

## 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




### 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.

2/10: Lanny Lane  
2/11: Linda Dickerson  
2/13: Jim Daugherty  
2/13: Marsha Vautrot  
2/16: Sidney Mahan  
2/16: Debbie Westcott

### MISSION DINNER

 The Mission Committee will be having the first monthly Mission dinner (luncheon) on Sunday, February 23 after the 10:00 AM worship service. The program will be with 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.



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

Their next meeting will take this Tuesday, February 11th.



Due to an increase in requests for donations of food, our Food Pantry is getting thin. Please consider donating canned goods and frozen meals to help replenish our supply.

We are grateful to have such a generous Church Family!

### Firestarter's Prayer

**Lord God, Isaiah and Peter felt unworthy of your calling, yet both followed. Help us to submit our unworthiness to you, and to be led by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



Are you a knitter or do you love to crochet? Our supply of lap robes and prayer shawls is dwindling. Please consider making a piece to be given to a person in a nursing facility or a shut-in. We have a small supply of yarn we can provide to you. Thank you!

### 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**

Myron Seagraves  
Paul Stanhope  
Mary Uthlaut  
Robert Westmoreland

#### Health

Doug Bater  
Ed Boyd  
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  
Alyce Munson

#### Surgery /Upcoming

Earline Crooke  
  
**Surgery/Recuperating**  
Sharlee Cobb  
Barbara Fogle  
Brad Opit  
Fred Partin  
**Dr. Tom Turner**

#### Hospice

Bob Hix  
Tom Lowery Sr  
Bill Patton  
Dan Weaver

#### Caregiver

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

#### Death in Family

Family of Andrew Griglak  
Family of Caryl Putman  
Family of Valerie Weiss  
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 4/25. 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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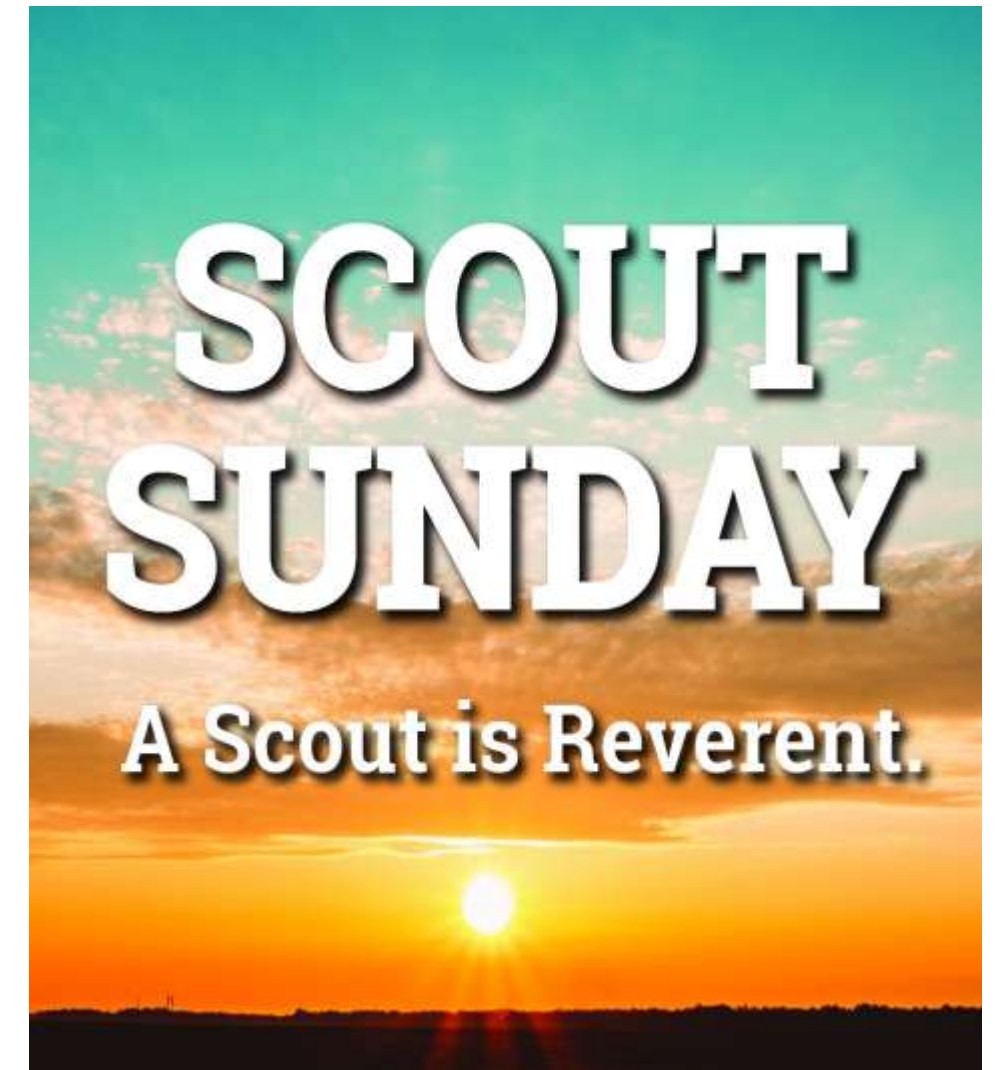
Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator

Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician



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Sunday, February 9 2025

**Worship Service**  
*The Liturgical Color is Green*  
*The Worship of God*

**The Prelude** - "Breathe"

*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:** Psalm 138  
Give thanks to the Lord.  
**Sing God's praises.**  
Call on the Lord.  
**Seek God with hearts full of song.**

† **The Hymn of Praise**  
"Jesus Calls Us" UMH 398

† **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.

**Children's Sermon with Scouts**

**Pastoral Prayer & Congregational Prayer**  
Rev. Dr. Shearon

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**The Lord's Prayer** UMH 895

†**The Hymn of Preparation:**  
"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" UMH 358

**The Worship with Tithes and Offerings**  
Rev. Dr. Shearon

**The Offertory Music:**  
"Brother James' Air" *arr by Larry Shackley*

†**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:** "Here I Am, Lord" *by Daniel Schutte*  
*arr by Ovid Young*

**The Scripture Reading** Luke 5: 1-11

**The Sermon:** "Lifestyle of Following Jesus"  
Rev. Dr. Shearon

†**The Closing Hymn**  
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS 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" *by Gilmore/Bradley*

†**The Postlude**  
"When the Saints Go Marching In/Glory, Glory Hallelujah"  
*arr by Mark Hayes*

**The Scripture: Luke 5:1-11**  
**"Lifestyle of Following Jesus"**

<sup>5</sup> One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.

<sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.

<sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

<sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

<sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,

<sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

<sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

**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.