

Exciting Events for All Ages!

Impact Ellijay—Wednesdays 5:15-6:15pm
Student lead ministry for Middle and High Schoolers

Young Adults— Young Adult Small Group Leadership Bible Study,
Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

Tuesday, April 15th—Joyful Noon Circle

Wednesday, April 16th—Mission Dinner @ 5pm for the Craddock Center. Special Guest Speaker is Kirk Cameron from there.

Friday, April 18th—**Good Friday Service @ 6 pm,**
“Faces at the Cross”

Easter Sunday—Pot Luck @ 9-9:50 with services to follow

Ladies, SAVE THE DATE—High Tea will be held May 3rd.



Once again this year—thanks to our Sacristy Team, we will be having the display of flowers on the cross. Please bring cut flowers you would like to add to the cross next Sunday. The Christian custom of flowering the cross dates back to the sixth century and symbolizes the new life that emerges from Jesus’s death on Good Friday as well as how "God turns darkness to light, sin into salvation. Additionally, the practice may originate in the pious belief that the tears Mary shed at the foot of Jesus’ cross miraculously turned into flowers."



Need help with home repairs? Do you or someone you know need assistance with minor home repairs or yard work? GRASP is back this summer and they are looking for homes that could use a helping hand. If you or someone in our community could benefit from our service, please contact Debbi Westcott at youth@efumc.org.



Our next Vespers Service will be held on Thursday, May 1st @ 6pm. It is also the National Day of Prayer.

Church Lock-up Schedule:

4/13-4/19—Bill Munson
4/20-4/26—Hank Chapman



We are on a Mission!

This summer, we will be participating again in the Seamless Summer Food Program. We will be providing free meals to children 18 and under. Our church will distribute these lunches at our portico June 2nd-July 18th, Monday-Thursday from 11:30-12:00. We need about 3 people each day to go and pick up the lunches at the Larry Walker Center (below the high school) and bring them to the Church site then pass the food out to the children. We are looking for groups to sign-up for a week of service. See or Call Marianne at 706-635-2555.

Financial Report from 4/06/25

Thank you to our generous Church families;
\$10,048 was received in operating funds last week.
Up to date financial reports are always posted in the Fellowship Hall.

To give electronically, sign up at www.fumcellijay.org.
Also, quarterly giving statements were emailed this week. Please contact the Church Finance Office with any questions or problems.

Prayers for the Week

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

General

Juston Davis
Meg Dorabrook
Emma Ford Missionary
Trey Free

Jean Smilie
Rick Thaxton
Mike Vitelli
Dan Weaver
Clyde White

Myron Segraves
Paul Stanhope
Mary Uthlaut
Robert Westmoreland

Health

Doug Bater
Kevin Brett
Jack Brown
Kyle Bullington
Joan Compton
Paul Compton
Allen Fanelli
Joy Fanelli
Sharon Fletcher
Jessica Good
Pam Grant
Betty Jo Hanes
Missy Kepley

Ellie Knight
Rylan Leeper
Shannon Leeper
Jackie Leva
Lynn McKibbin
Alyce Munson
Barbara Nickle
Lynn Perry
Ann Shearon
Holly Shearon

Hospital/Rehab

Ed Boyd

Surgery /Upcoming

Brad Badinski
Tammy Baughman
Emily Fogarty

Surgery/Recuperating

Pat Daniels
Jan Day
Larry Lykins
Hannah Nabors
Karen Vitelli

Shut-In

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

Hospice

Tom Lowery, Sr
Bill Patton

Caregiver

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

Death in Family

Family of Eddie and Jill Franklin
Family of Jimmie Lee Wildharber
Family of Ken Makant
Family of Norma Brennan

Firestarter's Prayer

Precious Jesus, as we wave palm branches and sing "Hosanna" on your triumphal entry today, make us mindful that your victory comes on Friday in the gory inhumanity of your crucifixion. The proof is next Sunday, the empty tomb .

Volunteer Opportunity!

There is a need for a church office volunteer on Thursday mornings. No experience is necessary. Please contact the office if you are able to assist with a three hour morning shift, even for just once each month.
Thank you!

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Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm/Passion Sunday

Worship Service
The Liturgical Color is Purple
The Worship of God

The Prelude: “Lift Up Your Heads”

arr by Lloyd Larson

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

† **Choral Call to Worship :**

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

arr by Crosby & Doane

† **The Greeting:** Psalm 118

Jesus is the rock of our salvation.

But the builders rejected that rock.

Jesus is the gate of righteousness.

But so many consider him a fraud.

Jesus has become the cornerstone of our lives.

Shall we enter his gate of righteousness?

Yes! Let us worship the Lord.

† **The Invocation**

† **The Hymn of Praise**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH 278

† **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

The Lord’s Prayer

UMH 895

†**The Hymn of Preparation:**

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”

UMH 371 vs 1,2&5

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music:

“Ride On, King Jesus”

arr by Lloyd Larson

†**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 Scripture Reading:

Revelation 5:12-14

Sermon in Song—Cantata: “Worthy is The Lamb”

by Lloyd Larson

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

†**The Pastoral Benediction**

Rev Dr Shearon

†**The Choral Benediction**

“Were You There”

arr by William Farley Smith

†**The Postlude**

“Lead Me to Calvary”

arr by Lloyd Larson

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

The Scripture:

Revelation 5:12-14

¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.



Easter Events and Services

Wednesday, April 16th—Mission Dinner

Holy Thursday

Friday—Faces at the Cross, 6pm

Saturday—Holy Saturday

Sunday—EASTER!

Pot Luck Breakfast 9-9:50

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt following the services