



# Jasper United Methodist Church

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## September 2020

### *As seen from the Meadows,*

Not sure about you but I am still not used to this “new normal” and I am also not happy with this “new normal”. However, life and ministry continue in the midst of all the crazy. For the month of September, I want to say thank you, lift up the Timothy house, and share with you a vision moving forward.

Thank you, thank you, thank you: do you see the trend here? Thank you is only a phrase but the feeling behind the words is much greater. Jasper UMC, your faithfulness in giving has been amazing! You have been a blessing to God, to me and to our church. The stress level of overseeing a church in the midst of Covid-19 is hard but for my colleagues, having to endure financial struggles as well, it is much more stressful. Therefore, the words “thank you” only give a glimpse of how thankful your staff, your lay leadership and your pastor are at this point in 2020. The year is not over and we have some challenging months ahead but I am confident we will experience God’s faithfulness, as we remain faithful as well! Allow me to say it one more time, a little louder, THANK YOU!!!

As many of you know over the past few years, the Timothy House has become part of our JUMC family. JUMC sends our buses to bring these men to worship during our 9:45am Awakening service. In turn, many of our members have embraced and welcomed them warmly. JUMC also have members on the Timothy House board. It has been brought to the attention of the Church Council that the Timothy House has experienced a loss in funding due to the pandemic. Local groups unable to receive funds themselves have not been able to share funds with the Timothy House. The Church Council voted to make a donation from the church and the Church Council would like to invite JUMC members to consider making a second mile-giving donation as well. You can make a check out to JUMC and mark it for the Timothy House. This can be a one time or a monthly donation. The church will send all donations to the Timothy House.

I know this has been a very unusual time in our lives. Consider the fact that in 2020 we have had more worship services online than in-person. When I answered the call to ministry in 1988, I never dreamed that would happen or be possible. Pickens County Covid-19 numbers are on a decline, as of today, August 27, 2020. This is based on the information found at <https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>. This is the website recommended to the pastors of North Georgia UMC Annual Conference to help guide our decisions concerning in-person worship and ministry. The staff of JUMC talked and we are recommending that we continue online only worship through September. This is to do our part to see the numbers continue to go down. At the end of September; decisions will be made about October and beyond. Youth and Children’s Ministry will be offering in-person programming following the State and CDC guidelines for group gatherings. We also want to encourage small group in-person gatherings as well. Many have been using online methods of meeting and you may want to continue to meet that way but if you would like to schedule a Sunday school class or small group gathering in the sanctuary, following the State and CDC guidelines, we want to make that possible. You will need to schedule through the church office and have everyone sign in so that we know who to contact in the event someone attending contracts Covid-19, and follow State and CDC guidelines. We want to continue ministry and at the same time reduce the risk of this pandemic.

One last item before I close, our drive through communion in August went so well we will offer it again on Sunday, September 13, 4:00pm-6:00pm. These are crazy times but I want to remind you God is still with us. Crazy does not scare God! God has been with the church through crazy before and God goes with us now! God will guide us through; Jesus told Peter “all the powers of Hell will not conquer it.” Matthew 16:18, the “it” being the church. Take confidence in that knowledge. Yours in Christ,

Greg

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#### JUMC STAFF:

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|---------------------------|--|
| 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                               |



*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 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

WELCOME PRESCHOOL CHILDREN  
AND FAMILIES

**THEMES:**

- Sept. 8 & 9 WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL
- Sept. 14-15 ALL ABOUT ME AND MY FAMILY
- Sept. 21-23 FRIENDS
- Sept. 28-30 FALL BREAK (Preschool closed)

**SEPTEMBER SPECIAL DATES:**

- Sept. 3 Preschool Open House (canceled)
- Sept. 7 LABOR DAY
- Sept. 8 First Day of Preschool
- Sept. 9 Tuition Due
- Sept. 13 Grandparent's Day
- Sept. 16 Color Day! Wear something yellow.
- Sept. 22 First day of Fall
- Sept. 28-30 FALL BREAK— Preschool closed  
(Pickens Co. schools closed Sept. 28-30, Oct. 1-2)

**UPCOMING OCTOBER DATES:**

- TBA Fall pictures
- TBA Hillcrest Orchards & Burt's Pumpkin Farm field trips
- Oct. 30 Halloween 'Pretend Day' and parties

**2020-2021 JUMC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Email or call:

- jaspermethodistpreschool@gmail.com
- Preschool 706-253-2109
- Church 706-253-2100
- Fax 706-253-2110



JUMC Preschool is in need of new and used books for their library.

Donations can be dropped off in the preschool kitchen or the Church office.

Thanks so much!  
Deborah

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY...

We pray everyone has gotten off to a great start of their school year. It was such a blessing seeing all of you while we handed out our back to school goody bags. We are praying for all of you and your school year!

**September 16th-Kids of the Kingdom Kick Off**

We are looking forward to continuing our midweek children's program. All children: 3 years old through 5th grade are welcome to attend; you do not have to be a Jasper UMC member. Our time spent together will consist of a snack, a lesson, free play and music. The program takes place Wednesday's from 4:00 pm-5:45 pm. We are looking forward to seeing all our kiddos again!

*We are working diligently on our COVID-19 precautions in order to keep everyone safe and the program running. If you are willing to help us with cleaning and setting things up, please let me know. We could use a few extra hands this year in order to make this all happen*

**Looking Ahead:**

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 September 13th! We plan to play Kickball with a twist and color!

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

- Our new youth gathering time is 5:00 pm-7:00 pm.
- September 6th: Not Gathering (Labor Day Weekend)
- September 13th: Kickoff Event (Bring your white Elevate Shirt)
- September 20th: Elevate Worship
- September 27th: Elevate Missions

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

## Happy Birthday!

Jessica Adams, Elise Andrews, Gracie Bail, Jackie Bauer, Marianne Carlton, Linda Cochran, Daniel Countryman, Jonathan Dean, Julie Degalleford, Katherine Densmore, Lucy Dickerson, Johnathan Dodd, Terry Dunn, Brent Dunn, Linda Estrada, Pat Gabriel, Angela Gaertner, Lea Gallagher, Elliot Gallagher, Kevin Gantz, Mike Garrison, Jessie Griffin, Annie Gunnin, Reagan Harwood, Richard Howard, Cynthia Koehler, Al Larson, Tanner Ledford, Ronald Ledford, Faith McAllister, Mike McGhee, Amelia McIntyre, Don Moore, Rennie Owen, Timothy Pinnell, Katie Reed, Suellen Reitz, Ginger Rizoti, Tate Rizoti, Trent Rizoti, Scott Getz, Paul Singletary, Greyson Smith, Tom Stanley, Cindy Stephens, Randy Stepp, Paige Swisher, Juanita Tatum, Ellen Whitten, Kate Wigington, Cameron Williams, Bekah Wise, Ella Wise, Kelsey Wise, Kelly Wisniewski

## Happy Anniversary!

Rick & Jennifer Anglin  
Monty & Paula Daniell  
Mark & Lisa Hardman  
Bill & Sue Hutsenpiller  
Ronald & Barbara Ledford

Mike & Jeri McGhee  
Richard & Patsy Rollins  
Charley & Cathy Vickers  
Jim & Marilu Weeks

## MISSION MATTERS:

- The N.GA Pregnancy Center has moved and changed its name. "The Pregnancy Center" is now across the highway at 7 Caring Way, the first building on the left when you turn toward the Thrift Store. You are invited to visit and tour.
- Kenya Kids: Support continues for the 80 KOK's of Obaga. To keep students up-to-date and give extra support, teachers/tutors and counselors/clergy are working with them until school reopens in January. As idleness and poverty are the devil's workshop, teen pregnancy is rampant which we can prevent with encouragement and education. This program will cost \$1200 for 5 months providing salaries, lunch and school supplies. To help us support them make your gift to the church marked "Kenya Ministries/Kids Care". Thank you!

## Thank You...

Thank you for your continued support of Serv International. Your loyalty to our mission and vision is truly appreciated.

The Serv Team

Dear Friends in Missions,  
The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be— Thank You!

UMCOR, Global Ministries



*"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*

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home." Words penned by Isaac Watts in the early 1700's (based on Psalm 90) still ring true for us today. You will hear our Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells and Youth Choir sing these powerful words in the next few weeks (recorded last fall) and Sara's amazing photography added.

What an opportunity all of us have to tune in each and every Sunday morning at 11:00 am for our online services on Facebook (or watch at a later time on YouTube or website. Past and present services are found there). Lots of creative juices have been flowing to provide you and your loved ones with worship experiences to restore your soul and soothe the hurts and cares of this time that we find ourselves living in. Please share this with others and plan your weekends (or weekdays) around your worship experiences.

Thank you to everyone who so freely gives of their time and talents to make these online services possible. We are very blessed at Jasper UMC with so many talented and creative people! If you missed August 16th service, please find it (YouTube or website) to hear our Chancel Choir's "How Great Thou Art" with Sara's photography, a couple of gospel hymns, Mr. Gallagher and Susan's "It Is Well", Justin's "I'll Fly Away" and Greg's spoken word, and you will be blessed. All of you are greatly missed but hold tight and remember the powerful words from above "Our Help in Ages Past, Our Hope for Years to Come". Keep the Faith!

May God continue to lead and guide us along this journey we call life.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Roxanne

*Come to the Mountain*



To Register:  
criley@jasperumc.org  
706-253-2100

Saturday,  
October 10th  
9:00 am-4:00 pm

\$20 (Includes  
Light Breakfast  
and Lunch  
plus Materials)

### Safety Precautions:

- Limited to 40 ladies
- Face Mask (requested and provided if needed)
- Tables distanced
- Hand Sanitizer and wipes at each table
- Prepackaged food





## JUMC Email Prayer Chain

Since we are not able to all be together to hear any current prayer concerns, we are setting up an email prayer chain. Prayer concerns can be requested by email or phone the church office and an email will go out to all addresses on the prayer chain.

If you would like to be part of the JUMC email prayer chain group, contact the church office by emailing [criley@jasperumc.org](mailto:criley@jasperumc.org)

## Newsletter Email

If you would like to receive a newsletter email:

1. Go to [jasperumc.org](http://jasperumc.org)
2. Scroll all the way down to the bottom
3. Put your email address in the box that says Email
4. Click the button subscribe

If you wish to email any of the staff:

1. Go to [jasperumc.org](http://jasperumc.org)
2. Scroll all the way down to the bottom
3. Click "staff" at the bottom of the page under Contact Us.

If you need to receive a hard copy of the newsletter by mail, call the church office.

## TITHES & OFFERINGS AS OF August 24, 2020

General Operating Annual Budget	\$690,168
Needed Weekly	\$13,272
General Operating Budget YTD	\$451,264
General Operating Received YTD	\$419,006
General Operating Budget (Shortfall)/Overage YTD	(\$32,257)
General Operating Expenses YTD	\$408,568
General Operating Expenses YTD (Over)/Under	\$42,696

## 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, Nancy Moffitt, 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), 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, Don Russell, Jake Waller, Dex Phillips, Stacey Brown, JUMC Preschool and Families

Expectant Mothers: 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

*Christian sympathy is extended to the family of David Hall on his death.*

Congratulations Christopher and Fitrah Golden on the birth of their baby girl, Early James who was born on August 5th. The grandparents are Jimmy and Roxanne Golden.

***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.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 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. 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 September scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

September 6, 2020	Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 148 or 049; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
September 13, 2020	Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
September 20, 2020	Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16
September 27, 2020	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32



Drive Through Back Pack Blessing and Goody Bags with Ms. Teal

Drive Through Communion with Pastor Greg

## Gaige Sanders

I apologize to all of you whom I have not sent any updated pictures of our sweet little boy. Right now my days can get bogged down and pass quickly. I am praying we will be able to share him in person with everyone soon. (We think he's just too cute to hide) Until then, here is a recent picture Mrs. Jolie Justice of Cedar & Palm took for us. This is from his 3-month photo shoot he had in August.



Many of you, who were here before the fire, remember the brick sanctuary with the magnolia trees in front. In 1998, Jean Boring made a watercolor painting of the church. We have several of these prints in the office. If you would like one, please come by and get one.



Masks are  
Black 3-ply 100%  
cotton

Available in the  
church office.  
706-253-2100

**Suggested Donation**  
Face Masks: \$5  
Patches : \$3

**W**ear a mask!

**W**ash your hands!

**W**atch your distance!