



Special Thanks
to everyone who shared their time
and talents to make the Cantata,
“What Child is This?” such a
wonderful and inspiring
celebration.



**Resuming on Wednesday,
January 13, 2016**
**The Choir will host the first diner
of the New Year, followed by
the first class of a 6-week Bible
Study on Methodism led by
Pastor Thom.**



**12th Night Dinner
Celebrating the Day of Epiphany**

Who: Children and Youth Families
When: Wed., January 6th 5:30-7:00
Where: Fellowship Hall and
Front Lawn for Star Gazing
What: We will partake of a potluck
meal at 5:30. Please bring a dish to
share. No desserts please, as a King's
Cake will be provided along with drinks.
After the meal we will learn a little
about epiphany from the Kings' perspec-
tive and then proceed outside to do some
star gazing through telescopes.



**All About
Nativity
December 16-27**

There will be a Nativity Display in the
Narthex December 16th - 27th.
Nativities may be picked up on
Sunday, December 27th after the
11:00 a.m. service or
January 3rd through 7th in the
church office from
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We're Found!!

Please check the
“Lost and Found” Basket
in the church office.
You might find something that
belongs to you.



The Sacrament of
Holy Communion
will be celebrated
Sunday, January 3, 2016 at the
8:45 and the 11:00 services.

Wanted!!!

Do you have a telescope that we can
borrow for the evening?
Youth/Children Ministries need several
telescopes to help celebrate
Epiphany on Wed., January 6th.
Please let Marianne or Kerri Ann know.

In our Prayers

Willie Aguila, Emory Allen, Anna Maria Alves, Joe Arp, Charlene Byrd, Jason Cesa,
Abby Collins, Rev. Gene Ebberhart, Gene Evans, Sandra Freeles, Marie Holt, Dale
Jarvis, Millie Kelley, Ethelyne Lingle, Henrietta MacDonald, Dawn McKinstry,
Baher Malek, Tom and Elaine McKeever, Ed McKibbin, Jodi Modica, Evelyn
Musille, Tykie Olinde, Kim Quiett, Barbara Simmons, Marion Spires, Shirley Stapf,
Bill Stokes, Christine Stover, Margaret Tarlton, Seth Weaver, Letch Watkins,
Rev. Michael Whitaker.

Big Thanks!

We would just like to thank everyone for their support and help during our
Christmas Extravaganza night.

We had a great night with lots of Christmas Love! Some extra thanks goes out to our
own United Methodist Men who helped build the Stable and put the stable up and put it
away also. Pastor Thom for securing the stable after it blew over in STRONG winds.
Build and Ark for the use of their nativity animals. Jeff Cleary for being our photographer
for the night and all of our elves who helped serve coffee and hot chocolate, costuming,
actors and actresses, serving and clean-up crew for dinner. Thanks again we hope every-
one enjoyed the evening.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Love, Marianne and Kerri Ann



YOUTH MINISTRY
All 6th - 12th Graders are WELCOME
Please join us in the “Upper Room”
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. for Youth Sunday School

Upcoming Dates:

January 3rd - Youth Girls and Guys Day. 3:30 - 7:30 at Kerri Ann and Reece's house.
February 7th - Confirmation Class Begins
January 22-24th - Youth Winter Retreat in Pigeon Forge.



The Church Staff greatly appreciates
your generosity during this Christmas Season. Thank
you for the generous gift from the church and the
many individual gifts. Your kindness, love and
support mean the world to us.

Sincerely, Your Church Staff

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**Ellijay First
United Methodist
Church**

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



**Dr. Thom Shores, Pastor
December 27, 2015**

First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 27, 2015 — The Color is White

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

The Worship of God

Visitors, please include your address and telephone number so we can contact you.

Welcome and Announcements

† The Ritual of Friendship

The Chiming of the Hour

The Preludearr. by Joel Raney
Joy to the World

† The Call To Worshiparr. by Martin Shaw
Sing We Now of Chrstmas

The Greeting

People: Holy God, let your word live in us richly. Please find a dwelling in us as we gather to sing your praises, hear your word, rejoice in your promises, and go forth into your creation to be your humble servants. We ask according to your will, according to your time, in the name of your son, Jesus, the newborn Christ.

† The Invocation Rev. Allan Tarr

† The Hymn of Praise UMH No. 251
Go, Tell it on the Mountain

† The Affirmation of Faith UMH No. 881

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.

Christmas Gloria

Choir: Intro

All: Glo-ri-a in-ex-cel-sis De-o
Glo-ri-a in-ex-cel-sis De-o

Choir: Vs. 1

All: Glo-ri-a in-ex-cel-sis De-o
Glo-ri-a in-ex-cel-sis De-o

* Children's Sermon Dr. Thom Shores

The Pastoral Prayer Dr. Shores

† The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

† The Hymn of Preparation UMH No. 250
Once in Royal David's City

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Musicarr. by Lani Smith
Bring a Torch

† The Presentation and Doxology UMH No. 95
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 Anthemby Parker/Shaw
How Far is it to Bethlehem?

The Scripture Luke 2:41-52 NT Page 59

The Sermon Dr. Shores
"In My Father's House"

† The Closing Hymn UMH No. 242
Love Came Down at Christmas

† The Benediction

† Choral Benedictionarr. by Austin C. Lovelace
Gloria

The Postludearr. by Smith/Hustad
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

† Congregation Standing (as able)

* 11:00 am Service Only

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS-The Faith We Sing

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.

Our Presence

December 20 – Total 284

8:45 a.m. - 65

11:00 a.m. - 219

No Youth IMPACT

Our Gifts of Tithes and Offerings

Operating Budget/Actual Year to Date:
\$527,482

For Your Convenience:

ONLINE GIVING

Available on the church Website
fumcellijay.org

Click "DONATE" to Start.

Calendar For This Week

Sunday, December 27th

8:45 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir

Monday, December 28 thru

Thursday, December 31st

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 3rd

Sacrament of Holy Communion

8:45 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

3:30 - 7:30 Youth Girls and Guys

Day at Kerri Ann and

Reece's house.

5:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir

Attendance Registration

All Worshipers

Please complete the following information:

(For members, address info is not needed unless there is a change to be made.)

Date _____

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

() This is an address change

Email _____

I am a guest of _____

() Ellijay FUMC is my church home

() I am a 1st time guest
Would you like a visit? () Yes () No

() I am a repeat guest

() I would like more information

() I would like to make a commitment to Christ

() I would like to join Ellijay FUMC

() I would like to talk to the Pastor

Prayer Request: () Please share only with the Pastor

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church by profession of faith or by transfer of your membership, please come forward during the closing hymn or speak to the pastor following worship. Know that you are always welcome here.

Our Gifts of Time

Nursery Workers

12/27 Jackie Boyd

Children's Church

12/27 Need Volunteer

Counters

12/27 John Halligan & Jeff Cleary

1/3 Judith Rathbone & Betty Perry

Church Lock-up

12/21-12/27 John Davis & Joy Fanelli

12/28-1/3 Howard Baker &

Katherine Meyer

Acolytes

12/27 Luke & Mattie Bryantt, &

Kamryn Baxter

1/3 Marcello & Joselyn Valle, &

Mary-Scott Braswell