# **\*THE NUGGET OF TRUTH**

# As seen from the Meadows...

Can you believe it is already November and the end of 2017 is coming upon us quickly? November is a wonderful time of the year, filled with opportunities to celebrate and give thanks for the blessings of life. This month I want to take a moment to share my thankful heart with you and then I need to remind you about how to contact staff during the holiday seasons.

With Thanksgiving being in November, we are encouraged to think about all we have to be thankful for in our life. To encourage you to spend some time giving thanks, I want to share some thoughts from my thankful heart. When I think about thankfulness one thing that always comes to mind is my family. Growing up in a small community where all my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins lived close was amazing. Every Sunday we had family lunch and dinner; the time together blessed my life and fills my heart with great memories. I am blessed as well with a mom and dad who knew church and faith were an important part of life and we were in church every Sunday. They taught me about unconditional love and guided me to a relationship with Jesus. Even though it was sometimes a struggle when we were younger, there is not a better person to have grown up with than my younger brother. Learning to share and interact helped me grow into the person I am today. Today my brother is my go to person that I can depend on and trust. As I think about my blessings, my children are at the top. God's gift of Rebekah, Gregory and Wesley has been and continues to be amazing. I do not know anyone who is as faithful, real and loving as my children. They will continue to be a blessing not just to me but to everyone they meet. This is mostly due to my blessing at the very top of the list and that is my wonderful, intelligent and beautiful wife, Lydia! I watched Lydia go around a room of her extended family not too long ago and she made everyone of them feel special. She just has the way about her that comes from her deep love for God and humanity. I have learned so much from her through the years and I will be forever thankful for the blessing God gave me in her. I hope these words jump start your thanksgiving list and I pray you will try to share your list with others.

November is also a time to be with family. We are blessed here at JUMC with a great staff who love God and love the ministry to which they have been called. Like all other professions, your staff needs to be with family. So as we enter into Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas please realize there will be times the office will be closed, times when there is no one to answer the phone; so please call before you drop by and offer some grace as we, your staff spend time with our extended family. Also, know that Gerry and I can be reached at any time by text or call our cell phones. Gerry Gleason, 770-480-0711 and Greg Meadows, 770-851-8305. Even if I am in Tarrytown, Georgia enjoying outdoor therapy, I will return your text or call as quickly as I can. I know Gerry feels the same way. The staff of JUMC thanks you for your support, prayers and understanding. We also thank you for the opportunity to share ministry with you.

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

Yours in Christ,

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# IMPORTANT NOTES...

#### *"With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord." Ezra* 3:11

The above verse reminds us so much of November. We have such a wonderful opportunity to be thankful and dedicate ourselves to the work of our Lord each and every fall. Please find the schedule for this month below and make sure you are at rehearsals so we can give our best to our Lord.

## Music at 11 am services:

November 5th-All Saints Sunday with Communion-Chancel Choir

November 12th-Youth Choir (Youth Sunday at 9:45 and 11)

November 19th-Bible Sunday-Chancel Choir and Mitchel Henson (Sax)

November 26th-Thanksgiving Sunday-Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells

DECORATING FOR ADVENT-November 27th, 7:00 pm

## IMPORTANT DATES for DECEMBER:

December 3rd-Youth Choir Youth Bells and KOK-11 am December 4th-Golden Bells of Atlanta concert at 7:30 pm December 10th-Chancel Choir's Cantata-EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US with small Orchestra and dancers-11 am December 18th-Chancel Choir at 11 am December 24th-Christmas Eve 11 am (one service only that morning)-Chancel Choir Candlelight and Communion services: 5 pm-Contemporary Service-Praise Band 7 pm-Traditional Service-College/Career Ensemble December 31st-(two services only that morning) 8:30-Traditional 11:00-Contemporary

**SUMMER MUSIC TOUR**-June 3-10, 2018 to Lexington, KY, Cincinnati, OH and Lake Junaluska, NC (\$50 should be in each one's account as of now)

Many thanks for sharing your gifts and talents thru our ministry of music/worship arts.

Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne



## DECORATING FOR ADVENT

You don't want to miss helping the United Methodist Women decorate the Chrismon Tree and the Chancel Choir decorate the sanctuary and narthex on **Monday**, **Nov. 27th at 7:00 pm.** 

Families and young people needed and appreciated!

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS...



Nov. 1st: Baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert Nov. 8th: Chicken noodle soup or Tomato Basil, sandwich, fruit, dessert Nov. 15th: Barbecue pork, Brunswick stew, coleslaw, bread, dessert



**NO KOK** on Wednesday, November 22nd. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**



Packing Party Saturday, November 18th, 10:00 am EVERYONE INVITED! For more info, call Letty Tresslar, 706-889-1012.

# **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**



SEEKERS CIRCLE COOKIE WALK Sunday, November 19th



All women of the church are invited to our Annual Christmas Banquet on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm. Bring your loving, Christmas spirit and a covered dish to share. We will be collecting donations for Murphy-Harpst, Cedartown, Georgia-a national mission institution supported by UMW. Also, optional, bring a "white elephant" gift and if you participated in the secret prayer sister, a gift for her.



**CARD MINISTRY** Thursday, November 16th 6:30 pm, Room 106

# PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



## JUMC PRESCHOOL 2017 NOVEMBER CALENDAR

## THEMES:

Nov. 1	GOOD MANNERS
Nov. 6-8	WE ARE THANKFUL
Nov. 13-15	<b>"THE FIRST THANKSGIVING"</b>
Nov. 20-22	THANKSGIVIING HOLIDAY
BREAK	
Nov. 27-29	HEALTHY EATING

#### NOVEMBER SPECIAL DATES:

Nov. 1-15	JUMC Preschool Food Drive
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- Nov. 6 Tuition due
- Nov. 7 Color Day! Wear something brown
- Nov. 8 Harvest Day! Dress Western
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day
- Nov. 14 Thanksgiving Feast, 11:00
- Nov. 20-22 Thanksgiving Holiday, Preschool closed (Pickens Co. Schools closed Nov. 20-24) Nov. 23 THANKSGIVING DAY!
- Nov. 27 Decorating for Christmas!
- Nov. 28 Pictures with Santa

## DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES:

"Toys for Tots" Preschool Toy
Collection
JUMC Breakfast with Santa
JUMC Preschool Christmas Program,
(all classes), 7:00 pm
Christmas Parties, 11:00 am
CHRISTMAS DAY
Christmas Holidays, Preschool closed



JUMC PRECHOOL Food Drive Nov. 1st-15th Food items will be donated to CARES. There will be donation boxes located outside each classroom.



JUMC PRESCHOOL is asking for donations of new books or books in good condition. Please leave at the preschool kitchen.

## DAY TRIPPIN' ADVENTURES. .

#### 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 or Gerry Gleason at gerry.gleason@ngumc.net/770-480-0711 to reserve your spot.



Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5th

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

# MISSION MATTERS

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2018 Kenya Team Fund raiser-THINK CHRISTMAS-Kenya Market and Silent Auction, Nov. 5, 8, 12, closing out Silent Auction with assorted soups and chili lunch. Watch for a new t-shirt! Remember Advent Missions Giving opportunities in Dec. in honor of those on your list that have everything. A bi-country sharing this year will help the Deetlefs in building a much needed school in S. Africa; and in Kenya, we can add a big water storage tank to harvest rainwater from the roof of the Jewels' Hall. An acknowledgement from JUMC will be sent to the receiver of your gift.

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, Courtney Smith, Arlene Kateen (Linda Jones' mother), Homer Sewell, Don Dicus (Tom & Donna Dicus' son), Stephanie Shadder, Juliebeth Golden (Jimmy Golden's sister), Sue Thompson (friend of Gordon & Jean Norman's), Len Hill, Dakota and Brady Hughes, 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, Pat Parker-spine & lung cancer, Donna Dicus-recovering from surgery, Christy Clark-recovering from knee surgery, Lucy Arp (Pat Jewell's mother), Sam Peddicord

Missions: All storm victims, families with loss from natural disasters or gunmen

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

<u>Serenity Mtn. Manor</u>: Tilli Savage <u>The Oaks</u>: Lee Dunn, Novella Foster (Phyllis Pool's mother) <u>Emeritus at Riverstone</u>: Louise O'Bryant

Wildwood: Flora Godfrey (Ava Saye's mother) Windsor House Assisted Living in Canton: Tom & Ardith Stanley Ross Memorial: Gay Whitley (Ronnie Brownell's mother)

#### 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.

#### **NOVEMER BIRTHDAYS:**

Jennifer Anglin, Maureen Atkins, Abbey Butler, McKenzy Cash, Jacob Degenhard, Aubree Dingman, Amber Elkins, Yvonne Flowers, Jim Fowler, Tricia Gallagher, Brian Gehring, Josh Golden, Abby Gooch, George Goodrum, Miriam Hardage, Barry Harsison, Lynn Johnson, Jeffery Jones, Reese Urdidez, Aaron Kearney, Miles Kearney, Amanda ledford, Maggie Martin, Arthur McIntyre, Lydia Meadows, Meredith Miller, Bill Neville, Mary Pauley, Grady Pearson, Martha Prince, Bradley Rogano, Seth Romine, Michael Rumsey, Jack Russell, Oliver Shaw, Madilton Shelton, Mackenzie McKean, Matthew Stewart, John Tatum, Garrett Thompson, Rosie Wigington, Tristin Woodall

#### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

Stan & Paula Adams Kevin & Cindy Gantz Brain & Suzanne Gehring Alan & Mary Ellen Johnson Tom & Mary Kleinberg Terry & Christie McCormick Christopher & Amy Thompson

## JUMC SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER November 5th

Acolytes: Ella McEntire, Mary Beth Jackson

Nursery: Diane & Scott Jackson

Children's Church: (K-3rd) Lauren Bail; (4th-5th) Christie McCormick

Fellowship Coffee: Open

Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Brian Gehring Financial Counters: Rachel Hoffbauer, Joann Montgomery

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

Bus Drivers: (Driver) Mike Lohman, (Rider) Judy Lohman

#### November 12th

Acolytes: Pearl Sanders, Gabriel Howell

Nursery: Erin Bail & Jordan Tate

Children's Church: NO Children's Church-Family & Worship Time

Fellowship Coffee: Bill & Letty Tresslar

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

#### November 19th

Acolytes: Addie Kleinberg, Sophie Lindsey Nursery: Lara & Tori Crowe Children's Church: (K-3rd) Brandi McEntire; (4th-5th) Juanita Tatum Fellowship Coffee: United Methodist Men Welcome Center: (9:45 & 11:00) United Methodist Men **Sound Ministry:** (8:30 & 11:00) Paul Singletary Financial Counters: Susan Lindsey, Barry Hardison Greeters & Ushers: United Methodist Men

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

#### November 26th

Acolytes: Shelby Martin, Anna Grace Finney Nursery: Emily Countryman & Jenn Wilds Children's Church: NO Children's Church-Family & Worship Time

Fellowship Coffee: Open

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

Financial Counters: Patsy Rollins, Gordon Norman

Greeters & Ushers: Charles & Anne Roberts, Ruth Lovern, Elaine Hannah, Judy Hines, Richard & June Rambler, Merry Grey Caylor

Greg Meadows	Pastor
Roxanne B. Golden	Music/Worship Leader
Juanita Tatum	Director of Christian Education
Abby Stuckey	Director of Youth Ministry
Geríy Gleasón	
Leslié Coleman	
Suzanne Gehring	
Deborah Goodrum	Preschool Director
Deborah Goodrum Judy Francis	Nursery Coordinator
Angela Ervin	Organist
Ellěn Whitten	
Nathaniel Singletary	
Susan Gooch	Music Intern