

# Jasper United Methodist Church

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**JUNE 2020**

## As seen from the Meadows. . .

I pray this finds you doing well in the midst of the crazy world right now. This has been one of the hardest things we have endured in recent history. I know that many have supported the need to restrict the use of the church building and understood the need to worship online. I also realize there are others who have not agreed with these decisions. I hope whichever group you find yourself in, you understand the heartache for those of us in the middle trying to care for everyone. I am thankful that we, as United Methodists, have our Bishop and Cabinet offering guidance and encouragement. We were asked to hold off in-person worship until after June 22 and we are going to comply with this recommendation. At this point, we are making plans for our first in-person service to be July 12th. The Staff and I have talked through what this will look like and what will be needed to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Our plans and requests are as follows:

- **Two Worship Services**

Two services of worship will be 9:00 am traditional and 11:00 am contemporary. Each service will be shorter than our previous services. We will only be able to seat 60 people in each service. Reservations will be required to ensure we do not exceed 60 in a service of worship. How to make your reservation will be shared very soon. Make sure we have a current email for you on record or contact the office to sign up for the *Flocknotes*, as these will be our best way to contact everyone.

- **Masks**

To reduce the risk further, masks will be encouraged and we will have them available if you do not have your own. Please understand this is to make sure we do all we can to "Do No Harm", the number one general rule of the UMC. I do not like them either, but masks do reduce the risk. There are folks who should not and will not attend unless we are willing to wear our masks. Do No Harm!

- **Hand Sanitizer**

Hand sanitizer stations will be available as everyone enters and we encourage you to use them as well as bring your own.

- **Social Distancing**

Please no handshakes, no hugs so we can practice proper social distancing. I know it is hard and these are some of the reasons we come to church, but right now we need to reduce the risk of COVID-19.

- **Most Vulnerable**

As hard as it is for me to say this, those 60 and over, those with immune issues and those who are sick should plan to stay home and enjoy the worship online.

- **Restrooms**

Restrooms will be open for use. Please limit to two persons in the restroom at a time.

- **People to Serve**

We will need folks willing to serve each Sunday to be door openers, ushers to seats and to sanitize sanctuary between services. Contact me at [greg.meadows@ngumc.net](mailto:greg.meadows@ngumc.net) if you are willing to serve.

There is more information but I feel this is enough to start with at this time. I know this is hard, believe me, for I am the one who has been praying over it for weeks. I do not feel this is too much to ask in order to begin returning to in-person worship. I hope you will continue to pray for the situation of our world and seek God's guidance of grace.

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: Eric Justice

# 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 2020 JUNE CALENDAR



CONGRATULATIONS  
JUMC PRESCHOOL GRADATES

### JUNE SPECIAL DATES:

June –TBA  
2020 Graduation Pictures

June 10-30  
2020-2021 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION  
Email or call:  
jaspermethodistpreschool@gmail.com  
Preschool 706-253-2109  
Church 706-253-2100  
Fax 706-253-2110

June 20 First Day of Summer!

June 21 FATHER'S DAY

**HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER!**

### 2020 FALL DATES:

Sept. 3 Preschool Open House  
6:00-8:30 pm  
Sept. 8 First Day of Preschool!

Congratulations to our  
Ledford Scholarship Recipients.  
We are proud of all your hard work  
and accomplishments.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY...

The children's fall retreat will be September 18th-20th. Please let me know if your child will be interested in attending. All rising 3rd-5th graders are welcome to attend. We had such a great time last year, I am looking forward to it again!

Bibles will be presented to our rising 4th graders before the start of school. If you have a rising 4th grader and have not received my email, please let me know ASAP.

Thank you for all the prayers, best wishes and love all of you have sent our way. We are still on cloud 9 with our new bundle of joy. Both Gaige and I are getting along great. We are blessed to have had no complications and fast recoveries. Your many prayers have certainly been felt and your overflowing love has meant the world to me and my family. We are blessed to belong to such a great congregation!

Teal Sanders, Director of Christian Education  
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In Elevate, we have been gathering over Google Meet to answer some really tough questions about faith, the trinity, and real issues that we are facing today. We have been able to do fun themes and give away dinners to our youth families! God has been blessing us as we have gathered.

For the month of June, we plan to faithfully continue meeting virtually via Google Meet/Hangouts. For the link to join us, check out our facebook page.

Looking forward to July, we might be able to meet in person after July 12th. More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

I urge you to be faithful in prayer, reading God's Word, and being renewed in thought and Spirit every day. The Lord has started a work in us and He is faithful to see us through it! May the Lord be glorified and honored in our humble attempts to share His good news!

Blessings,  
Eric Justice  
Director of Youth & Marketing  
Cell: 706-669-8296

## Happy Birthday!

Donna Andrews, Rick Anglin, Madison Bail, Jamisen Bail, Judy Bailey, Greg Bauer, Leslie Rieling, Roland Buchanan, Sara Chumley, Karen Cole, Richard Crenshaw, Darlene Crenshaw, Justin Davis, Brandi Dean, Mark Dickerson, Melanie Farron, Bobby Fowler, Chrystal Gabriel, Gabe Gabriel, Cindy Gantz, Kathy Glenn, Hannah Hardison, Reagan Hardison, Mady Hoffbauer, Bill Hutsenpiller, Morgan Jackson, Megan Jennings, Alex Jennings, Pat Jewell, Jackson Jones, Tom Judkins, Joanna Kearns, Cathy Key, Natalie Klein, Tom Kleinberg, Jack Knight, David Lindsey, Garrett Maple, John McGuire, Jackson Melton, Asher Miller, Dex Phillips, Mack Phillips, John Pool, Allen Quandee, Fred Riddell, Tricia Rollins, Emily Rumsey, Chiara Simoneschi, Jacob Tatum, Hunter Thompson, Debby Utiss, Cathy Vickers, Jane Waller, Mary Peterson, Sharmon Weeks, Allen Wington, Jacob Wilson, Bobbie Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Daniel Wisniewski, Charlie Wright

John Wesley, June 28, 1708



The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.

PROVERBS 20:7

## Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Jeanie Brantley  
Richard & Darlene Crenshaw  
Jim & Suzie Fowler  
Jimmy & Roxanne Golden  
Stephen & Nancy Hammer  
Hoyt & Carolyn Jenkins  
Jack & Janie Knight

David & Sheila Lovern  
Phil & Erin Martin  
Arthur & Amelia McIntyre  
Guy & Rennie Owen  
Richard & June Rambler  
Ted & Carole Schlitz  
David & Shelly Vincent

## MISSION MATTERS...

\*\*Kenya 2020 Mission Trip report is on the church web site: [www.jasperumc.org](http://www.jasperumc.org). Check it out!

\*\*Second quarter local giving will be shared by CARES (\$500) and the Timothy House (\$500).

## KEEP IN TOUCH...

One of the main comments I hear when people call the office is 'I miss seeing everyone'. So I thought it would be nice if we could share pictures of you and/or something you are doing during this pandemic. If you're camera shy just send a comment to let us know how and what you are doing. We will share these on our facebook page and web site.

The off ice is open Monday-Thursday, 8:30-noon. There is a locked drop-box next to the office door where you can drop your offering and other information when the office is closed.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you. The office is way too quiet!  
In His Service,  
Cathy Riley, Administrative Assistant

## "Come to the Mountain" Women's Retreat 2020

at Jasper United Methodist Church

Friday, Aug. 28th, 5:00-9:00 pm  
Saturday, Aug. 29th, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Cost: \$40.00 (includes 3 meals and materials)

Mark your calendars now!

Registration forms are in the narthex information desk or in the church office.

For more information  
contact Cathy Riley at 618-384-6254  
or [criley@jasperumc.org](mailto:criley@jasperumc.org)

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 2020:

*A lectionary is a collection of readings from Sacred Scripture. Readings are arranged according to the Church's calendar and are intended to be read at the regular, weekly gathering of God's people. Already in the fourth century, readings were gathered together for this purpose. Initially, the readings were arranged in a continuous fashion, with each Sunday's texts picking up where the reading had concluded the previous week. For the festival half of the church year (Advent through Pentecost), readings were eventually assigned that reflected the theme of the day. The weekly readings include scriptures from the Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament and a Gospel.*

If you would like to read along with the lectionary, the following are the June scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

June 7, 2020	Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
June 14, 2020	Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2, 12:19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)
June 21, 2020	Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39
June 28, 2020	Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

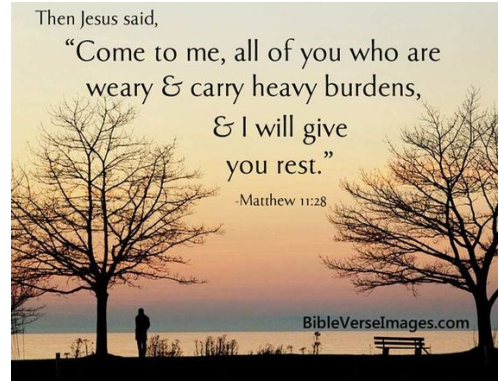


*"I know the plans I have for you,  
declares the Lord,  
plans to prosper you,  
and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11*

One of my all-time favorite things to anticipate and celebrate each summer is the arrival of..... THE OFFICIAL UNITED METHODIST PROGRAM CALENDAR for the next year!!! (Even more happiness is that the following year's calendar is tucked in the back). Oh, how I love to plan and plan FAR in advance!! That gets me very excited while other staff members just shake their heads, sigh or laugh at my joy-filled day. Plans for the future, plans for upcoming Summer Music/Mission Tours, plans for Annual Chancel Choir Retreats, Plans for Handbell Festivals/Conferences, Plans for Children and Youth Musicals, Plans for Special Music for Advent, Christmas and Lent, Community Sunrise Service, Easter Celebrations as well as our Annual Patriotic Service, and all kinds of fun events like our Annual Dessert Theatre! So much to anticipate/rehearse/experience/share! Then March of 2020 came along.

And now June of 2020 is here and this newsletter article is so very different than any I've ever written before in my 45-year career in church music. We should be on SMT 2020 this week and I'm constantly thinking "What would we be doing now"? This was a BIG year. We have a large class of 2020. JUMC has deep roots in youth choir. The first Music/Mission Tour was in 1991 and we have continued to maintain and provide for our youth. My first SMT here at JUMC was in 2000, and this would have been the first time a second generation youth (Shelby Martin) joined in on SMT traditions under my leadership. As the memories pop up from past SMT's, it warms my heart to see our youth/alumni having so much fun being the Hands, Feet and Voice of Christ out in the world. What a joy to watch them in action as they continue to sow seeds of faith wherever they are planted. So, some plans have changed this year but we are still called to be His Hands, Feet and Voice each and every day. May God bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Roxanne



Then Jesus said,

"Come to me, all of you who are weary & carry heavy burdens, & I will give you rest."

-Matthew 11:28

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**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 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 and Amber Goodrum, Alison (Goodrum) Hill, Roberta Sarchet, Ann Beach and daughter, Richard & June Rambler, 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, Charlie Edem, Amy (Tom Ashbeck's daughter), Jesse Hunter, Bob Fallgren, Tommy Daniels, Lucy Bailey, Bill Boggs, Robert Countryman, Karen Cole, Foster Judkins (grandson of Tom & Linda Judkins), Barbara Ledford, Cindy Koehler, Peggy Higgins, Llewyn Jones  
Expectant Mothers: Kara Golden-June 15, Fitrah Golden-August  
Audrey (Bauer) Jones-September, Courtney (Pinnell) Haughwout-November

Mission Matters: The hungry worldwide who cannot work due to virus.

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 (Elaine Hannah's sister-in-law)

Retreat at Canton Assisted Living : Tom Stanley

Retreat at Jasper Assisted Living: Mazie Nell Melton

Chestnut Ridge in Cumming: Marilu Weeks

Rock Creek Manor: Sam and Barbara Peddicord

Christian sympathy is extended to Roxanne Golden and family on the death of her stepfather, Charles Little.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jake Waller and family on the deaths of his daughter, Kristy Waller and son, Dana Waller.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jackie Bauer and family on the death of her brother, Geoffrey McCabe.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Conner.

***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.

**God blesses those  
who mourn,  
for they will be  
comforted.**

Matthew 5:4

