

# The Nugget of Truth

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

So here we are at the end of March. Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter are behind us and April is here. Gregory and Wesley's birthdays, Spring Break, and the Master's Golf tournament, can make April a busy month for the Meadows. Now here are a few things going on at JUMC in the month of April. I want to update you on our progress with the sound improvement the Trustees have been working on and I want to encourage you to be in prayer for our Confirmation Students as they prepare for Confirmation Sunday.

One of the projects in the works when I came on board deals with the concern over sound issues in the sanctuary. I understand this has been an issue for many years and the Trustees had agreed to see what can be done to correct the problems. A study was done by a very well qualified sound technology company in the Atlanta area. A group, in which I was included, went to this company and received the suggested course of action. It was laid out in two phases. Phase one would be the installation of sound panels on the walls to absorb some of the sound waves. On Tuesday, March 22 both the Finance Committee and the Church Council approved the Trustees to move forward with the raising of the funds needed to complete phase one of this sound improvement plan. We are waiting on one more bid but we know it will not cost any more than \$18000.00 to manufacture and install the number of panels needed to improve the sound quality of our sanctuary. We have a little over \$3000 currently donated toward this project. There are several ways to donate towards the sound improvement fund: purchase a painting of the old sanctuary, make a contribution to purchase a panel or panels, (once the Trustees have the final bid we will know how much each panel will cost), or simply make a donation of any amount to JUMC for the sound improvement fund. You will hear a lot about this over the next 90 days. If you have questions feel free to contact any of our Trustees or me, Pastor Greg.

Over the past several months Juanita Tatum, Director of Christian Education and Preston Jones, Director of Youth Ministry/Pastoral Assistant, have been leading our 2016 Confirmation Class. This group of teenagers have been learning about the United Methodist Church and growing in their Faith. They have had members of JUMC as mentors and various guest sharing lessons from week to week. The fact is right now these Confirmands know more about the United Methodist Church than many of us. On Sunday, April 17 during our 11:00am worship we will share in their Confirmation. This is when we celebrate the love God has for them and confirm them as members of this United Methodist Church. I invite you to be here that Sunday and share in this wonderful celebration of the church. I am looking forward to this day to share in God's love and grace.

One last thought concerning April; don't miss a chance to get out and enjoy the North Georgia Mountains at their best here in the spring. God's glorious creation comes alive in the spring and it is all around us. Thank you for all you do to share God's love and grace here at Jasper UMC. People's lives are being touched and changed because you care and you share! Thank you for sharing God with me!

Yours in Christ, *Greg*

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

- **WIN-WIN PROJECT**-Please help support our Youth Choir as they prepare for their Summer Music Tour 2016 by participating in our WIN-WIN PROJECT-please see Roxanne for names/numbers of members who are willing and able to help around your home. All checks can be written to the church and will be put into the youth's SMT account.
- **YOUTH CHOIR'S MARKETPLACE**, April 16th, 8:00 am-noon (donated items can be dropped off in Roxanne's office)
- **ELEMENTARY KOK**-Call to Worship at 11 am on April 24th
- **BELL SUNDAY**, May 1st, 11:00 am

## **LOOKING AHEAD-**

- \* May 1st-Communion Sunday then 4:30 pm-Final Parent's/Youth meeting for SMT 2016 (final payment due-total cost is \$375)
- \* May 8th-Mother's Day-KOK Spring Musical at 11:00 am "Fish Tales"
- \* May 22nd-Senior Recognition Sunday at 11:00 am
- \* June 5th-Youth Choir's Musical "Open Up the Heavens"
- \* June 5th-11th-Summer Music Tour 2016 to Chattanooga, Nashville and Mountain TOP

Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne

## **YOUTH MINISTRY. . .**

### **Sunday Night Activities**

April 17th, Youth 6:00-7:30 pm, \$3 Snack Supper  
Meet in the Sanctuary

### **River of Life, April 22nd-24th**

A service weekend where we will learn more about what it means to serve the community of Pickens County. This starts on Friday night and ends Sunday morning at worship. Students will stay overnight in JUMC host homes. This weekend is filled with learning, fun, and hard work.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Jordan Thrasher, Reinhardt University Chaplain. Cost \$20  
See Preston for details. Sign up by April 12th

**STOP HUNGER NOW. . .**April 23rd, 10:00 am.

## **STEPHEN LEDFORD SCHOLARSHIPS. . .**

Stephen Ledford Scholarship applications are now available in the church office. Deadline to fill them out and return to Juanita is May 2nd. These are for all High School Seniors who are active at JUMC and are planning to attend a post secondary school. Senior Recognition Sunday is May 22nd. All seniors will be recognized and scholarships will be awarded.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. . .**

### **DAY TRIPPIN'**

Thursday, April 14th, 8:30 am-3:30 pm. Shop 'til we drop at Hamrick's in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Lunch at Parks Place.

Contact Juanita Tatum, 706-253-2100

jtatum@jasperumc.org

OR Rosemarie Heindel, 404-861-1857

rosemarie.heindel@harrynorman.com.

## **SIXTH ANNUAL CARES PASTOR'S POT RUNNETH OVER**

Saturday, May 7th at JUMC

It is here! The Sixth Annual Pastor's Pot Runneth Over: CARES Cooking Challenge. Our church, along with over a dozen other area churches, will showcase their pastor's favorite dish in a "cook challenge" on Saturday, May 7th from 11:30-1:30 at JUMC. Tickets are \$10 a piece and can be purchased at our church.

You can take samples of different choices, then you can vote for your favorite dishes. \$1 a vote.

Plan to come on Saturday, May 7th so that you can eat, listen to music, enjoy our community and vote some more. The more often you put \$1.00 in the "vote jar" the better the chance that our church will win the Cooking Challenge winner this year. And, most importantly, the more money we will raise for CARES!

## **MISSION MATTERS. . .**

Action Ministries is looking for applications and landlords for their ministry to homeless families. Refer a family in need or if you have properties please consider using them as God's hand reaching to help someone up.

Contact: Kevin James, 678-427-4653.

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. . .**

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS. . .**

Seekers Circle, Thursday, April 14th, 5:30 pm

Dorcas Circle, Thursday, April 14th, 6:45 pm

**UNITED METHODIST MEN . . .** UMM will meet Thursday, April 14th, 7:00 pm



Stan Adams, Kristie Finney, Karen Fowler, Sumner Gantz, Makenzi Childers, Erin Goode, Deborah Goodrum, Edie Gregg, Miles Gregg, Lisa Hardman, Mark Hickman, Jackson Hodge, Diane Jackson, Holden Jackson, Tom Lindsey, Emma Lively, Sheila Lovern, Gary Maple, Logan Martinez, Jeri McGhee, Greg Meadows, Jeanene Moore, Jerry Mulkey, Abby Miller, Jan Palmer, Courtney Pinnell, Chloe Rogano, Roberta Sarchet, Dillon Shelton, Savannah Singletary, Heather Smith, Craig Williams, Chloe Wilson, Ian Wisniewski, Joshua Wisniewski



Jeff & Julie DeGalleford  
Tom & Donna Dicus  
John & Ann Goodman  
Gordon & Candice Hershberger  
Bob & Suellen Reitz

John & Sandy Tatum  
George & Debby Utiss  
Don & Beth White  
Tom & Carol Wilson

## JUMC SERVANTS FOR APRIL 2016

### April 3rd

**Acolytes:** Angela Moore, Lydia Moore

**Nursery:** Scott or Diane Jackson

**Children's Church:** Juanita Tatum (K-3rd), Shelly Vincent (4th-5th)

**Fellowship Coffee:** Luella Ledford, Lynda Thurman

**Welcome Center:** Steve & Judy Lawrence (8:15-8:35 am), Rick & Kay Cash (9:15-9:35); Open (10:15-10:35)

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

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

**Greeters & Ushers:** Barry & Suzanne Hardison, Ed & Judy Preston, Ed Sherrell, David Lovern, Tom & Donna Dicus

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

### April 10th

**Acolytes:** Cade Tuberville, Quin Estrada Costales

**Nursery:** Emily Countryman

**Children's Church:** Melissa Maple (K-3rd), Rhonda Hunt (4th-5th)

**Fellowship Coffee:** Open

**Welcome Center:** Steve & Judy Lawrence (8:15-8:35 am), Rick & Kay Cash (9:15-9:35); Open (10:15-10:35)

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

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

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

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

### April 17th

**Acolytes:** Damon & Alex Swisher

**Nursery:** Tom or Mary Kleinberg

**Children's Church:** Kristie Finney (K-3rd), Brandi McEntire (4th-5th)

**Fellowship Coffee:** United Methodist Men

**Welcome Center:** United Methodist Men

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

**Financial Counters:** Connie Tudor, Yvonne Flowers

**Greeters & Ushers:** United Methodist Men

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

### April 24th

**Acolytes:** Christopher & Jerry Knight

**Nursery:** Juanita Tatum or Ann Roper

**Children's Church:** NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH-Family Worship

**Fellowship Coffee:** Open

**Welcome Center:** Steve & Judy Lawrence (8:15-8:35 am), Rick & Kay Cash (9:15-9:35); Open (10:15-10:35)

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

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

**Greeters & Ushers:** Charles & Anne Roberts, Ruth Lovern, Elaine Hannah, Judy Hines, Richard & June Rambler, Deborah Dickinson

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



## 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 APRIL 2016 CALENDAR

#### THEMES:

- April 4-6 Spring Break, Preschool closed
- April 11-13 Community Workers
- April 18-21 Zoo Fun!
- April 25-27 Circus Fun!

#### SPECIAL DATES:

- April 4-6 Spring Break, Preschool closed  
(Pickens Co. School District closed April 4-8)
- April 11 Tuition Due
- April 13 Community Worker Day!  
Dress as favorite worker
- April 16 2016-2017 Pickens County Kindergarten Registration,  
9:00-2:00
- April 18 Preschool Individual Picture Day
- April 19 Preschool Class Picture Day
- April 20 Color Day! Wear something blue
- April 21 Bonus Day! Preschool open (regular hrs.)
- April 22 **EARTH DAY!**
- April 27 Circus Day! Dress as favorite character
- April 29 2016-2017 JUMC Preschool Registration,  
9:00-12:30

#### MAY SPECIAL DATES:

- TBA Preschool Graduation Pictures (4 yr. old class)
- May 19 JUMC Preschool Graduation (all classes), 7:00 pm
- May 25 Last Day of Preschool!

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