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## “The Nugget of Truth”

*As seen from the Meadows. . .*

**MAY 2016**

There is nothing like the North Georgia Mountains in the spring; all the wonderful colors, the cool mornings and warm afternoons. I hope you are taking advantage of where we live. Speaking as a person who moved here from the south side of Atlanta, it is great! As we enter the month of May I want to share with you a thank you and words of encouragement.

I am not sure if you are a person who notices the money numbers in the bulletin from week to week, but as your pastor it is important I keep my eyes on those numbers and the attendance numbers. These numbers can be a good gauge on how the church is doing. If you have not noticed the financial figures, I am excited to let you know these numbers are really good. Everyone has been so generous, and I want to thank you for being the church members whom God has called. As of April 10th, we have received \$181,611, and we have spent \$155,168, which means we have received \$26,443 more than we have spent. This shows great dedication to God as we give not because of obligation, but instead out of our devotion and our response to God and all the blessings bestowed upon us. The second number is in our attendance. Our attendance is calculated using the usher's count each week during worship. This is not an easy job as many of us do some moving around throughout the morning. With those numbers entered in each week just since July 2015 through April 10, 2016 we have averaged 370 people a Sunday. This is all three serviced combined. This is not bad but we can move this average on up. Look around you from week to week and notice who you don't see. Give them a call and encourage them to join you in worship. Consider inviting just one new person to worship this month. Once you do it you may find you like doing it and it will get easier. WE are the only United Methodist Church in Jasper and we have wonderful people and a loving appreciation for how much God loves humanity. In other words, we have something great to share. Keep up the good work as Disciples of Jesus Christ, and we will be used to transform the world.

To close this month's thoughts I want to offer an observation. When I joined you ten months ago I found a church that was hurting and somewhat splintered. The forming of a new worship service was taking its toll, as it often does. You were anticipating change but not sure what that change would bring. Some were surprised by a new pastor and some were counting the days of a new pastor. I want to assure you that all of this is normal, all churches in one way or another go through these things. Now ten months later I feel we are healing from the hurt and together as a body. We are still dealing with growing pains but be thankful we are growing. A church is a living entity, and if it is not growing it is dying. We want the growing pains, we want to struggle some, after all it is the struggle that helps the caterpillar emerge as a butterfly from the cocoon. As the hurt heals and the body comes together we have people in Jasper, Pickens County and beyond that we are called to care for and with which to share God's love. It will be easy and fun at times and hard and not so fun at other times, but know that God goes with us, and God will care for us and lead us along our way.

Yours in Christ,

*Greg*

# UPCOMING DAY TRIPS. . .



Thursday, May 12th, 8:30-3:30

Traveling to the beautiful Botanical Gardens located in Gainesville, Georgia

Tickets are \$8.00 per person. Place of lunch to be determined!

Everyone Welcome~Join us!

Contact: Juanita Tatum, 706-253-2100/jtatum@jasperumc.org OR

Rosemarie Heindel, 404-861-1857/rosemarie.heindel@harrynorman.com

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. . .



Save the Date for VBS 2016 SURF SHACK ~  
CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD'S AMAZING LOVE

Monday, June 20th - Friday, June 24th, 9:00 am-noon

Ages (4 years old -rising 6th grade)

**End of the School Year Party-For Kids of the Kingdom**  
at Jump 'N Jasper!

Wednesday, May 11th, 3:30-5:30

Just booked!! Yes, there will be pizza!



# STUDENT MINISTRY. . .

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES (MYF)

May 1st, 15th and 22nd

6:00-7:30 pm

\$3 for Snack Supper.

Meet in the sanctuary.

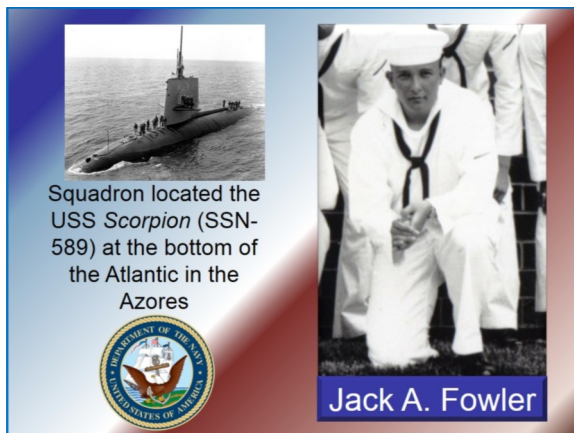
## NO Youth Activities

May 8th-Mother's Day

May 29th-Memorial Day

**SENIOR RECOGNITION**-May 22nd we will recognize our Seniors who will be graduating from High School. We will present them with a Study Bible to guide their feet as they move forward. Some will be recipients of the Ledford Scholarship. Come celebrate with these fine young people as we worship together.

# PATRIOTIC SERVICE. . July 3rd



Like Uncle Sam, we want you! We invite all former military and current military persons to participate in the Patriotic Service. Good news, if you are already participating, you don't have to do a thing, unless you have changes. If you are new to the congregation, we would love the chance to honor you in our service. Please contact Sara W. Fowler at [sawfowler@aim.com](mailto:sawfowler@aim.com) or 706-692-6054, or contact the Church office at 706-253-2100 for more details. Information needed: name, branch of service, photo. Optional information: rank, where you served, interesting facts. **Deadline is June 20th.**

## Music in Ministry

Here's the schedule for this merry month of May:

May 1st-Communion

11-Chancel Bells and Chancel Choir

May 8th-(Mother's Day)

8:30-regular service

11-Preschool KOK-Call to Worship then our Children's Musical-Fish Tales-presented by our Elementary KOK

May 15th-Pentecost

11-Chancel Choir

May 22nd-Senior Recognition Sunday

11-Youth Choir

May 29th-Memorial Day Weekend

11-Chancel Choir

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

June 5th

8:30-regular service

11-Youth Musical-Open Up the Heavens presented by our Youth Choir

SUMMER MUSIC TOUR-June 5th-11th to Chattanooga, Nashville and Mountain T.O.P.

**Youth Choir/Parent's Final Meeting** on May 1st at 4:30 pm. All youth and parents must attend. Final payment and permission sheet/copies of insurance cards are due at this meeting. Tour information sheets will be given out regarding schedule and family groups. T-shirt sign-up sheet will also be available at this meeting.

YOUTH CHOIR: Please note that rehearsals are now at 4:30 pm till SMT.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Final payment for Annual Chancel Choir Retreat is due to Annie by the end of June.

Please make sure you attend all rehearsals during this very important time of the year.

Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne

*"I will praise You, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders." Psalm 9:1*

## 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*



### MAY JUMC PRESCHOOL CALENDAR

#### THEMES:

May 2-4	Mother's Day and Flowers
May 9-11	Olympics
May 16-19	Graduation/Summer Fun and Safety
May 23-25	Preschool Celebration!

#### SPECIAL DATES:

May 2	Preschool Graduate Pictures (4 yr. old class)
May 3	Tuition Due
May 4	Parent Appreciation Day!
May 8	<b>Mother's Day</b>
May 9	Color Day! Wear something purple
May 10	Team Sport Day! Wear favorite sport uniform or clothes
May 11	OLYMPICS! (field) 2 yr. old classes (9:00) 3 yr. old classes (10:00) 4 yr. old classes (11:00)
May 16-18	Graduation practice in Sanctuary, 9:00 am-11:45 am
May 19	JUMC Preschool Graduation, 7:00 pm (all classes)
May 23	Preschool Graduate Celebration Day! (4 yr. old class)
May 24	Water Day! Wear beach clothes and bring towel
May 25	Last day of Preschool! Fun & games! 11:00, Picnic/Parties
May 30	<b>Memorial Day</b>

### HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!

#### 2016-2017 JUMC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

May 2nd-May 25th

#### 2016-2017 JUMC PRESCHOOL CALENDAR:

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1	Staff Pre-planning, 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Sept. 1	Open House, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm
Sept. 6	First Day of Preschool



*The Graduating Class of J.U.M.C. Preschool  
requests the honor of your presence  
at the Graduation Ceremony  
Thursday evening, May nineteenth, Two Thousand Sixteen  
at seven o'clock  
Jasper United Methodist Church*

## Mission MATTERS.

- May 1st Lunch for Kenya team funds!!! Soups, chili, baked potatoes and homemade desserts right after the “Amen”! Please support the team with your donation and presence. We can’t do it without you! God bless you!
- Kenya Team Fill-an-Envelope Fund Raiser on the bulletin board and around the narthex now. Take an envelope, insert the number of dollars printed on the outside, drop it in the offering. Easy. Make checks payable to JUMC marked for “Kenya”. Team and projects are pictured on the bulletin board. Questions? Talk to the team. Our sincere thanks!

*“Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62:8*



## SIXTH ANNUAL C.A.R.E.S PASTOR’S POT RUNNETH OVER

It is here! 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 office or from one of the representatives (Jean Norman or Karen Cole).

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

The vote jar can be found on the usher’s table in the back of the sanctuary. The more often you put \$1.00 in the “vote jar” the better chance that our church will win the Cooking Challenge winner this year.

***And, most importantly, the more money we will raise for C.A.R.E.S.!***

## A SATURDAY AARP “SMART DRIVER” COURSE OFFERED MAY 14th



This informative, research-based defensive driver class is taught in 6 hours. It is being taught on a Saturday so that people who work during the week might be able to attend. Do you need to cut costs? Complete this class and earn a 10% discount each year for the next three years on your auto insurance premiums. Check with your insurance company to make sure the discount would apply to you. The next AARP Smart Driver Course is offered on Saturday, May 14th, at Jasper UMC, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This course is offered to licensed drivers of all ages and no matter how many years you have been driving, you can learn something new in this class. Learn driving strategies to help protect yourself and your loved ones. There is a workbook, video segments, and class discussion-no tests. Cost is \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members. Class size is limited, so please call volunteer Instructor Roberta Sarchet for registration (770) 893-1814.



Joe & Louise Brown  
Michael & Sara Chumley  
David & Kristie Finney  
Carl & Angela Gaertner  
Charles & Anne Roberts  
Tom & Ardith Stanley  
Wayne & Betty VanValkenburgh  
Don Warner & Mary Peterson

Tanner Bail, Ronnie Brownell, Nellie Brownell, Emery Bryant, Caitlin Dillon, Jenna Farmer, Cameron Fowler, April Griffin, David Hall, George Hall, Stephen Hammer, Elaine Hannah, Jamie Shaw, Jeremiah Harris, Emma Hoffbauer, Eydie Jones, Laura Kearney, Karolina Kearns, Mary Kleinberg, Addi Kleinberg, Colleen Leahy, Matthew Ledford, Larry Love, Christie McCormick, Jadie Lynn McKenzie, Sarah Parks, Tom Pickering, Melissa Pinnell, Mallory Rambler, June Rambler, Betty Russell, Nannette Sessing, Chris Thompson, Henry Tyree, Don White



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

### **UMW Circle Meetings**

Thursday, May 12th,

5:30 pm-Seekers Circle

6:45 pm-Dorcas Circle



## **UNITED METHODIST MEN...**

United Methodist Men will meet on Thursday, May 12th, 7:00 pm.  
All men are invited and encouraged to come.

## **UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS...**

Trustees, May 3rd, 7:00 pm

Staff Parish, Tuesday, May 10th, 6:00 pm

Finance, Tuesday, May 17th, 6:00 pm

Church Council, Tuesday, May 25th, 7:00 pm

# JUMC SERVANTS FOR MAY

## May 1st

**Acolytes:** Quin Estrada Costales, Angela Moore

**Nursery:** Lettie or Bill Tresslar

**Children's Church:** Juanita Tatum (K-2nd); Shelly Vincent (3rd-5th)

**Fellowship Coffee:** Open

**Welcome Center:** Sarah Cashin (8:15-8:35 am), Open (9:15-9:35); Open (10:15-10:35)

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

**Financial Counters:** Bill Traynham, Jack Knight

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

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

## May 8th

**Acolytes:** Camden & Sara Kate Smith

**Nursery:** Erin Martin or Amanda Ledford

**Children's Church:** NO Children's Church-Enjoy the Children's Musical, "Fish Tales"

**Fellowship Coffee:** Open

**Welcome Center:** Sarah Cashin (8:15-8:35 am), Open (9:15-9:35); Open (10:15-10:35)

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

**Financial Counters:** Rachel Hoffbauer, Joann Montgomery

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

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

## May 15th

**Acolytes:** Alex & Damon Swisher

**Nursery:** Scott or Diane Jackson

**Children's Church:** Lauren Bail (K-2nd); Brandi McEntire (3rd-5th)

**Fellowship Coffee:** United Methodist Men

**Welcome Center:** United Methodist Men

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

**Financial Counters:** Richard Rollins, Jerry Cohn

**Greeters & Ushers:** United Methodist Men

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

## May 22nd

**Acolytes:** Jazzman Evans, Addi Kleinberg

**Nursery:** Emily Countryman

**Children's Church:** Melissa Maple (K-2nd); Shelly Vincent (3rd-5th)

**Fellowship Coffee:** Al & Rosemarie Heindel

**Welcome Center:** Sarah Cashin (8:15-8:35 am), Open (9:15-9:35); Open (10:15-10:35)

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

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

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

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

## May 29th

**Acolytes:** Shelby Martin, Anna Grace Finney

**Nursery:** Ann Roper or Juanita Tatum

**Children's Church:** 5th Sunday Family Worship

**Fellowship Coffee:** Open

**Welcome Center:** Sarah Cashin (8:15-8:35 am), Open (9:15-9:35); Open (10:15-10:35)

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

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

**Greeters & Ushers:** United Methodist Women

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