

"THE NUGGET OF TRUTH"

MARCH 2018

As seen from the Meadows. . .

As Lent moves on, ever closer to Easter Sunday there are a few items I would like to share. February 23-25 was a great weekend getaway with the Better Marriage Georgia. Holy Week services and Easter are on the way. Short-term small group to begin April 11, 6:30-7:30 pm. Make plans now to participate in all that we offer.

Once again, the Better Marriage Georgia Getaway Weekend was a great success. There were 43 couples who came together to focus on making their marriage better. These couples came from around the southeast and Utah to get away from the day to day and spend time with each other with the goal of making marriage better and lasting. Better Marriage has their mission and vision posted on their website; ***Mission:** To promote better marriages by providing enrichment opportunities and resources to strengthen couple relationships, increase intimacy, and enhance personal growth, mutual fulfillment, and family wellness.* ***Vision:** To create a network of couples building healthy marriages by providing marriage education and enrichment opportunities in partnership with other public, private, and faith-based organizations.* A corner stone of Better Marriage is a MEG, a Marriage Enrichment Group. These are local once a month small groups that come together to encourage marriage enrichment. Lydia and I would like to see a MEG be part of what we offer here at JUMC. If you would like to be part of the planning team for a MEG please talk with Lydia or I.

Holy Week will be here before we know and there are many worship opportunities for your calendar. Coming back this year are our Holy Week luncheons, Monday, March 26 through Friday, March 30 from 12:00-1:00 pm here at Jasper United Methodist Church. It will be a thirty-minute service of worship, followed by lunch. Donations accepted each day with Monday-Thursday going to the Mission Committee of JUMC and Fridays going to the Pickens County Ministerial Association. Come join us as Rev. David Jones shares on Monday, Rev. Gerry Gleason on Tuesday, Rev. Gerald Thurman on Wednesday, Rev. Ben Laughlin on Thursday and me, on Friday. Make plans now to share this time of worship and lunch as we prepare for Easter Sunday morning. Speaking of Easter, we will once again join our friends at Jasper First Baptist Church for the Easter Sunrise Service at Pickens County High School Stadium. Worship will begin at 7:00 am on Sunday, April 1. This year we will not have breakfast at the school but instead each church will have breakfast at their own facility.

I realize it is just the beginning of March but I want to encourage you to join me for a 7-week small group beginning Wednesday, April 11 and running until Wednesday, May 23. We will meet each Wednesday night, 6:30-7:30 pm to share in a study called The Disciple's Path. This is a study designed to help us understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus in and through the United Methodist Church. I have led this study many times and find it to be one of the best introductions to how we United Methodist live out our faith. Look for a sign up sheet soon. A nursery will be provided if needed.

Some good things to look forward to here at JUMC. Make plans now and find your place to be involved as we continue to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ, *Greg*

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IMPORTANT NOTES...

Annual Dessert Theatre is on Friday night, March 23rd at 7 pm. PLEASE invite a friend or loved one and come and support our **Youth Choir** as they present "A Night from the Stage to the Big Screen." Great music/entertainment and fabulous homemade desserts in a candle lit setting!! (fruit and sugar free desserts will be available). A Silent Auction will begin on Wednesday, March 21st and end at noon on Sunday, March 25th. Soup and grilled cheese sandwiches will be served for lunch on Sunday, March 25th then winners of the Silent Auction will be announced. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR **YOUTH CHOIR** as they prepare to represent this church on their Summer Music Tour 2018 to Lexington, KY, Cincinnati, OH and Lake Junaluska, NC-June 3rd-10th.

Schedule for March (11 am services along with the Chancel Choir)
March 4th-Elementary KOK
March 11th-Chancel Bells
March 18th-Preschool KOK
March 25th-Youth Choir

LOOKING AHEAD:

- March 29th-MAUNDY THURSDAY-7 pm-Chancel Choir
- April 1st-EASTER
7 am-Sunrise Services at PHS
9 am-Praise Band
11 am-Chancel Choir and Combined Choirs on the Hallelujah Chorus

ANNUAL CHANCEL CHOIR RETREAT AT LAKE JUNALUSKA-July 27th-29th
YOUTH CHOIR: Please make sure you have \$250 in your SMT account by the end of March.

Many thanks to all who serve in our Music/Worship Ministries. This church is stronger because of you!!!

Please don't hesitate to call, 706-253-2100 or email if you have any questions at rgolden@jasperumc.org.

Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne

ANNUAL DESSERT THEATER

Friday, March 23rd, 7:00 pm



Silent Auction

Wednesday, March 21st-Sunday, March 25th

Lunch of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches

Sunday, March 25th, 12:00 noon

Maundy Thursday Drama and Communion Service

Please plan to continue your Lenten observance by attending our annual Maundy Thursday Drama and Communion Service on March 29th at 7 pm in our sanctuary. The drama this year, entitled Faces in the Crowd, is a series of monologues from 'faces in the crowd' in Jerusalem in the time of Christ. There will also be meaningful music from our Chancel Choir and a powerful time of Holy Communion to help us prepare for the Passion of our Lord as we move closer to Easter.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

SUPPERS...

March 7th: Smothered pork chops, dressing and gravy, sweet potato casserole, fruit compote, bread, dessert

March 14th: Chicken Tetrizzini, roasted vegetables, apple slices, bread, dessert

March 21st: Meatloaf, potatoes, vegetable, bread, dessert

March 28th: Chicken pot pie, green beans, fruit salad, dessert



MISSIONS MATTERS

- Lenten offerings will go to the North Ga Pregnancy Center. Thank you for your sacrificial giving using either the envelopes in the chair backs or the cute baby bottles for your change, bills or checks made to JUMC marked Lenten offering.
 - Mission teams to Dominican Republic (May 14-19) and Kenya (June 19-29) need your support. Support the fund raisers or just make your check to JUMC marked for D.R. or Kenya Missions. It is a "team" effort and we're all on the same team!
 - JUMC people are now sponsoring 10 Kenya students to high school (\$20/month) or college (\$30/month) by paying for fees, books and uniforms. If you would like to sponsor a student, contact Dex: hammerlover60@hotmail.com.
 - Obaga school students are getting their 3 lunches a week to sustain them during the East African drought.
- Praise the Lord and thank YOU for your support of missions.

Kid's Korner

Palm Sunday Procession at 11:00 service on Sunday, March 25th. . .All children who want to participate in our traditional Palm Sunday Parade of Palms, join Mrs. Juanita in the narthex at 10:50.



Easter Egg Hunt and activities
Wednesday, March 28th at 4:00 pm during KOK.
Everyone invited!!

DONE IN A DAY TRAINING **at night**

Children's Ministry Training! Monday, March 19th, Trinity UMC, Cartersville, Ga., 6:00-8:00 pm. Who should participate?? Those who work with children anytime in our Ministry programs at JUMC. Topic of discussion: Holy Listening. . .Contact Juanita if you are interested in attending with her!

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



JUMC PRESCHOOL 2018 MARCH CALENDAR

THEMES:

March 4	March winds and Things That Fly
March 11	Music and Movement
March 18	Spring and Things That Crawl
March 25	Celebration of Easter

MARCH SPECIAL DATES:

March 2	Dr. Seuss Birthday
March 5	Tuition Due
March 14	Color Day/Wear something green
March 14	St. Patrick's Parties, 11:00
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	First Day of Spring
March 21	Hat Day! Wear favorite Spring hat or cap
March 26	The Meaning of EASTER
March 27	EGG HUNTS: 9:00-2 year old classes 10:00-3 year old classes 11:00-4 year old classes
March 28	Easter Parties!, 11:00
March 30	GOOD FRIDAY

UPCOMING APRIL AND MAY DATES:

April 1	EASTER SUNDAY
April 2-4	Spring Break, Preschool closed (Pickens Co. Schools closed April 2-6)
April 11	Preschool Spring Pictures
April 24	Preschool Graduate Pictures (4 year old class)
April 27	2018-2019 JUMC Preschool Registration, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
May 17	JUMC Preschool Graduation, 7:00 pm

DAY TRIPPIN' ADVENTURES. .



Day Trippers Spring Tour

- March 11th-"Nunsense"-Blue Ridge Community Theatre. Cost \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 day of the trip. We will leave JUMC around 12:30 after worship. Show starts at 2:00 pm. "Nunsense" begins when the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters, and they are in dire need of funds for the burials. The sisters decide that the best way to raise money is to put on a variety show, so they take over the auditorium, which is currently set up for the eighth grade production of "Grease".
- April 13th, 7:00 pm-"The Hardt Breakers" at Reinhardt University-free event with a love offering. The Hardt Breakers are the first female a cappella group from Reinhardt University and was founded by Laura Sellers and Natalie Beaty in the Fall of 2014. The group sings a wide variety of genres including rock, pop, classic hymns and praise songs.
- May Trip-Tellus Science Museum and lunch in Cartersville. Date and time TBD.

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

SEEKERS CIRCLE



Cookie Walk

Sunday, March 18th
in the narthex

Yes, the popular Seekers Circle Cookie Walk is coming March 18th. Be ready to have fun filling your container or bake your favorite cookie to donate. Proceeds will benefit CARES and our Community.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 11th

Don't forget to
set your clocks forward one hour
Saturday night, March 10th.

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, Don Dicus, Stephanie Shadder, Juliebeth Golden (Jimmy Golden's sister), Len Hill, Savannah Northrup-leukemia, Bob & Julia Jorns, James Sumner-cancer, Dewey Eidson-cancer, Kay Cash, Pat Parker-spine & lung cancer, Vicki Wickham, Dean Ferris, Kathy Moniz-Suzanne Gehring's sister, Patti Gehring-Brian Gehring's sister, Cynthia Hensley-eye cancer, Martha Foster, Jane Waller, Pat Neville, Wilma Mayfield-broke hip (Martha Foster's sister), Cindy Koehler, Chris Craft-motorcycle accident, Tom Ashbeck's son, Tina Goss, Emily Spencer, George Montgomery, Don Russell, Christopher Knight, Vanda Cash-cancer

Missions: N.GA Pregnancy Center, Mission Teams Plans

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, Jesse Vaughan, Nathan Russell

Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehab: Delle Marie O'Neal

Serenity Mtn. Manor: Tilli Savage

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

Emeritus at Riverstone: Louise O'Bryant

Wildwood: Flora Godfrey (Ava Saye's mother)

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.



Lamar & Lara Crowe
Dan & Chrystal Gabriel

Mike & Luella Ledford
Don & Mary Russell



Jenny Aaronson, Colin Aaronson, Richmond Baggett, Jeanie Brantley, Jake Cash, Burl Chesser, Etta Cramer, Paula Daniell, Bill Dean, Henry Farmer, Dean Ferris, David Finney, Roxanne Golden, Sharon Harp, Mitchel Henson, Gordon Hershberger, Kathy Huntington, Scott Jackson, Rob Johnson, Jerry Jones, Maximilian Kearns, Tyler Ledford, Sophie Lindsey, Erin McGhee, Lydia Moore, Ernest Moore, Guy Owen, Kathy Pickering, Jennifer Pinnell, Robert Reitz, James Rizoti, Riley Goodman, Pam Singletary, Heather Vincent, Jane Wigington, Katie Williams

JUMC SERVANTS FOR MARCH

March 4th

Acolytes: Pearl Sanders, Sara Kate Smith

Nursery: Erin Martin

Children's Church: (K-3rd) Brandi McEntire, (4th-5th) Christie McCormick

Fellowship Coffee: Brian & Leigh Williams

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

Financial Counters: Susan Lindsey, Barry Hardison

Greeters & Ushers: Tom Harrison, Dayton Adams, Charles & Anne Roberts, Ed Sherrell, David Lovern, Elaine Hannah, Merry Grey Caylor

Bus Drivers: Robert Trowell, Mike Lohman

March 11th

Acolytes: Ella McEntire, Addie Kleinberg

Nursery: Erin Bail

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

Fellowship Coffee: Deleise Lindsay, Patsy Rollins

Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Brian Gehring

Financial Counters: Patsy Rollins, Gordon Norman

Greeters & Ushers: Girl Scout Sunday

Bus Drivers: Ted Schlitz, Mike Melton

March 18th

Acolytes: Mary Beth Jackson, Gabriel Howell

Nursery: Diane Jackson

Children's Church: (K-3rd) Lauren Bail, (4th-5th) Shelly Vincent

Fellowship Coffee: United Methodist Men

Welcome Center: (9:45 & 11:00) United Methodist Men

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

Financial Counters: Bill Traynham, Jack Knight

Greeters & Ushers: United Methodist Men

Bus Drivers: Terry McCormick, Greg Bauer

March 25th

Acolytes: Kaela Kearney, Sophie Lindsey

Nursery: Emily Countryman

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

Fellowship Coffee: Lunch Bunch

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

Financial Counters: Rachel Hoffbauer, Joann Montgomery

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

Bus Drivers: Homer Key, Darryl Evans

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
Angela Ervin	Organist
Ellen Whitten	Associate Director of Music
Nathaniel Singletary	Contemporary Worship Leader
Susan Gooch	Pianist
Elise Davis	Music Intern