



Jasper United Methodist Church



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December 2022



The Wonder of **CHRISTMAS**

"THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS" (Advent Sermons)

November 27

Isaiah 9:6-7

"The Wonder of Christmas: Hope"

December 4

Psalm 23

"The Wonder of Christmas: Peace"

December 11

Matthew 2:1-12

"The Wonder of Christmas: Joy"

December 18

Luke 2:1-14

"The Wonder of Christmas: Love"

December 24

Luke 2:1-20

"The Wonder of Christmas: Saying Yes"

December 25

Hebrews 4:14-16

"The Wonder of Christmas: His Birth"

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 3rd, 8:30 am

GOLDEN BELLS OF ATLANTA CONCERT

Monday, December 5th, 7:30 pm

LADIES CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Tuesday, December 6th, 6:30 pm

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 13th, 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Friday, December 24th

5:00 pm-Contemporary, 7:00 pm-Traditional

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25th

11:00 am-Traditional Service Only



On Wednesday, November 16, students, parents, and staff came together to enjoy food and fellowship as the preschool hosted its first Family Thanksgiving Feast. The children sang a song Mrs. Bella taught them in music class and they also said a prayer that she taught them in Spanish.

Wednesday, December 7: Preschool Christmas Pictures

Tuesday, December 13: Preschool Christmas Program at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

December 21 - January 4: Preschool Christmas Break (No School)



Children's Ministry

We are in need of Sunday school teachers for 3-5 year olds and 1st - 5th grade. Please contact me if you would like to serve.

Sunday, December 4: KOK will be singing at the 11:00 church service.

The Jasper United Methodist Church Children's & Youth Ministries and Preschool will be participating in the Christmas Parade this year. The parade will be Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 PM. We are looking for children in the preschool, KOK, and youth that would like to join us on the float and walk to hand out candy/information about our church. If a child is interested, please call the church office or email me. The theme is the Grinch and we think it will be a lot of fun for the children to participate!

Wednesday, December 14: KOK Christmas Party

December 21- January 4: Christmas Break (No KOK)

Wednesday, January 11: Children return to KOK

Kelly Wisniewski
Director of Children's and Preschool Ministry
kwisniewski@jasperumc.org



Music and Worship Arts

May the Christmas Carols and Songs you hear this month bring Hope, Peace, Joy and the Love from the Christ Child to you and your family during this season. Our prayer is that God will use our music to bring others to Himself and that the Christ Child may be born anew in you this Advent and Christmas season.

Here's the schedule:

November 27th-Chancel Choir

December 4th-Chancel Choir and Kids of the Kingdom

December 11th-Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells and Youth Choir

December 18th-Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE-5 pm-Awakening (Praise Band) 7 pm-College/Career Ensemble

CHRISTMAS MORNING-11 am-Chancel Choir and Bells (one service only)

January 1st-11 am-Awakening (Praise Band) (one service only)

You are also invited to the Golden Bells of Atlanta's Concert on Monday night, December 5th here at JUMC at 7:30 pm (more concerts/special events are listed at goldenbells.com)

Words cannot express our gratitude (mine, Justin's, Ellen's, Angela's and Nato's) to all of you who give so graciously of your gifts, talents and time to this powerful ministry in our great church.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Roxanne B. Golden
rgolden@jasperumc.org

ALL THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED...

Christmas Banquet

TUESDAY

DEC | 6 | 6:30 pm

- Bring a potluck side dish or dessert.
- Guest speaker: Debby Utiss will share about her mission trip to Red Bird.
- Bring a White Elephant gift to share during our game and a monetary donation to the Murphy-Harpst Children's Center, if you wish.





I cannot believe that we are at the end of 2022! Our students are having a blast while digging deep into God's Word! As we are looking forward to the new year, we are going on a winter retreat to Maggie Valley for some snow tubing. We plan to enjoy time in fellowship, cooking food together, and devotions that will anchor our time together as we launch into the new year. Our hope is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ. He will build and mature the students of our ministry to bring Honor and Glory to Himself and grow them to be disciples that are unwavering in their faith and grounded in His Word for when trials come their way or when wrestling with the mundane or the ordinary.

Thank you for your faithfulness to Christ and His Church! Please be in prayer for our students and parents as they seek to honor and glorify God in their decisions, actions, thoughts, and intention of their heart. Be in prayer also for me that I may speak boldly as I ought to.

Monthly Schedule:

- December 4: Elevate Youth: Stuff (2) (5:30-7:00)
- December 7: Bible Study (4:00-5:45)
- December 11: Elevate Youth: Stuff (4) (5:30-7:00)
- December 14: Bible Study (4:00-5:45)
- December 18: Christmas Party
- December 19-January 22: NO BIBLE STUDY or ELEVATE (Christmas Break)

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

Join Us For Jasper United Methodist Church's Annual
BREAKFAST With Santa
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
Jasper United Methodist Church Sanctuary
85 West Church Street, Jasper
8:30AM - 10:30AM
PHOTOS WITH SANTA AVAILABLE!
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, JUICE AND HOT COCOA!
CRAFTS, COOKIE DECORATING, & SECRET SANTA SHOP
\$5 PER PERSON (2 AND UNDER FREE)
MONEY WILL BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR THE MORNING OF THE EVENT
Contact Kelly at (770) 253-2100 with any questions regarding this event!

December Acolytes
December 4: Sophie Lindsey
Edy Countryman
December 11: Kenzie McKean
Kayson Moore
December 18: Gracie Bail
Vera Payne
December 25: Open

C.A.R.E.S.
Items can be brought to the church and placed in the C.A.R.E.S. corner in the narthex.
December's focus is body wash, shampoo and lotion.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 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 December scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

- December 4, 2022 Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12
- December 11, 2022 Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
- December 18, 2022 Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25
- December 24, 2022 Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
- December 25, 2022 Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrew 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14
- December 31, 2022 Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46



Happy Birthday!

Bill Boggs, Madeline Brownell, Richard Crenshaw, Deborah Dickinson, Shelbi Fowler, Keith Galligan, Tiffany Gleason, Margaret Goode, Madelyn Goode, Julie Hickman, Rachel Hoffbauer, Noah Hoffbauer, Belinda Howard, Adam Hunt, Ron Jager, Linda Jager, Paige Klein, Don Larson, Shirley Lewallen, David Lovern, Valerie Maple, Carter McEntire, Maceigh Meaders, Maggie Meaders, Gerard Mosiello, Tracy Mosiello, Alexander Nix, Sue Nunn, Lauren Pitkins, Abby Powell, Harry Reed, Bronwyn Rumery, Ava Rumsey, Christian Stewart, Martha Talbert, Josh Tatum, Hilary Tatum, Leigh Williams, Carol Wilson, Albia Yeast, Linda Yeast

Happy Anniversary!

Bill & Linda Atkinson	Homer & Cathy Key
Greg & Jackie Bauer	Tom & Susan Lindsey
David & Gloria Beaudet	Larry & Mary Pauley
Bill & Brandi Dean	Tom & Kathy Pickering
Brad & Kathy Glenn	Scott & Cathy Riley
Barry & Suzanne Hardison	Paul & Pam Singletary
Milton & Rhonda Hunt	Orvall & Linda Yeast
Scott & Diane Jackson	

A LETTER FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is sure that you have noticed that this year Jasper UMC has had some struggles financially. We also are sure you are doing all you can with your regular giving. You may be wondering if there is more you could do to support the ministry. If you have given a donation through the years to a restricted account, such as the New Sanctuary Fund, you can redirect those funds to our general operating account.

There is a procedure to follow and Peggy Litherland, Treasurer, plitherland@jasperumc.org, Cathy Riley, Office Manager, criley@jasperumc.org or Pastor Greg Meadows, greg.meadows@ngumc.net, can assist you. Thank you for considering this as it will be very helpful to your church. The Finance Committee and Church Leadership have managed to reduce our 2023 budget \$47,000. Thank you for your continued faithful support.

Yours in Christ,
The JUMC Finance Committee

JUMC STAFF:

Greg Meadows.....	Pastor
Roxanne B. Golden.....	Music/Worship Leader
Gerry Gleason.....	Minister of Congregational Care/Adult Ministry
Eric Justice.....	Director of Youth Ministry & Marketing
Kelly Wisniewski.....	Director of Children's/Preschool Ministries
Cathy Riley.....	Administrative Assistant
Peggy Litherland.....	Financial Manager
Paul Singletary.....	Director of Audio/Visual Ministry
Barbara Gaddis.....	Nursery Coordinator
Nathaniel Singletary.....	Contemporary Worship Leader
Angela Ervin.....	Organist
Ellen Whitten.....	Pianist
Justin Davis.....	KOK Music/Pianist
Ministers.....	All Who Attend

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, Joan Britton, Richard & June Rambler, Joyce Leist, Bill & Beth Boggs, Etta Cramer, Patti Gehring, Ruth Lovern, John Kingsley, Marcia Phillips, Sara Fowler, Chris Fairley, Kenneth Teague, Phil Cole, Patricia Mayes, Jennie Mayes, Steve Lawrence, Elise Andrews, Luella Ledford, Donna Andrews, Larry Reiter, Bill Bartsch

Wildwood: Marilyn Hannah (Elaine Hannah's sister-in-law)

Retreat at Jasper Assisted Living: Ruth Lovern, Carolyn Omundson, Nancy Whitmore

Chestnut Ridge in Cumming: Marilu Weeks

Rock Creek Manor: Sam & Barbara Peddicord, Jerry Cohn, Donna Dicus, Dayton & Mary Ann Adams

Cedarhurst Assisted Living: George Hall

Dahlongega Assisted Living and Memory Unit: Hoyt and Carolyn 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

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Sally Long on her death.

Christian sympathy is extended to Faith McAllister and family on the death of her mother.

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

Missions Matters

Advent Offerings will give the Jewels and KOK's in Obaga, Kenya gifts, groceries and a meal together for a Happy Christmas. If you wish to give a gift in honor of someone, there are gift cards on the usher's table and in the church office. Thank you.



With grateful hearts, we are thrilled to let you know our JUMC packed 134 **Operation Christmas Shoeboxes** this season. Along with the online boxes, we would imagine our final number far exceeds 150 Shoeboxes! Thanks to each of you and those groups who helped pull this all together helping to spread His Good News into the world one shoebox at a time.

Carole Schlitz and Jeanie Brantley