



Jasper United Methodist Church

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October 2020

As seen from the Meadows,

It is hard to believe we are entering October and we are still dealing with Covid-19. This has been one of the hardest years of ministry and life. This month I want to share some good news concerning worship and celebrating with our 2020 Confirmation Class.

Considering the fact that Pickens County is maintaining in the orange with moments in the yellow on the <https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>, the website recommended by the North Georgia United Methodist Annual Conference, the staff is excited to invite folks back to in person worship. We are going to continue to abide by the state mandates and the CDC recommendations. We will be offering one service at 11:00am that will continue to alternate Traditional one week and Awakening Contemporary the next week. This service will be held to 50 people and reservations will be required. Physical distancing will be encouraged as well as face coverings while in the service of worship. Online worship will still be available as well. A few things to be aware of as you enter the service of worship: (1)No handshaking or hugging and please maintain physical distance when in conversation. (2)The chairs are set up in a way to create physical distance and so please sit in chairs without a red ribbon. The red ribbons are used to assist us in maintaining our physical distance. (3)Please limit the restrooms to two persons. (4)We will enter the door on the office side of the building and exit through the door on the backside of the building. As we enter and exit, please maintain physical distance. We will be training a group of people to help usher everyone in and out. (5)Someone will also check you in each Sunday. (6)There will be a donation box located by the exit door for you convenient; you can still give online, by mail or dropping off at the church office as well. After all that I feel I should share with you when this will begin, **Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 11:00am**, you can call in your reservation beginning Monday, October 5, the office is open 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday-Thursday. I realize this is a lot to take in and it seems a bit cumbersome but the intent is to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19. I know many of us are tired of this and all the restrictions and recommendations but for the time being it is where we live and what we have to do in order to care for each other.

Communion is an important part of worship and to who we are as followers of Jesus. In August and September we have shared in drive up Communion and we will have the opportunity once again on **October 18, 4:00pm-6:00pm under or portico**. We will also **share communion in our 11:00am worship service** as well as virtually with our Facebook and YouTube congregation. For those who attend the 11:00am service on October 18 we will use the prepackaged communion cups I will share for the drive up, for those at home plan to have your elements for communion prepared and ready for worship that morning. I am looking forward to sharing with you on Sunday, October 18, 2020.

2020 has, for lack of better words, messed up so many things in our life. One of the things of the church is Confirmation. Confirmation in the UMC is a class offered to youth beginning in the 6th grade and is open to anyone older who would like to be included. The intent of Confirmation is to help us confirm our faith and belief in God and our understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus within the United Methodist Church. This year our Confirmation Class was able to complete their lessons and Eric and I will be meeting with them on October 4 to finalize the process. We plan to confirm our Confirmation Class at one of our in person worship services before the end of 2020. Please keep them in your prayers.

As I close this out this month, I want to remind you once again that you are loved by God and by me. I miss being with you all on Sunday, Wednesday nights and even meetings. This will come to end and the church will survive! Thank you for your prayers and concern as we move forward. 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 OCTOBER CALENDAR

THEMES:

Oct. 5-7	FALL AND SEASONS
Oct. 12-14	APPLES AND ORCHARDS
Oct. 19-21	PUMPKINS AND FARMS
Oct. 26-28	HALLOWEEN FUN AND SAFETY

OCTOBER SPECIAL DATES:

Oct. 5	Tuition Due
Oct. 7	Color Day! Wear something Orange.
TBA	Hillcrest Orchards and Burt's Pumpkin Farm Trips
Oct. 12	COLUMBUS DAY
Oct. 27	FALL PICTURES
Oct. 28	Halloween Pretend Day! (wear a favorite costume) Parties, 11:00 am
Oct. 31	HALLOWEEN

UPCOMING NOVEMBER & DECEMBER DATES:

Nov. 9-18	Preschool Thanksgiving Food Drive
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Holidays, Preschool closed
Nov. 26	THANKSGIVING DAY
TBA	Pictures with Santa
TBA	Preschool Christmas Program
Dec. 12-Jan. 4	Christmas Holidays/Preschool Closed

2020-2021 JUMC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

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...

Kids of the Kingdom has begun! Things may have looked a little different with the COVID-19 precautions in place, but...it was such a joy to hear the noise of children in the building again. The kids were genuinely excited to be joining together in fellowship too. As a precaution we will only be meeting the first two Wednesdays of the months of October, November, and December. We will evaluate the current climate in December with anticipation of meeting every week beginning in January. The program begins with temperature checks under the portico at 4:00 pm. Pick up is done in a drive thru fashion at 5:45 pm. The kids are still enjoying a snack, free play, Bible lesson and music education. We have several new serving hands this year for the KOK program. In order to make all our adjustments happen more hands were a must. Thank you to each and everyone of you! Serving hands are the heartbeat of the children's department. I simply could not plan and have all these wonderful opportunities of spiritual growth for the children without you.

Trunk or Treat-October 24th: In lieu of our annual trunk or treat we will be hosting an Outdoor Family Movie night. Planning things out too far in advance have been impossible at this time. Please bear with me as we are finalizing the details over the next two weeks. We will need an RSVP for those planning to attend. The movie is set to begin at dark. We are working to have some form of concessions. Please be on the lookout for donation requests if you are interested in helping out in this fashion. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details!

Breakfast with Santa—December 5th, 9:00-11:00 am: We are anticipating to host this event. The event will not be in traditional fashion. I am working on how we can do it safely for everyone. Details are to follow.

Teal Sanders, Director of Christian Education
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706-253-2100 (office), 478-696-3390 (mobile)



We had an awesome Kickoff Month for our students! God is moving within this ministry and we pray that He continues to bless us!

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

Our new youth gathering time is 5:30 pm-7:00 pm!
October 4th: Elevate Worship
October 10th: Elevate Missions
October 18th: Elevate Worship
October 25th: Jasper Cup/Scavenger Hunt/S'mores (Fun Tradition)

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

Happy Birthday!

William Bail, Beth Boggs, Deanie Chesser, Lara Crowe, Capp Degalleford, Skyler Denton, Donna Dicus, Chip Dobbs, Robert Ervin, Quin Estrada Costales, Judy Ferris, Will Finney, Anna Grace Finney, Sara Fowler, Hans Gaertner, Suzanne Gehring, Evan Gibson, Tina Harp, Sue Hutsepiller, Alan Johnson, Mary Ellen Johnson, Cauper Johnson, Amy Jones, Tucker Ledford, Mike Ledford, Sawyer Martin, Lance Parrish, Kelly Payne, Phyllis Pool, Scott Riley, Emma Shipley-Schmitt, Frances Scott, Bryce Skillington, Karensa Goodman, Nathaniel Singletary, Kelvin Stewart, Tommy Tatum, Connie Tudor, Nicholas Wisniewski

Happy Anniversary!

Ronald & Nellie Brownell
Phil & Karen Cole
Mike & Donna Garrison
Mark & Julie Hickman

Jerry & Amy Jones
Aaron & Laura Kearney
Zed & Faith McAllister



It's almost Operation Christmas Child shoe box time! COVID stopping us, we will be collecting shoe boxes this year, although things will be a little different. In 2019 Samaritan's Purse collected 10.5 million shoe boxes; 8.9 million of those shoe boxes were collected in the United States and 192 of those shoe boxes were collected from Jasper UMC. Our kick off date will be Sunday, October 18th. The last day to collection will be Monday, November 16th. You may pick up your boxes at the in-person service, the church office or at the drive thru communion (Sunday, October 18th). If you are not comfortable shopping for items to fill your box, there is a wonderful option available to you online at Samaritan's Purse. It's called "Build a Shoebox". There are several items to choose from, the instructions are very user friendly and the cost including the \$9 cost for shipping, bible stories and training instructors is only \$25. Go to www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline and follow the instructions. Won't you all join me in reaching out to the children around the world who have never heard the word of God and show them how much he loves them.

If you have any questions, please call me at 334-494-0178.

God Bless, Brandi Dean



*"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*

"That is God's call to us—simply to be people who are content to live close to Him and to renew the kind of life in which the closeness is felt and experienced." Thomas Merton. During this season, may we be reminded of our relationship with God and to do all we can to stay close to Him. May we also recognize our gifts and talents and offer them back to Him as we serve in this great church.

Many thanks to Sara Fowler, Allen Quandee, Lea and Tricia Gallagher for so freely giving of their time and talents to make our online Choral and Handbell anthems heard with Sara's beautiful photography in our Traditional Services. Our souls are restored and fed as we listen and watch. We are so blessed to have so many people involved in our music and worship arts!

YOUTH CHOIR: SMT 20/21 will be May 30th-June 6th to the Charleston, SC area. We will base ourselves at First Baptist Church of Charleston's beach house and be His hands, feet and voice that week as we participate in mission projects, sing and tour. We are going to continue to work on our musical "The Prodigal" so please make sure you still have your CD/downloads from last year (let me know if you don't have it). Rehearsals will begin in October thru the zoom format with the Sopranos the first week of each month, the Altos the second week of each month and the guys the third week of each month on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 pm. (It's not ideal but it will work till this virus is over) Please make sure you email me at rgolden@jasperumc.org so that I will have your current email address to send the invite to you. \$50 deposits are due by the end of October (all monies from last year were transferred into this year's account unless a refund was requested).

KOK:

CHANCEL CHOIR, CHANCEL BELLS, AND YOUTH BELLS will resume after this virus is over. In the meantime, please tune in to our online services (live on Facebook or on our website and YouTube later that afternoon) to hear pre-recorded music from the past few years in our Traditional services and Nato and Awakening in our Contemporary services.

Please continue to reach out to each other and remember we are the church, wherever we are.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Roxanne



Masks are
Black 3-ply 100%
cotton

Available in the
church office.
706-253-2100

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

RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY

Each year the first Sunday in November is declared Retired Educators Day in Georgia. This year we will celebrate this special day on November 1st with proclamations from many city and county government and at church services across the state.



JUMC 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

MISSION MATTERS:

- ◆ Budgeted local 3rd quarter funds (\$1,000) will go to support the timothy House guys. Other big needs at the Timothy House are several blood pressure cuffs, glucose monitoring kits and lots of test strips, small first aid kits for the vehicles going off campus. Pantry restock: sugar, flour, tea, kool aid, ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, corn meal, eggs, sausage, hot dogs and buns and always paper products of toilet tissue and paper towels. Please drop these items by the church office or the church narthex. They will be delivered. Let's show these guys we love 'em and care!!
- ◆ A gift in memorial of Lynda Walsh of \$1,100 was sent to SERV Ministries for food for the children of Obaga.
- ◆ Support of \$1,200 was sent to Kenya for a tutoring project for our KOK's Obaga to keep them up to date from now until January while school is not in session. Thank you for your faithful support.

TITHES & OFFERINGS AS OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

General Operating Annual Budget Needed Weekly	\$690,168 \$13,272
General Operating Budget YTD	\$491,081 71% of budget
General Operating Received YTD	\$448,228 65% of budget
General Operating Budget (Shortfall)/Overage YTD	(\$42,853)
General Operating Expenses YTD	\$458,209 66% of budget
General Operating Expenses YTD (Over)/Under	\$32,873

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 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 October scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

October 4, 2020	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
October 11, 2020	Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
October 18, 2020	Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
October 25, 2020	Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

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

Ruth Lovern, Jessie Garcia, Harrill Wood, 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, Jenna Mann Fuller (Heidi Smith's sister), Karla Stanaland-chemo (Beth Boggs relative), Joan Kuhn (friends of the Coles), Joyce Leist, Charlie Edgem, 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, Rick Cash, Tom & Donna Dicus

Expectant Mothers: 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 Jim Weeks on his death.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jimmy Golden on the death of his sister Juliebeth Golden.

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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.



Elevate Kickoff Event 2020



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Kids of the Kingdom Kickoff



Next Gathering: October 7 & 14



Maggie Martin

Gracie Ledford

Asher Farron

4th Grade Bible Celebration

Edy Countryman

Gracie Denney

Miles Kearny



Saturday
October 10th
At JUMC
9:00 – 4:00

\$20
(Includes
Breakfast,
Snacks &
Lunch
plus
Materials)

Ladies...

It's been a long spring and summer, so it's time for us to refresh, rejuvenate and regroup! We have all been climbing this mountain called COVID along with some personal hills and it's time to reach the summit and plan for the journey to a new beginning. There are no forms to fill out, just call the church office to reserve a spot: 706-253-2100.

CDC Safety Precautions will be in place:

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