



# Jasper United Methodist Church

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## AUGUST 2020

### *As seen from the Meadows,*

Where do I begin with all that has happened, all that is happening, and all the unknown that is ahead? The good news is that in the midst of it all God loves us, God can lead us and God is with us. For the month of August I want to share thoughts about in-person worship and offer an opportunity for service here for worship.

Our first few services of in-person worship went well on July 12th and 19th. Thank you to our servants who cleaned and rearranged the sanctuary between services. Thank you to everyone who was here for complying and wearing face coverings and practicing physical distancing. This is going to be so important to insure we reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. As you are aware by now Pickens County had over 70 new cases in a matter of two weeks and we have now returned to online-only worship. Please know I am keeping up with Pickens County numbers as far as COVID-19 and as numbers decrease decisions will be made to return to in-person worship once again. We, Jasper UMC, want to do all we can to decrease the numbers not increase. Join us online Sunday at 11:00 am and be looking for information via Facebook, YouTube and Flocknotes for any changes in worship plans.

Due to our return to online-only worship, meetings planned for August will take place online. A few days before the meeting date, you will receive an email with the link to our Google meeting. On the day of, a few minutes before, click on the link and follow the instructions to join. You will need a computer, tablet or cell phone with a camera to be seen, but you can join and listen and be heard without a camera as well. If you have questions about this let me know.

Sunday, August 2, 2020, we will have the honor to welcome Rev. David Jones to our pulpit. This will be an online-only service. It will be a traditional service and will be live on Facebook and YouTube at 9:00 am. Once it is live, you can then watch at whatever time is best for you. We do plan to return to our 9:00 am and 11:00 am in-person worship with 50 people on August 9th. David will be with you, as I will be on vacation. Lydia had a request to be on the beach the first day of school and so I made that happen. It will also be the week of our 31st wedding anniversary on August 5th. Thank you for the opportunity to be on vacation with my Lydia!

Worshiping online is not an easy thing to do every week. It may seem that way for those who have enjoyed the service from week to week. Paul Singletary has researched and experimented to get us to where we are today. There are still a few things to do and each time we learn something new. One main thing we have learned is we need more servants. Paul needs assistance, so if you are willing to learn and give some time to help make worship even better, contact the church office and we will put you in touch with Paul.

To close I want to remind us of the good news I started with. Regardless of all else going on around us, God loves us, God can lead us, and God is with us. Try to live this in such a way others will experience God's grace and love. Thank you for your support and your prayers. It is an honor to serve you and love you!

Yours in Christ,

*Greg*

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#### JUMC STAFF:

- 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



## JUMC PRESCHOOL 2020 AUGUST CALENDAR



### CONGRATULATIONS JUMC PRESCHOOL GRADUATES

Elijah Carter	Rush Mitton
Lane Curley	Piper Noles
Kellan Lewis	Bella Self
Sam Loggins	Jozie Southern
Rylee Loggins	Chloe Townley
Charlie Mansfield	Paxtyn Weaver
Jase McDonald	

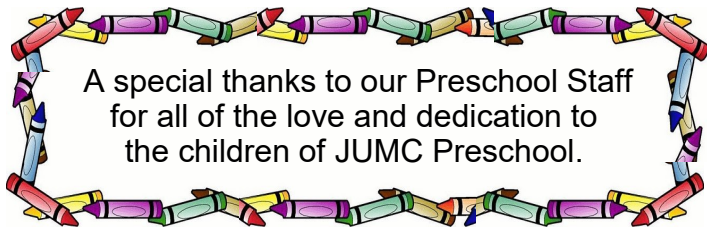
TBA 2019-2020 Graduation Pictures

### PRESCHOOL AUGUST SPECIAL DATES:

Aug. 1-31  
 2020-2021 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION  
 Email or call:  
 jaspermethodistpreschool@gmail.com  
 Preschool 706-253-2109  
 Church 706-253-2100  
 Fax 706-253-2110

### 2020-2021 PRESCHOOL SEPTEMBER DATES:

September 2 & 3	Staff Work Days
September 3	Preschool Open House 6:00pm-8:30 pm
September 8	First Day of Preschool



A special thanks to our Preschool Staff for all of the love and dedication to the children of JUMC Preschool.

### 2019-2020 JUMC Preschool Staff:

#### 2 yr. old classes:

Barbara Gaddis, Kathy Watkins, Lisa Ray, Pam Singletary, Christi Clark, Karen Reece and Judy Francis

#### 3 yr. old classes:

Diane Boyles, Janie Watson, Pam Edwards and Donna Dooley

#### Pre-K class:

Jessica Allen and Cathy Cowart

#### Director:

Deborah Goodrum

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY...

**Worship Packets** are available for all kids attending either Worship service. They are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The packets are to be taken home with your child; no need to return any of the contents.

Don't forget to check out **Children's Ministry Facebook** page for updates on our events/happenings.

**Fourth Grader's Bible:** if you have not received an email from me regarding your rising 4th grader, PLEASE let me know by August 7th!

The return of school always begins the count down for **Kids of the Kingdom**. This program serves families within our congregation as well as a large number of families within our community. Please be in prayer for our leadership team as we are developing ways to continue this area of ministry.

### Planning Ahead:

- August-Rising 4th graders presented with Bibles
- August 3rd-Pickens 1st day of school
- September-Children's Fall Retreat
- January 30th-31st- Winter Retreat for 5th graders

Teal Sanders, Director of Christian Education

[tsanders@jasperumc.org](mailto:tsanders@jasperumc.org)

706-253-2100 (office), 478-696-3390 (mobile)



We are so excited to be able to meet in person and have our kickoff event on August 16th! We plan to play Kickball with a twist and color! We will have a parent meeting starting at 5:45 pm in the sanctuary.

With returning for in-person youth activities, we will be asking everyone to monitor the way they feel. If they are having any of the COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home. We will have hand sanitizer to give out and we will be doing a majority of our activities outside. Please bring a face covering (mask, shield, bandana, etc.). If you are not able to wear a covering for medical reasons, that is okay too, you are welcome!

Our new youth gathering time is 5:00 pm-7:00 pm.

August 2nd: Game Night

August 9th: Not Gathering

August 16th: Kickoff Event (bring a white t-shirt/ anything you would like to get color on!)

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



JUMC Facemasks

Black 3-ply, 100% cotton

Available in the narthex and the church office.

\$5 Suggested Donation

## Happy Birthday!

Marty Beaver, Joe Brown, Ben Brownell, Emerson Cash, Tyler Chastain, Mark Clayton, Emmanuel Countryman, Ellie Countryman, Robert Crenshaw, Lamar Crowe, Mary Sue Edwards, Adin Estrada Costales, Lauren Finney, Pat Gallagher, Jimmy Golden, Nancy Hammer, Abby Hardman, Isabella Howell, Carolyn Jenkins, Kelli Klein, Janie Knight, Jane Marocco, Andie McCormick, Susan Miller, Rick Phillips, Tom Prusa, Richard Rambler, Don Russell, Mary Russell, Homer Sewell, Riley Shaw, Linda Stepp, Jack Tatum, Hannah Vincent, Lynn Walker, Bill Wickham, Adaline Wilds

## Happy Anniversary!

Jack & Terry Dunn  
Bobby & Karen Fowler  
Pat & Lea Gallagher  
Tom & Linda Judkins  
David & Marie Lindsey  
Robert & Angela Ervin

Rick & Dex Phillips  
Tim & Jennifer Pinnell  
John & Shirley Pool  
Randy & Connie Tudor  
Jake & Jane Waller

## Georgia Marble Festival Road Race 2020 Canceled

The Pickens County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors recently made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Marble Festival stating that protecting the community was paramount. That announcement simultaneously impacts the Georgia Marble Festival Road Race sponsored by the ladies of Dorcas Circle here at the Jasper United Methodist Church. Following the Chamber's lead, we too must cancel this year's Road Race.

We will postpone the 40th annual Marble Festival Road Race until next October 2021. Thanks to our generous sponsors, incredible volunteers, and supportive community, this delayed 40th running of the Road Race will be a huge celebration. We look forward to welcoming runners next October 2, 2021.

Sincerely,  
Juanita Tatum and Suzanne Hardison  
Co-Directors, Georgia Marble Festival Road Race

*Come to the Mountain*



*I raise my eyes  
toward the  
mountains.  
Where will my help  
come from?  
My help comes  
from the LORD,  
the maker of  
heaven and earth.*

**Psalms 121:1-2**

## **Come to the Mountain Retreat has been postponed.**

We have made some changes this year due to the COVID-19. Since Pickens County moves between red and orange, we have postponed the retreat which was scheduled for August 29th. We are hopeful the COVID-19 numbers will go down and we will be able to have the retreat later this fall.

Our focus for the retreat will be: ***“How do I climb this mountain in front of me to find peace and joy?”***

If you would like to get a weekly devotion leading up to the retreat, email the following to be on the list:

email [criley@jasperumc.org](mailto:criley@jasperumc.org)  
call the church office at 706-253-2100

## **MISSION MATTERS:**

Are you praying for the Jewels of Obaga? Let them know by emailing a note to Dex and she will forward it to them.. We can still encourage even if we cannot travel.

Dex: [hammerlover60@hotmail.com](mailto:hammerlover60@hotmail.com)

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST 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 August scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

August 2, 2020	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13
August 9, 2020	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-23
August 16, 2020	Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28
August 23, 2020	Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
August 30, 2020	Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28



*"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*

**Youth Choir:** All deposits and payments for SMT 2020 will roll over into next year's account for SMT 2021 unless you would like a refund. Request for refunds need to be emailed to me at [rgolden@jasperumc.org](mailto:rgolden@jasperumc.org) and then Lea Gallagher will assist me in making this happen. Plans for the Class of 2020 will be made after this virus is over.

**Chancel Choir:** All deposits for our Annual Chancel Choir Retreat to Lake Junaluska will also roll over into next year's account unless you request a refund by emailing Annie Gunnin (our Chancel Choir treasurer).

Please continue to pray and support our staff as we navigate through this time and creatively plan for our upcoming year. Remember to continue to listen to your CD's and **JUST KEEP ON SINGING** wherever you may be.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Roxanne

## *In-Person Worship is on Hold...*

We are sorry to share that Pickens County moved into the red due to the increasing COVID-19 numbers. Services will be online-only until we move back down the scale.

We will offer one Sunday service online at 11:00 am beginning July 26th. The worship services will alternate each week between Traditional and Awakening.

We are anxious for this to change so please wear face coverings, physical distance and wash your hands. If you have any questions please call the church office.

The **office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm.** The office phone number is: **706-253-2100.**

## TITHES & OFFERINGS AS OF July 21, 2020

General Operating Annual Budget	\$690,168
Needed Weekly	\$13,272
General Operating Budget YTD	\$384,901
General Operating Received YTD	\$355,616
	52% of budget
General Operating Budget (Shortfall)/Overage YTD	(\$29,285)
General Operating Expenses YTD	\$351,191
	51% of budget
General Operating Expenses YTD (Over)/Under	\$33,710

## 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, 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, Llewelyn Jones, Don Russell, Jake Waller

Expectant Mothers: Fitrah Golden-August, Audrey (Bauer) Jones-September, Courtney (Pinnell) Haughwout-November, Melissa (Pinnell) Christopher-December

Mission Matters: The hungry of Kenya 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

***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.

## **United Methodist Women Seekers Circle**

On July 9, 2020, six Seekers members 'met' via zoom, thanks to Nancy setting it up. We did not have much business. We are still planning to have the Human Trafficking Program when we are able.

Our chairman, Jean Norman, is in need of our prayers. She is having a lot of back pain and is looking at more surgery.

A reminder to all UMW members, while we are still somewhat 'homebound', don't forget about the Reading Program. The goal is to read at least one book from each of 5 categories, plus the Response magazine, by next June 2021. The mini library is near the sanctuary entrance. The books are divided by category. Each has a checkout card. Some are available on Kindle. The November/December 2019 Response has a list of books for 2020.

Our next meeting is scheduled to zoom in on Thursday, August 13th at 11:00 am. Send an email to Nancy to join us.

Debby Utiss, UMW President