

The Nugget of Truth

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MARCH 2016

As seen from the Meadows. . .

How in the world can it be that it is March 2016? Time just keeps moving forward and sometimes it feels we are being run over. I do hope your 2016 is going well. Here at Jasper UMC we are seeing great things and new opportunities. I want to make you aware of two opportunities for second mile giving as we move through this year.

First off, a reminder of second mile giving. This is financial giving that goes beyond our pledge or tithe, based on the Biblical understanding of going beyond what is expected. Jesus encouraged His followers to the second mile to show they were different than the rest of the world. In the day of Jesus it was expected of every person when approached by a soldier and asked to carry his pack you carried it for a mile. To go a second mile was out of the ordinary and seen as being different. In that same passage Jesus encouraged if someone asked for your coat give them your shirt as well. This again was going further than expected. Second mile giving in the church is an opportunity for us all to dig a little deeper in our pockets to achieve some much needed objectives.

Now to share the first of two opportunities. A few years ago some improvements were needed to the facility. To take care of these a line of credit was opened. Payments have been made as we were able and slowly that debt has been paid down, leaving a balance of \$15,000. The Trustees and the Finance Committee would like to see this line of credit paid down even further so that in case of an emergency or another need the money would be available. We will be placing a visual of this in the entrance area of the church so we can see it go down each week or so. If you were able and would like to be a part of this debt reduction you can make your check payable to the church and mark it "line of credit reduction." Your consideration and prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Our second opportunity is not necessarily second mile giving as it is a chance to support a need by purchasing a church picture. Most everyone is aware that the sound in the sanctuary needs some attention. We have many hard surfaces that cause sound to bounce all around the room. The Trustees have been investigating how to calm the room and we are currently seeking bids. This is not going to be a quick fix. The desire is to acquire the best product at the best price. Of course this will take money, so as the Trustees continue their search, paintings of the old sanctuary have been found and are available for purchase. All the funds raised will go to the sound improvement fund. The paintings are available from the church office at this time.

Thank you in advance for your support for both of these worthwhile needs in our congregation. We are doing well here at the beginning of 2016. Let's keep it up and give thanks to God for blessing us in such a wonderful way. I also thank you for continuing to welcome and care for my family. This means the world to me and is my biggest blessing.

Yours in Christ, *Greg*

MUSIC/WORSHIP MINISTRY. . .

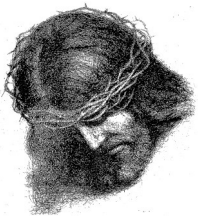
Annual Dessert Theatre on Friday night, March 18th at 7 pm. PLEASE invite a friend or loved one and come and support our **Youth Choir** as they present "A Night from the Stage to the Big Screen." Great music/entertainment and fabulous homemade desserts in a candle lit setting!! (fruit and sugar free desserts will be available). A Silent Auction will begin on Wednesday, March 16th and end at noon on Sunday, March 20th. Soup and grilled cheese sandwiches will be served for lunch on Sunday, March 20th then winners of the Silent Auction will be announced. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR **YOUTH CHOIR** as they prepare to represent this church thru their musical "Open Up the Heavens" on their Summer Music Tour 2016 to Chattanooga, Nashville and Mountain TOP June 5th-11th.

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

- March 13th-Youth Bells
- March 20th-PALM SUNDAY-Chancel Choir
- March 24th-MAUNDY THURSDAY-7pm-Chancel Choir
- March 27th-EASTER 7am at PHS Stadium-JUMC's Praise Band, 9am-Praise Band and 11 am-Chancel Choir and Youth Choir here at JUMC
- ANNUAL CHANCEL CHOIR RETREAT at Lake Junaluska-July 22nd-24th
- YOUTH CHOIR-Please make sure you have \$250 in your SMT account by the end of March.

Many thanks to all who serve in our Music/Worship Ministries. This church is stronger because of you!! Please don't hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions at rgolden@jasperumc.org or ext. #25 here at the church office.

Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne



MAUNDY THURSDAY Drama and Communion Service

This year's Maundy Thursday drama will be the classic rendition of the Last Supper with Jesus and the disciples. The presentation is a realistic depiction of the actual events in the Upper Room as Scripture records it. As usual, there will be special music presented by our Chancel Choir and a powerful celebration of Holy Communion. Please plan to include this unique worship service in your Holy Week observance. The service will be Thursday night, March 24th at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary.

A nursery will be provided.

ANNUAL DESSERT THEATRE. . .presented by our Youth Choir, Friday night, March 18th, 7:00 pm. Silent Auction begins on Wednesday, March 16th and ends at noon on Sunday, March 20th with a Soup/Sandwich Luncheon. All proceeds go to fund their Summer Music Tour 2016 to Chattanooga, Nashville and Mountain TOP June 5th-11th.



Turn your clocks forward one hour
Sunday, March 13th

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. . .

- **EASTER EGG HUNT, Wednesday, March 23rd, 4:00 pm, during KOK-Dorcas Circle** will be accepting yummy Easter candy donations (individually wrapped) for our children's Easter Egg Hunt. Look for the collection box in the narthex during the month of March.
- **PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION. . .** Sunday, March 20th at the 11:00 service, children (ages pre-school through 5th grade) will be participating in a procession of the palms. All children are invited to meet Mrs. Juanita and helpers in the narthex at 10:45 to line up and receive their palm branch.
- **THE LIVING CROSS. . .** Spring's bounty is everywhere and our Easter Cross is ready to bloom with new life. We will be placing live flowers on the wooden cross in celebration of our RISEN LORD. If you have any flowers blooming in your yard or greenery; bring a "bunch" with you to the Easter service to place on the cross.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. . . ALL LADIES are invited to join us to travel to Tunnel Hill UMC to a special Lenten Day Apart Worship Service on Sunday, March 13th. We will carpool from the church immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Please contact Juanita Tatum OR Debby Utiss if you plan to go.

CIRCLE MEETINGS. . .

Seekers Circle, Thursday, March 10th, 5:30 pm
Dorcas Circle, Thursday, March 10th, 6:45 pm

UNITED METHODIST MEN . . . UMM will meet Thursday, March 10th, 7:00 pm. ALL men are invited and encouraged to come.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH ACTIVITIES, 6:00-7:30pm, March 13th and 20th.
Bring \$3 for Snack Supper.

Confirmation 2016, Room 206, Thursday, March 10th, 6:30-7:45; Sunday, March 13th, 9:30-10:45 and Thursday, March 24th, 5:30-6:45 (**Please note special time for this date**)

*Please pray for the students as they head out to
Spiritual Life Retreat on March 4th-6th.*



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 MARCH 2016 CALENDAR

THEMES:

March 1-2 Books and Stories
 March 7-9 March Winds/Things That Fly
 March 14-16 Transportation
 March 21-23 Easter
 March 28-30 Spring/Things That Crawl

SPECIAL DATES:

March 1 Tuition Due
 Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale Day!
 Dress as favorite story character
 March 2 Dr. Seuss Day!
 March 16 Color Day! Wear something green
 St. Patrick’s Day Celebration
 March 17 ST. PATRICK’S DAY!
 March 20 First day of Spring!
 March 22 Egg Hunts:
 2 yr. old classes, 9:00
 3 yr. old classes, 10:00
 4 yr. old classes, 11:00
 March 23 Easter Parties, 11:00
 March 25 GOOD FRIDAY
 March 27 EASTER SUNDAY
 March 30 Hat Day! Wear favorite Spring hat or cap

APRIL SPECIAL DATES:

April 4-6 Spring Break, Preschool Closed
 April TBA 2016-2017 Preschool Registration

MAY SPECIAL DATES:

May 19 JUMC Preschool Graduation

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



Jenny Aaronson, Colin Aaronson, Richmond Baggett, Joe Butler, Jake Cash, Etta Cramer, Lee Dunn, Henry Farmer, Dean Ferris, David Finney, Roxanne Golden, Sharon Harp, Peyton Heath, Mitchel Henson, Gordon Hershberger, Kathy Huntington, Scott Jackson, Rachel Jacobs, Rob Johnson, Maximilian Kearns, Cameron Klaric, Tyler Ledford, Annabelle Leister, Sophie Lindsey, Erin Martin, Shelby Martin, Erin McGhee, Lydia Moore, Ernest Moore, Kathy Pickering, Jennifer Pinnell, Clay Raynes, Robert Reitz, James Rizoti, Riley Goodman, Pam Singletary, Malachi Smith, Graeson Tyree, Heather Vincent, Jane Wigington, Grace Wilkie, Katie Williams



Jim & Becky Bannister	March 7th
Lamar & Lara Crowe	March 31st
Dan & Chrystal Gabriel	March 17th
Mike & Luella Ledford	March 27th
Don & Mary Russell	March 9th

JUMC SERVANTS FOR MARCH 2016

March 6th

Acolytes: Anna Grace Finney, Shelby Martin
Nursery: Scott or Diane Jackson
Children's Church: Juanita Tatum (K-3rd), Brandi McEntire (4th-5th)
Fellowship Coffee: Sandy Tatum
Welcome Center: Ronald & Barbara Ledford (8:15-8:35 am)
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

March 13th

Acolytes: Addi Kleinberg, Angela Moore
Nursery: Erin Martin
Children's Church: Lauren Bail (K-3rd), Rhonda Hunt (4th-5th)
Fellowship Coffee: Gail Cooper, Donna Dicus
Welcome Center: Ronald & Barbara Ledford (8:15-8:35 am)
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

March 20th

Acolytes: Jazzman Evans, Mary Beth Jackson
Nursery: Lettie or Bill Tresslar
Children's Church: Kristie Finney (K-3rd), Christie McCormick (4th-5th)
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

March 27th

Acolytes: Camden & Sara Kate Smith
Nursery: Juanita Tatum or Ann Roper
Children's Church: Easter Sunday, NO Children's Church (Children remain in worship with families)
Fellowship Coffee: Bob Fallgren
Welcome Center: Ronald & Barbara Ledford (8:15-8:35 am)
Sound Ministry: Sunrise, 9:00 and 11:00-Paul Singletary
Financial Counters: Patsy Rollins, Gordon Norman
Greeters & Ushers: Bill & Dianne Traynham, Ruth Lovern, Elaine Hannah, Judy Hines, Richard & June Rambler, Deborah Dickinson
Bus Drivers: (Driver) Homer Key, (Rider) Cathy Key