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## “The Nugget of Truth”

*As seen from the Meadows. . .*

October 2015

It is hard to believe that we are beginning our fourth month in service. Where has the time gone? October has some great things going on and you don't want to miss any chance to participate. Please spend some time reading the newsletter and find a place to be involved in the ministries going on here at Jasper UMC.

Small group ministry is needed in our faith journey and can be a place of growth and encouragement. During the month of October you have the chance to join me in a small group study called “The Disciple's Path”, a six week study on what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus in and through the United Methodist Church. This is a great study for those who are lifelong United Methodists and for those who are new to the United Methodist Church. I am excited to offer this study at two different times, Sunday nights, 6:00-7:30 pm (November 1st-December 13th) and Wednesday mornings, 10:00-11:30 am (November 4th-December 16th). Books will be available October 25th so we can begin with chapter one. Plan now to join me as we walk this path together.

In the month of October we will travel together on our Stewardship Journey with the focus on Service. Along with the sermon each Sunday, we will hear from fellow church members as they share their thoughts on Stewardship. As a way to bring this journey focus to an end, we will gather for one service of worship at 10:45 am on Sunday, October 25th. Sunday School will still meet at 9:45 am. This is to bring us together as one body. We will share elements from all three services, filled with praise to God for all the blessings we have received. After the service we will gather around the tables for a covered dish luncheon. I pray we will make this Sunday a priority and make every effort to attend as we allow God to remind us that we are all one church, one body of Christ, blessed to be a blessing to Jasper, Pickens County, Georgia and all around the world.

Now for one thought that goes well with plans for a combined service of worship. The issue I have observed that we need to spend some time praying about and thinking through is our parking. We of course don't have enough parking for the number of people we would like to see coming to church. In other words, we don't have enough close to the doors of the building. We do however have room all around us, such as the Eagle Park field, behind the office, and the salon next door. There are parking spaces on Main Street on both sides of the bank. I realize it may mean a little further walk but we walk further at Walmart most of the time, right? If those of us who are able, would do so, that would open up parking near our building for those who have a difficult time walking and for first time folks. We have no idea how many visitors we have missed out on because they drove through and couldn't find a place to park. Maybe we need to consider a team of folks willing to shuttle folks either with the church van or golf carts? This is a great problem to have and it is not impossible. Pray on it and share your ideas with me. How about you join me this Sunday to take the first step and we park up by the bank. God will bless our effort to look out for other people.

One last thought for October; harvest is a big word used this time of year. You can only harvest what you plant. So what have we planted? Have we planted compassion or contempt, love or hate, mercy or ill will? God seeks for us to be about a Godly planting and harvest. Contempt, hate and ill will have no place in our garden. So what are we harvesting?

Yours in Christ,

*Greg*

***“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right,  
for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9***

# DAY TRIPPIN'



## Byron Herbert Reece Farm & Heritage Center

Thursday, October 29th, 8:30 am  
Byron Herbert Reece Farm  
and Heritage Center in Blairsville, GA  
combined with leaf looking  
and R & A Apple House in Ellijay

Cost: \$4.00 per person  
Lunch at Jim's Smokin' Que  
Deadline to sign up-Thursday, Oct. 22nd



## UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR, REINHARDT CONCERT SERIES, REINHARDT COLLEGE

Sunday, November 15th  
Meet at the church at 2:00 to ride the bus  
Concert begins at 3:00 pm

The Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Martha Shaw, is Reinhardt's largest ensemble with nearly 100 students. The Concert Choir not only performs at Reinhardt, but also throughout the state for community outreach. In February 2015, the Concert Choir performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Also featured in this concert is the Chamber Singers, a smaller ensemble whose membership is by audition only. Together, these two ensembles will perform a wide range of music that is sure to appeal to all ages. \$8.00 per person. Tickets are limited.

### It is never too early to think about Operation Christmas Child!

Be on the lookout for items for your Christmas Shoebox or to donate for our annual "Packing Party" on Sunday, Nov. 15th. A list of items can be found in the narthex at the OCC display.

We are also calling all of those who crochet or knit to make some little mittens, hats and scarves for our Christmas child boxes this year.

For more details: Please contact Linda Jones, 706-253-2637 or email her at [mimi121470@yahoo.com](mailto:mimi121470@yahoo.com) OR Joyce Leist, 770-737-2767 or email her at [joyce156@tds.net](mailto:joyce156@tds.net).



## CHURCH CALENDAR . . .

Please remember if you need to plan an event at the church,  
call Leslie at 706-253-2100,  
to place it on the main church calendar.

We have had several conflicts in the past due to events not being scheduled through the office.  
Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

# Music in Ministry

Everything is back into full swing with lots of excitement in the air for the wonderful opportunities we have to serve our Great God. Please find your place in this ministry.

## Below are some important dates for your calendar:

Oct. 4th-World Wide Communion

Oct. 10th-Saturday-Youth Choir's Fall Marketplace from 9 am till noon

Oct. 11th-11 am-Chancel Bells

Oct. 25th-11 am-Elementary KOK

Nov. 22nd-Thanksgiving Sunday

December 6th-KOK, Youth Choir and Youth Bells (11 am)

December 13th-Chancel Choir and Orchestra

"Christmas Fantasia" (11 am)

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Spring Ring-March 5th at Mt. Pisgah UMC

Summer Music Tour-Nashville, TN the week of June 5, 2016

Please remember that every rehearsal is very important so we can give to God our very best.

Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne

*"Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord." Psalm 134:1a*

## Youth Markeplace



Saturday,  
October 10th  
9:00 am-12:00 noon

If you have items that you would like to donate, please bring to Roxanne's office in the church office.

For more info,  
Call Roxanne,  
706-253-2100, ext. 25,  
rgolden@jasperumc.org

## TRUNK OR TREAT. . .



We are having a Trunk or Treat at JUMC this year. On Wednesday, October 28th from 6pm-7pm. We have 30-40 parking spaces we need to fill up. Our JUMC family and the children of the Jasper community are invited to join us. So we need to fill up those parking spaces. Arrive around 5:30 pm to park your car and bring a chair to sit in and pass out treats as the children walk around. It will be "spiderific" for everyone. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex or you can email shellyvincent@yahoo.com to reserve your parking spot. Treats can be candy, small toys, etc.



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

*“Let the little children come to me,  
and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God  
belongs to such as these.” Luke 18:16*

### OCTOBER JUMC PRESCHOOL CALENDAR

#### THEMES:

Oct. 5-7 FRIENDS  
Oct. 12-14 FALL  
Oct. 19-21 PUMPKINS AND FARMS  
Oct. 26-28 HALLOWEEN SAFETY AND FUN

#### SPECIAL DATES:

Oct. 3-4 GA Marble Festival  
Oct. 5 Tuition Due  
Oct. 6 Preschool pictures (class group)  
Oct. 7 Hillcrest Orchards Field Trip  
3 yr. old classes, 9:15 (bus leaves at 8:30)  
Oct. 12 Preschool pictures (individual)  
Oct. 14 Burt's Pumpkin Farm Field Trip  
4 yr. old classes, 9:30 (bus leaves at 8:45)  
Oct. 20 Burt's Pumpkin Farm Field Trip  
3 yr. old classes, 9:30 (bus leaves at 8:45)  
Oct. 21 Burt's Pumpkin Farm Field Trip  
2 yr. old classes, 9:30 (parent/designated adult  
responsible for transportation)  
Oct. 27 Color Day! Wear something orange/black  
Oct. 28 Halloween Pretend Day and Carnival!  
Wear favorite costume  
Halloween Parties, 11:00  
Oct. 31 HALLOWEEN!

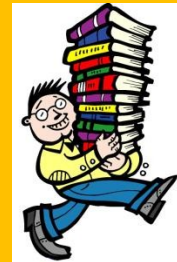
#### UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES:

Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Holidays, Preschool closed  
Nov. 26 THANKSGIVING DAY  
Dec. 10 JUMC Preschool Christmas Program, 7:00 pm

#### PRESCHOOL IS IN

**NEED** of new or used  
age appropriate books.

If you have any you  
would like to donate,  
please drop off at the  
preschool kitchen or



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Night Youth Activities (MYF)  
6:00-7:30 pm (meet in sanctuary)  
October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th  
Snack Supper, bring \$3.00

For more info or questions, call Preston.

