

"THE NUGGET OF TRUTH"

October 

2017

As seen from the Meadows. . .

October is one of the best times of the year here in North Georgia, the cooler air, the colorful leaves and all the other things that make up the fall season. There are a few items that I want to bring to your attention for the month of October. Beginning October 1, we will celebrate our Stewardship Journey. We will gather for our Charge Conference in October, and once again I want to encourage you all to join Lydia and I for a Marriage Enrichment getaway in February 2018.

October is that time of year when we think about the harvest, the leaves change colors and churches talk about stewardship commitments for the coming year. This is true for us here at JUMC as we get started on October 1. This year's theme is Witness. Each week we will have a blessing to hear from folks about witness in different ways. October 1 Jack Knight, chair of the Stewardship committee will share some thoughts on witness and financial commitment. October 8 we will welcome Rev. Jane Newman Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, as our guest preacher as well as hear the first of three videos about ministry within our congregation that shares our witness with our community and beyond. October 15, 22 and 29, I will be sharing thoughts about witness wrapped around the General Rules of the United Methodist Church, "Do no Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God". Each week you will also see our commitment card for you to pray about as we journey together.

Our once a year Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 8 at 4:00pm at the Ellijay First UMC. Everyone is encouraged to join us as we celebrate the ministry of our congregations and our brothers and sisters in other area United Methodist Churches.

In 2001 Lydia and I were invited to join a Marriage Enrichment Group or MEG. The goal was to enrich the relationship and make it an important part of our life. Marriage is not easy; it takes effort. Love is more than a feeling, it is action. Better Marriage Georgia has been a wonderful addition to our life and we have tried to share it in the churches we have served. I want to encourage you to go to the webpage <http://bettermarriagesga.org>. This is the information for the Better Marriage Getaway planned for February 23-25, 2018 in Chattanooga, TN. It looks to be a great weekend. Lydia and I will be sharing this year as workshop leaders. If you have questions don't hesitate to ask. If we have a couple or two attend the Getaway we can then explore the possibility of hosting a Marriage Enrichment Group here at Jasper UMC.

The church is an amazing organism, people moving in and out, talking as they go, hearing only bits and pieces that then lead to misunderstandings. Over the last few weeks, I have had some rumors brought to me that I just want to clarify. First off, there is no conversations going on anywhere within the leadership of this congregation to get rid of any of our worship services. We have three worship services that meet the needs of this body and we will continue to have three worship services. We do talk about the flow and the timing, how do we add people and parking, and the need to bring us together once in awhile as a worshipping body, but no conversation about getting rid of a service permanently. Secondly, I will remain the primary preacher in all three worship services. Our Director of Congregational Care, Rev. Gerry Gleason has been preaching in one 8:30am worship service a month and we are working to have him preach in one 9:45am worship service a month. If it was possible we would be talking of having him preach in one 11:00am worship service a month. It is part of the job description that the Church Council approved. Rev. Gleason is also pastor of Hinton UMC and has preaching responsibility there at 11:00am. This was a suggestion to the job description by the Staff Parish Relations Committee to give me a break once or twice a month. Now I am sure there are other rumors that have not made their way to my office and I encourage each person to bring them to me or other leaders within the church so we don't make mountains out of mole hills or issues where none exist. My leadership style is open door and a healthy flow of communication. If you feel that is not going on please come let me know.

As always thank you for loving my family and praying for me.

Yours in Christ,

Greg

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IMPORTANT NOTES...

"Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord."

Psalm 134:1a

Everything is back into full swing with lots of excitement in the air for the wonderful opportunities we have to serve our Great God. Please find your place in this ministry.

Below are some important dates for your calendar:

- Oct. 1st-World Wide Communion (all services)
- Oct. 8th-11 am-Chancel Choir
- Oct. 15th-11 am-Preschool KOK and Chancel Choir
- Oct. 22nd-11 am-Elementary KOK and Chancel Choir
- Oct. 29th-DEDICATION SUNDAY-Youth Choir, Chancel Bells and Chancel Choir

LOOKING AHEAD:

- November 26th-Thanksgiving Sunday
- November 27th-MONDAY NIGHT at 7 pm-UMW and Altar Guild Decorating

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2018

- New Ebenezer Handbell Festival, Feb. 16th & 17th
- GA Spring Ring-March 9th and 10th at John Creek
- Summer Music Tour-June 3rd-10th to Lexington, KY and Cincinnati, OH

Please remember that every rehearsal is very important so we can give to God our very best.

Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS...

- Oct. 4th**-Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert
- Oct. 11th**-Meat loaf, smashed potatoes, glazed carrots, rolls, dessert
- Oct. 18th**-Chicken enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, carrot and celery sticks, dessert
- Oct. 25th**-Barbecue pork buns, Brunswick stew, coleslaw, applesauce, dessert



Kid's Korner



Trunk or Treat at JUMC on Wednesday, October 25, 6:30-7:30. Invite your friends and family for this fun community outreach. Trunks needed! Contact Shelly Vincent or Juanita Tatum to sign up!



CARD MINISTRY
Thursday, October 19th,
6:30 pm, Room 106

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN... NEW STUDY.

Ladies Study beginning this Fall on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm. Studying Nehemiah. Kathy Huntington and Laura Smith will be facilitating with discussion help from various servant leaders. Check it out!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



October requested items:
Toothbrush, floss, flip-flops

MISSION MATTERS

MISSIONS MATTERS: Coming events: Oct. 7 **Kenya Market on Main** during Merchants Street Fair. Nov. 5, 8, 12 - **Silent Auction** w/ lunch after church on 12th. **Wanted:** Goods and services for silent auction can be brought to church office or see member Kenya team (Marty Beaver, Jean Norman, Gerry Gleason, Dex Phillips)

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*

JUMC PRESCHOOL 2017 OCTOBER CALENDAR

THEMES:

- Oct. 2-4 APPLES AND ORCHARDS
- Oct. 9-11 FALL
- Oct. 16-18 PUMPKINS
- Oct. 23-25 FARMS
- Oct. 30-31 HALLOWEEN SAFETY AND FUN!

OCTOBER SPECIAL DATES:

- Oct. 2 Tuition due
- Oct. 3 Preschool Fall Pictures
- Oct. 4 Three yr. old class field trip to Hillcrest Orchards, 9:15 am
Bus leaves the church at 8:30 am
- Oct. 7 & 8 Georgia Marble Festival and Road Race
- Oct. 10 Color Day! Wear something orange
- Oct. 11 Two yr. old class field trip to Burt's Pumpkin Farm, 9:30 am (parent or designated adult responsible for transportation)
Staff bus leaves church at 8:45 am
- Oct. 18 Three yr. old class field trip to Burt's Pumpkin Farm, 9:30 am
Bus leaves the church at 8:45 am
- Oct. 25 Four yr. old class field trip to Burt's Pumpkin Farm, 9:30 am
Bus leaves the church at 8:45 am
- Oct. 26 Bonus Day! Preschool open regular hours
- Oct. 31 HALLOWEEN-Pretend Day! (wear favorite costume)
Carnival (TBA)
Parties, 11:00 am

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES:

- Nov. 14 Thanksgiving Feast, 11:00 am
- Nov. 20-22 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 23 **THANKSGIVING DAY**
- TBA Pictures with Santa
- Dec. 14 Preschool Christmas Program, 7:00 pm
- Dec. 20 Christmas Parties, 11:00 am
- Dec. 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- Dec. 25-Jan. 8 Christmas Holidays

DAY TRIPPIN' ADVENTURES. .

SOUTHERN BELLE RIVERBOAT CRUISE AND BUFFETT

Chattanooga, TN
Wednesday, October 25th



Leave at 9:00 am (takes around 1.5 hours to get there depending on traffic.) There is a gift shop and bathrooms inside where people can wait. Reservations needed. Tickets go fast. Need to secure months in advance. Cost: \$20.00

HAMRICK'S SHOPPING SPREE AND LUNCH

Wednesday, November 15th
1787 Battlefield Parkway,
Fort Oglethorpe, GA

Meet at the church at 9:00 am
to ride the bus.
Sign up by Monday, November 13th.



WHITE CHRISTMAS

Blue Ridge Playhouse
Sunday, December 10th

Tickets and seats need to be reserved and paid for in advance. Leave following the 11:00 worship service. Everyone bring a snack. Will eat after the play. Cost to be announced.

Contact Rosemarie Heindel at [rheindel1@tds.net/404-861-1857](mailto:rheindel1@tds.net) or Gerry Gleason at [gerry.gleason@ngumc.net/770-480-0711](mailto:gerry.gleason@ngumc.net) to reserve your spot.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

FALL RETREAT!

This year, we will be going to Camp Glisson October 13-15 for the Rooted Retreat put on by the North Georgia Conference! The cost for this is only \$155! Please let me know if you have any questions or if your student wants to attend!



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JUMC SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER

October 1st

Acolytes: Sophie Lindsey, Mary Beth Jackson
Nursery: Jenn Wilds & Melanie Farron
Children's Church: Lauren Bail (K-3rd), Christie McCormick (4th & 5th)
Fellowship Coffee: Bill & Brandi Dean, Anne & Charles Roberts
Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Quandee
Financial Counters: Rachel Hoffbauer, Joann Montgomery
Greeters & Ushers: Barry & Suzanne Hardison, Charles & Anne Roberts, Ed Sherrell, David Lovern, Elaine Hannah, Merry Grey Caylor
Bus Drivers: (Driver) Mike Lohman, (Rider) Judy Lohman

October 8th

Acolytes: Addie Kleinberg, Kaela Kearney
Nursery: Erin Martin & Emily Countryman
Children's Church: NO Children's Church-Family & Worship Time
Fellowship Coffee: Bob & Jeannie Brantley
Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Brian Gehring
Financial Counters: Richard Rollins, Jerry Cohn
Greeters & Ushers: Barry & Suzanne Hardison, Tom Lindsey, Merry Grey Caylor, Maureen & Mark Atkins, Tim & Sally Long
Bus Drivers: (Driver) Mike Melton, (Rider) Lauren Melton

October 15th

Acolytes: Mary Beth Jackson, Sara Kate Smith
Nursery: Lettie Tresslar & Erin Bail
Children's Church: Brandi McEntire (K-3rd), Shelly Vincent (4th & 5th)
Fellowship Coffee: United Methodist Men
Welcome Center: (9:45 & 11:00) United Methodist Men
Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Wigington
Financial Counters: Susan Lindsey, Barry Hardison
Greeters & Ushers: United Methodist Men
Bus Drivers: (Driver) Mike Ledford, (Rider) Luella Ledford

October 22nd

Acolytes: Shelby Martin, Anna Grace Finney
Nursery: Lara & Tori Crowe
Children's Church: NO Children's Church-Family & Worship Time
Fellowship Coffee: Open
Sound Ministry: (8:30 & 11:00) Paul Singletary
Financial Counters: Patsy Rollins, Gordon Norman
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

October 29th

Acolytes: Addie Kleinberg, Sophie Lindsey
Nursery: Mary Kleinberg & Heidi Smith
Children's Church: Juanita Tatum & Erin Lovern (Combined K-5th)
Fellowship Coffee: Open
Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Quandee
Financial Counters: Bill Traynham, Jack Knight
Greeters & Ushers: United Methodist Women
Bus Drivers: (Driver) Homer Key, (Rider) Cathy Key

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

Bebe Gibbs, Shirley Pool's mother, Emily Clayborn, Jessie Garcia, Yukie Mann, Ernest Moore, Harrill Wood, Gay Whitley (Ronnie Brownell's mother), Betty VanValkenburgh, Courtney Smith, Arlene Kateen (Linda Jones' mother), Homer Sewell, Don Dicus (Tom & Donna Dicus' son), Tommy Teemaster (Frank Miller's nephew), Stephanie Shadder, Juliebeth Golden (Jimmy Golden's sister), Reuben Martin (Phil Martin's father), Sue Thompson (friend of Gordon & Jean Norman's), Len Hill, Dakota and Brady Hughes, Sarah Cashin, Paulette Bruce, Paulette Massey, Savannah Northrup-leukemia, Andy Harless, Bob Jorns, James Sumner-cancer, George Starsmeare, Dewey Eidson-cancer, Bud Champlan, Ted Stafford, Kay Cash, Joann Montgomery-recovering from surgery, Pat Parker-spine & lung cancer, Etta Cramer-recovering from eye surgery, Donna Dicus-recovering from knee replacement, Linda Jones

Expectant Mothers: Kara Golden-October 10th

Missions: Texas flood victims, Marble Festival Road Race by JUMC Dorcas Circle

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, Elliot Gallagher, Mitch Rich, Justin Mosiello, Brian Mosiello, Kalyn Brooks, Dillon Gasaway, Jacob Grier, Alec Gryski

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 (Ava Saye's mother)

Pruitt: Bennie Bird

Windsor House Assisted Living in Canton: Tom & Ardith Stanley

Canton Nursing Home: Joyce Leist, 321 Hospital Road, Canton, GA 30114

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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Beth Boggs, Deanie Chesser, Alyssa Couture, Christopher Couture, Lara Crowe, Capp DeGalleford, Skyler Denton, Donna Dicus, Robert Ervin, Quin Estrada Costales, Judy Ferris, Will Finney, Anna Grace Finney, Sara Fowler, Joey Friedman, Hans Gaertner, Suzanne Gehring, Evan Gibson, Tina Harp, Alan Johnson, Mary Ellen Johnson, Cauper Johnson, Amy Jones, Tucker Ledford, Mike Ledford, Sawyer Martin, Phyllis Pool, William Riley, Frances Scott, Karensa Goodman, Nathaniel Singletary, Kelvin Stewart, Tommy Tatum, Connie Tudor, Nicholas Wisniewski

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Ronnie & Nellie Brownell
 Phil & Karen Cole
 Mike & Donna Garrison
 Mark & Julie Hickman
 Jerry & Amy Jones
 Aaron & Laura Kearney

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