



Jasper United Methodist Church

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MARCH 2020

As seen from the Meadows. . .

When I was 10 years old I could not even fathom 2020 and now here I am in March 2020. I am going to share with you today some thoughts concerning the season of Lent, give you some updates on parking lot plans and to offer you a place to go to gain information concerning the United Methodist Church 2020 General Conference and the Protocol legislation that has received so much press the last few months.

Lent is the 40 days beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday not counting Sundays as the 6 Sundays of Lent are considered little Easters and do not count in 40 days of Lent. These 40 days are meant to be a time of reflection and contemplation to review our relationship with God in and through Jesus. Has our relationship increased or decreased over the last year, have we experienced new understandings of the world in and through the eyes of Jesus? The 40 days of Lent can change our relationship with God and with humanity. Whether you take on something new to stretch your understanding or you give up something to connect with the concept of sacrifice: either one can enable us to experience God's presence and blessings. Try and take advantage of the gift of 40 days of spiritual reflection, it just may change your life.

In March 2019 I reminded us of a few projects ongoing and not yet off the ground for improving our now 22- year - old campus. One of those items was the parking lot between the main building and the church office building. The Long Range Planning Committee asked for and received permission to hire a surveying company to present a plan to change our current parking area. Those plans have been received and affirmed by the Long Range Planning Committee and will be presented to the Trustees this month for their vote. If the Trustees agree, the plans will then be presented to the Church Council for their vote and if the Church Council approves the plans, the Long Range Planning Committee will begin putting the job out for bids on actually doing the work. Once the bids are in and approved by the same three committees the Finance Committee will then begin the conversation of how we will seek the funds to see the work completed. All of us need to be in prayer for this work and for the funds that will be needed to see it take place.

I have had some questions concerning the state of the United Methodist Church and what the future holds for us, the Jasper UMC. I feel that our North Georgia UMC Conference website has a very good posting from the Rev. Tom Berlin. Rev. Berlin is a United Methodist pastor in the Virginia Annual Conference and has been very involved in the process for many years. I recommend you consider taking the few minutes to listen to Rev. Tom Berlin at <https://revtomberlin.com/talking-about-the-protocol/>. I feel this is a good way to gain a better understanding of what has happened and what is happening now. If you have questions please let me know, as my door is always open.

To close this month I want to remind everyone of the Marriage Enrichment Group that meets Saturday, March 14 at 6:00pm here at the church. Dinner and childcare provided. Please email me at greg.meadows@ngumc.net or text me at 770-851-8305 to make a reservation for dinner and if needed, childcare. Thank you all for your prayers and support and as always, my family and I are honored to be your pastoral family.

Yours in Christ,

Greg

Pastor: Rev. Greg Meadows

Director of Christian Education: Teal Sanders

Music/Worship Leader: Roxanne B. Golden

Director of Youth Ministry/Marketing: Eric Justice

Director of Congregational Care: Gerry Gleason

IMPORTANT NOTES. .

Annual Dessert Theatre is on Friday night, March 20th 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 candlelit setting!!! (Fruit and sugar free desserts will be available). A Silent Auction will begin on Wednesday, March 18th and end at noon on Sunday, March 22nd. Soup and grilled cheese sandwiches will be served for lunch on Sunday March 22nd then the 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 2020 to Richmond VA, Washington DC and Lake Junaluska NC.

LOOKING AHEAD:

-April 9th-MAUNDY THURSDAY-7 pm -Chancel Choir

-April 21st-EASTER

7 am-Sunrise Service at PHS

9 am-Praise Band

11 am-Chancel Choir and Combined Choirs on the Hallelujah Chorus

-April 26th-CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

ANNUAL CHANCEL CHOIR RETREAT at Lake Junaluska-July 24th-26th

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 here at the church office at 706-253-2100
Soli Deo Gloria, Roxanne



ANNUAL DESSERT THEATER

Friday, March 22nd, 7:00 pm

Silent Auction

Wednesday, March 18th-Sunday, March 22nd

Lunch of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches

Sunday, March 22nd, 12:00 noon



WORSHIP • MISSIONS • COMMUNITY

Upcoming Events:

March 6-8 Confirmation Retreat

March 13-15-Spiritual Life Retreat

April 17-18-River of Life

Eric Justice, Director of Youth & Marketing

Cell: 706-669-8296

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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 24th. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

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 14th **Where:** Sanctuary

Time: 6-8

Details: Dinner at 6:00.

Email Pastor Greg at greg.meadows@ngumc.net for dinner count by Wednesday, March 11th. Child care provided if requested.

Maundy Thursday Drama and Communion Service

Please mark your calendar for our Maundy Thursday Drama and Communion service on **April 9 at 7:00 pm**. This year's Drama is entitled "**Face to Face**" and imagines a conversation between Peter and Judas after the events of Holy Week. The service is also highlighted by special music by our Chancel Choir as well as a powerful time of communion as we prepare our hearts for the observance of the Passion of our Lord

MISSIONS MATTERS

This year the Lenten offering is designated for CARES. Along with monetary gifts we are requesting donations of household items. Particular items for each Sunday during Lent are as follows:

CARES COLLECTION

MARCH 1: TOILET PAPER

MARCH 8: SHAMPOO

MARCH 15: BODY SOAP (BAR)

MARCH 22: LIQUID DISH SOAP

MARCH 29: BABY DIAPERS (N - 5)

APRIL 5:

TOOTHBRUSH, PASTE, FLOSS



PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



JUMC PRESCHOOL 2020 MARCH CALENDAR

THEMES:

March 2-4	DR. SEUSS AND BOOKS
March 9-11	MARCH WINDS AND THINGS THAT FLY
March 16-18	ST. PATRICK'S
March 23-25	SPRING AND THINGS THAT CRAWL
March 30-31	CELEBRATION OF EASTER

MARCH SPECIAL DATES:

March 2	Dr. Seuss Birthday
March 4	Tuition Due
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Color Day! Wear something green St. Patrick's Parties, 11:00
March 20	First Day of Spring
March 24	Hat Day! Wear favorite Spring hat or cap
March 31	Egg Hunts!

UPCOMING APRIL AND MAY DATES:

April 1	Easter Parade and Parties
April 6-10	Spring Break, Preschool closed (Pickens Co. Schools closed April 6-10)
April 12	EASTER SUNDAY
April (TBA)	Spring Pictures!
April (TBA)	2019-2020 Registration
May 14	JUMC Preschool Graduation, 7:00 pm
May 20	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
**Please make your reservations
by Mondays at 12:00 noon.**



Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday, March 8th

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY...

Scheduled Children's Events



April 1st Easter Egg Hunt:
This is a community event so feel free to invite your friends, neighbors and family. **We need donations of individually wrapped candy, water**

bottles and canned soda. Bins for donations will be in the narthex. The kids thank you!

April 26th: KOK Spring Musical Performance



June 22nd- 26th 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!



Donating a gently used stuffed animal has become an annual mission project for our KOK group. While doing good, they also get to learn a lot about what our police officers do for us and our community. The officers use the animals for comfort when responding to calls involving a child. The kids are looking forward to their "field trip" again next year!

Teal Sanders tsanders@jasperumc.org
706-253-2100 (office), 478-696-3390 (mobile)

Ladies of JUMC,

You are all invited
to a Baby Shower for Teal Sanders. Come and celebrate the new addition to the Sanders family by showering her with gifts and love!



(It's a Boy!!)

Sunday, March 15th

Drop in from **12:30 pm-3:00 pm**

RSVP to Jackie Bauer

404-502-2886

jmb sapphire@gmail.com

(Registered at babylist.com)

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

Ruth Lovern, Jessie Garcia, Harrill Wood, Juliebeth Golden, Bob & Julia Jorns, James Sumner, Chris Ferris, Joseph and Kathy Moniz, Patti Gehring, Judy Bailey, Jeremy Hart, Pam Turner, James M. Wilson, Cheryl Darnell, Tim Butler, Faye Bailey (Phyllis Pool's cousin), Becky Singletary, Tom & Susan Spehar, David Jenkins, Cathy Willard, Jan Davis, Jerry Butcher, John Cash, Emily Clayborn, John Mack-cancer (friend of Allen and Ann Quandee), Delores Wagner, Deborah & Amber Goodrum, Alison (Goodrum) Hill, Roberta Sarchet, Ann Beach and daughter, Richard & June Rambler, Linda Jones, Diane Hall-Rhonda Hunt's sister, Kimberly & Gerard Mosiello, Maureen Huntington, Jim Weeks, Jenna Mann Fuller (Heidi Smith's sister), Karla Stanaland-chemo (Beth Boggs relative), Joan Kuhn (friends of the Coles), Joyce Leist, Evelyn West, Charlie Edem, Tara Davis, Amy (Tom Ashbeck's daughter), Jesse Hunter, Nellie Brownell (Knee Replacement), Bob Fallgren, Tommy Daniels, Lucy Bailey, Bill Boggs, Robert Countryman, Annie Gunnin, Ed Sherrell, Karen Cole
Missions Matters: Kenya Team 2020 (Feb. 19th-Mar. 4th)
Expecting: Teal Sanders -May 12th (boy!), Kara Golden- Early June, Fetrah Golden-August
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, Kalyn Brooks, Dillon Gasaway, Alec Gryski, Jesse Vaughan, Nathan Russell, Bryce Skillington, Lily Bowen, D. John Thomas, Ahmed Sohail
Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehab: Delle Marie O'Neal
Serenity Mtn. Manor: Tilli Savage
Sonshine Manor PCH: Novella Foster (Phyllis Pool's mother)
Wildwood: Beverly Fontaine (Steve Griffin's mother), Marilyn Hannah
Retreat at Canton Assisted Living: Tom Stanley
Retreat at Jasper Assisted Living: Mazie Melton
Chestnut Ridge in Cumming: Marilu Weeks
Rock Creek Manor: Sam and Barbara Peddicord

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
Don & Mary Russell
Dan & Chrystal Gabriel
Bill & Vicki Wickham
Mike & Luella Ledford

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 Hershberger, 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 1st

Acolytes: Sophie Lindsey, McKenzie McKean
Fellowship Coffee: New Horizons Sunday School Class
Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Wigington
Financial Counters: Rachel Hoffbauer, Tom Harrison
Usher/Greeter: Tom Harrison, Dayton Adams, Charles & Anne Roberts, Ed Sherrell, David Lovern, Bill Hutsepiller, Merry Grey Caylor
Church Lockup: Tommy Tatum
Bus Drivers: Robert Trowell, Mike Lohman

March 8th

Acolytes: Pearl Sanders, Ella McEntire
Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Quandee
Fellowship Coffee: Serendipity Sunday School Class
Financial Counters: Debbie Hunter, Patsy Rollins
Usher/Greeter: Tom Harrison, Dayton Adams, Tom Lindsey, Maureen & Mark Atkins
Church Lockup: Tommy Tatum
Bus Drivers: Ted Schlitz, Mike Melton

March 15th

Acolytes: Brody Wilds, 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
Usher/Greeter: United Methodist Men
Church Lockup: Tommy Tatum
Greeters & Ushers: United Methodist Men
Bus Drivers: Terry McCormick, Greg Bauer

March 22nd

Acolytes: Edy Countryman, Stella Galligan
Sound Ministry: (8:30 & 11:00) Paul Singletary
Fellowship Coffee: Lunch Bunch
Financial Counters: Joann Montgomery, Jesse Hunter
Usher/Greeter: Charles & Anne Roberts, Ed Sherrell, Bill Hutsepiller, Tom Lindsey, Richard & June Rambler, Merry Grey Caylor
Church Lockup: Tommy Tatum
Bus Drivers: Homer Key, Darryl Evans

March 29th

Acolytes: Maggie Martin, Asher Farron
Sound Ministry: (8:30) Paul Singletary, (11:00) Allen Wigington
Fellowship Coffee: United Methodist Women
Financial Counters: Bill Wickham, Gordon Norman
Church Lockup: Tommy Tatum
Bus Drivers: Homer Key, Darryl Evans



Greg Meadows	Pastor
Roxanne B. Golden	Music/Worship Leader
Eric Justice	Director of Youth Ministry/Marketing
Gerry Gleason	Director of Congregational Care
Teal Sanders	Director of Christian Education
Cathy Riley	Administrative Assistant
Peggy Litherland	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