



Jasper United Methodist Church

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AUGUST 2021

As seen from the Meadows

August is back to school and hopefully back to worship for many. We are seeing folks back every week and excited to share worship together. This month I want to update you all on our Director of Christian Education/Children's Ministry, remind you of our worship schedule change on August 15 and encourage you to join me in the study The Disciple's Path.

I am excited to share with you we have hired Kelly Wisniewski as our new Director of Christian Education/Children's Ministry. In the September newsletter, we will share Kelly's bio to allow you to know a little more about her. On Sunday, August 22, the United Methodist Men are sharing a welcome back to worship luncheon and we will be sharing a blessing for the Sanders family. We want to wish them God's blessings in their new journey. So join us Sunday, August 22 to celebrate all Teal has done and look for the September newsletter to officially welcome Kelly to our JUMC Staff!

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, Sunday, August 15 our time frame will be 9:00am worship, 9:45am Sunday school and 11:00am worship. Each week we will have both a Traditional and a Contemporary service of worship. Week one, August 15, the Acoustic Awakening Contemporary will be at 9:00am and the Full Traditional at 11:00am: week two, August 22, it will swap Limited Traditional at 9:00am and Full Awakening Contemporary at 11:00am. 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. The other thought was to not have a worship service taking place during Sunday school. This has been one of the main concerns and complaints. 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.

I would like to invite everyone to join me for a small group study beginning Sunday, September 12 at 5:00pm. It will be A Disciple's Path: Deepening your relationship with Christ and the church. The study cost will be \$20 for the books. It will be a seven-week study with an introduction on September 12 and the last session on Sunday, October 24. The study will be 5:00pm -7:30pm. It is a wonderful study to understand better what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus from a United Methodist point of view. If you have questions please reach out and let me know. Looking forward to spending this time with you.

One last thought as I close this month. August 5 I am blessed to have spent 32 years so far with the love of my life. Lydia is by far my greatest earthly blessing. She is my most cherished relationship and my life has been better with her by my side. We will be celebrating on the beach once again this year and I am thankful to have this time with her. I pray you are as blessed as I have been and am!!

Yours in Christ

Greg

August Worship Schedule

August 1	11:00 am-Traditional Service
August 8	11:00 am-Awakening Service
August 15	9:00 am-Awakening Service
	11:00 am-Traditional Service
August 22	9:00 am-Traditional Service
	11:00 am-Awakening Service
August 29	9:00 am-Awakening Service
	11:00 am-Traditional 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

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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!

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

2020-2021 Teachers:

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

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

Pre-K classes: Bailey Payne and Tiffany Sperin,
Assistants: Judy Francis, Kristen Richardson and Jessica Allen

Director: Deborah Goodrum

For all the teachers beginning the new year 2021-2022

"Why God Made Teachers"

by Kevin William Huff

When God created teachers, He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world and truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder of everything we see,
And become a better person with each discovery.

When God created teachers, He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow so we can all decide
How to live and how to do what's right instead of wrong.
To lead us so that we can lead and learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers, in His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world a better, wiser place.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION . .

August 1st- We will have our blessings of the backpack and 4th graders Bible presentation. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to come for a moment of prayer over the coming school year with the kids.

Acolyte training- if you were unable to attend our training and your 2nd-5th grader is interested in serving as an acolyte, please let me know.

Children's fall retreat will be **September 17th -19th**. Let me know if your child is interested in attending. The retreat is open to ALL rising 3rd- 5th 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.

Kids of the Kingdom: We will kick off this school year a little earlier. KOK will begin **Wednesday, August 18th**! Drop off will remain at 4:00 pm with pick up 5:45 pm. Please let me know if you have any questions. I am looking forward to seeing all the kids and parents during the month of August.

Updates

- Acolytes will continue to serve during our 11:00 am service only whether it is the contemporary or traditional service.
- Sunday School is in session for all ages. Classes begin at 9:45 am. Please ask anyone at the welcome desk for class details or locations if needed.
- Children's Church is scheduled to begin the month of September.
- As the new school year begins, please evaluate your desire to serve. The children's ministry team is always in need of extra hands during KOK, Sunday School and Children's Church. Please let me know if you have any interest in serving. We could use your help!

Teal Sanders, Director of Christian Education

tsanders@jasperumc.org



God has been so faithful and deserves all praise! This summer has been a blast as we have met each week. We are going to be starting back our regular Elevate Gatherings soon! My prayer is that as we begin, that God's will is done and I am just an empty vessel in Him working through me!

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 signup to receive our newsletters at JUMC Website!

Please check our Youth Newsletter for more details!!

August 15: Kickoff Event

August 18: Confirmation Begins

August 22: Elevate

August 25: Confirmation

August 29: Elevate

Soli Deo Gloria,

Eric Justice

Director of Youth & Marketing at JUMC

Happy Birthday!

Marty Beaver, Joe Brown, Ben Brownell, Emerson Cash, Tyler Chastain, Mark Clayton, Emmanuel Countryman, Elie Countryman, Robert Crenshaw, Lamar Crowe, Mary Sue Edwards, Adin Estrada Costales, Lauren Finney, Pat Gallagher, Jimmy Golden, Nancy Hammer, Abby Hardman, Isabella Howell, Carolyn Jenkins, Kelli Klein, Janie Knight, Jane Marocco, Andie McCormick, Susan Miller, Rick Phillips, Tom Prusa, Richard Rambler, Mary Russell, Homer Sewell, Riley Shaw, Linda Stepp, Jack Tatum, Hannah Vincent, Lynn Walker, Bill Wickham, Adaline Wilds

Happy Anniversary!

Jack & Terry Dunn
Robert & Angela Ervin
Bobby & Karen Fowler
Pat & Lea Gallagher
Tom & Linda Judkins
David & Marie Lindsey

Greg & Lydia Meadows
Rick & Dex Phillips
Tim & Jennifer Pinnell
John & Shirley Pool
Randy & Connie Tudor
Jake & Jane Waller



UMM hosting Church Wide Family Reunion and Teal Sanders send off:

On Sunday, August 22 your UMM will be hosting a Church Wide Reunion/Hamburger cookout following the 11:00 am service. It's time we come back together and celebrate life, our church and our blessings with food and fellowship. We will also be honoring Teal Sanders and her family on her last day on the JUMC staff. So please plan to attend.



The United Methodist Men's Club is back, and our monthly meeting will be held on Thursday August 12th in the sanctuary. The lighthearted evening will begin with dinner at 6 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. But if you forget to email, come anyway!

Barry Hardison, President



August 1st	Edy Countryman Hannah Countryman
August 8th	Kenzie McKean Hannah Countryman
August 16th	Asher Farron Miles Kearney
August 22nd	Kenzie McKean Edy Countryman
August 29th	Asher Farron Miles Kearney

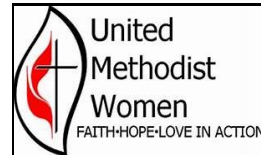


As we look forward to September with choirs back in place, I want to stop and thank some 'behind the scenes' people who have helped us so much in this past year. Many thanks to Lea and Tricia Gallagher for the numerous trips to the church to gather and send copyright info on our Choral Anthems, to Sara Fowler

for providing her beautiful and inspiring photography with our vocal choir's anthems, to Allen Q. for his many times of meeting with me to listen to pre-recorded music from the past few years to his amazing visuals for our bell music and to Paul Singletary for the many hours of blood, sweat and tears to make worship happen on each and every Sunday morning this past year and a half with this pandemic. Words truly are not enough to thank these people but please join me in thanking them when you see them!!!

As we prepare for September, rehearsals will begin after Labor Day and the Chancel Choir will sing every other week at the 11 am Traditional Services. Anthems will be favorites that can be sung with little prep time. Please get your vaccine and email me if you have medical reasons for not getting your vaccine so seating arrangements can be made accordingly. All un-vaccinated singers/ringers need to wear a mask.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Roxanne Golden
rgolden@jasperumc.org



The United Methodist Women will have their monthly gathering on Thursday, August 12th 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

WOMEN'S RETREAT



JUMC
Saturday, August 28
9:00 am-3:00 pm

Light Breakfast & Lunch
\$25 (for food/materials)

Does simply thinking about Chocolate bring a smile to your face? Try thinking about this-hanging out at a café with friends while enjoying your favorite hot beverage, nibbling on a brownie or bit of chocolate pie, laughing, talking, and relaxing together-it's a perfect gathering! Join us at Café Chocolat. It's a retreat where we'll focus on God's grace-with a bit of chocolate sprinkled on top.

Reservations can be made in the narthex on Sundays or in the church office. For more information call the church office at 706-253-2100.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING!

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.

TITHES & OFFERINGS AS OF JULY 27, 2021

General Operating Annual Budget	\$682,567
Needed Weekly	\$13,126
General Operating Budget YTD	\$393,788
	58% of budget
General Operating Received YTD	\$340,784
	50% of budget
(Shortfall)/Overage YTD	(\$53,005)
General Operating Expenses YTD	\$337,336
	49% of budget
(over)/Under Budget	\$56,452
Actual	\$3,448

MISSION MATTERS:

- Pots and pans still needed at Timothy House. Use Walmart registry or donate through the church
- 2022 Kenya Team forming for February 22-March 8. Sign up on the bulletin board
- Kenya guests, Thomas and Merab will be at JUMC October 31st. Schedule a visit for your group NOW. Contact Dex.
- Sponsor the child of a widow in Obaga, Kenya with school fees and supplies. School has started in Kenya. Don't delay. See the bulletin board for 2021 school year info. It can be paid by term or budgeted. Thank you for continued support of the 25 students already enrolled. One sponsor (Margaret Goode) said, "I felt led to sponsor a child and have not missed the money at all. My income hasn't changed but I have had no problem paying the fees. God knew what he was doing when he kept nudging me to commit to it. It has been such a blessing to me."

Rejoice,
Dex Phillips, Missions Chair

August'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:

James Parker (Ken & Kay Parker's nephew), Gregory Laffan (Friend of Rick Cash), Family of Marion Tucker, Bill Traynham, Edward Jewell, Donna Dicus, Jerry Hall, Joan Britton, George Hall, Richard & June Rambler, Joyce Leist, Bob Fallgren, Bill Boggs, Beth Boggs, Robert Countryman, Etta Cramer, Emily Clayborn, Marcy Walker.

Phoenix at Canton: 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

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 AUGUST 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 August scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

August 1, 2021	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
August 8, 2021	2 Samuel 18:5-9; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51
August 15, 2021	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
August 22, 2021	1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
August 29, 2021	Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23