

# The Nugget of Truth

SEPTEMBER 2016

The onset of September begins the busy administrative time of year for us here at Jasper UMC. I am going to take some time to fill you in on what is ahead as we look to prepare for our 2016 Charge Conference. The Charge Conference is the once a year meeting where we celebrate our past and set leadership, budgets and goals for the coming year. It has also become a time when we gather with other United Methodist Congregations in our area and share in worship with one another. So plan now to join us on Sunday, November 13 at 4:00 pm at Ellijay First UMC. Between now and then we have a multitude of task to complete to prepare for that meeting.

One of the big areas covered this time of year is the election of leaders for the coming year, done by the Lay Leadership Committee. This group, made up of Sara Fowler, Ronald Ledford, Rhonda Hunt, Dianne Traynham, Jean Norman, Homer Key, Don Russell, George Utiss, Randy Tudor (Lay member to annual conference), Scott Jackson (Lay Leader) and me (Chair), will meet Sept. 11, 25 and Oct. 9, 23 at 7:00 pm to prepare a slate of leaders for 2017. With prayerful consideration suggestions will be made for the coming year. I ask you to be in prayer as well. Phone calls will be made and you may be asked to serve Christ in and through the ministry here at JUMC.

Another area that is covered in the fall is our financial gifts. The Finance Committee will receive budget requests now through Oct. 14th. These can be emailed to the church Treasurer, [sgehring@jasperumc.org](mailto:sgehring@jasperumc.org) or you can drop your request by the church office. The Finance Committee will hold an additional meeting on Monday, Oct. 17th at 7:00 pm to review the requests and compile the recommended 2017 budget. In conjunction with this we will also share together in our Stewardship Journey during the month of October. This will be when each of us is asked to make our stewardship commitment for 2017. Please know that this is more important for us as individuals than for the church. We make this commitment to set a goal for ourselves as a follower of Christ. The Finance committee does use the estimate of giving to gauge how we will do and if any adjustments are needed to our 2017 budget, but more important than that is our desire to fulfill our membership vow to be loyal in Christ in and through the ministries of the United Methodist Church and uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. I invite you to join me as we continue to strive to be a follower of Christ.

After the work of the Lay Leadership and Finance Committees are complete, the Church Council will have a meeting on Oct. 25 at 7:00 pm to affirm this work. The Church Council is the decision making body of the church and all we do is approved by this committee before it is put into place. This meeting on Oct. 25 will be where any questions not covered before can be asked and changes will be made before final approval. Be in prayer for this committee as well so that we follow the vision that God has for JUMC.

The other important committee that will be meeting this fall is the Staff Parish Relations committee, which oversees and cares for our staff. We will be meeting in September to prepare their recommendations for staff salaries and benefits. In October we will meet to perform my pastor's review. Both of these meetings are important and your prayers are needed and appreciated. Your SPR does a great job to show God's love and grace to your staff. I want to leave you this month with suggestions as we head into this administrative time of year. First, pray for this your church, the committees, the plans, the staff and congregation. Second, seek where God is calling you to participate. Consider stepping out of your comfort zone and allow God to stretch your faith and your abilities. Third, continue to see financial giving as an important part of your faithful lives. Fourth and finally, as you plan for 2017 seek a small group opportunity to take advantage of and allow God to grow your understanding of faith.

Yours in Christ, *Greg*

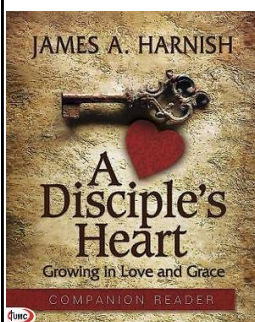
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**SEPTEMBER 11th  
ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 11:00 am  
(Sunday School at 9:45 am)**



**COVERED DISH LUNCHEON**-September 11th immediately following the service to honor the Emergency Responders. The church will provide the meat, tea and water. We are asking the congregation to bring side dishes, bread, dessert, etc. We will have a number of guests that day and do not have any way of knowing how many people will be attending. You will be receiving an email on September 1st, from Perfect Potluck with food suggestions and a place to sign up for whatever you would like to bring. We welcome any of your favorite dishes but we do request you make enough to serve 10-12 people. Please no foods containing peanuts, peanut butter or peanut derivatives. We have some children who have severe peanut allergies.

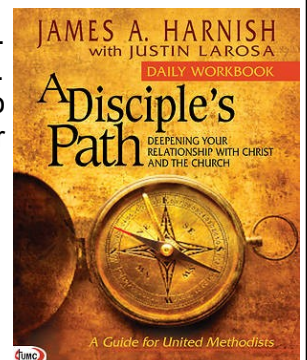
**HEART AND SOUL FALL FESTIVAL**, Saturday, September 24th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family. There will be "Holy Smokers" Barbeque, Music, Cash & Carry Treasures and a Yard Sale. All proceeds benefit area charities, including CARES, Angels on Horseback, The Good Samaritan, ACES, and many others.



**DISCIPLE'S HEART**-begins Thursday, September 15th at 10:00 am. All are invited. This study attempts to reclaim and, in a sense, reinterpret Wesley's idea of "Christian perfection." Participants learn how to develop a pattern of daily Scripture reading, prayer, and personal reflection and guided questions help define spiritual life goals and create strong church community bonds. The cost is \$16 for two books (workbook and companion reader both suggested for participants)

**DISCIPLE'S PATH**-begins Sunday, September 11th at 5:00 pm. All are invited. This is a study on what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus in and through the UMC. This is a great study for those who are lifelong United Methodists and for those who are new to the UMC. The cost is \$16 for two books (workbook and companion reader both suggested for participants)

**Contact Greg to sign up  
or sign up at the Welcome Center.**



Jasper United Methodist Women  
*Present*  
**The 36th ANNUAL Road Race**  
of the  
**Georgia Marble Festival**

**RUN & SEE  
GEORGIA**



**Saturday ~ October 1, 2016 ~ Jasper, Georgia**

All proceeds fund the ministries of the Dorcas Circle whose focus is to be in service to women and children in our Community

**100% COTTON LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS designed & printed by Sharp Mtn. Graphics**  
(T-shirts guaranteed to pre-registered runners only)

**AWARD CEREMONY IN SANCTUARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 1 mile run.**  
Award presented to each running club-school-and family with the most participants.  
**REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR FORM** where indicated!

**REGISTRATION FEE:~5K: \$22.00 On or BEFORE 9/25/16, \$27.00 after 9/25/16**  
**1 Mile (Adults-fun run or walk) \$22.00 On or BEFORE 9/25/16, \$27.00 after 9/25/16**  
**(14 & under) 1 Mile OR 5K \$15.00**

**Race number & t-shirt pick up for PRE-REGISTERED AND LATE REGISTRATION:**  
Friday 9/30/16~5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Race Day registration begins at 6:30 a.m. at JUMC.

**LIQUIDS, FRUIT,** and special treats for all runners.  
**SHOWERS** available at the Church.

**STAY ALL DAY AND ENJOY THE ACTIVITIES AT THE GEORGIA MARBLE FESTIVAL!!**  
Go to [www.georgiamarblefestival.com](http://www.georgiamarblefestival.com) for more info.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. . .**

**CIRCLE MEETINGS. . .**

Seekers Circle, Thursday, September 8th, 5:30 pm

Dorcas Circle, Thursday, September 8th, 7:00 pm

Circles will meet together as a unit for refreshments, Fellowship and UMW news at 6:45 pm

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** begins Sunday, September 11th, 5:00 pm

Sisters: Bible Study for women; "Finding Balance. . . Loving God With Heart and Mind, Soul and Strength".  
In this six-week Sisters study, Becca Stevens will help you consider the question of balance in your life-between service and worship, duty and devotion, doing and being.

**Contact Juanita to sign up [jtatum@jasperumc.org](mailto:jtatum@jasperumc.org) or 706-253-2100, ext. 23**

**WATCH FOR IT!** Revived Christmas Décor & More! by the Seekers Circle, Saturday, November 12th

**UNITED METHODIST MEN. . .**

United Methodist Men will meet Thursday, September 8th, 7:00 pm. ALL MEN ARE INVITED!

## Newly Commissioned Stephen Ministers Ready to Serve

Five newly trained Stephen Ministers and one Stephen Leader were commissioned recently on August 7 in all three worship services. Each of the ladies attended their normal worship service resulting in two representatives commissioned at every service. God ensured that the entire congregation participated in this ceremony. "We were hesitant to ask our newest members to attend all services," spoke leader Cathy Key. "Once again God proved he has everything under control. We could not have planned it better."

New members include: Nancy Hammer, Deborah Dickinson, Julia Jorns, Joann Montgomery, and Suellen Reitz. They join, Judy Ferris, Homer Key, Judy Lawrence, Pat Smith, and Jake Waller. Newly trained leader and former Stephen Minister Diane Traynham joined the other supervisory leaders Cathy Key, Deleise Lindsay, and Sandy Tatum.

This being the third class since it began at JUMC 7 years ago, Leader Cathy Key knows God already has people in need in His heart and the right person identified to help. So far, 35 people have benefited from the services of Stephen Ministry with more than 1500 hours of service provided by these servants of Christ. Key, the leader responsible for bringing the Stephen program to JUMC is very dedicated and committed to serving others through this world-wide organization represented in thousands of churches of all denominations. Her thoughts on the progress and success are telling... "Success is hard to quantify. Any time we can help someone through a rough time by listening, loving unconditionally, sharing the love of Christ and pointing them to Him, we have been successful."

But there's more who benefit than the care receiver. Pastor Greg Meadows explains... "The Stephen Ministry is a blessing to both the Care Receiver and the Care Giver. Stephen Ministry is a picture of what the Church is meant to be, followers of Christ caring for one another." It is also a blessing to the entire congregation, knowing we can find ways to help others among us who are hurting. Our church follows the example made by Jesus Christ to love one another. This program is only one of the many ways we share God's love.

There are still those among us struggling alone. Whether it is fear of burdening others or simply not knowing how to share the load, God tells us we are called to help. Galatians 6:2 tells us to "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." He gave us Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to guide us each and every day. Our Stephen Ministers are there for you. As one of the team put it, "We are the straw Christ works through to heal the care receiver's brokenness."

If you have a need for spiritual support in your life journey, find out how a Stephen Minister can be of assistance for you. Or if you know of someone silently struggling, please share with them how we are there to help. For more information, contact the church office at 706-253-2100.





# Music in Ministry

*"Sing to the Lord a new song. . . for the Lord takes delight in His people." from Psalm 149*

There is truth in the old saying "If only the best birds sang the woods would be silent." It's also true in our Music and Worship Arts, **EVERYONE IS NEEDED AND WELCOMED**. Please find your place and help us kick off this fall with lots and lots of involvement in our many choirs. Everyone's gifts and talents put together will make for an **AMAZING YEAR!!**

(Any interested Bell Ringers need to contact me before our first rehearsal)

Below is the schedule for rehearsals:

## **Wednesdays (beginning Sept. 7th)**

Kids of the Kingdom-4 pm

Chancel Bells-5:15 pm

Chancel Choir-6:50 pm

## **Sundays (beginning Sept. 11th)**

Youth Bells-4 pm (7th-12th graders)

Youth Choir-5 pm (6th-12th graders)

**YOUTH CHOIR:** All 6th-12th graders are invited to our first rehearsal on Sept. 11th. This year's musical will be heard, photos from Summer Music Tour 2016 will be shown and **SUMMER MUSIC TOUR 2017** will be announced on Sept. 11th, **SO MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND!!** All youth and chaperones are invited at 5:00 pm on Sept. 11th for our Back to Choir Extravaganza.

Please note that we will have our first Marketplace in the next month. This is a wonderful opportunity to start making money for our Summer Music Tour 2017!!! (just remember it's a yard sale **BUT** you set it up, sell it, collect your money and place into the provided envelope, give it to me at the end of the Marketplace, take the rest of your stuff back home or to the thrift store. . . the money goes into your account for SMT 2017).

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Roxanne

**Our recent demo organ** was provided by Allen Organ Studios. The Three Manual 38 Stop Allen Organ was here to give us a taste of what a great organ can do for the worship experience. The organ committee has selected a Three manual 58 Stop Custom Allen Organ that will be able to easily be moved into our future sanctuary and pipes can be added at that time. Our present organ was given in 1998 and parts are no longer available for it due to the company no longer being in business.

Today, Allen Organ is the world's largest builder of church organs and the world's largest builder of pipe organ consoles. Our new digital pipe organ will include sampled sounds from some of the best pipe organs from around the world. The organ also includes Genisys for long term sustainability as musical trends change and as technology advances. Our hope is that this instrument has whet your appetite for things to come.

Contributions can be made to JUMC and marked Organ Fund.

Committee members: Lea Gallagher, Tom Lindsey, Jake & Jane Waller, Angela Ervin and Roxanne Golden



**LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S**  
sponsored by Stephen Ministry  
at JUMC  
Lunch will be served



**For Caregivers. . .**

Wednesdays, 11:00 am-1:00 pm  
Early Stage: September 21 & 28, October 5  
Middle Stage: October 12, 19 & 26  
Late Stage: November 2 & 9

An 8-week education program by the Alzheimer's Association for family caregivers of people with early-stage, middle-stage, and late-stage Alzheimer's disease. When someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia, friends and family have many questions. As the disease progresses, new questions reflect growing needs for skills, programs and services. Join us for this series of programs that provide answers to the questions that arise in the early, middle and late stages of the disease. Hear from those directly affected and learn what you need to know, what you need to plan, and what you can do at each point along the way.

**For persons in early stage and their care partners. . .**

Wednesdays, 11:00 am-1:00 pm  
September 21 & 28, October 5

The diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease is life-changing and leads to many questions. What will this mean for me and my family? How do I plan for the future? Where can I get the help I need? Join us for this three-week program and have a chance to hear from others who have been where you are discussing what you need to know, what you need to plan, and what you can do to develop and work with your care team. This program will provide both the person with early-stage dementia and the care partner with the knowledge, tools and strategies needed to cope with this disease.

***Registration is required for both of these.  
Call 1-800-272-3900 to register.***

**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S. . .**

Join us at a location near you!  
September 24th-Dalton  
October 15th-Cartersville  
November 12th-Rome

***Registration 9:00 am / Walk 10:00 am  
Alz.org/walk / 1-800-272-2900***

*Interested in sponsoring  
a youth for a retreat?*

Sponsors would give \$30 to help cover the cost of the retreat. As well as filling a care package for each youth to have on the trip.

**For more info contact Abby Stuckey  
Email: [astuckey@jasperumc.org](mailto:astuckey@jasperumc.org)  
Phone: 706-980-2032**

**ELEVATE  
YOUTH**



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. . .

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES** will resume our travels this month after taking the summer off. Please help spread the word that we have a Senior Enrichment Fund to sponsor people on any of our trips who may be on a limited income. All are welcome to attend. There are no limitations to age or stage!

## Day trips coming soon:

- 9:00 am, Tuesday, September 27th, Southern Belle Riverboat Cruise Chattanooga, Tenn. Tickets \$35
- 9:00 am, Friday, October 21st Leaf Looking trip in North Georgia Mountains with lunch at Unicoi Lodge and stop at one of our mountain apple houses
- 8:30 am, Thursday, November 17th, Bulloch Hall Holiday Home Tour, Tickets \$7.00
- 6:30 pm, Thursday, December 1st, Christmas Concert at Falany Center, Reinhardt College, Tickets \$25.50

**Contact Juanita Tatum to reserve your spot**  
*jtatum@jasperumc.org / 706-253-2100*

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### for Kindergarten-5th grade

has resumed during the 11:00 worship service.

In order to strike a balance of children being in worship with their families AND having their own specialized worship and learning time geared just for them, in October we are beginning a more intentional way of scheduling CC.

1st and 4th Sundays will be spent in worship with families.

2nd & 3rd Sundays, the children will gather upstairs with servant leaders for their own time of ministry.

There will be times that this will change due to the nature of some of our special Liturgical services such as during Advent, Lent and special Musical presentations.

The trend in many churches is to have children remain in worship so that they can fully experience it and be guided by their parents/grandparents.

## CALLING ALL KIDS

ages 3 years-5th grade.

We'll be starting up our

Kids of the Kingdom again on

Wednesday, September 7th at 4:00-5:45.

***Come On~Join Us!***



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### is coming soon!

Remember to be on the lookout for shoebox stuffers as you are doing your holiday shopping.

Bill and Letty Tresslar

will be our new OCC Co-Ordinators for 2016.

Please pray about your part in this ministry and see one of them to sign up!

***More details to come in the near future!***

# JUMC SERVANTS FOR JULY

## September 4th

**Acolytes:** Addi Kleinberg, Mary Beth Jackson

**Nursery:** Mary Kleinberg

**Children's Church:** (K-2nd) Juanita Tatum,  
(3rd-5th) Terry McCormick

**Fellowship Coffee:** Open

**Welcome Center:** Etta Cramer (8:15-8:35),  
Etta Cramer (9:15-9:35), Open (10:15-10:35)

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

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

**Greeters & Ushers:** Barry & Suzanne Hardison,  
Charles & Anne Roberts, Ed Sherrell, David Lovern,  
Tom & Donna Dicus

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

## September 11th

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

**Nursery:** Emily Countryman

**Fellowship Coffee:** Open

**Welcome Center:** Etta Cramer (8:15-8:35),  
Etta Cramer (9:15-9:35), Open (10:15-10:35)

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

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

**Greeters & Ushers:** Barry & Suzanne Hardison, Tom Lindsey, Letty Tresslar, Maureen & Mark Atkins, Tim & Sally Long

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

## September 18th

**Acolytes:** Christopher Knight, Jerry Knight

**Nursery:** Letty Tresslar

**Fellowship Coffee:** United Methodist Men

**Welcome Center:** United Methodist Men

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

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

**Greeters & Ushers:** United Methodist Men

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

## September 25th

**Acolytes:** Lydia Moore, Sara Kate Smith

**Nursery:** Heidi Smith

**Children's Church:** (K-2nd) Lauren Bail,  
(3rd-5th) Melissa Maple

**Fellowship Coffee:** Susan Anderson

**Welcome Center:** Etta Cramer (8:15-8:35),  
Etta Cramer (9:15-9:35), Open (10:15-10:35)

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

**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



Jessica Adams, Elise Andrews, Bob Bailey, Jackie Bauer, Marianne Carlton, Linda Cochran,

Daniel Countryman, Jonathan Dean, Julie Degalleford, Katherine Densmore, Lucy Dickerson, Johnathan Dodd, Terry Dunn, Brent Dunn, Angela Gaertner, Lea Gallagher, Elliot Gallagher, Kevin Gantz, Mike Garrison, Jessi Griffin, Annie Gunnin, Reagan Harwood, Richard Howard, Wayne Jewell, Cynthia Koehler, Al Larson, Tanner Ledford, Ronald Ledford, Austin McCormick, Mike McGhee, Amelia McIntyre, Titus Moore, Don Moore, Rennie Owen, Sydney Pearson, Tim Pinnell, Katie Reed, Suellen Reitz, Ginger Rizoti, Tate Rizoti, Trent Rizoti, Scott Getz, Paul Singletary, Greyson Smith, Tom Stanley, Ardith Stanley, Cindy Stephens, Randy Stepp, Jaden Stewart, Juanita Tatum, Ellen Whitten, Kate Wigington, Cameron Williams, Kelsey Wise, Kelly Wisniewski



Ricky & Jennifer Anglin  
Mark & Lisa Hardman  
Ronald & Barbara Ledford  
Mike & Jeri McGhee  
Bill & Pat Neville  
Richard & Patsy Rollins  
Charles & Cathy Vickers  
Jim & Marilu Weeks





## 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 2016 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

#### THEMES:

Sept. 6-7 WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL!  
Sept. 12-14 ME AND MY FAMILY  
Sept. 19-21 FALL BREAK  
Sept. 26-18 APPLES AND ORCHARDS

#### SPECIAL DATES:

Sept. 1 Preschool Open House, 5:00-8:00 pm  
Sept. 5 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, Preschool closed  
Sept. 6 First Day of Preschool!  
Sept. 7 Tuition due  
Sept. 11 Grandparents Day  
Sept. 14 Color Day! Wear something yellow  
Sept. 19-21 Fall Break, Preschool closed  
(Pickens Co. School District closed Sept. 19-23)  
Sept. 22 First Day of Fall  
Sept. 28 Hillcrest Orchards Field Trip, 9:15  
(4 yr. old classes)  
Preschool Bus leaves at 8:30

### WELCOME PRESCHOOL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!

#### OCTOBER SPECIAL DATES:

Oct. 1-2 Georgia Marble Festival  
Oct. 5 Hillcrest Orchards field trip, 9:15  
(3 yr. old classes) Preschool Bus leaves at 8:30  
TBA Preschool Fall Pictures  
TBA Burt's Farm field trips (2, 3 and 4 yr. classes)  
Oct. 31 Halloween Carnival and Parties, 11:00  
(wear favorite costume)

Greg Meadows.....	Pastor
Roxanne B. Golden.....	Music/Worship Leader
Juanita Tatum.....	Director of Christian Education
Abby Stuckey.....	Director of Youth Ministry
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
Nathaniel Singletary.....	Interim Contemporary Worship Leader
Susan Gooch.....	Interim Pianist