

Share these Exciting Events With Our Youth !



There will be a Youth Group Pancake Supper fundraiser on Fat Tuesday, March 4th @ 6pm here at the Church. The Youth and Young Adults are raising funds for their Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Glisson and Red Bird missions. Please support their missions and get your last sugar-fix before Lent begins.

Impact Ellijay—Wednesdays 5pm-6:30pm
Student lead ministry for Middle and High Schoolers

Young Adults—Starting 3/12: Leadership Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6/30pm. Monthly Meet-Ups on Sunday will continue.

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

Mission Wednesday, March 26th

Other Upcoming Events

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.

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.



The Joyful Noon Circle is having a soup & sandwich lunch after our services on March 16th. Please plan to attend and you can sign up in the office.



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 and are fully transferrable 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 Lock-up Schedule

2/23-3/1 Hank Chapman
3/2-3/8 Charlie Cobb
3/9-3/15: Charlie Leonard

Happy Birthday to....

3/05—Stacey Graham
3/21—Roy Smith
3/22—Addyson Poole
3/26 - Holly Burcham
3/28—Kathy Shiner



With Deepest Sympathy

Our Christian Sympathy to Ruth Hix on the passing of her husband Bob Hix.

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

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

Mary Uthlaut
Robert Westmoreland

Hospice

Tom Lowery Sr
Bill Patton
Dan Weaver

Health

Doug Bater
Ed Boyd
Kevin Brett
Jack Brown
Kyle Bullington
Joan Compton
Paul Compton
Allen Fanelli
Sharon Fletcher
Jessica Good
Pam Grant
Betty Jo Hanes
Missy Kepley
Rylan Leeper
Shannon Leeper
Jackie Leva
Ann McClannahan
Alyce Munson
Barbara Nickle
Lynn Perry

Surgery /Upcoming

Tammy Baughman
Earline Crooke
Emily Fogarty
Ken Franchini
Karen Vitelli

Caregiver

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

Surgery/Recuperating

Sharlee Cobb
Barbara Fogle

Death in Family

Family of Whitney Burnette
Family of Bob Hix
Family of Caryl Putman
Family of Dr. Tom Turner
Family of Gene Rice
Family of Sean Mahon

Shut-In

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

Firestarter's Prayer

Lord Jesus, let us build no monument to your glory, save the tabernacle of our circumcised hearts, yielded in full surrender and love. Amen.

Financial Report from 2/23/25

Thank you to our generous Church families, \$2,280.85 was received in operating funds. Up to date financial reports are also 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 for more information.

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Sunday, March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Service
The Liturgical Color is White
The Worship of God

The Prelude - "The Solid Rock"

arr by Joel Raney

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

† **Choral Call to Worship :**

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" *by Lanny Wolfe*

† **The Greeting:** Luke 9, 2 Corinthians 3, Transfiguration
Christ has called us here,

Inviting us to offer praise and prayer.

May Christ's presence be revealed in this time,

showing us the way to go.

May Christ's glory shine into our worship,

that Christ's glory may shine in our lives.

† **The Hymn of Praise**

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" UMH 173

† **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:**

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Offertory Music:

"Holy Ground" duet by Peggy and Frank Richardson

hymn by Geron Davis

†**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: "Joy In The Morning"

by Natalie Sleeth

The Scripture Reading:

Mark 9:1-8

The Sermon: "Transfiguration Sunday"

Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH 12

†**The Closing Hymn** "Take Time to Be Holy"

UMH 395 vs 1,2 & 4

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

†**The Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Shearon

†**The Choral Benediction**

"The Lord Bless and Keep You"

by Jim Strathdee

†**The Postlude**

"When Morning Guilds the Skies" *arr by John Carter*

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

The Scripture:

Mark 9:1-8

¹ And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the Kingdom of God has come with power."

The Transfiguration

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.

³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

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.