



# Jasper United Methodist Church

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## JULY 2021

### As seen from the Meadows

July 2021 a year ago, I did not know if we would ever get to have more than 80 in worship or gather without masks. I am so glad those things are changing!! This month I want to share with you concerning our Director of Christian Education/Children's Ministry position, our worship plans for the fall and small group ministry.

In case you missed the announcement on Sunday, June 20, our current Director of Christian Education/Children's Ministry, Teal Sanders, will be leaving us as of September 1, 2021. Her husband, Wendell has received a job offer in Eatonton, Georgia. We are very sad to see this family leave our congregation. Teal has done a great job moving our Children's ministry forward and we pray God's blessings on the family in their transition. Moving forward we placed an ad on the North Georgia UMC Conference website classifieds on Monday, June 21, 2021, and we will accept resumes through July 19, 2021. Interviews will take place before August 16, 2021, and the Staff Parish Relations Committee will make a job offer and have our new hire in place for September 1, 2021. Teal plans to have everything in place to ensure a smooth transition. Please take time to reach out to Teal and her family and offer your thanks and your blessings.

Back in May, I shared the plans for worship moving forward and since that morning, I have had a few conversations so I want to try to restate and clarify those plans. After school resumes in the fall (our specific date has not been set) our Sunday morning time frame will be 9:00am worship, 9:45 am Sunday School and 11:00 am worship. Each week we will have both a Traditional and a Contemporary service of worship. Week one the Contemporary will be at 9:00 am and the Traditional at 11:00 am, week two it will swap Traditional at 9:00 am and Contemporary at 11:00 am. We will continue that pattern each week. This is due to the fact both styles of worship have become important in the ministry here at JUMC. The question was asked, "Why don't we go back to what we were doing before?" Things have changed and our worship attendance does not warrant three worship services. We have a number of people who continue to view our service online. This decision was made with conversation and prayer, lots of prayer. If you have questions or just want to share your thoughts, please let me know.

This past week a few of us in the church office had a conversation about small group ministry. Small group ministry is a way by which a congregation can nurture one another with study and fellowship. There are various small groups within a church; choirs and praise bands can be small groups. Sunday school classes are small groups, groups that gather in one another's homes on a regular basis and United Methodist Men and Women are small groups. These are all on-going small groups and we also offer short-term small groups for study. This fall I will be offering a short-term small group based on the book the Disciple's Path. The church will also offer a way to construct new ongoing small groups. So be in prayer and see where God is leading you. Small group ministry is a great way to grow in our understanding and love for God and neighbor.

Words are never adequate to share my thankfulness as you allow me to be your pastor. As I stated Sunday in the sermon, God has blessed us with another year together so how will we be a blessing to and for God?

Yours in Christ

Greg

#### July Worship Schedule

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

July 4	Traditional Service
July 11	Awakening Contemporary Service
July 18	Traditional Service
July 25	Awakening Contemporary Service

#### 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

# PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



*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

## 2021-2022 JUMC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Email or call:

jaspermethodistpreschool@gmail.com

Preschool 706-253-2109

Church 706-253-2100

Fax 706-253-2110

## 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!



CONGRATULATIONS  
JUMC PRESCHOOL GRADUATES



JUMC PRESCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Bellamy Blanton, Eden Brewer, Raden Bruce, Jace Bryan, Gus Copeland, Hayes Hunter, Piper McCowan, Blaine Massey, Jack Patterson, Ryker Pinson, Sawyer Ray, Sawyer Richardson, Emery Shaw, Carleigh Stancil

**A special thanks** to our Preschool Staff for all of the love and dedication to the children of JUMC Preschool. You are greatly appreciated!!

**2 yr. class:** Christi Clark, Barbara Gaddis, Lisa Ray, Karen Reece, Pam Singletary, Kathy Watkins

**3 yr. class:** Diane Boyles, Donna Dooley, Pam Edwards, Jan Watson

**Pre-K classes:** Bailey Payne, Tiffany Sperin, Assistant: Kristen Richardson

**Director:** Deborah Goodrum

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION . .

**Acolyte training**-July 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 11am service. If your child is interested in becoming an acolyte, one who lights the candles during our 11am service, please stay for the training. The training is open to all rising 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. It will last approximately an hour. Parents are welcome to stay or drop their child off for the hour. Please let me know if your child plans to attend.

**Fourth Grader Bible Presentation**- if you have not received an email from me regarding your rising 4<sup>th</sup> grader receiving a Bible, PLEASE let me know. Their Bibles will be presented on August 1<sup>st</sup>, during our 11am service.

**Save the Date: Children's fall retreat** will be **September 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>**. Let me know if your child is interested in attending. The retreat is open to ALL rising 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders. I will need an approximate head count to get our cabin reserved. Please contact me with your child's name if you would be interested in attending this season.

**Thank you** to everyone for their prayers and serving hands during our Family Night in June! It was such a treat to see all the kids running around. We received several words of appreciation from both the parents and children for hosting the event.

### Jasper UMC's rising 4<sup>th</sup> graders

Brooklyn Cobb  
Hannah Countryman  
Gracie Bail  
Kenzie McKean  
Vera Payne  
Kane Shafer

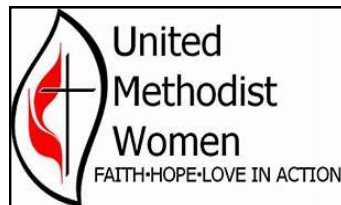
Teal Sanders, Director of Christian Education  
[tsanders@jasperumc.org](mailto:tsanders@jasperumc.org)



The United Methodist Men

We will have our monthly meeting on Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>, in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm for dinner. All men are welcome! If you would like to attend or would like more information just email Barry Hardison at [barryhardison@windstream.net](mailto:barryhardison@windstream.net) so we can have an accurate count for dinner.

Barry Hardison, President



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

The United Methodist Women will have their monthly gathering on Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm in room 106. Following the UMW meeting, the Dorcas Circle will gather for a program and to discuss the upcoming Marble Road Race. All women are welcome to attend.

Suzanne Hardison, Dorcas President  
Debby Utiss, UMW Unit President

## Happy Birthday!

Michael Bail, Phil Cole, Fred Crain, Tori Crowe, Jeff DeGalleford, Angela Ervin, Ian Estrada Costales, Tanner Farron, Owen Galligan, Eli Galligan, Emerson Gantz, Hayden Gooch, Cheyenne Griffin, Mark Hardman, Shirley Shaw, Mary Beth Jackson, Hoyt Jenkins, Linda Judkins, Todd Klein, Megan Landreneau, Judy Lawrence, Ava Ledford, Rhonda McAllister, Jacob McCormick, Mary Ann McElhane, Nathan McEntire, Cynthia Nickell, Emma Miller, Shirley Pool, Allie Powell, Martha Riddell, Cathy Riley, Ann Roper, Chris Rumble, Pearl Sanders, Eve Sauer, Caren Sewell, Cheryl Sewell, Camden Smith, George Utiss, Marcy Walker, Jean Watson, Vicki Wickham

## Happy Anniversary!

Michael & Lauren Bail  
Bill & Beth Boggs  
Bob & Sue Edwards  
Milton & Pat Gabriel  
Tom & Gail Harrison  
Richard & Belinda Howard  
Ron & Linda Jager  
Matthew & Amanda Ledford

Fred & Martha Riddell  
David & Deborah Schanen  
Randy & Linda Stepp  
Josh & Hilary Tatum  
Tommy & Juanita Tatum  
Lynn & Marcy Walker  
Allen & Rosie Wigington



## A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

Jasper UMC will present A Celebration of Freedom on Sunday July 4th at 11:00 am in-person and on Facebook and YouTube. There will be lots of Patriotic music, historical readings, pledges and Morning Prayers/The Lord's Prayer. Also slideshows provided by

Sara Fowler of our present and past military family, a Salute to the Armed Forces to honor those serving, who have served, or a widow or widower, and a beautiful offering of pictures from all over America will be included.

## Marble Festival Road Race 2021 Accepting Family Name Sponsorships Now!

The Marble Festival Road Race is back! This year is extra special as it is the 40th anniversary of the running of the race. Thanks to its remarkable success in past years, Family Name Sponsorships are again available on the back of the Road Race t-shirt. The names will be in the form of "The Smith Family".

**Space will be limited to only 13 family names this year for \$75 each. The Dorcas Circle will be taking Family Name Sponsorships during July on a first-come, first-served basis.** To reserve a spot for your family, please stop by the church office and specify the family name details. Checks may be written payable to JUMC/Dorcas Circle.



Our Chancel Choir will resume singing after Labor Day with a simple approach to ease back into the swing of things. Long

-time favorite anthems every other week at the Traditional 11:00 am service will be how we begin. There will more details in next month's newsletter, but in the meantime, start warming up your voices and please let me know if you have any medical reasons for not getting the vaccine because seats will be assigned accordingly.



For all ages!  
Nursery—Adult  
Sundays at 9:45 am

Children's classes in the  
Education building.

Adult classes on the  
sanctuary level.



We are meeting for Sunday School on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45. You will not want to miss this opportunity to dive into God's Word!

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

Please check our Youth Newsletter for more details!!

July 3: Fireworks and Activities

July 11: Hike/Pool Party

July 18: Rome Braves Game

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

## Timothy House needs pots and pans!

1. Shop Walmart .com
2. Type in 'registry'
3. Click on 'Events'
4. Type in 'Timothy House' & 'Georgia'
5. Click 'Find registry'
6. Click on bold typed name of Timothy House for list
7. Ship to: 35 Regeneration Way, Talking Rock, GA 30175 or Drop off at the church.

*Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated!!*

## 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: the offering box in the sanctuary, online, by mail, or by 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 JUNE 21, 2021

General Operating Annual Budget	\$682,567
Needed Weekly	\$13,126
General Operating Budget YTD	\$341,283
	50% of budget
General Operating Received YTD	\$297,505
	44% of budget
(Shortfall)/Overage YTD	(\$43,778)
General Operating Expenses YTD	\$285,856
	42% of budget
(over)/Under Budget	\$55,427
Actual	\$11,649

### MISSION MATTERS:

- Pots and pans needed at Timothy House. Use Walmart registry and have shipped or drop off at the church.
- Kenya guests, Thomas and Merab coming September 23. Schedule a visit for your group NOW. Contact Dex.
- Sponsor the child of a widow in Obaga, Kenya with school fees and supplies. See the bulletin board for soon coming information for 2021 school year. Thank you for continued support of the 25 students already enrolled.



July 4th	Sophie Lindsey Kenzie McKean
July 11th	Edy Countryman Ellah McEntire
July 18th	Asher Farron Miles Kearney
July 25th	Stella Galligan Pearl Sanders

### July'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:

Edward Jewell, Jim Trowell, Gunner Christopher, Ruth Lovern, Donna Dicus, Jerry Hall, Joan Britton, George Hall, Bob Bender, 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

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: 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

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Neville who passed away.

***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.  
criley@jasperumc.org

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY 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 July scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

July 4, 2021	2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
July 11, 2021	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
July 18, 2021	2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-12; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 25, 2021	2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



*JVMC Ladies Indoor Picnic  
Thursday, June 10, 2021*

