

Jasper United Methodist Church

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February 2022

As seen from the Meadows...

Month number 2, February, here in 2022, how is it going? Life seems to be moving in the right direction and all we can do is lean into the arms of Jesus and focus on loving God and loving neighbor. I want to share with you some needs within our church and our community and I encourage you to check out the other ministry going on here at JUMC!

A few months ago, I shared concerning an opportunity to serve the people of Jasper and Pickens County by collaborating with CARES to become a food distribution location. I have had two people share with me they would be interested in being part of this ministry. We will need a few more to make this happen. Let me share a vision. Did you know that a family could go every week and receive a box of food from CARES? However, what if you are working during the hours CARES is able to operate? So what if JUMC with a team of four to five folks offered a food pickup one day a week 6:00pm-8:00pm? The food would be provided by CARES and one person would pick up the, let us say five boxes of food, the day of food distribution. Then two to three folks will be here from 6:00pm-8:00pm to load the food and take the information from the client. I have one person already willing to be trained by CARES to input the information into the CARES system as the client receives the food. If you are willing to be part of this ministry, join me Sunday, February 6 at 4:00pm here at the church in room 106.

One thing a church should be is welcoming! Covid-19 has made it hard to greet folks with no contact and physical distancing, but relationship requires a connection. People need to know they are loved and welcome at church. Don't you agree? If so, how about showing that love and welcoming spirit by greeting folks on Sunday morning? Our ushers do a great job as folks enter the sanctuary but it would be great if someone were at the door to say good morning as well. The JUMC staff are working on our new brochure to share information with our visitors and it would be great to have folks at the welcome center after church to speak to visitors as they pick up the brochure. Can you do that? Would you do that? Talk to me and let me know at the meeting coming soon to get organized.

Are you looking for a place to be in service within the Pickens County community? We are blessed with many non-profit organizations in our county that need volunteers to serve. Some I talked with just this week are the Boys and Girls Club, the Pregnancy Center, CARES and the Thrift Store. These are places you could give one day a week or as much time as you would like. Consider reaching out to these or the other organizations and find a place to share God's love within our community.

In closing thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. We are in our seventh year together and we have experienced many things. We have welcomed new members and said goodbye to others. We have begun new ministries and seen some changes in the way we do ministry. With God's help, we will continue to share God's love and grace here in Jasper and beyond.

Yours in Christ, Greg

February Worship Schedule

9:00 am-Awakening Worship Service 9:45 am-Sunday School 11:00 am-Traditional Worship Service

Both services can also be seen online at:

Facebook: Jasper United Methodist Church

YouTube: Jasper UMC GA

JUMC STAFF:

Greg Meadows	Pastor Music/Worship Leader
Roxanne B. Golden	
Eric Justice	. Director of Youth Ministry& Marketing
Gerry Gleason	Director of Youth Ministry& Marketing Director of Congregational Care Director of Christian Education Administrative Assistant
Kelly Wisniewski	
Cathy Riley	Administrative Assistant
Peggy Litherland	Financial Manager Preschool Director
Deborah Goodrum	Preschool Director
l Barbara Gaddis	Nursery Coordinator
Nathaniel Singletary	Contemporary Worship Leader Organist Pianists
Angela Ervin	Organist
Susan Gooch/Ellen Whitten	Pianists
Justin Davis	KOK Music
Ministers	All Who Attend

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



JUMC PRESCHOOL 2022 FEBRUARY CALENDAR

THEMES:

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT Feb. 1-2

Feb. 7-9 PRESIDENTS

Feb. 14-16 Feb. 21-23 VALENTINES AND LOVE

WINTER BREAK,

PRESCHOOL CLOSED

Feb. 28 READING ACROSS AMERICA

FEBRUARY SPECIAL DATES:

Tuition Due Feb. 1 Music and Movement Day! Feb. 2 Groundhog Day Feb. 12 Abraham Ľincoln's birthday Feb. 14 VALENTINES DAY Parties-11:00 Color Day! Wear red or pink Feb. 15 Pajama Day! Wear favorite PJ's Feb. 16 Bonus Day! Regular Preschool hours Feb. 17 Winter Break, Preschool Closed (Pickens Co. School District Closed Feb. 21-23

Feb. 21-25) PRESIDENTS' DAY

George Washington's birthday

Feb. 21 Feb. 22 Feb. 28 Return to preschool after Winter Break.

Bring favorite book to read!

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

UPCOMING MARCH DATES:

March 2 Ash Wednesday

March 13 Time Change-Spring Forward 1 Hour

March 17 St Patrick's Day March 20 First Day of Spring

2022 JUMC PRESCHOOL **REGISTRATIONS**

Email or call:

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Preschool 706-253-2109 706-253-2100 Church Fax 706-253-2110



"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 Ministries it is known as a month of preparations for Lent, Easter and beyond. Please continue to keep our great church in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to provide uplifting and encouraging music/worship arts for everyone.

Here are some important dates to remember: ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2nd-Worship Service at 7 pm (with the Imposition of Ashes) Chancel Choir will sing YOUTH CHOIR'S SUNDAY LUNCH/SILENT AUC-TION/TALENT SHOW-March 27th at noon, MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 14th-Drama and Communion Service at 7 pm, EASTER, April 17th-Sunrise Service and 11 am service.

Another important matter to mention is the New Organ Fund. We only need \$40k in order to get our new custom built 3 manual Allen Organ. Our present organ was donated in 1999 after the fire and we desperately need a new Organ. Many stops and pedals no longer work and the replacement parts are no longer availa-

Please prayerfully consider giving to our Organ Fund so we'll be able to order our new Organ in 2022. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to any member of our Organ Committee (Lea Gallagher, Tom Lindsey, Christie McCormick, Angela Ervin or myself).

Please remember that all rehearsals are important so that we are prepared to sing and ring to God's glory. SUNDAYS: Youth Bells at 4 pm, Youth Choir at 4:45, WEDNESDAYS: Kids of the Kingdom at 4 pm, Chancel Bells at 5:15, Chancel Choir at 6:40

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



The Trustees and the Church Council are seeking donations to ensure all the work that is needed to make Eagle Park at George Goodrum Field useable and enjoyable is completed.

Donation can be made in honor or

in memory of folks in your life. Make checks payable to JUMC and mark it for Eagle Park renovations.



We had a blast this past month at our Winter Retreat at the Wilderness at the Smokies! Please check out our schedule below to help you with planning ahead. This month we will be continuing in our fellowship and connecting with one another through all our gatherings. We thank you for your continued prayer as God is glorified in our time together.

Keep praying for our confirmands as they are being challenged weekly as the gospel is presented and their faith is deepening in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your continued support!

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

Please check our Youth Newsletter for more details!! February 2: Confirmation (Church History Con.) February 6: Bible Study (9:45-10:45) & Elevate (5:30-7:00)

February 9: Confirmation (Methodist Church History) February 13: Super Bowl Party (High School: Hardison's

- Middle School: TBA)

February 16: Confirmation (Discipline: Commitment) February 20: NO BIBLE STUDY & ELEVATE (Winter Break)

February 23: NO CONFIRMATION

February 27: Bible Study (9:45-10:45) & Elevate (5:30-7:00)

Soli Deo Gloria. Eric Justice Director of Youth & Marketing at JUMC

The Better Late Than Never Sunday School Class Facilitator—Greg Bauer

A mixed aged adult Sunday School class dedicated to building Christian faith. We use the Bible as our study guide and the discussion group as our format, as we study the books of the Bible. We invite any and all as we seek God's truths, and support each other in whatever stage of life one is in. From young adults to not so young adults our hope is to learn from each other and to use the teachings of Jesus to do a better job of living this life. Our class is located upstairs in room 200, close to both the youth class and several children's classes. If you are young parents looking to involve your children and yourselves in Sunday school, we wholeheartedly invite you to join us, as class opportunities for your children are right next door. So, if you find yourself running late don't fret, please join us, as it is always better to be late than never.

MINISTRY

Applications for the Stephen Ledford Memorial Scholarship are now available. The scholarship is intended for a high school senior who is active in the Jasper United Methodist Church and plans to attend a post secondary school. Senior Recognition Sunday will be held May 22, 2022. All seniors will be recognized and scholarships will be awarded. The application deadline is Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Applications will be available at the Jasper United Church office and can be downloaded from the church website at www.jasperumc.org.

Wednesday, February 2: Kids of the Kingdom will present stuffed animals to the Jasper Police Department and Pickens County Sheriff's Office.



Wednesday, February 23: Winter Break-No KOK

VBS prep is under way! We plan to hold VBS this year during the week of June 20-24. Our theme this year is "Knights of the North Castle -Quest for the King's Armor". Each day, children will explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this adventure for the children of our church and community.

Kelly Wisniewski Director of Christian Education & Children's Ministry



Happy Birthday

Paula Adams, Ryleigh Baggett, Louise Brown, James Crandall, Robert Countryman, David Culbreth, Bob Edwards, Dan Gabriel, Stella Galligan, Suzanne Hardison, Nancy Henson, Margaret Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Luke Jennings, Homer Key, Tom Kleinberg, Gracie Ledford, Barbara Ledford, Susan Lindsey, Ruth Lovern, Melissa Maple, Ellah McEntire, Susannah Melton, Ellie Miller, 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, James Wilson, Sandra Wright

Steve & Judy Lawrence Gerard & Trácy Mosiello Jerry & Pitty Lewallen

Allen & Ann Quandee Bob & Mary Ann Mcelhaney Albia & Brenda Yeast

Missions Matters. . .

- *Thanking God for Advent offerings and end of year giving to Kenya Ministries. ALL of the Jewel's needs that Thomas Agutu brought to our attention have been supplied: a toilet at the garden, access road, sewing machines and even enough for a work room addition to the Jewel's Hall for the pottery and sewing projects. Praise the Lord!
- One of our sponsored students will graduate COL-LEGE in March! There are more students to sponsor. See the bulletin board.

C.A.R.E.S.

Community Assistance Resources & Emergency Services for Pickens County

Items can be brought to the church and placed in the C.A.R.E.S. corner in the narthex.

February's focus will be pasta and pasta sauce.

Januarv Praver 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: Peggy Higgins, Annie Gunnin, Bill Traynham, Joan Britton, Richard & June Rambler, Joyce Leist, Bill & Beth Boggs, Robert Countryman, Etta Cramer, Emily Clayborn, Patti Gehring, Kelly Whitmore, Lois Johnson, Martha Foster, Scott Rumery, Bob and Suellen Reitz, Bill Griggs (Suellen Reitz's father), Sally Long, Melanie (Lovern) Farron, William Steven Hammer (Steve & Nancy Hammer's baby Grandson), Patricia Kelly (Kelly Wisniewski's aunt), Jake Waller

Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehab: Delle Marie O'Neal <u> Wildwood</u>: Marilyn Hannah (Elaine Hannah's sister-in-law) Retreat at Jasper Assisted Living: Mazie Nell Melton, Ruth Lovern Chestnut Ridge in Cumming: Marilu Weeks
Rock Creek Manor: Sam & Barbara Peddicord, Jerry Cohn,
Carolyn Durunt Assistant Carbon Carolyn Durunt Assistant Carbon Carolyn Durunt Assistant Carbon Cedar Hurst Assisted Living: George Hall

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 Jill Cohn.

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 emailing or phoning 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 FEBRUARY 2022:

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 February scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

February 6, 2022 Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 February 13, 2022 Jeremiah 17:5-10; Palm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

February 20, 2022 Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

February 27, 2022 Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)