to Zion" UMH 733
*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" *by Gilmore/Bradley*

† **The Postlude**
"There Is a Happy Land" *arr by Mary McDonald*

The Scripture: Luke 6:20-27

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:
"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,

²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is
your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors
treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of
you,

²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,

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.