



Jasper United Methodist Church

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February 2021

As seen from the Meadows

So here, we are February 2021, our world is still crazy with changes and we are wondering what is next. Bishop Sue often shares one of her favorite quotes of Corrie Ten Boom, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." I feel these words have had power for me during this time and moving forward. No matter the future, God will be with us and if we open our hearts to God we will feel that grace and love. Now allow me to share a few items with you here at the beginning of 2021.

Big THANK YOU to all those who shared Christmas gifts and cards with Lydia and me. It was wonderful to share this season even though we were apart for most all of that time. Once again, this year we have our Christmas cards on our kitchen table so as we share a meal we will take the card off the top and share a prayer for your family. We have done this for a few years now and it reminds us just how blessed we are by so many people.

Ash Wednesday is around the corner on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. This year our service will be online only at 7:00pm on February 17. For those who would like to receive the imposition of ashes, ashes from the burning of 2020 Palm Sunday palms placed on your forehead in shape of a cross, we will have a drive through service on February 17, 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Those of us offering this service will wear a face covering and we ask that you do as well, again just trying to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19. Thank you as always for understanding.

As we begin this New Year, I want to thank you for your dedication in giving your tithe and offering during 2020. We did not end the year as well as we started but we are blessed we had reserves from previous years that covered our shortfall. The church leadership and I watched as our giving started great and went down as we entered summer and into the fall and winter. I realize it is hard when we are not in person with three services and services are limited but ministry continues. I know there is uncertainty about how our economy will be moving forward but giving and generosity is part of who we are as followers of Jesus. I want to encourage us all to do what we can and to be consistent in our giving. Our giving makes many things possible and it shows thankfulness to God and faith in God. On Sunday, January 17, I shared the following illustration and I share it now as a reminder that our budget is a living organism that shares God's love and grace with us, our community and our world. I am your church budget. Through me, families are launched in marriage, persons are baptized, the young are trained in Christian character. I provide music to enrich your worship, and preaching and pastoral services to help you live more nobly. I heat and cool your church building and keep it in repair for your comfort and use. I do your custodial work. I reach out to your community and your country, preaching, teaching, healing in Christ's name. I help to train ministers in the seminaries, and I provide assistance to those who retired after years of faithful service to God through the church. It is through me that the sick find spiritual strength, the troubled and the discouraged are steadied. I go out into the wide world, preaching the gospel in every language. I carry the Word to people of every race, color and clan. I am your budget. Believe in me; support me that I may carry on in your name. With your help, I make possible all of these services. As the budget, I am You at work. But I do need your help. I do need your support. Without your pledges to undergird me, I am helpless. Your pledges are my foundation, my supporting walls. I am your money, your prayer, your concern – translated into action. I can do only what you, through pledges, make it possible for me to do. I am your church budget!!

Corrie Ten Boom's words ring so true all of the time but now more than ever, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." I trust God will continue to lead me and lead Jasper UMC into the future. Will you join me and allow God to use all we have to show and share love and grace? I hope you will!!

Yours in Christ,

Greg

February Sunday Worship

One service only at 11:00 am
In-church and Online

February 7 Awakening Contemporary
February 14 Traditional Service
February 21 Awakening Contemporary
February 28 Traditional Service

Call the church office to reserve a seat.
706-253-2100

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 |



JUMC PRESCHOOL 2021 FEBRUARY CALENDAR

THEMES:

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| Feb. 1-3 | PRESIDENTS |
| Feb. 8-10 | VALENTINES AND LOVE |
| Feb. 15-17 | WINTER BREAK |
| Feb. 22-24 | NURSERY RHYMES AND FAIRY TALES |
| Feb. 28 | READ ACROSS AMERICA |

FEBRUARY SPECIAL DATES:

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| Feb. 1 | Tuition Due |
| Feb. 2 | Groundhog Day |
| Feb. 9 | Color Day! Wear red or pink |
| Feb. 10 | Valentine Parties, 11:00 |
| Feb. 11 | Bonus Day! Pajama day. Wear favorite PJ's |
| Feb. 12 | Abraham Lincoln's Birthday |
| Feb. 14 | VALENTINE'S DAY |
| Feb. 15 | PRESIDENTS' DAY |
| Feb. 15-17 | WINTER BREAK, Preschool Closed (Pickens Co. Schools closed Feb 17-21) |
| Feb. 17 | Ash Wednesday |
| Feb. 22 | George Washington's Birthday |
| Feb. 24 | Fairy Tale & Nursery Rhyme dress-up day |

UPCOMING MARCH DATES:

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| March 2 | Dr. Seuss Day |
| March 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| March 20 | First day of Spring! |

**JUMC PRESCHOOL WILL CLOSE DUE TO
INCLEMENT WEATHER, WHEN PICKENS COUNTY
SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED**

2020-2021 JUMC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Openings in all classes!

Email or call:

jaspermethodistpreschool@gmail.com

Preschool 706-253-2109

Church 706-253-2100

Fax 706-253-2110

February 17, 2021

Drive-Through Imposition of Ashes
3:00-6:00pm

Virtual on-line only Service
7:00 pm



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY...

Looking Ahead:

February

3rd-Kids of the Kingdom

10th-Kids of Kingdom

10th-Fifth Graders' parent dinner (5:45 pm)

April 17th-Rock Solid 5th Grade retreat *reschedule*

Kids of the Kingdom

We will start back with KOK this month, meeting the first two Wednesdays only. We are planning to begin meeting every week for the months of March, April, and May.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Children's Ministry team is working on ideas about how to celebrate Easter. We will not have our annual community wide Easter Egg Hunt. However, we are putting our creative skills to use. Please be on the lookout for details and dates.

Ledford Scholarship

The 2021 Ledford Scholarship is available to all qualifying High School Seniors. If you would like to receive a copy of the application please contact either myself, Eric, Roxanne or come by the office.

Teal Sanders, Director of Christian Education
tsanders@jasperumc.org

Women's Bible Study Starting March 7th

All ladies are invited to a seven-week Bible Study on Ephesians called "For His Glory: by Marian Jordan Ellis. We will meet in-person, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 11, 18 and 25 from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm. Each week, we will watch a video and have a discussion plus share some yummy snacks and fellowship. I promise we will stick to our schedule. We will meet in room 106 where we will social distance and wear masks.

There will be some homework during the week as we delve in the wonderful book of Ephesians and learn how we are each God's Masterpiece. To sign up or if you have questions, please contact Laura Smith at lauramsmith@gmail.com or Teal Sanders at tsanders@jasperumc.org. We will need to order the study workbooks by mid-February, so I hope to hear from you soon!

Laura Smith

Happy Birthday!

Paula Adams, Ryleigh Baggett, Louise Brown, Robert Countryman, David Culbreth, Bob Edwards, Ron Flowers, Dan Gabriel, Stella Galligan, Suzanne Hardison, Nancy Henson, Margaret Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Luke Jennings, Homer Key, Tori Kleinberg, Barbara Ledford, Susan Lindsey, Ruth Lovern, Melissa Maple, Susannah Melton, Ellie Miller, Pat Neville, Delle Marie O'Neal, Larry Pauley, Barbara Peddicord, Sheila Reed, Patsy Rollins, Carole Schlitz, Rhonda Stancil, Sandy Tatum, Agatha Tatum, Betty VanValkenburgh, David Vincent, Shelly Vincent, Hannah Warden

Happy Anniversary!

Steve & Judy Lawrence
Jerry & Shirley Lewallen
Bob & Mary Ann Mcelhaney

Gerard & Tracy Mosiello
Allen & Ann Quandee



Our theme for the school year is Truth in Love: discovering our identity in Christ and not in the World. We will be focusing our teaching on 'Jesus and Identity'. When we enter into a salvation-relationship with Jesus, our identities are forever changed. A new identity is born in place of the old one. This is the 'new creation' Paul talks about in 2 Corinthians 5. This new identity is one that finds its definition and purpose in Christ, and Jesus had lots to say about this. Please be in prayer for the teenagers, parents, and leaders as we focus on this life changing relationship with Jesus.

We have been meeting on Sunday mornings at 10am for Bible Study in the youth room. We have been going through the Gospel of John breaking it down passage by passage, verse by verse.

To be up-to-date on all things Youth, please follow Elevate Youth on social media or signup to receive our newsletters at JUMC Website!

Our youth gathering time is 5:30pm-7:00 pm!
February 7: Elevate (The World, Upside Down: Mark 9:33-37)
February 14: NO ELEVATE (Winter Break)
February 21: Elevate (Living Branches: John 15:1-8)
February 28: Elevate (Work to Do: Matthew 9:35-38)

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

Please make sure we have all your current contact information! If you are not receiving emails, calls, or mail from us chances are we don't have current info! If you have recently changed anything please send your current information to the church.

phone 706-253-2100 or
email: criley@jasperumc.org.



"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13:13

This month is best known as the month of love but here in our Music and Worship World it has traditionally been known as a month of preparations for Lent, Easter, Spring, Musicals and Summer Music tour. BUT as this pandemic continues and as we do our best to "DO NO HARM", we have had to be very creative to still provide uplifting and encouraging music/worship arts for you.

Here are some important dates to remember:
ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17th-Virtual only worship Service at 7:00 pm. If you would like to receive the imposition of ashes, we will have a drive through service on February 17th, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm.

BELL ENSEMBLE: This small group of bell ringers will resume rehearsals on Wednesday afternoon, February 3rd at 5:00 pm.

YOUTH CHOIR: Zoom rehearsals are postponed for February.

ALL VOCAL CHOIRS: Please continue to sing with your CD's to keep your voice in shape and reach out to Isabella for some wonderful vocal exercises and tips.

Keep your FAITH, HOPE and LOVE alive, reach out to each other and anticipate the day we will be back together again joyfully singing praises to His name!!

Please don't hesitate to call or email if you have any questions.
Soli Deo Gloria,
Roxanne
rgolden@jasperumc.org



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child shoe box collection. With the COVID-19 pandemic, we were down a bit with our participation, but we still collected 29 boxes. With the generosity of those who made monetary donations, the church was able to make a \$500 donation to be used as needed in the Operation effort.

Blessings,
Brandi Dean

MISSION MATTERS:

Needed-sponsor for Kenya student—\$450/yr. If you will do this, contact Dex at 470-203-9595. School has started in Kenya so do not delay.

Work goes on outside of our walls, locally and internationally. School lunches will be served in Kenya soon because of JUMC. Keep up the good work!

Rejoice,
Dex Phillips, Missions Chair

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING!

We may not be able to do in-person ministry completely, but we are continuing ministry in many new ways and still need your financial support.

You can contribute the following ways: online, mail, or bring your giving into the church office. There is also a lock box outside the church office door which is checked often.

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."
Hebrews 13:16*

TITHES & OFFERINGS AS OF January 28, 2021

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| General Operating Annual Budget | \$682,567 |
| Needed Weekly | \$13,126 |
| General Operating Budget YTD | \$52,505 |
| | 8% of budget |
| General Operating Received YTD | \$41,571 |
| | 6% of budget |
| (Shortfall)/Overage YTD | (\$10,934) |
| General Operating Expenses YTD | \$35,982 |
| | 5% of budget |
| (over)/Under Budget | \$16,523 |

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

February's Prayer List

Call the church office to have names put on the list.
(Names will be on the list for 2 months)

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

Emily Clayborn, Richard & June Rambler, Joyce Leist, Bob Fallgren, Bill Boggs, Beth Boggs, Robert Countryman, Etta Cramer, Karen Cole, Peggy Higgins, Jake Waller, Stacey Brown, Bobby & Karen Fowler, Donna Andrews, Marcy Walker, Jimmy Golden

Homebound: Ruth Lovern

Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehab: Delle Marie O'Neal

Serenity Mtn. Manor: Tilli Savage

Wildwood: 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, Jerry & Jill Cohn, Carolyn Omundson, Donna Dicus

Expectant Mothers: Jolie (Bauer) Justice-March, Isabella Wilbanks-April

Our active military family: Kalyn Brooks, Lily Bowen, Max Edward Caylor, Alex Davis, Elliot Gallagher, Emerson Gantz, Dillon Gassaway, David Grossman, Alec Gryski, Dustin Hall, Shawn Hancock, Eric Hunter, Jason Kiernan, John Kiernan, Austin McCormick, Brian Mosiello, Justin Mosiello, Peter Nunn, Stanley Peters, Brett Rush, Mitch Rich, Nathan Russell, Jessie Sams, Bryce Skillington, Ahmed Sohail, Jason Stanley, D. John Thomas, Jesse Vaughan, Steven Walsh, Nathan Watson, Jeremy Willis

Christian sympathy is extended to the following:

Paul Singletary and family on the death of his mother, Becky Singletary

Jackie Bauer and family on the death of her brother, Matt McCabe.

Mary Ellen Johnson and family on the death of her brother, Jim Rumpf.

Phyllis Pool and family on the death of her mother, Novella Foster.

Margaret Goode and family on the death of her niece, Kim Osmer and the death Margaret Goode's nephew, Michael Caylor.

Ed Sherrell and family on the death of his ex-wife, Jackie Sohl.

Jan Palmer and family on the death of her step-son, John Palmer.

The family of Jeanine Moore on her death.

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 February 2021:

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, an Epistle and a Gospel.

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

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| February 7, 2021 | Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 147:1-11; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39 |
| February 14, 2021 | 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9 |
| February 21, 2021 | Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15 |
| February 28, 2021 | Genesis 17:1-7,15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 |