

“The Nugget of Truth”

May 2017

As seen from the Meadows. . .

Can you believe May 2017 is already here? People have told me all my life the older you get the faster time seems to fly and now I am finding that adage to be true. As we enter this wonderful month of May there are a few things I want to make you aware of. First, there are two events in June in which many of you may want to be involved. Second, we will welcome a new staff member on May 1st. Third, I want to say thank you for allowing me to continue as your pastor.

Our Mission Committee has found an opportunity to assist in the cleanup efforts in the Gulf region following the harsh weather there last fall. This is a Mission trip within the United States and a chance to share God's love and grace with folks still trying to get back on their feet. For all those who would rather do mission work here in the United States, this is a great way to be involved. If you feel that physically this is not something you can do, there are many other ways you can help this mission team as they prepare for this trip. Please find the detailed information inside this newsletter and seek how God is leading you to be involved.

On Wednesday night, June 7th at 8:00 pm we will share a community wide event with a Family Movie Night. The movie that night will be “The Incredibles.” This is to compliment our VBS theme based on heroes. The movie will be fun and an opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and family to an event here at JUMC. The hope is that we will also encourage them to join us the next three Sundays for worship where I will attempt to tie Biblical ideals to The Incredibles. We will have a flyer each week in the bulletin that you can use to share with someone you would like to invite. If you want more of these please contact the office and we will print them up for you. I am considering what our July 12th movie will be. I am looking for something not necessarily animated. Both movies will be family friendly and we want to have as many folks as possible here filling our parking lot for this family movie night/summer sermon series.

In December 2016 a recommendation from the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) was presented to the Church Council to add a new staff position, Director of Congregational Care. This position will assist the pastor in the care of the needs within the church. This will include homebound and hospital visitation as well as building upon our current older adult ministry area. This new job description removes some responsibilities from our Director of Christian Education and our Director of Youth Ministry. This will allow each of them to give more time to the families of our children and our youth. To fill the position we sought help from our District Superintendent, John Pinson. The DS recommended that we consider working with a local Pastor serving a UMC in our area. The church that rose to the top was Hinton UMC and their pastor Rev. Gerry Gleason. Gerry is a candidate for ministry out of JUMC and his family continues to be connected to our church. The SPRC discussed the idea and agreed it was a good place for us to start. I sat down with Gerry and talked it over and after conversation and prayer with his wife, Tiffany, Gerry stated he was interested in the position. Gerry and I had a meeting with the DS to discuss what this relationship would look like and reached the understanding that Gerry would remain appointed to Hinton UMC and work on our staff part time as well. Gerry is not appointed to us, he is a part time employee. The SPRC, the DS and I feel this is a correct step for this congregation as we move forward and I feel Gerry will be a wonderful addition to our staff. Pray for him and his family and send him messages of greeting as we prepare to welcome him and his family to our staff.

On April 2, for the first time in my 28 year ministry, the new appointments were announced in pulpits and placed on the ngumc.org website for all to see. This is something new for our North Georgia Annual Conference and I feel a good thing. Since nothing was said from our pulpit on April 2nd, that means I will be returning for a third year and I want to thank you for allowing me to be your pastor once again. Our UMC process is very different from other Christian denominations. Both your SPRC and pastor are asked to be part of the system, the SPRC speaking for the church and the pastor speaking for their family. Sometimes the church's and pastor's wishes are set aside for the betterment of the North Georgia Annual Conference and moves take place that are not expected. We have to trust that God is involved in all these moves both the ones asked for and the ones that come as a surprise. At this point there should not be any new surprises. So once again thank you for allowing me to be your pastor for another year and thank you for being the body of Christ and for supporting the ministry with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness. We have come a long way in a short time and God has much more for us to do in the future.

As always, thank you for being the body of Christ here in Jasper.

Yours in Christ, *Greg*

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Music in Ministry

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

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

May 7th-Communion

May 14th-(Mother's Day) ONE SERVICE ONLY at 11 am

11-Preschool KOK-Call to Worship then our Children's Musical-Good Things Come in Small Packages-presented by our Elementary KOK

May 21st-Senior Recognition Sunday

11-Youth Choir

May 29th-Memorial Day

11-Chancel Choir

LOOKING AHEAD

June 4th-ONE SERVICE ONLY at 11 am

11-Youth Musical presented by our Youth Choir



SUMMER MUSIC TOUR-June 4th-11th to New Orleans, Mississippi and Laguna Beach

Youth Choir/Parent's Final Meeting on May 7th at 4:30 pm. All youth and parents must attend. Final payment and permission sheets/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. Final payment is due. \$375 per youth and \$275 per chaperone.

YOUTH CHOIR: Please note that rehearsals are now at 4:30 pm until 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

A Cooking Challenge to benefit C.A.R.E.S.

7th Annual Pastor's Pot



Favorite recipes from over a dozen churches!
Barbecue, Brunswick Stew, Cajun Cuisine, Specialty Desserts & More

*WHOSE PASTOR WILL WIN?
Cash votes will decide the winner!*

Jasper United Methodist Church
Saturday, May 6th
11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.
Tickets \$10

For more information contact C.A.R.E.S. - 706-253-4777
or www.pickenscares.org

CHILDREN'S Ministry NEWS

KOK CHILDREN'S MUSICAL will be presented on Mother's Day, May 14th at 11 am, "Good Kings Come in Small Packages". Parents, make sure you've saved the date!

KOK Let's Party!

Wednesday, May 17th
at Jump 'n Jasper, 3:00-5:00.

VBS 2017 REGISTRATION

is now open on-line and in the narthex.

cokesburyvbs.com/jasperumc.

Save the date for **HERO CENTRAL**,

June 19th-23rd

9:00 am-12:00 noon.

MISSION MATTERS:

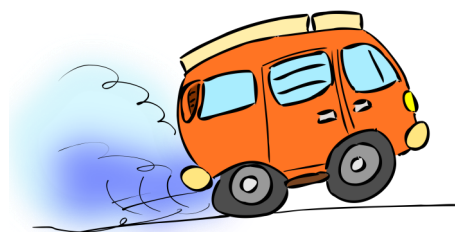
- **Disaster Relief Mission Team**-Our own U.S. Gulf Coast has experienced much devastation in the recent months. From hurricanes to tornadoes and flooding, people are still reeling from the effects. New Life Disaster Relief has been on the scene since it's inception with Hurricane Katrina. Ken and Dawn Wetzel were here for our Global Impact Celebration in 2013 after our JUMC teams had worked with them in 2010 and 2012.

Find out more about the ministry at www.newlifedisasterrelief.org.

- June 25-July 1 JUMC is taking a team to help where we can. All skill levels are welcome. No experience necessary. If we have construction experience on the team, that is probably what we will do. If our team comes unskilled we could be mucking out a flooded house, clean up on a site, cleaning and organizing storage facilities, painting, perhaps a Bible School. We won't know what we can do until we know who is coming along. So, don't wait for the other guy, be the first to sign up on the bulletin board and experience team action and fellowship. Cost=\$200 for all expenses. We will do team fundraiser.
- Habitat for Humanity is finishing house #17 in Jasper. Volunteers needed on Saturdays, 8:30-3:30. Lunch provided.
- Kenya June 2018 team-interested? Learn more via email.

For info on any of these, please Contact Dex-470-203-9595 or hammerlover60@hotmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



DAY TRIPPIN' ADVENTURES. .

- **May Day Trip**, Friday, May 12th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Shopping on the square in Dahlonga with lunch at the Smith House (lunch is \$15.99 + tax & tip) **Financial support is available if needed.**

Contact Rosemarie Heindel,
404-861-1857/rheindel1@tds.net or
Juanita Tatum, 706-253-2100, ext. 23/
jtatum@jasperumc.org
to get your name on the list.

Due to Summer schedules, we will take the month of June off for our travels! We'll resume on Tuesday, July 25th with a trip to the Ga. Mountain Fair in Hiawasee. The Gatlin Brothers will be performing that afternoon. More details to come!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, June 7th, 8:00 pm at JUMC



Then join us Sunday, June 11th, 18th and 25th for sermons based on the movie.

Second movie and set of sermons coming in July!



Preschool Ministry

"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 1-3	May Flowers
May 8-10	Olympics
Nat 15-18	Graduation
May 22-24	Preschool Celebration and Summer Fun and Safety

MAY SPECIAL DATES:

May 1	Tuition Due
May 2	Color Day! Wear something purple
May 8	Parent Appreciation Day!
May 9	Team Sports Day! Wear favorite uniform /clothes
May 10	Olympics! (field) Two yr. old classes, 9:00 Three yr. old classes, 10:00 Four yr. old class, 11:00
May 14	MOTHER'S DAY
May 15-17	Graduation practice in Sanctuary, 9:00 am-11:30 am
May 18	JUMC PRESCHOOL GRADUATION, 7:00 pm (all classes)
May 22	Preschool Graduate Celebration Day! (four-year old class)
May 23	Water Day! Wear beach clothes and bring a towel
May 24	Last day of Preschool! Fun and games 11:00, Picnic/Parties
May 29	MEMORIAL DAY
May 1-May 24	2017-2018 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

2017-2018 JUMC Preschool Calendar

August 30 & 31	Staff Pre-planning, 8:00 am-12:30 pm
August 31	Preschool Open House, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm
Sept. 5	First Day of Preschool!



PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Thursday, May 18th
7:00 pm

2017-2018 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

April 28th, 9:00 am-12:30 pm

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HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!

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 MAY

May 7th

Acolytes: Kaela Kearney, Cade Turbeville

Nursery: Jennifer Wilds

Children's Church-(K-2nd) Melissa Maple, (3rd-5th) Christie McCormick

Fellowship Coffee: Brandi Dean, Laura Smith

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

Financial Counters: Bill Traynham, Jack Knight

Greeters & Ushers: Barry & Suzanne Hardison, Charles & Anne Roberts, Ed Sherrell, David Lovern, Elaine Hannah, Merry Grey Caylor

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

May 14th

Acolytes: Lydia Moore, Mary Beth Jackson

Nursery: Lettie Tresslar

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH-Family Worship/Children's Musical

Fellowship Coffee: Open

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

Financial Counters: Rachel Hoffbauer, Joann Montgomery

Greeters & Ushers: Barry & Suzanne Hardison, Tom Lindsey, Merry Grey Caylor, Maureen & Mark Atkins, Tim & Sally Long

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

May 21st

Acolytes: Addi Kleinberg, Sara Kate Smith

Nursery: Emily Countryman

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

Fellowship Coffee: United Methodist Men

Welcome Center: (9:45 & 11:00) 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 28th

Acolytes: Shelby Martin, Anna Grace Finney

Nursery: Diane Jackson

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH-Family Worship

Fellowship Coffee: Open

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, Merry Grey Caylor

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



MAY
BIRTHDAYS

Tanner Bail, Ronald Brownell, Nellie Brownell, Emery Bryant, Ashton Dean, Caitlin Dillon, Jenna Farmer, Cameron Fowler, April Griffin, David Hall, George Hall, Stephen Hammer, Elaine Hannah, Jamie Shaw, Lenwood Hill, Emma Hoffbauer, Laura Kearney, Karoline Kearns, Mary Kleinberg, Addi Kleinberg, Colleen Leahy, Matthew Ledford, Larry Love, Christie McDormick, Jadie Lynn McKenzie, Tom Pickering, June Rambler, Nannette Sessing, Christopher Thompson, Don White



Joe & Louise Brown
Michael & Sara Chumley
David & Kristie Finney
Carl & Angela Gaertner
Len & Marion Hill
Charles & Anne Roberts
Tom & Ardith Stanley
Wayne & Betty VanValkenburgh



Squadron located the
USS *Scorpion* (SSN-
589) at the bottom of
the Atlantic in the
Azores



Jack A. Fowler †

Patriotic Service

WANTED:

Casual or formal photo of those ***who have served or are now serving*** in the military. Please send a jpg file to

Sara W. Fowler at

sawfowler@aol.com

or take a photo to Leslie Coleman at the church office. Please include the branch of service and anything special to be added.

If you have participated before, there is no need to submit your photo and info again.

Deadline: June 23rd

Kalyn Brooks

Brian Mosiello

Elliot Gallagher

Justin Mosiello

Ray Gonzales-Tresslar

Geoff Haughwout

Mitch Rich

Dillon Gassaway

Jacob Greer

Dan Foltz

Jacob Mauldin

Stanley Peters

Jessie Sams

Jason Stanley

Nathan Watson

Jeremy Willis

Do you have any information about these young people serving in the military?

Please let Sara know.