

# The Nugget of Truth

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**FEBRUARY 2016**

## ***As seen from the Meadows. . .***

As we begin February we have already seen some snow and ice in our forecast and we have even had to make decisions concerning ministry events and worship. This month I want to give you some information so you can be aware where to look concerning closing and cancelations here at JUMC during inclement weather. I also want to make you aware of the church office hours and two new ministry committees.

I realize winter weather can be a big deal here in the mountains and we want to be on top of things as best we can. A few things to know and be aware of concerning winter weather. During the week if the Pickens County School closes due to winter weather the church office will be closed, ministry activities and meetings at the church are canceled. Decisions concerning meetings, activities and worship on the weekends will be made as they are needed by the church staff. When winter weather is an issue please check your email, the church web site and the church Facebook as well as other ministry related Facebook pages to receive the information concerning cancelations due to weather. At this time these are our best ways to communicate with the congregation. Therefore, make sure the church office has your most up to date email address, save the Jasper UMC webpage, [www.jasperumc.org](http://www.jasperumc.org), as a favorite on your web browser and if you are a Facebook member make sure you like the Jasper UMC Facebook page.

It has been my observation that Friday is the slowest day around a church office. It is not any different here at JUMC, therefore I discussed the office hours with the Church Council and they recommended that the church office be open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm. We will no longer have staff or lay servants keeping watch over the office on Friday morning. To insure needs are met when the church office is closed, please contact me at 770-851-8305, with a phone call or text message. Big THANK YOU to all the lay servants that have covered the office on Friday mornings! Your willingness to serve has been very much appreciated and we look forward to having you serve in other ways in the future.

The Nominations Committee met in the fall to prepare a slate of officers and leaders here at JUMC for 2016. During those meetings we discussed and presented to Charge Conference two new committees, Stewardship and Connections. The Stewardship Committee will be working to keep the concept of Stewardship in front year round and not just once a year. This committee will also stress the point that stewardship is not just about money. Being a good steward in the house of God is about living a life that includes supporting the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Our Stewardship Committee will seek ways to show this every month. The Connections  
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Ash Wednesday

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE February 10th, 7:00 pm

**STUDENT MINISTRY. . . 4TH ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL**-The next 2 Sundays we are asking folks to donate cans to help hunger in Pickens County. The donations will go to CARES. If the church donates 1000 cans, Preston will shave his beard. Containers for the donations can be found in the narthex.

### Sunday Night Activities, 6:00-7:30 pm

Feb. 7th-Super Bowl Party, 6:00 pm, Meet at JUMC Middle School @ Valerie Maple's home  
High School @ Morgan Jackson's home  
Snack Supper \$3  
See Preston for details

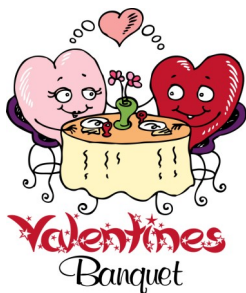
Feb. 14th & 21st-No Youth-Winter Break  
Feb. 28th, 6:00-7:30 pm  
Snack Supper \$3  
Meet in the Sanctuary

### Confirmation Classes

In Youth Room  
Thursday, Feb. 4th, 6:30-7:45  
Sunday, Feb. 7th, 9:45-10:30  
Thursday, Feb. 25th, 6:30-7:45  
Sunday, Feb. 28th, 9:45-10:30

### Youth Parent Bible Study

Feb. 3rd- 24th  
5:45 pm-Supper, 6:25 pm-Study and Youth game



### VALENTINE'S DINNER

The United Methodist Men will have a Valentine's Dinner for the women of the church on Thursday, February 11th at 6:00 pm. All men and women are invited. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, February 8th, 706-253-2100.

### UMW CALL TO PRAYER

All ladies are invited to a special "Call to Prayer" Service on February 28th immediately following the 11:00 worship service in room 106.



## 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*

### JUMC PRESCHOOL FEBRUARY 2016 CALENDAR

#### THEMES:

Feb. 1-3	Presidents
Feb. 8-10	Valentines and Love
Feb. 15-17	Winter Break, Preschool Closed
Feb. 22-24	Music and Movement
Feb. 29	Books and Stories

#### SPECIAL DATES:

Feb. 1	Tuition
Feb. 2	Groundhog Day!
Feb. 9	Color Day! Wear something red or pink
Feb. 10	Valentine Parties, 11:00
Feb. 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 14	VALENTINE'S DAY!
Feb. 15	PRESIDENTS' DAY
Feb. 15-17	WINTER BREAK, PRESCHOOL CLOSED (Pickens Co. Schools closed)
Feb. 22	George Washington's Birthday
Feb. 23	Crazy Sock Day! Wear favorite silly socks
Feb. 24	Pajama Day! Wear favorite PJ's

#### MARCH AND APRIL SPECIAL DATES:

March 27	EASTER
April 4-6	Spring Break, Preschool Closed

**JUMC PRESCHOOL WILL CLOSE DUE TO  
INCLEMENT WEATHER,  
WHEN PICKENS COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED**

Greg Meadows  
Roxanne B. Golden  
Juanita Tatum  
Preston Jones  
Leslie Coleman  
Suzanne Gehring  
Deborah Goodrum  
Judy Francis  
Lara Crowe  
Angela Ervin  
Ellen Whitten  
Isabella Novaes  
Patrice Ligon

Pastor  
Music/Worship Leader  
Director of Christian Education  
Youth Minister  
Administrative Assistant  
Financial Manager  
Preschool Director  
Nursery Coordinator  
Nursery Assistant  
Organist  
Associate Director of Music  
Contemporary Worship Leader/KOK Music  
Interim Pianist

Committee is being put in place to help our congregation connect with people who visit with us on Sunday and to help us connect with our community so people will continue to visit us on Sunday. Both of these committees are in building mode and need your prayers and support. The Stewardship Committee will be seeking congregation members to share during worship your thoughts concerning stewardship. The Connections Committee will be seeking folks to man the Welcome Center on Sunday morning as well as folks to share hospitality with all who come through our doors. Both of these committees are needed as we move forward here in Jasper.

As I close this month please allow me to share with you my heart felt thank you for the past six months. Your support and love have been so wonderful and my family is honored to be your pastoral family. May God continue to bless us as we move forward as the body of Christ.

Yours in Christ, **Greg**

For any emergencies after office hours,  
Greg can be reached on his cell #770-851-8305.

## **MUSIC/WORSHIP MINISTRY...**

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13*

This month is best known as the month of love but here in our Music and Worship World it's a month of preparations for Lent, Easter, Spring Musicals and Summer Music Tour. Just as Lent is our time of preparations for Easter, these weeks are also very important in our rehearsals as we prepare for Ash Wednesday, the season of Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, Children and Youth Musicals, Summer Music Tour and beyond!!

### **Here are some important dates to remember:**

**YOUTH CHOIR:** Please make sure you have \$150 in your account at this time. This is the time I start buying tickets and making deposits so it's very important that I have an accurate number. All Chaperones also need to have at least \$100 in their accounts. (total cost of SMT 2016 is \$375 for youth and \$275 for chaperones). SMT 2016 is the week of June 5th.

**BELL RINGERS:** Please make sure you have turned in your check for \$40 by Feb. 10th if you are planning on going to the GA Spring Ring on March 4th and 5th at Mt. Pisgah.

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Our Annual Choir Retreat at Lake Junaluska will be held the last weekend of July. (July 29-31) Please make sure your \$35 deposit (per person) gets to Annie asap.

**Feb. 10th-Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm-Chancel Choir**

As you can see, we are back in full swing so please make sure you are present for rehearsals so we can give to God our very best. Please don't hesitate to call or email if you have any questions.

Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne



Paula Adams, Ryleigh Baggett, Louise Brown, Robert Countryman, David Culbreth, Bob Edwards, Dan Gabriel, Stella Galligan, Suzanne Hardison, Nancy Henson, Margaret Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Luke Jennings, Homer Key, Tori Kleinberg, Barbara Ledford, Susan Lindsey, Ruth Lovern, Melissa Maple, Susannah Melton, Ellie Miller, Pat Neville, Dele Marie O'Neal, Larry Pauley, Barbara Peddicord, Sheila Reed, Patsy Rollins, Rhonda Stancil, Sandy Tatum, Agatha Tatum, Betty VanValkenburgh, David Vincent, Shelly Vincent, Hannah Warden, Sandra Wright



Steve & Judy Lawrence  
Bob & Mary McElhaney  
Allen & Ann Quandee

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## JUMC SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY 2016

### February 7th

**Acolytes:** Damon & Alex Swisher

**Nursery:** Open

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

**Fellowship Coffee:** Open

**Welcome Center:** Jerry & Jill Cohn

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

**Financial Counters:** Richard Rollins, Bill Traynham

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

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

### February 14th

**Acolytes:** Jazzman Evans, Lydia Moore

**Nursery:** Tom or Mary Kleinberg

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

**Fellowship Coffee:** Open

**Welcome Center:** Jerry & Jill Cohn

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

**Financial Counters:** Susan Lindsey, Barry Hardison

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

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

### February 21st

**Acolytes:** Mary Beth Jackson, Angela Moore

**Nursery:** Emily Countryman

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

**Fellowship Coffee:** United Methodist Men

**Welcome Center:** United Methodist Men

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

**Financial Counters:** Connie Tudor, Rachel Hoffbauer

**Greeters & Ushers:** United Methodist Men

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

### February 28th

**Acolytes:** Sara Kate & Camden Smith

**Nursery:** Juanita Tatum or Ann Roper

**Children's Church:** OPEN

**Fellowship Coffee:** Connie Tudor, June Rambler

**Welcome Center:** Jerry & Jill Cohn

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

**Financial Counters:** Patsy Rollins, Gordon Norman

**Greeters & Ushers:** Bill & Dianne Traynham, Ruth Lovern, Linda Jones, Elaine Hannah, Judy Hines, Richard & June Rambler

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