

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*



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The Nugget of Truth

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JUMC PRESCHOOL JANUARY 2016 CALENDAR

THEMES:

Jan. 5 & 6	Happy New Year!
Jan. 11-13	Winter
Jan. 19 & 20	Healthy Bodies
Jan. 25-27	Pets and Their Care

SPECIAL DATES:

Jan. 1	New Year's Day!
Jan. 4	Holiday-Preschool Closed
Jan. 5	Tuition Due Preschool Open- Children return to school
Jan. 6	Silly Day! Dress silly
Jan. 12	Color Day! Wear something white
Jan. 13	Hat Day! Wear favorite winter hat
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Preschool Closed

FEBRUARY SPECIAL DATES:

Feb. 15-17	Winter Break, Preschool Closed
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**JUMC PRESCHOOL WILL CLOSE DUE TO
INCLEMENT WEATHER,
WHEN PICKENS COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

*to JUMC Preschool children and families
for donations to the Preschool Thanksgiving and
Christmas Service Projects.*

*Over 500 food items were donated to CARES
and approximately 200 toys were donated to Toys for Tots.
Thanks for caring and giving!*

As seen from the Meadows. . .

It is January 2016! Where have the last few months gone? There are days it feels like I just stepped into the pulpit here at JUMC and there are other days it feels like I have been here forever. I am blessed; as I feel at home. I feel we can and will share many years of ministry together. As we begin this New year, there are a couple of things I would like to put before you.

How can I express my gratitude for the love shown to my family during the Advent and Christmas season? The cards, the gifts and the party invitations have been so wonderful. We are truly blessed to be your pastoral family. We are very thankful for your willingness to share with us and include us in your Christmas celebrations.

Calling all folks with a gift or a love of hospitality!! Every Sunday I encourage our folks visiting our congregation to go by the Welcome Center and pick up information about our wonderful church. It is better if that visitor is greeted by a smiling face of a hospitable church member. The restaurant world understands the need to greet and welcome folks as they come in the door, so do gas stations and retail stores. It is important for us the church as well. We need folks to sign up to serve in the Welcome Center each and every Sunday morning. This is a great opportunity of service and is needed as we enter and as we leave our worship. A sign-up sheet can be found on the Welcome Center. Please find a time to serve and greet people as they enter for worship.

As we begin this New Year may God bless us in our lives and in our service to others in Pickens County, in Georgia and in the world at large.

Yours in Christ,

Greg

MUSIC/WORSHIP MINISTRY. . .

*"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."
Romans 12:6a*

I want to thank each and everyone who shared their gifts and talents with us during our Advent Season. What a truly remarkable and blessed season we had. There were so many people involved in the behind the scenes that I want to extend a very special thanks to each of you. We are so blessed to have so many gifted and talented people in our Music/Worship Ministries. I look forward to what God has in store for us in this New Year to come. May He continue to bless us as we serve Him.

NOW is the time to jump in and join one of our many choirs. Please check the bulletin for the schedule of rehearsals and we look forward to seeing you.

All rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 6th and Sunday, January 17th.

Upcoming Biggies:

YOUTH CHOIR PARENT'S MEETING-January 31st, 5:00 pm
Dessert Theatre, Silent Auction and Sunday Lunch-March 18th
SUMMER MUSIC TOUR-Sunday, June 5th week-please make sure you have \$50 in your account as of now and \$150 by Jan. 31st. Total cost is \$375 per youth and \$275 per chaperone.
CHANCEL BELLS-Spring Ring at Mt. Pisgah UMC, Saturday, March 5th.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or problems.

Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne

Greg Meadows	Pastor
Roxanne B. Golden	Music/Worship Leader
Juanita Tatum	Director of Christian Education
Preston Jones	Youth Minister
Leslie Coleman	Administrative Assistant
Suzanne Gehring	Financial Manager
Deborah Goodrum	Preschool Director
Judy Francis	Nursery Coordinator
Lara Crowe	Nursery Assistant
Angela Ervin	Organist
Ellen Whitten	Associate Director of Music
Isabella Novaes	Contemporary Worship Leader/KOK Music
Patrice Ligon	Interim Pianist

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. . .

PRAYER BEADS WORKSHOP-January 14, 2016, 5:30-7:30 pm. Deadline to register is January 6th. Many Christians, especially those of us within Protestant traditions, are recently discovering how prayer beads can be used to lead us through a focused time of prayer. You are invited to participate in this hands-on workshop that will give you the opportunity to both learn about prayer beads and to create a set to take home with you. Workshop Leader is Kim Reindl; Pomegranate Christian Education & Formation; www.pomegranatece.com. The cost is \$10 per person (includes one set of prayer beads and "Praying with Beads" booklet). To register contact Juanita Tatum.

STUDENT MINISTRY. . .

January Sunday Night Activities, 6:00-7:30 pm
January 17th, 24th, 31st. Snack supper included
(meet in sanctuary)

Spiritual Life Retreat

March 4th-6th, Cost: \$128. Sign up by January 6th.

Parenting Teenager Study

5 week study on Wednesdays starting January 13th.
5:45-supper provided. 6:25-7:25-Study lead by Pastor Greg.
Youth/kids are welcome to come with their parents. They can eat supper with you and activities or time for homework will be provided in youth rooms.
RSVP to Preston by email or sign up in the narthex at the Welcome Center by January 7th. NO COST.

Confirmation 2016

Thursday, January 14th, 6:30-7:45
Sunday, January 17th, 9:30-10:45, Room 206
Sunday, January 24th, 9:30-10:45, Room 206



James Brownell, Logan Cantrell, Michael Chumley, Payton Clark, Judy Crain, Christopher Densmore, Heather Elkins, Jean Ellis, Martha Foster, Carl Gaertner, Donna Garrison, Haley Goble, Tom Harrison, Gail Harrison, Candice Hershberger, Myrikel Hesseling, Jerry Knight, Christopher Knight, Maggie Langdon, Luella Ledford, Terry McCormick, Bob McElhaney, Reed Miles, Avery Parker, Ann Quandee, Mallory Rich, Charles Roberts, Anne Roberts, Richard Rollins, Scott Rumery, Isabella Sawyer, Laurie Scott, Jake Shaw, Austin Simpson, Heidi Smith, Sara Kate Smith, Vanessa Stancil, Emery Steinhauer, Amy Thompson, Dianne Traynham, Randy Tudor, Cade Turbeville, Diane Underwood, Wayne VanValkenburgh, Sydney Walsh, Don Warner, Conner Watson, Matthew Webb, Beth White, Jack Wigington



Gary & Melissa Maple
Jack & Betty Russell

January 19th
January 25th

JUMC SERVANTS FOR JANUARY 2016

January 3rd

Acolytes: Jerry Knight, Christopher Knight

Nursery: Allison Ward, Tori Crowe

Children's Church: (K & 1st) Lauren Bail, (2nd & 3rd) Juanita Tatum, (4th & 5th) Christie McCormick

Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Quandee

Financial Counters: Patsy Rollins, Gordon Norman

Greeters & Ushers: Barry & Suzanne Hardison, Ed & Judy Preston, Homer Key, David Lovern, Charles & Anne Roberts

Bus Drivers: (Driver) Scott Jackson, (Rider) Diane Jackson

January 10th

Acolytes: Addi Kleinberg, Mary Beth Jackson

Nursery: Scott or Diane Jackson

Children's Church: (K & 1st) Melissa Maple, (2nd & 3rd) Kristie Finney, (4th & 5th) Rhonda Hunt

Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Brian Gehring

Financial Counters: Richard Rollins, Bill Traynham

Greeters & Ushers: Ed & Judy Preston, Tom Lindsey, Frances Scott, Mark & Maureen Atkins, Tim & Sally Long

Bus Drivers: (Driver) Mike Melton, (Rider) Lauren Melton

January 17th

Acolytes: Quin Estrada Costales, Cade Turbeville

Nursery: Keith or Jenny Galligan

Children's Church: (K-2nd) Brandi McEntire, (3rd-5th) Shelly Vincent

Sound Ministry: (8:30 & 11:00) Paul Singletary

Financial Counters: Susan Lindsey, Barry Hardison

Greeters & Ushers: UMM

Bus Drivers: (Driver) Mike Ledford, (Rider) Luella Ledford

January 24th

Acolytes: Shelby Martin, Anna Grace Finney

Nursery: Emily Countryman

Children's Church: OPEN

Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Wigington

Financial Counters: Connie Tudor, Rachel Hoffbauer

Greeters & Ushers: Bill & Dianne Traynham, Ruth Lovern, Linda Jones, Deborah Dickinson, Judy Hines, Richard & June Rambler

Bus Drivers: (Driver) Homer Key, (Rider) Cathy Key

January 31st

Acolytes: Sara Kate & Camden Smith

Nursery: Juanita Tatum or Ann Roper

Children's Church: Fifth Sunday Family Worship-No Children's Church

Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00)

Financial Counters: Patsy Rollins, Gordon Norman

Greeters & Ushers: UMW

Bus Drivers: (Driver) Homer Key, (Rider) Cathy Key