

Exciting Events for Youth & Young Adults!

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.

Young Adults—Monthly Meet Up—Sunday, March 16th @ 2pm at Reece's Cider House

There will be a Youth Group Pancake Supper 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.



Special Worship/Communion Service

A special worship service with Holy Communion will take place on Tuesday, 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

Today, February 23rd—Mission Dinner to support the Kenya Trip

Tuesday, February 25th @ 3:30—Holy Communion @ Parkside Nursing Home

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

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

Thursday, March 6th—Vespers @ 6pm. “The Transcendence of God.”
Come Prepared for a great discussion!

Saturday, March 15th, starting @ 8am—Church Spring Cleaning (see below)

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 very own Reverend Steve Hearn.

Tuesday, April 8th—Grief Group begins @ 11:30 for a new 8 week session. There is no charge for the sessions but there is limited availability. Contact Paula Acree for more information.

All Call

Do you get our calls when we have a message to share with everyone? If not and you would like to do so, please put a request to be added on today's Attendance Registration form. Thank you!

The Spark of God in You!

Our next Vespers Service will take place on Thursday, March 6th at 6 pm.

Do you know why March 15th is a special day? It is the Ides of March but also it is Spring Cleaning Day at the Church! The Trustees are asking for volunteers to assist in cleaning our main facility beginning at 8am. “Many hands make quick work” so come on out and help.



Church Lock-up Schedule

2/16-2/22 Bill Munson
2/23-3/1 Hank Chapman
3/2-3/8 Charlie Cobb



Food Pantry Needs

Our pantry is in need of frozen food and cereal donations. Thank you!



2/23: Danny Farnham
2/26: Dan Serritella

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 Enslar
Emma Ford Missionary
Trey Free
Micki Steif
Wilkins Family

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

Mary Uthlaut
Robert Westmoreland

Hospice

Bob Hix
Tom Lowery Sr
Sean Mahon
Bill Patton
Dan Weaver

Health

Doug Bater
Ed Boyd
Kevin Brett
Kyle Bullington
Joan Compton
Paul Compton
Allen Fanelli
Sharon Fletcher
Jessica Good

Surgery /Upcoming

Tammy Baughman
Earline Crooke

Caregiver

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

Surgery/Recuperating

Sharlee Cobb
Barbara Fogle

Shut-In

Peter Adams
Pam Grant
Betty Jo Hanes
Missy Kepley
Rylan Leeper
Shannon Leeper
Jackie Leva
Ann McClannahan
Alyce Munson

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

Death in Family

Family of Caryl Putman
Family of Dr. Tom Turner
Family of Gene Rice

Firestarter's Prayer

Loving God, it is easy for us to love those who love us. Give us strength to not judge anyone, but to love all as you command. Thus, we will be forgiven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Financial Report

Thank you to our wonderful Church Congregation for your generous tithes and offerings. Last week, \$8,426 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.

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Sunday, February 23, 2025

Worship Service

The Liturgical Color is Green

The Worship of God

The Prelude - "Like a River Glorious"

arr by Mary McDonald

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

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

† **The Greeting**: Psalm 37, Genesis 45, Luke 6
In these uncertain times, we come together,
searching for peace.

**We will be still before the Lord and wait
patiently.**

We will open our hearts and minds, that the Lord
may show us mercy.

**When we trust the Lord, we can do good
things and live with one another in peace
and security.**

The Lord is our refuge in times of trouble.
In God, we find forgiveness, mercy, and love.

**We will be still before the Lord
and wait patiently.**

† **The Hymn of Praise**
"Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

† **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**:
"His Eye Is On the Sparrow" TFWS 2146
vs. 1 & 3

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Offertory Music:
"Jesu, Jesu, Free Us With Your Love"
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: "Alleluia"
by Ed Harris

The Scripture Reading: Luke 6:20-27

The Sermon: "The King's Proclamation", Part 2
Rev. Dr. Shearon

†**The Closing Hymn** "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"
UMH 129

*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**
"In Thee Is Gladness" *by Giovanni Gastoldi*

*Prayer team members are available after the service. They will be
wearing white shawls.*

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 our 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.