



Jasper United Methodist Church

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MAY 2021

As seen from the Meadows

Goodness 2021 is moving in to May. I want to share with you how things are going as we take our steps to add things back to our Sunday mornings and committee meetings here in May 2021.

At this point, we have had three Sundays with no reservations needed and these worship services have been great! It has been good to see folks here on Sunday morning and our online members continue to join us each week! Thank you to everyone who has joined us for worship. We will continue to monitor the guidance of the Governor's office and the CDC as we move forward.

By now, I am sure most are aware we are encouraging Sunday school and Small Groups to make plans to gather in person on Sunday, May 23, 2021. Many have been meeting online; some may continue that way, and that is fine. For those who are ready, your Sunday school classroom has missed you and it is looking forward to your return. Please be aware face coverings are recommended even if you have been vaccinated because not everyone in your group may choose to be vaccinated. Again, we are monitoring the guidance of the Governor's office and the CDC concerning these matters. We are looking forward to being together for Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021!

It has been awhile since all our Administrative Committees met so May 2021 is the month for that to take place as well. Our committees meet on Tuesday evenings. May 4, 7:00 pm the Trustees will meet, May 11, 7:00 pm the Staff Parish Relations (SPR) will meet, May 25, 6:00 pm the Finance Committee will meet and May 25, 7:00 pm the Church Council will meet. All of these meetings will take place in the sanctuary at least for the month of May. We will also wear our face coverings at this time. Please know that all the meetings, except Staff Parish Relations (SPR), are open meetings, meaning anyone can attend to observe. Because the SPR deals with matters of personnel, it is a closed meeting. Anyone can reach out to SPR members with both concerns and complements concerning staff. You can also reach out to me, Pastor Greg, as well. All but the Trustees meet every other month on Tuesdays; the Trustees meet every month as needed. If you ever have any questions concerning our Administrative Committees, please let me know.

As I close this month, it is exciting to see things moving in a positive direction as far as gathering. It has been a hard year with limited numbers and learning to pastor at a distance. It has been hard making unpopular decisions, but it was necessary and I thank you for your prayers and support. As I often share, it is a honor and a privilege to serve as your Pastor.

Yours in Christ,

Greg

May Worship Schedule

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

May 2	Awakening Contemporary
May 9	Traditional Service-Mother's Day
May 16	Awakening Contemporary- Senior Sunday
May 23	Traditional Service-Pentecost
May 30	Awakening contemporary

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



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 2021 MAY CALENDAR

THEMES:

May 3-5	PARENT APPRECIATION
May 10-12	MOTHER'S DAY
May 17-19	END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION AND SUMMER FUN AND SAFETY

MAY SPECIAL DATES:

TBA	Graduate Pictures
TBA	Spring Pictures
May 3	Tuition Due
May 4	Color Day! Dress Patriotic: red, white and blue
May 5	Parent Appreciation Day
May 9	MOTHER'S DAY
May 10-28	2021-2022 JUMC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION
May 10	Sport's Day Wear favorite cap, hat or uniform
May 12	OLYMPICS
May 18	Hawaiian Luau
May 19	Last day of Preschool!
	Water Day and Picnic! Wear beach clothes and bring a towel
TBA	Pre-K Graduation and Celebration Day!
May 31	MEMORIAL DAY

HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!

JUMC PRESCHOOL 2021-2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Preschool Open House 6:00-8:00 pm
Sept. 6	LABOR DAY Preschool Closed
Sept. 7	First Day of Preschool!

2021-2022 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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ..

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. All completed applications should be returned by May 3rd, 2021.

Vacation Bible School

I have reluctantly made the decision not to have our traditional Vacation Bible School this summer. I am hopeful this will be the last summer questioning a decision about VBS. I am looking forward to next summer being absolute, no questions asked for VBS occurring. While many are starting to resume activities which involve gathering indoors, the comfort level is not high enough to be a serving hand for a full week, indoors with a large group of children. I understand and respect this, therefore making this decision. But other smaller events are being planned. Go ahead and mark your calendars for our Outdoor Movie Night: Friday, June 18th.

Kids of the Kingdom

We will celebrate our year together Wednesday, May 12th. Please note this is a change of date. We will celebrate one week earlier than originally planned. This will be our last KOK for the season. Even if your child was not able to come throughout the year, all kids ages 3-5th grade are welcome to join us!

The Children's Ministry team has begun planning for the 2021-2022 KOK calendar year. If you are interested in joining us on Wednesday evenings in any capacity, please reach out to me! One of our beloved super volunteers has stepped into the role of Children's Ministry Director herself. A **HUGE** congratulations to Erin Martin. This is a wonderful blessing and accomplishment for Erin. We are beyond thrilled for her and this natural next step. However, this leaves us with big shoes to fill on our team. This program will not work without several awesome serving hands. We can work with your schedule and make sure you are serving in a place of your comfort level. If you have any interest or questions, please contact me.

Sunday School

Along with our Adult Sunday School classes, we will kick off our Children's Sunday School, *Sunday May 23rd*. We are planning to have all children's classes available. We are looking forward to seeing all our kids again during the 9:45am Sunday School hour.

Sunday School Rooms

Preschool Age located: downstairs by the nursery Room 109
K-3rd graders location: upstairs Room 205
4th & 5th graders location: upstairs Room 202

Nursery

Beginning May 23rd, the nursery will be open and available to babies and children up to 4 years old. Nursery will be available during the Sunday School hour and our Worship Service. We have some highly experienced ladies who are looking forward to keeping our little ones safe and loved during this time.

Looking ahead:

May 12th - KOK end of year party
June 18th - Outdoor Movie night

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

Happy Birthday!

Tanner Bail, Ronald Brownell, Nellie Brownell, Emery Bryant, Melissa Christopher, Ashton Dean, Caitlin Dillon, Jenna Farmer, Cameron Fowler, April Griffin, George Hall, Stephen Hammer, Elaine Hannah, Jamie Shaw, Jeremiah Harris, Emma Hoffbauer, Laura Kearney, Karolina Kearns, Mary Kleinberg, Colleen Leahy, Matthew Ledford, Jordan Licursi, Larry Love, Christie McCormick, Jadie Lyn McKenzie, Sarah Parks, Tom Pickering, Mallory Rambler, June Rambler, Teal Sanders, Nannette Sessing, Alison Smith, Ashley Stafford, Michaela Thomason, Christopher Thompson, Henry Tyree, Don White

Happy Anniversary!

Joe & Louise Brown Eric & Jolie Justice
Michael & Sara Chumley Charles & Anne Roberts
David & Kristie Finney Don Warner & Mary Peterson



We are entering into our last month of our regular nights of Elevate. Our Summer Schedule will be released on Senior Night! We have some awesome things in store for your students!

We will continue to meet for Sunday School Bible Study on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:45!

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

Our youth gathering time is 5:30pm-7:00pm!
May 2nd: Elevate (Jamisen Devo)
May 9th: NO ELEVATE (Mothers Day)
May 16th: Senior Night/Last Elevate

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

Congratulations Class of 2021!

Pete Bryant
Adin Estrada Costales
Jessi Griffin
Paige Klein
Brett Menard
Sadie Marie Phillips
Heather Vincent
Ian Wisniewski



“For 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

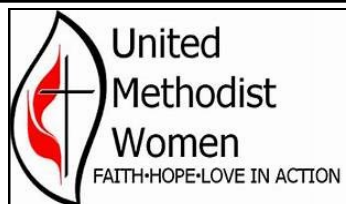
What a truly remarkable job Isabella has done with our Kids of the Kingdom to make sure their Spring Musical still happens during this pandemic!! With lots of help from Paul and Allen Q, we will share this musical with you in the near future. Please make plans to be at church or tune in to see what these amazing young students have done.

On May 16th, we will celebrate with our graduating seniors and hear a few words from our own Heather Vincent, who is the Valedictorian from Pickens High School. We are so very proud of all of our seniors and wish them well as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

It's such a joy to introduce our newest member, little Miss Eloise Wilbanks. We look forward to watching her grow up here at Jasper UMC. What a blessing, in so many ways, to have Isabella and Holden and now, Eloise in our lives. God has truly blessed us.

May God continue to bless us as we strive to live each and every day according to His will.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Roxanne
rgolden@jasperumc.org



*Knitted Together
For God's Good Work*
“You are the body of Christ and Parts of each other.”
1 Corinthians 12:27

United Methodist Women will meet in person on Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 pm in room 106. This will be a joint meeting for the Dorcas and Seekers Circles. UMW is open and welcome to all women.

Suzanne Hardison, Dorcas President
Debby Utiss, UMW Unit President



The United Methodist Men's Club is back!

We will be resuming our monthly meetings beginning Thursday May 13, in the sanctuary.

The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00 pm followed by a time of fellowship.

All men are welcome! If you would like to attend, just email Barry Hardison at barryhardison@windstream.net so we can have an accurate count for dinner.

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 bringing 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 APRIL 26, 2021

General Operating Annual Budget	\$682,567
Needed Weekly	\$13,126
General Operating Budget YTD	\$223,147
	33% of budget
General Operating Received YTD	\$200,793
	29% of budget
(Shortfall)/Overage YTD	(\$22,354)
General Operating Expenses YTD	\$181,810
	27% of budget
(over)/Under Budget	\$41,337

MISSION MATTERS:

*Sponsors needed for Kenya children who start high school in July. Look for a list on the bulletin board or contact Dex to get connected. Cost varies by schools they attend. We are waiting for 2021 fee schedule.

*Consider regular monthly support of our local ministries like the Timothy House that are suffering from Covid restrictions.

Rejoice,
Dex Phillips, Missions Chair

Online Services can be seen on:

Facebook
Jasper United Methodist Church
YouTube
Jasper UMC GA

March'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:

Joan Britton, Sarah Cashin, George Hall, Amy Ashbeck, Bob Bender, Scott & Bronwyn Rumery, Richard & June Rambler, Joyce Leist, Bob Fallgren, Bill Boggs, Beth Boggs, Robert Countryman, Etta Cramer, Emily Clayborn, Karen Cole, Peggy Higgins, Stacey Brown, Bobby & Karen Fowler, Donna Andrews, Marcy Walker.

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, Bill Neville

Chestnut Ridge in Cumming: Marilu Weeks

Rock Creek Manor: Sam and Barbara Peddicord, Jerry & Jill Cohn, Carolyn Omundson, Donna Dicus

Expectant Mothers: Rebekah (Meadows) Shuler-October

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

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.

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR May 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, a Psalm, an Epistle and a Gospel.

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

May 2, 2021	Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
May 9, 2021	Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
May 16, 2021	Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
May 23, 2021	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 30, 2021	Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Introducing: The Newest Additions to the JUMC Staff!



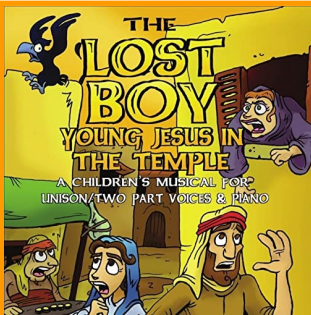
Eloise Mailyn Wilbanks
(Isabella & Holden)

Born April 9, 2021
7 pounds 5 ounces, 20 inches long



Ezra James Justice
(Jolie & Eric)

Born
March 25, 2021
8 pounds 13 ounces
21 inches long



KOK Musical Movie

Kids of the Kingdom families, prepare your hearts! The children's musical "The Lost Boy: Young Jesus in the Temple", is being recorded! With the COVID restrictions still among us, we

found it safer to make what the children are calling 'a movie' showcasing their hard work instead of trying for a live performance. We will send out updates when we are ready for you to enjoy this amazing story found in Luke 2:41-52!



5th Grade Retreat

After a change of date, the 5th grade retreat at Camp Glisson finally happened! During our overnight trip, the 5th graders got a glimpse of the subject matters they will dive into during their confirmation class next year. This was a rewarding experience as we were able to celebrate the kid's time in Children's Ministry while also get them excited about their step into youth. I will miss all my 5th graders and their kind hearts next year. Thank you for sharing them with us each week.



Happy Mother's Day

May 9, 2021

Her children arise up,

and call her blessed

Proverbs 31:28