

"THE NUGGET OF TRUTH"

JULY 2017

As seen from the Meadows. . .

Is it really July 2017 already? The year is moving and sometimes it seems to move too fast. As we move through this summer together, I want to thank you for allowing me to be your pastor, introduce our preacher for Sunday July 2 and July 9 and remind you of our July family movie night. Make sure and read the rest of the newsletter for other ministry opportunities coming your way.

June 22, 2017 was moving day for the pastors in the North Georgia United Methodist Churches who are serving new congregations. I am very thankful that Lydia and I did not fall into that group of pastors this year. As one church member would tell me in a previous church "well preacher I guess you can unpack another box since you are not moving." Lydia and I still have a few boxes to unpack as we are still working to get settled in our home here in Jasper. We pray that we will be able to make time to get things better settled this coming year. I want you to know it is an honor and a privilege to serve as your pastoral family. I am blessed that my family understands our ministry here is shared by all of us. I ask for your continued prayers as we share in ministry here in Jasper. We have many opportunities ahead of us and it will take us all working together as God's disciples so that God can transform the world.

I want to thank you in advance for allowing me to take some time off June 30-July 9. This means I will be out of the pulpit July 2 and July 9. I don't usually share that information as too often people then stay home or take vacation from church as well but I want you to be in prayer for and welcome the pastors I have asked to fill the pulpit and bring you the word on those days. On July 2 for our 9:00am and 11:00am services Reverend John Pinson, District Superintendent of our North West District will be our guest preacher. This will be a wonderful chance for you to meet and talk with John as you welcome him to our pulpit. July 9 we will have two guest preachers; at the 8:30am service Reverend Gerry Gleason will bring the word and lead in communion. Gerry has recently joined our staff as the Director of Congregational Care and it is a delight to share the pulpit with him. Our 9:45am and 11:00am services will have the honor to welcome Reverend Gerald Thurman to share the word and communion. You all are in for a treat the first two Sundays in July with these three pastors of God.

On July 12 at 8:00pm we will share a community wide event with a family movie night. The movie that night will be *Mary Poppins*. This is one of the most beloved movies and one many have never seen. The movie will be fun and an opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and family to an event here at church. The hope is that we will also encourage them to join us the next three Sundays for worship where I will be sharing sermons based on the movie, July 16, 23 and 30. By this time you have seen the banner and I hope you are sharing the flyers with friends, neighbors and family. I am looking forward to sharing this time with our community this summer. Share the information and let's have some fun and share love and grace.

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

Yours in Christ,

Greg

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IMPORTANT NOTES. . .

*"My heart beating, my soul breathing;
I found my life when I laid it down."*

*"We seek Your Kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst,
refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captive hearts released, the hurt, the sick,
the poor at peace, we lay down our lives for heaven's
cause. We are Your church. We pray revive this earth."*

SUMMER MUSIC TOUR 2017 was a week full of God Moments and sprinkled with lots of memory making experiences from home to Greenville, AL to Long Beach, MS to New Orleans then to Laguna Beach, FL. We had the honor to sing and present our musical at East Antioch Baptist Church, Long Beach UMC and to be the guest choir for Sunday morning worship at Gulfview UMC. The week was full of fabulous food, great devotions, powdered sugar everywhere, TRAINS in the middle of the night, card games, ice cream, 9 square, snacks, beach/pool time, volleyball, ping-pong, shopping and two and 1/2 days of mission projects. To sing the National Anthem at the WWII Museum and to be chosen to sing in the Cathedral of New Orleans was simply breath taking.

Our youth can do more work in 6 hours than most adults do in a week!! They were amazing and these two projects made a huge difference in the life of two elderly people and all of us as well. CONGREGATION, I thank each and every one of you for your constant prayer and financial support for our Youth Choir. . only thru your help are these tours possible. AND every time we travel I see and feel the hand of God going before, behind and all around us because of so many prayers being offered up on our behalf. O MIGHTY CHAPERONES, words cannot begin to say how much I appreciate ALL of your help, lack of sleep, being flexible when needed and smiles that made this tour another successful one. NOW grab a cup of coffee or tea and sit back and enjoy reading a few words from a few of our Youth.

Some of my favorite memories from SMT are pretty much everything. There are some trips I remember doing certain things and then there are others that I only remember the amusement parks or walking around the big cities. My most vivid SMT memory is a time that we went to this lady's house and we basically cleaned her entire house. We took everything out of the living room and 3 bedrooms. We ripped up carpet, dusted books and shelves, and even fixed some things wrong in her bathroom. We had so much stuff out on the lawn that people walking by thought we were having a yard sale. Another memory is, going to the amusement parks. It was really fun getting to take a break from working 2 or 3 days straight and getting to ride a bunch of roller coasters or getting to walk around a big city, such as Nashville, Savannah, and New Orleans. Summer Music Tours have really given an insight on how much we as people, who have a house and clothes, should not take the things we have for granted. Things could be much, much worse.
India Gleason (Senior)

Summer Music Tour is a week filled with fun! This SMT we went to Greenville, Alabama, Long-Beach,

Mississippi, and Laguna Beach, Florida. During the duration of the trip we worked on mission projects for several people. Different groups went to different job sites and worked there for most of the three days of mission work. My group on the first day went to a lady's house and planted flowers and power washed her patio. Another day we went to a retirement facility and talked with the folks that live there. Most of the people who live in the facilities don't have family that come to visit them. Later on in the trip we went to a retreat center in Florida. We spent this time on the beach and having devotions. The last night of the trip was senior night and we wished the seniors a farewell. That was a very special time to remember the seniors and tell them how much we appreciate them. Summer Music Tour 2017 is another one in the books!

Kate Wigington (Rising 8th grader)

May God continue to lead and guide us as we travel together on our journey of faith.
Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne

"Forever He is glorified! Forever He is lifted high!"

COLLEGE/CAREER ENSEMBLE: We will be singing on July 23rd at the 11:00 service. More details TBA (stay tuned on our Facebook page-JUMC college and career)

Join us in the COCA (come one, come all) CHOIR during the month of August. Please meet in the choir room dressed in casual Sunday attire each Sunday at 10:33 am to sing thru a simple gospel song for the 11:00 am service.



DAY TRIPPIN' ADVENTURES. .

July Day Trippin': The Day Trippers will be heading to Hiawassee on Tuesday, July 25th to the Georgia Mountain Fair. An afternoon concert with the Gatlin Brothers will be part of our admission.

August Day Trippin': On August 19th we are eating lunch at the Cracker Barrel in Cumming followed by a play, *Mayberry Moments* at the Cumming Play house. Cost: \$20 for both the play and lunch. We only have 17 spots, so sign up fast!

Financial support is available.

Contact

Rosemarie Heindel at rheindel@tds.net/404-861-1857 or
Gerry Gleason at gerry.gleason@ngumc.net/770-480-0711
to reserve your spot.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

July 12th, 8:00 pm

Sermon series based on

Mary Poppins

Scheduled for July 16, 23, and 30.

All are welcome!

JUST A REMINDER that the Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

August is "Back to School time" and we are celebrating this important time of the year with Backpack Blessings and 4th grade Bible Presentations!

****On Sunday, July 30th**, as a reminder that Jesus is our source of guidance, love, and protection during the school year, we are setting aside time to "bless the backpacks". Students of all ages, teachers/school volunteers and administrators alike are encouraged to bring your school bag/backpack/briefcase to be blessed before returning to school for another year. Bibles will also be presented to our 4th graders.

Acolyte Training-Sunday, August 6th-for children ages 2nd grade-5th grade immediately following the 11:00 worship service.



Jonathan Allen, Aiden Anderson, Michael Bail, Phil Cole, Fred Crain, Tori Crowe, Jasmine Davis, Jeff Degalleford, Angela Ervin, Tanner Farron, Owen Galligan, Eli Galligan, Emerson Gantz, Hayden Gooch, Cheyenne Griffin, Mark Hardman, Shirley Shaw, Mary Beth Jackson, Hoyt Jenkins, Camden Jones, Linda Judkins, Todd Klein, Megan Landreneau, Judy Lawrence, Jacob McCormick, Mary Ann McElhaney, Nathan McEntire, Cynthia Nickell, Emma Miller, Shirley Pool, Allie Powell, Martha Riddell, Cathy Riley, Ann Roper, Eve Sauer, Tilli Savage, Caren Sewell, Cheryl Sewell, Camden Smith, Jordan Stewart, George Utiss, Marcy Walker, Jean Watson

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. . .

JULY DORCAS MEETING. . .

If you have been thinking about coming to a Dorcas meeting, our July meeting is perfect! Join us on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at 6:45 p.m. for a Pamper Yourself Craft Night. There will be refreshments, a devotional, and a "make it & take it" craft. Please join us for some fellowship, fun and even some well-deserved pampering!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

July requested items:

Rulers, scissors, pencil sharpeners

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

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!

2017-2018 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION
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Michael & Lauren Bail
Bill & Beth Boggs
Bob & Susi Edwards
Tom & Gail Harrison
Richard & Belinda Howard
Ron & Linda Jager
Matt & Amanda Ledford
Fred & Martha Riddell
Randy & Linda Stepp
Josh & Hilary Tatum
Tommy & Juanita Tatum
Lynn & Marcy Walker
Allen & Rosie Wigington

HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!

Pray for those who are in need of our Lord's Healing Touch:

Toni Larson Waters, Bebe Gibbs, Shirley Pool's mother, Bob Jorns, Lucy Arp (Pat Jewell's mother), Emily Clayborn, Jessie Garcia-leukemia, Yukie Mann, Will Clayborn, Ernest Moore, Harrill Wood, Susan Knighton, Gay Whitley (Ronnie Brownell's mother), Steve Winstanley, Wayne VanValkenburgh, Courtney Smith, James Hanson, Samantha Hill, Donna West, Kristi Wightington, Sharon Candell, Wendy Blanton, Dianne Traynham, Kimberly Piloseno, Rodney Gibson, Lois Gibson, Glenda Harrison, Carl Akins, Tony Freeman, Ronette Akins, John Cash, Kay Cash, Jan Palmer, Paulette Massey, Garth Foster, Hunter Hailey-Garth Foster's grandson, James Powell-Martha Foster's grandson, Charlotte Hale-spinal surgery (402 Greening Way, Roswell, GA 30076), John Tatum, Arlene Kateen (Linda Jones' mother), Homer Sewell, Lee Wilson, Lea Gallagher-recovering from surgery, Elise Davis-recovering from tonsillectomy, Herb Roland (cancer), Devan Sprayberry (motorcycle accident)

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Christopher-July 15th, Kara Golden-late October

Missions: Summer Music Tour/Mission and Pastor Juan and family in Guatemala (friend of Pastor Greg) who lost his wife recently, leaving 2 children ages 8 & 14

Our active military family: Brett Rush, Jeremy Dean, Jeremy Willis, Devin Roberts, Nathan Watson, David Grossman, Peter Nunn, Shawn Hancock, Steven Walsh, Max Edward Caylor, Dustin Hall, Jason Kiernan, Jeff Darwin, John Kiernan, Cameron Hayworth, Jason Stanley, Emerson Gantz, Stanley Peters, Alex Davis, Austin McCormick, Eric Hunter, Jessie Sams, Geoff Elliot Gallagher, Mitch Rich, Justin Mosiello, Brian Mosiello, Kalyn Brooks, Dillon Gasaway, Jacob Grier

Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehab: Delle Marie O'Neal

Serenity Mtn. Manor: Tilli Savage

The Oaks: Lee Dunn, Novella Foster (Phyllis Pool's mother)

Emeritus at Riverstone: Louise O'Bryant

Wildwood: Sue Hutsenpiller (Bill Hutsenpiller's mother), Flora Godfrey (George Godfrey and Ava Saye's mother)

Pruitt: Bennie Bird

Windsor House Assisted Living in Canton: Tom & Ardith Stanley

Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern, update or to notify us of any family illnesses, deaths or hospitalizations.

For any emergencies after office hours,
Greg can be reached on his cell #770-851-8305.

JUMC SERVANTS FOR JUNE

July 2nd

Acolytes: Anna Grace Finney, Shelby Martin
Nursery: Mary Kleinberg
NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH-Family Worship
Fellowship Coffee: John & Elaine Tarantini
Sound Ministry: (11:00) Paul Singletary
Financial Counters: Susan Lindsey, Barry Hardison
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

July 9th

Acolytes: Addi Kleinberg, Cade Turbeville
Nursery: Emily Countryman
NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH-Family Worship
Fellowship Coffee: Open
Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Quandee
Financial Counters: Patsy Rollins, Gordon Norman
Greeters & Ushers: Barry & Suzanne Hardison, Tom Lindsey, Merry Grey Caylor, Maureen & Mark Atkins, Tim & Sally Long
Bus Drivers: (Driver) Mike Melton, (Rider) Lauren Melton

July 16th

Acolytes: Kaela Kearney, Mary Beth Jackson
Nursery: Diane Jackson
NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH-Family Worship
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: Bill Traynham, Jack Knight
Greeters & Ushers: United Methodist Men
Bus Drivers: (Driver) Mike Ledford, (Rider) Luella Ledford

July 23rd

Acolytes: Jerry & Christopher Knight
Nursery: Jordan Tate
NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH-Family Worship
Fellowship Coffee: Robert & Emily Countryman
Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Wightington
Financial Counters: Rachel Hoffbauer, Joann Montgomery
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

July 30th

Acolytes: Sara Kate Smith, Kaela Kearney
Nursery: Lettie Tresslar
NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH-Family Worship
Fellowship Coffee: Kathy Love
Sound Ministry: (8:30 & 11:00) Paul Singletary
Financial Counters: Richard Rollins, Jerry Cohn
Greeters & Ushers: United Methodist Women
Bus Drivers: (Driver) Homer Key, (Rider) Cathy Key

Greg Meadows	Pastor
Roxanne B. Golden	Music/Worship Leader
Juanita Tatum	Director of Christian Education
Abby Stuckey	Director of Youth Ministry
Gerry Gleason	Director of Congregational Care
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