

# “The Nugget of Truth”

February 2017

## 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 remind you where to go to locate information concerning closing and cancelations here at JUMC during any winter weather. I also want to offer some celebration for 2016 and prayers for 2017.

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 and 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.

As we begin a new year, it is exciting to see all we have done and shared so far. We had a great 2016, with new members, Youth Choir tour, saying good bye to staff members as they moved on to new journeys in life and we welcomed new staff with new ideas and new enthusiasm. We also said goodbye to long time church members and friends. This is never easy but we have the assurance that they share in the worship of heaven that is greater than anything we can understand. We also had a great year financially, ending the year with around \$39,000 more than we needed to pay our bills and make our donations. The Finance committee met at the first of the year and approved a plan to allocate these funds in the following way: \$10,000 will be held in reserve just as a buffer for 2017; the Trustee's line of credit has been paid off; \$7,000 will be used to upgrade computer equipment and computer programs for the church offices, as well as cover expenses of the Stephen Ministry and possibly partner with Mt. Zion Baptist to host a chamber of commerce breakfast so as to share a program called Stewards of Children. The remaining balance of over \$12,000 was placed in the capital improvements account for any unseen building improvements down the road. We have lots to do in the year ahead of us, so please know all of our giving does make a difference. Here is to another wonderful year for Jasper UMC!

2016 was great and 2017 can be even better. I pray that we will seek new ways to share God's love and grace in 2017. That we find ways to reach out into our community and be known as the church that cares for Jasper. I pray we find more reasons to get together for fellowship and just enjoy one another's friendship. God has blessed us in so many wonderful ways and 2017 is a great time to give thanks and be the blessing here in Jasper that God desires. With God's help and our willing hearts we can be used by God to transform the world.

As I close this month please allow me to share with you my heart felt thank you for the year and half. Your support and love has 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*

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# Music in Ministry

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”  
I 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 preparation 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 2017 is \$375 for youth and \$275 for chaperones) SMT 2017 is June 4th-11th.

**CHANCEL BELLS:** Please make sure you have turned in your money for New Ebenezer Handbell Workshop (Feb. 17th-18th) and Spring Ring (March 4th) at Peachtree Presbyterian.

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Our Annual Choir Retreat at Lake Junaluska will be held the last weekend of July. (July 28-30) Please make sure your \$35 deposit (per person) gets to Annie asap.

**KIDS OF THE KINGDOM:** Auditions for the main cast for our spring musical will be held in the next couple of weeks so make sure you attend all Wednesday afternoon rehearsals. Letters will be sent out soon with all dates for the Spring.

March 1st-Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm-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 God our very best.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or problems.

Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 1st, 7:00 pm



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**VBS WORKSHOP.** . . *Hero Central* VBS workshop for leaders and helpers on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Contact Juanita if you are interested in joining her on this day. [jtatum@jasperumc.org](mailto:jtatum@jasperumc.org)

**DAY TRIPPIN'** . . **Everyone is invited** to a **“Heart and Soul Concert”** on Wednesday, February 15th at 11:00 am. This concert is in lieu of our February Day Trip. Please come!

# ELEVATE Youth Ministry

*Save the Date!*

- Winter Retreat, February 20-22, Sevierville, TN
  - Spiritual Life Retreat, March 24-26
    - River of Life, April 28-30
  - Dalton Area Project, July 14-20

**Want a T-shirt?** We have plenty of our Elevate t-shirts left in various sizes! If you or your student wants one, let me know! We have sizes ranging from Adult Small to 3 XL. T-shirts are \$7/shirt or \$20 for 3!

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706-253-2100

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

### VALENTINE'S DINNER

The United Methodist Men are having their Annual Larson Brother's Spaghetti Valentine's Dinner on Thursday, February 9th, 6:30 pm  
All women invited!



## NORTHWEST DISTRICT UMW SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

at Hinton Rural Life Center, N.C., March 4th-5th

**Registration due by February 15th.**

Open to ALL women of the church.

Contact Debby Utiss for more information, 706-253-5765  
or Juanita Tatum at the church office, 706-253-2100.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Thursday, March 9th at JUMC. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement of weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women.

Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers) and receive your "Advantage" member discount and your Preferred Appointment!

## MISSION MATTERS...

- **Be sure to meet and greet our Kenya guests**, Thomas Agutu & Merab on Feb. 26. They will speak at all three services with an update on JUMC Ministry in the village of Obaga. Do remain for a covered dish dinner for more fellowship.
- Volunteers for **Habitat House #17** on Saturdays, 8:30-3:00.
- **Disaster Relief Team** planned for June or July. Watch for details.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

February requested items: Wash cloth and body bar soap

***Please drop inside OCC box located next to Welcome Center***

**THE CARD MINISTRY** will meet on February 16th, 6:30 pm, in room 106. For more information, contact Brandi Dean, 706-635-0178.

*“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*



## PreSchool Ministry

### FEBRUARY JUMC PRESCHOOL CALENDAR

#### THEMES:

- Feb. 1 Groundhogs and Shadows
- Feb. 6-9 Presidents
- Feb. 13-15 Valentines and Love
- Feb. 20-22 Winter Break, Preschool closed
- Feb. 27-28 Book and Stories

#### SPECIAL DATES:

- Feb. 1 Tuition Due
- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 8 Pajama Day! Wear favorite PJs
- Feb. 9 PRESCHOOL BONUS DAY! (regular preschool hours)
- Feb. 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 13 Color Day! Wear something red or pink
- Feb. 14 VALENTINE'S DAY! Parties, 11:00
- Feb. 20-22 Winter Break, Preschool closed  
(Pickens Co. School District closed Feb. 20-24)
- Feb. 20 President's Day
- Feb. 22 George Washington's Birthday
- Feb. 27 Masonic Child Identification Program (CHIP) at JUMC Preschool
- Feb. 28 Book Day! Bring favorite book to share

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

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	Contemporary Worship Leader
Susan Gooch	Pianist
Elise Davis	Music Intern

# JUMC SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY

## February 5th

**Acolytes:** Christopher & Jerry Knight  
**Nursery:** Lettie Tresslar  
**NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH-Family Worship**  
**Fellowship Coffee:** Contemporary Class  
**Welcome Center:** (9:45 & 11:00) Bill & Dianne Traynham  
**Sound Ministry:** (8:30 & 11:00) Paul Singletary  
**Financial Counters:** Connie Tudor, Bill Boggs  
**Bus Drivers:** (Driver) Scott Jackson, (Rider) Diane Jackson

## February 12th

**Acolytes:** Shelby Martin, Kaela Kearney  
**Nursery:** Heidi Smith  
**Children's Church:** Melissa Maple (K-2nd), Christie McCormick (3rd-5th)  
**Fellowship Coffee:** Linda Jones, Joyce Leist  
**Welcome Center:** (9:45 & 11:00) Bill & Dianne Traynham  
**Sound Ministry:** (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Wington  
**Financial Counters:** Patsy Rollins, Gordon Norman  
**Bus Drivers:** (Driver) Mike Melton, (Rider) Lauren Melton

## February 19th

**Acolytes:** Lydia Moore, Addie Kleinberg  
**Nursery:** Mary Kleinberg  
**Children's Church:** Brandi McEntire (K-2nd), Shelly Vincent (3rd-5th)  
**Fellowship Coffee:** Anne & John Sneve, Leah & Tim Logan  
**Welcome Center:** (9:45 & 11:00) Bill & Dianne Traynham  
**Sound Ministry:** (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Quandee  
**Financial Counters:** Bill Traynham, Jack Knight  
**Greeters & Ushers:** United Methodist Men  
**Bus Drivers:** (Driver) Mike Ledford, (Rider) Luella Ledford

## February 26th

**Acolytes:** Sara Kate Smith, Cade Turbeville  
**Nursery:** Lara Crowe  
**NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH-Family Worship**  
**Fellowship Coffee:** Jerry & Pitty Lewallen  
**Welcome Center:** (9:45 & 11:00) Bill & Dianne Traynham  
**Sound Ministry:** (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Brian Gehring  
**Financial Counters:** Rachel Hoffbauer, Joann Montgomery  
**Bus Drivers:** (Driver) Homer Key, (Rider) Cathy Key



Paula Adams, Ryleigh Baggett, Louise Brown, James Crandall, Robert Countryman, David Culbreth, Bob Edwards, Ron Flowers, Dan Gabriel, Stella Galligan, Mikaila Godwin, 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, Delle 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, Rosa Willis, Sandra Wright



Steve & Judy Lawrence  
Jerry & Shirley Lewallen  
Bob & Mary Ann Mcelhaney  
Gerard & Tracy Mosiello  
Allen & Ann Quandee