



# Jasper United Methodist Church



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March 2022

## As seen from the Meadows...

Here we are in March 2022. Are we following the call of Christ? I am not sure if we ask that question enough of one another or ourselves. The call of Christ to love God and love our neighbor should be at the forefront of our heart and mind every day. Lent is a great time to take on the spiritual discipline of self-reflection.

Lent, which begins with the service of Ash Wednesday, is meant to encourage self-reflection and self-denial. We talk about giving something up for Lent or taking something on for Lent. Why not try both this year? Consider something that needs to be gone from our life: we eat too many sweets, we have a foul mouth, we drink too much coffee; the list could continue. If we make that change for the forty days of Lent, our life could change. The same is true when we add something to our life. Maybe we need to pray more often, read our Bible every day, show kindness to strangers, or be more generous. These things will improve our life and relationship with Jesus. Another possibility during Lent is to fast one day a week. Fasting has long been a practice of the Lenten season. Choosing one day or one meal to give up a week can help us focus on our relationship with Jesus. Please, if you are going to fast, make sure, it will not be an issue for you physically. Maybe if you are going without a meal or food for a day consider having water or a fruit juice or even a smoothie in the place of the food. Fasting is not meant to cause more harm than good. These are just a few suggestions for spiritual focus during the 40-day season of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, the Saturday before Easter Sunday. The 40 days of Lent also do not include Sundays. Sundays are feast days or little Easters, a celebration of the resurrection of Christ. We should consider interpersonal reflection during the season of Lent as we contemplate who God is calling us to be as a disciple of Jesus.

Lent has also been a time of preparation for church membership. If you have been visiting the church in person or online and would like to become a member, please reach out to me at [greg.meadows@ngumc.net](mailto:greg.meadows@ngumc.net). I would enjoy the opportunity to talk and encourage you as you make this decision.

How do I say thank you in a new way? Being your pastor is an honor and a privilege and I never take that for granted. I may not be able to be all things to all people but that does not change the fact that I love you with the love of God and I pray that together we are growing closer to God and becoming more like Jesus every day. I thank you each day for allowing me to share my relationship with Jesus. God's blessings always!

Yours in Christ, *Greg*

### March 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  
Roxanne B. Golden ..... Music/Worship Leader  
Eric Justice ..... Director of Youth Ministry & Marketing  
Gerry Gleason ..... Director of Congregational Care  
Kelly Wisniewski ..... Director of Christian Education  
Cathy Riley ..... Administrative Assistant  
Peggy Litherland ..... Financial Manager  
Deborah Goodrum ..... Preschool Director  
Barbara Gaddis ..... Nursery Coordinator  
Nathaniel Singletary ..... Contemporary Worship Leader  
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 MARCH CALENDAR

### THEMES:

- March 1-2 READ ACROSS AMERICA AND DR. SEUSS  
March 7-9 MARCH WINDS AND THINGS THAT FLY  
March 14-16 ST. PATRICK  
March 21-23 SPRING AND THINGS THAT CRAWL  
March 28-30 NURSERY RHYMES AND FAIRY TALES

### MARCH SPECIAL DATES:

- March 1 Tuition Due  
March 2 Ash Wednesday  
Dr. Seuss Birthday  
Dress up like Dr. Seuss character  
March 16 St. Patrick's Day Party 11:00 am  
Color Day. Wear green  
March 17 St. Patrick's Day  
March 21 First Day of Spring  
March 23 Hat Day! Wear favorite Spring hat or cap  
March 30 Nursery Rhyme & Fairy Tale Day!  
Dress up as favorite Character

### UPCOMING APRIL DATES:

- April 4-6 Spring Break, Preschool Closed  
April 4-8 Spring Break,  
Pickens County Schools closed  
April 17 EASTER SUNDAY

## 2022 JUMC PRESCHOOL

Email or call:  
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Preschool 706-253-2109  
Church 706-253-2100  
Fax 706-253-2110



"Show me Your ways Lord, teach me your paths."  
Psalm 25:4

### Important Notes for this Month:

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>-Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes-7 pm-Chancel Choir  
March 13<sup>th</sup>-Chancel Choir  
March 20<sup>th</sup>-Chancel Choir and Kids of the Kingdom with Bell Ensemble  
March 27<sup>th</sup>-Confirmation Sunday-Youth Choir and Youth Bells-with Lunch, Silent Auction and Entertainment following Worship

### Looking ahead:

- April 10<sup>th</sup>-Palm Sunday-Chancel Choir and Bell Ensemble  
April 14<sup>th</sup>-Maundy Thursday-Drama and Communion-7 pm-Chancel Choir and Youth Choir  
April 17<sup>th</sup>-EASTER-Sunrise at PHS-7 am and Traditional Worship at 11 am-Chancel Choir and Bell Ensemble  
May 8<sup>th</sup>-Mother's Day-Kids of the Kingdom Musical GO GO JONAH  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>-Senior Recognition Sunday

YOUTH CHOIR: please make sure you have \$200 in your SMT account by the end of March

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns  
Soli Deo Gloria,  
Roxanne B. Golden  
rgolden@jasperumc.org



Ash Wednesday  
Service  
March 2, 2022  
7:00 pm

The Ash Wednesday Worship Service is Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 pm. The service is a time of reflection and will include the imposition of ashes with music from the Chancel Choir.



We look forward to a busy month ahead! Our confirmands will be confirmed at the end of this month and our youth ministry will continue to be intentional as we put Christ first and fellowship with one another! Keep us in your prayers!

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!!

March 2: Confirmation (Questions)

March 4-6: Confirmation Retreat

March 6: Elevate (5:30-7:00)

March 9: Confirmation (Questions)

March 13: Bible Study (9:45-10:45) & Elevate (5:30-7:00)

March 16: Confirmation (Questions)

March 20: Bible Study (9:45-10:45) & Elevate (5:30-7:00)

March 23: Confirmation (Questions)

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

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

### Stephen Ledford Memorial Scholarship

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](http://www.jasperumc.org).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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. Call the church office (706) 253-2100 or sign up in the church narthex at the VBS Table.

KOK had a wonderful time partnering with the thrift store to donate stuffed animals to the Pickens County Sheriff's Office and Jasper Police Department Wednesday, February 16. Children then enjoyed pizza and cupcakes.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6: Spring Break -no KOK  
SUNDAY, APRIL 10: Palm Sunday-Children are invited to carry palms to the altar during the 11:00 service. Children interested in participating should meet Kelly in the narthex by 10:45.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13: Easter Egg Hunt during KOK (4:00-5:45). All children are invited. Please join us in the sanctuary for crafts, snacks, and an Easter egg hunt. Please bring a basket to collect your eggs.

Kelly Wisniewski  
Director of Christian Education & Children's Ministry



## Happy Birthday!

Jenny Aaronson, Colin Aaronson, Marsha Baggett, Richmond Baggett, Kendall Bradford, Jeanie Brantley, Joe Butler, Jake Cash, Burl Chesser, Etta Cramer, Paula Daniell, Bill Dean, Henry Farmer, Dean Ferris, David Finney, Roxanne Golden, Sharon Harp, Mitchel Henson, Gordon Hershberger, Kathy Huntington, Scott Jackson, Rachel Jacobs, Rob Johnson, Jerry Jones, Maximilian Kearns, Cameron Klaric, Tyler Ledford, Annabelle Leiter, Sophie Lindsey, Erin Martin, Shelby Martin, Fiona McAllister, Erin McGhee, Guy Owen, Kathy Pickering, Jennifer Pinnell, Clay Raynes, Robert Reitz, James Rizoti, Wendell Sanders, Riley Goodman, Pam Singletary, Graeson Tyree, Heather Vincent, Jane Wigington, Grace Wilkie, Katie Williams, Brenda Yeast

*Happy Anniversary!*

Lamar & Lara Crowe  
Dan & Chrystal Gabriel

Mike & Luella Ledford  
Bill & Vicki Wickham

## Missions Matters...

- ◆ First quarter local giving goes to Angels on Horseback (\$200), ACES (\$400) and Habitat (\$400).
- ◆ One of our sponsored students will graduate COLLEGE in March! There are more students to sponsor. See the bulletin board in the narthex.

## 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.

March's focus will be toiletries, shampoo, toothpaste, bath soap, etc.

## March 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:

Peggy Higgins, Annie Gunnin, 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, Sally Long, Melanie (Lovern) Farron, William Stephen Hammer (Steve & Nancy Hammer's baby Grandson), Patricia Kelly (Kelly Wisniewski's aunt), Rosemary Moriz (Suzanne Gehring's mother), Jake Waller, Ruth Lovern, Llewyn Jones (Audrey Bauer Jones' son)

Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehab: Delle Marie O'Neal  
Wildwood: 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 Omundson, Donna Dicus  
Cedar Hurst Assisted Living: George Hall  
Dahlonega Assisted Living and Memory Unit: Hoyt and Caroline Jenkins

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

*Memorial Service for Helen Petty will be Saturday, March 19 at 11:00 am at JUMC.*

*Memorial Service for Jill Cohn will be Thursday, March 31 at 2:00 pm at JUMC.*

***Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern, update or to notify us of any family illnesses, deaths or hospitalizations.***

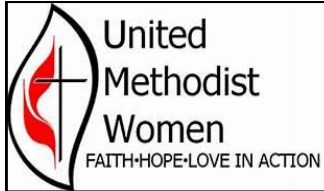
For any emergencies after office hours,  
Greg can be reached on his cell #770-851-8305.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH 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 March scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

March 6, 2022	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
March 13, 2022	Genesis 15:1-12; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
March 20, 2022	Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 1-9
March 27, 2022	Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



*Dorcas Circle of the Jasper United Methodist Women~*  
Women of all ages and stages of life are invited to

join us for our next **Dorcas Circle** meeting on **Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 106.** It's a time for fellowship and fun with refreshments and a devotional. If you can't make it for our March meeting, please know you are always welcome. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Currently, we are collecting candy for the Kids of the Kingdom Easter Egg Hunt which will be on April 13, 2022. If you would like to contribute a bag of wrapped candy or plastic Easter eggs, donations may be dropped off in the collection box in the Narthex. Thank you for your support of this joyful Easter tradition.

**A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial** is a United Methodist Women annual worship service. The theme for 2022 is *Love, Justice and Service: Answering the Call.* This service is to highlight the lay Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner who are consecrated to a lifetime of service for the church. Together they form a covenant community rooted in scripture and driven by mission. The service will be **Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 pm at JUMC.** All women are invited to attend.

Debby Utiss, UMW President  
Suzanne Hardison, Dorcas Circle President

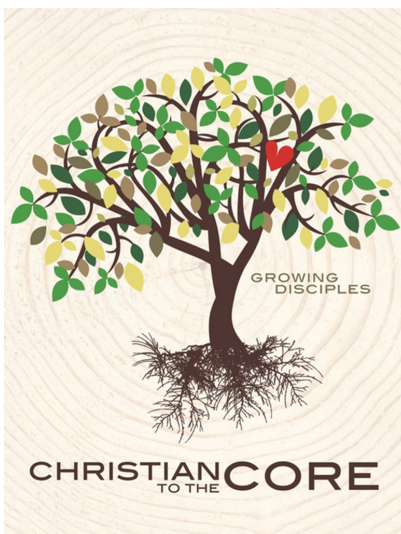


The Jasper United Methodist Men invites you to connect with us as we keep our eye on the central reason for this ministry: to grow to a mature faith in

God that moves us into action. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, God will meet you there.

Our next gathering is our monthly dinner and fellowship on Thursday, March 10th at 6 pm. One of our men will lead our dinner service and Dr. Jimmy Golden will lead our Bible study. The Jasper United Methodist Men is not an exclusive "club." Every United Methodist man and all men interested in establishing a spiritual journey are already a members. No matter what age from young men to senior men, everyone has a place and can play a vital role. So please plan to join us on March 10th.

If you think you would like to join us or if you have questions, just call, text, or email Barry Hardison at 404-218-7539 or [barryhardison@windstream.net](mailto:barryhardison@windstream.net).



**Discipleship class Tuesday mornings**

**Beginning March 15**

**At 9:30 am Room 106**

**Led by Rev. Gerry Gleason**

*Christian to the Core* is your twelve-session journey to becoming a deeper disciple by increasing your intimacy with God, increasing your love for people, and discovering God's greater purposes for your life. Get ready to explore the Eight Core Values of the most vibrant and dynamic Christians on Planet Earth. Register today so we can pre-order your workbook. Call the church office: 706-253-2100.

