



Jasper United Methodist Church

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MARCH 2019

As seen from the Meadows. . .

March 2019 is here and yet it feels as though it should be later in the year. Maybe it has just been a heavy beginning to 2019. This month I want to begin by inviting you to our Ash Wednesday service, followed by an invitation to an informational meeting concerning the 2019 called General Conference. I will then close with some thoughts concerning needs we have here at JUMC as we strive to move forward in ministry here in Pickens County.

Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00pm. It is the beginning of the season of Lent and is meant to bring us to our knees. This service calls us to realize and grapple with the depravity of humanity and our tremendous need for God. Ash Wednesday is meant to break us down to our very core and then encourage us to fill that core with God's love and grace as we pray, fast and study during the 40 days of Lent. It is one of the hardest services of the year, but living a life formed to the image of Christ is not always easy. Come join us as we share this time contemplating our mortality and realizing we are dust, and to dust we shall return.

If you are not aware, our United Methodist denomination completed a called General Conference on Tuesday, February 26. This called General Conference was to consider possible changes to our statements in the Discipline concerning the homosexuality and the LGBTQ community. I do not have enough room or words to explain fully what I understand concerning the results of this meeting. What I can say is some are happy with the results, some are sad, and some are struggling within the body of the worldwide United Methodist Church. There are many articles and personal thoughts out there and I would encourage you to read many remarks from both sides of the matter and not just the one with which you agree. To get a better understanding I want to invite you to join me on Sunday, March 17 at the Kennesaw UMC, 4:00pm-6:00pm. As we gather with our brothers and sisters from the Rome/Carrollton, Atlanta/ Marietta and our own Northwest District, we will receive information from leaders within the North Georgia Annual Conference. This will not be a time of debate but a time to receive information and to learn about the process within the Denomination. Between now and then my door is open and I am willing to have conversations with open minds and open hearts concerning our thoughts on this subject. I will close with one final thought concerning the 2019 called General Conference: remember there are mixed emotions on this issue and we have folks happy and some sad. So pray before we speak and seek God's grace with our words.

Now on to needs here at JUMC. These are needs as we continue to offer ministry that makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The first need that comes to mind, is one that has been talked about for a number of years and has a committee in place working on its completion: a new organ. Plans are underway, and money donated but more is needed to see this completed. If you are interested in this area, please let me know. Another item being discussed, that has received a donation is a new electronic sign. This of course would allow us to share information in a new and updated format with our community. The trustees have discussed that we need some updates within our worship space. Things such as new chairs, paint in entrance and other areas, and continued upgrades needed concerning our sound system. By the way, there is a little money remaining from our donations for audio/visual improvements a few years ago. A continuing need is our parking. This is by far the largest and most costly improvement needed and in my opinion the most important, because all the others will not matter if we do not have a place for folks to park. If we are going to make the best use of the facility we have we must make strides in our limited and difficult parking. I bring all of this to your attention because we need to have prayer and conversations about all of these items. I will be talking with our leaders and seeking the best way to move us forward to see all of these needs fulfilled. Committees and good leaders are in place to lead us and share with the body so you can prepare yourself to respond as priorities are set and possible solutions are determined. Keep praying and seeking God's blessings.

To close this month I want to thank everyone for your prayers, concern and understanding with my injury to my right ankle. I see the doctor again on March 11, and I hope to have a different apparatus that will allow me to drive once again and move around easier so I can be a little more normal. Your prayers are appreciated and needed, for my family and me, as they drive me around. Also, thank you for allowing me to be your lead pastor here at JUMC. I strive never to take for granted the honor and privilege that is mine to be a pastor in the United Methodist Church.

Yours in Christ,

Greg

Pastor: Rev. Greg Meadows

Director of Christian Education: Teal Sanders

Director of Congregational Care: Gerry Gleason

Music/Worship Leader: Roxanne B. Golden

Director of Youth Ministry: Abby Stuckey

IMPORTANT NOTES. .

Annual Dessert Theatre is on Friday night, March 15th 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 13th and end at noon on Sunday, March 17th. Soup and grilled cheese sandwiches will be served for lunch on Sunday March 17th 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 2019 to Wilmington, Kure Beach and Charlotte, NC-June 2nd-9th.

LOOKING AHEAD:

-April 18th-MAUNDY THURSDAY-7 pm -Chancel Choir
-April 21st-EASTER
7 am-Sunrise Service at PHS with Youth Choir
9 am-Praise Band and Youth Choir
11 am-Chancel Choir and Combined Choirs on the Hallelujah Chorus

ANNUAL CHANCEL CHOIR RETREAT at Lake Junaluska-July 26th-28th

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 or e-mail if you have any questions at rgolden@jasperumc.org or #25 here at the church office.

Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne



ANNUAL DESSERT THEATER

Friday, March 15th, 7:00 pm

Silent Auction

Wednesday, March 13th-Sunday, March 17th

Lunch of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches

Sunday, March 17th, 12:00 noon



March 6th, 7:00 pm

MARCH. . .

3rd, 10th and 17th-Elevate
8-10 Confirmation Retreat
24th & 31st-NO Elevate
28-High School Prayer Breakfast
29-31-Spiritual Life Retreat



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LIFE LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Jasper UMC on April 26th. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129 please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP:

Looking for a few minutes to spend time growing in love with your spouse? Join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month. We'll share dinner together then spend time strengthening our relationship.

When: Saturday, March 9th Where: Sanctuary

Time: 6-8

Details: Dinner at 6:00.

Email Pastor Greg at greg.meadows@ngumc.net for dinner count by Wednesday, March 6th. Child care provided if requested.

MISSIONS MATTERS

- Support the 2020 Kenya Team. . . Eat Pancakes! March 16th at Fatz Café, 8:00-10:00 am. Tickets: Adults \$10, child \$5 by March 10th from team or office. The team and supporters, as well as Kenyan guests Thomas Agutu and Merab, will serve you.
- Lenten Offerings will benefit the N. GA Pregnancy Center. Pick up your baby bottle bank at the ushers table beginning March 10th.
- 2019 First quarter local budgeted giving will go to ACES-\$500, Reinhardt Campus Ministries-\$250, Young Life-\$250.
- Be sure to make time for our Kenyan guests. Their schedule at JUMC is on the bulletin board. They will speak to all 3 services on March 17th.



Do you want to help serve the church? Join our Welcome Team! Volunteer once a week, once a month, or whatever fits into your schedule! Contact Abby Stuckey at astuckey@jasperumc.org or 706-253-2100!

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



JUMC PRESCHOOL 2019 MARCH CALENDAR

THEMES:

March 4-6	NURSERY RHYMES AND FAIRY TALES
March 11-13	MUSIC & MOVEMENT
March 18-20	MARCH WINDS AND THINGS THAT FLY
March 25-27	SPRING AND THINGS THAT CRAWL

MARCH SPECIAL DATES:

March 2	Dr. Seuss Birthday
March 4	Tuition Due
March 6	Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tale Day! Dress as a favorite character
March 13	Color Day! Wear something green St. Patrick's Parties, 11:00
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	First Day of Spring
March 27	Hat Day! Wear favorite Spring hat or cap

UPCOMING APRIL AND MAY DATES:

April 1-3	Spring Break, Preschool closed (Pickens Co. Schools closed April 1-5)
April 21	EASTER SUNDAY
April (TBA)	Spring Pictures!
April (TBA)	2019-2020 Registration
May 16	JUMC Preschool Graduation, 7:00 pm
May 22	Last day of Preschool!

**JUMC PRESCHOOL WILL CLOSE DUE TO
INCLEMENT WEATHER
WHEN PICKENS COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

5:45-6:30 pm
\$5.00/Adult, \$3.50/child
\$20.00 maximum cost for family

March 6th: Barbecued pork, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, dessert

March 13th: Chicken Enchiladas, squash and zucchini medley, fruit, chips and salsa, dessert

March 20th: Meat loaf, green beans, potatoes, fruit, green salad, dessert

March 27th: Macaroni and cheese, glazed carrots, steamed broccoli, green salad, dessert

**Please make your reservations
by Mondays at 12:00 noon.**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY...

Scheduled Children's Events



March 8th-10th Confirmation Retreat

April 17th Easter Egg Hunt: This is a community event during our KOK hours. Feel free to invite your friends and family. More details to follow.

Bins for collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt will be in the narthex on March 27th-April 10. We need small, individually wrapped candies to fit into an egg sized egg. The kids thank you!

May 12th KOK Spring Musical Performance



June 17th-21st Vacation Bible School: If you are interested in volunteering during this week or during set up, please send me a quick email so I can add your name to my list.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have ANY questions or need clarification with any of our events!



I am so proud of our KOK Kiddos and their participation in our local mission project. Each child donated a gently used stuff animal to our police department. Jasper Police allowed the kids to visit their facility to drop off their stuff animals and talk with the children about what they do and who they are as an officer. Of course, the visit would only be complete with a tour of the police vehicle and use of the vehicle intercom system. A special Thank you to Jasper Police Department for all they do!

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Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday, March 10th

**DON'T FORGET
TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD ONE HOUR**

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

Bebe Gibbs, Emily Clayborn, Jessie Garcia, Harill Wood, Courtney Smith, Juliebeth Golden (Jimmy Golden's sister), Len Hill, Bob & Julia Jorns, James Sumner, Kay Cash, Chris Ferris (Dean & Judy's son), Kathy Moniz (Suzanne Gehring's sister), Patti Gehring (Brian Gehring's sister), Linda Jones, Wayne Jewell, Linda Roseberry (Patsy Rollins' sister), Kathy Love, Bob & Judy Bailey, Jeremy Hart, Ed Wallis (Jean Norman's brother), Pam Turner, Elaine Hannah, Jim Ryan, James M. Wilson, Charles Little (Roxanne's stepdad), John Craft, Bill Boggs, Cheryl Darnell (Tom Lindsey's sister), Emma Ashbeck (Tom Ashbeck's granddaughter), Tim Butler, Becky Stafford, Heidi Smith, Faye Bailey-cancer (cousin of Phyllis Pool), Archie Crain-cancer (Fred Crain's brother), Sue Mann-Parkinson's (Judy Crain's sister), Paul Singletary's mother and father, Tom & Susan Spehar-neighbors of Robert & Angela Ervin, Joseph Moniz-Suzanne Gehring's father, Wendell Sander's father, David Jenkins, Meredith Bass-cancer surgery, Matt Stanaland-stomach pain

Missions Matters: Fresh starts for all the ministries supported by JUMC.

Expecting: Jolie (Bauer) Justice-May 26, Jesse (Tatum) Ford-June

Our active military family: Brett Rush, Jeremy Willis, Nathan Watson, David Grossman, Peter Nunn, Shawn Hancock, Steven Walsh, Max Edward Caylor, Dustin Hall, Jason Kiernan, John Kiernan, Jason Stanley, Emerson Gantz, Stanley Peters, Alex Davis, Austin McCormick, Eric Hunter, Jessie Sams, Elliot Gallagher, Mitch Rich, Justin Mosiello, Brian Mosiello, Kalya Brooks, Dillon Gasaway, Alec Gryski, Jesse Vaughan, Nathan Russell, Bryce Skillington

Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehab: Delle Marie O'Neal

Serenity Mtn. Manor: Tilli Savage

Sonshine Manor PCH: Novella Foster (Phyllis Pool's mother)

Wildwood: Flora Godfrey (Ava Saye's mother), Beverly Fontaine (Steve Griffin's mother), Marilyn Hannah

Windsor House Assisted Living in Canton: Tom & Ardith Stanley

Pruitt: Bob Bailey

Brian Center: Marilu Weeks

Grandview: Bebe Gibbs

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
Bill & Vicki Wickham



Jenny Aaronson, Colin Aaronson, Marsha Baggett, Richmond Baggett, Kendall Bradford, Jeanie Brantley, Joe Butler, Jake Cash, Burl Chesser, Etta Cramer, Paula Daniell, Bill Dean, Henry Farmer, Dean Ferris, David Finney, Roxanne Golden, Sharon Harp, Mitchel Henson, Gordon Hersberger, Kathy Huntington, Scott Jackson, Rachel Jacobs, Rob Johnson, Jerry Jones, Maximilian Kearns, Cameron Klaric, Tyler Ledford, Annabelle Leister, Sophie Lindsey, Erin Martin, Shelby Martin, Fiona McAllister, Erin McGhee, Guy Owen, Helen Petty, Kathy Pickering, Jennifer Pinnell, Clay Raynes, Robert Reitz, James Rizoti, Wendell Sanders, Riley Goodman, Pam Singletary, Graeson Tyree, Heather Vincent, Jane Wigington, Grace Wilkie, Katie Williams, Brenda Yeast

JUMC SERVANTS FOR MARCH

March 3rd

Acolytes: Sophie Lindsey, Anna Grace Finney

Fellowship Coffee: New Horizons Sunday School Class

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

Financial Counters: Rachel Hoffbauer, Tom Harrison

Church Lockup: Bill Traynham

Bus Drivers: Robert Trowell, Mike Lohman

March 10th

Acolytes: Eydie Countryman, Brody Wilds

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

Fellowship Coffee: Open

Financial Counters: Debbie Hunter, Patsy Rollins

Church Lockup: Bill Traynham

Bus Drivers: Ted Schlitz, Mike Melton

March 17th

Acolytes: Ellah McEntire, Gabe Howell

Nursery: Jennifer Wilds

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: Amelia McIntyre, Susan Lindsey

Church Lockup: Bill Traynham

Greeters & Ushers: United Methodist Men

Bus Drivers: Terry McCormick, Greg Bauer

March 24th

Acolytes: Maggie Martin, Asher Farron

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

Fellowship Coffee: Serendipity Sunday School Class

Financial Counters: Joann Montgomery, Jesse Hunter

Church Lockup: Bill Traynham

Bus Drivers: Homer Key, Darryl Evans

March 31st

Acolytes: Pearl Sanders, Kaela Kearney

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

Fellowship Coffee: Open

Financial Counters: Bill Wickham, Gordon Norman

Church Lockup: Bill Traynham

Bus Drivers: Homer Key, Darryl Evans

Greg Meadows	Pastor
Roxanne B. Golden	Music/Worship Leader
Abby Stuckey	Director of Youth Ministry
Gerry Gleason	Director of Congregational Care
Teal Sanders	Director of Christian Education
Leslie Coleman	Administrative Assistant
Suzanne Gehring	Financial Manager
Deborah Goodrum	Preschool Director
Judy Francis	Nursery Coordinator
Nathaniel Singletary	Contemporary Worship Leader
Isabella Wilbanks	Music Assistant/KOK Music
Angela Ervin	Organist
Susan Gooch/Ellen Whitten	Pianists