



Jasper United Methodist Church



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January 2023

As seen from the Meadows...

Well, here we are in January 2023: so glad to be here with you, Jasper UMC. I want to encourage you to look at all we have going on at JUMC in January. As we move into a new year, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, SPR, has made a change in our staff and, I want to ask for your assistance to ensure your pastoral needs are met. I will close with a thank you.

As the SPR took a look at our staff in light of our financial struggles this year, they realized JUMC had some decisions to make moving forward. After much prayer and conversation, the best course of action was to do away with the Director of Congregational Care/Adult Ministries. Rev. Gerry Gleason has served well in the position and will be missed as a part of the JUMC staff. I cannot express how much I enjoyed working with Gerry! I am thankful to have gotten to know him and his amazing family. Please reach out to Gerry and let him know you are thankful for his ministry here at JUMC as well. Due to this change, the following paragraph is concerning congregational care moving forward here at JUMC.

I am not sure if you have ever considered that as Pastor of JUMC I have around 300 to 400 active folks and folks who do not attend regularly but call JUMC home. It is difficult to monitor that many folks on a daily basis. I need your help. I need you to be an advocate for yourself with me and the staff. If you have something going on physically, emotionally or otherwise and would like me to reach out to you, please let me know. I heard a pastor say one time, "God shares many things with me as a pastor but mindreading is not one of them". Contact me by email, greg.meadows@ngumc.net, phone or text at 770-851-8305. My phone is on 24 hours a day for phone calls. I do turn off notifications for text and emails before I go to sleep each night. This will be even more important since we have eliminated the Director of Congregational Care for 2023. I am also planning to work with the staff, Sunday School Teachers and Group leaders to build a team to help keep me informed about various needs within the congregation. You are your best advocate so please reach out to me. Thank you everyone for being part of this need within our church.

As I close, allow Lydia and me to say thank you for all the love you shared with us throughout the year and during Christmas. Your cards, gifts and food were so enjoyed and appreciated. It is an honor to be your Pastoral Family and we do love you.

Yours in Christ, *Greg*

Sunday Worship Schedule

In-Person:
9:00 am-Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 am-Sunday School
11:00 am-Traditional Worship Service

Online:
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January 1st:
11:00 am-Contemporary Worship Only

JUMC STAFF:

Greg Meadows.....Pastor
Roxanne B. Golden.....Music/Worship Leader
Eric Justice.....Director of Youth Ministry & Marketing
Kelly Wisniewski.....Director of Children's/Preschool Ministries
Cathy Riley.....Office Manager
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



The children did a wonderful job performing their Christmas program, *The Birth of Our Lord*, on December 13. They reminded us that Jesus is the true reason for the season. The children also enjoyed PJ's and movie day wearing their favorite pajamas and enjoying pancakes and Christmas cookies while watching a Christmas movie. We ended the year with gift exchanges and Christmas parties!

Preschool students return to school on **Monday, January 9.**

Registration for the 2023/2024 school year begins January 9. You may register online and pay registration/activities fees at www.jasperumc.org. If you have any questions, please contact me at kwisniewski@jasperumc.org or contact the church office.

Monday, January 16: MLK Day (No Preschool)

Kelly Wisniewski, Preschool Director

Children's Ministry

Thank you to everyone who gave their donations, time and talents to our annual Breakfast with Santa event! The children had a wonderful time and you helped make it a success! You are so appreciated!

Wednesday, January 11: KOK starts back from 4:00-5:45.

There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church on Sunday, January 1.

Kelly Wisniewski
Director of Children's/Preschool Ministry
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January Acolytes

- January 1: Open
- January 8: Edy Countryman
Hannah Countryman
- January 15: Vera Payne
Sophie Lindsey
- January 22: Gracie Bail
William Bail
- January 29: Mackenzie McKean
Kayson Moore



Music and Worship Arts

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us." Romans 12:6a

I want to thank each and everyone who shared their gifts and talents with us during our Advent and Christmas Season. There were so many people involved in the behind the scenes that I want to extend a very special thanks to Sara Fowler and Cindy Jackson for their photography that continues to show how many people share their gifts and talents in our Music/Worship Arts Ministry. To Justin, Angela, Ellen and Nato: thank you so very much for being so creative. And to Paul Singletary and Lydia Meadows, we thank you so much for working so hard to make our online presence happen along with our in person worship experiences. We are blessed to have so many people involved in our Music/Worship Ministries. Please find your place in this ministry and together we'll see what God has in store for us in 2023.

This month's schedule for 11 am Worship:
January 1st-Contemporary (Praise Band)
January 8th-Chancel Choir
January 15th-Chancel Choir
January 22nd-LEADERSHIP DEDICATION-
Chancel Choir
January 29th-Chancel Choir
(Youth Choir Parents' Meeting at 4:45 pm)

Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, Jan. 11th and Sunday, Jan. 22nd.

(Everyone is invited to help de-decorate on Jan. 11th at 6:30 pm-Chancel Choir rehearsal will follow)

SUMMER MUSIC TOUR 2023 is June 4th-11th to Louisville, KY and Santa Claus, IN. Please make sure you have \$200 turned in by Jan. 29th, \$300 by the end of March with final amount due at our Parents' Meeting on May 7th. Total cost is \$475 per youth and \$375 per Chaperone.

LOOKING AHEAD:

New Ebenezer Handbell Conference is Feb. 17th-19th weekend.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or problems.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Roxanne B. Golden
Music/Worship Leader
rgolden@jasperumc.org



Hello 2023!! We have a great year planned out and are excited to see what the Lord does in our midst. Our leaders have been phenomenal with our students, connecting on a deeper level, and leading by the example of their lives. Thank you for your continued support that has allowed us to keep moving forward with God's Word and sharing Christ at all of our gatherings. We have our Winter Retreat to Maggie Valley NC from January 13-16. When we get back from there, we will be focusing our gathering on the topic of Holiness. What does Jesus say about Holiness and how are we to be equipped with this knowledge as we go to school, engage in relationships, and deal with the world around us?

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:

January 1-15: NO ELEVATE

January 13-16: Winter Retreat

January 18: Discipleship Bible Study (4:00-5:45)

January 22: Elevate Youth: Holiness (1) (5:30-7:00)

January 25: Discipleship Bible Study (4:00-5:45)

January 29: Elevate Youth: Holiness (2) (5:30-7:00)

Soli Deo Gloria,

Eric Justice

Director of Youth & Marketing at JUMC

ejjustice@jasperumc.org

a place to *belong*
 a place to *believe*
 a place to *become*
YOU are welcome at JUMC!

Missions Matters

- 4th quarter budgeted funds went to Weekend backpacks-\$400, ACES-\$200, and Appalachian CASA-\$400.
- Rise Against Hunger event coming in February.
- Thomas & Merab coming from Kenya in March.

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.

January's focus is

Baby diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes.



The JUMC end-of-year giving statements will be sent out before the end of January. If there are any **changes to your contact information or address**, please call **706-253-2100** or email criley@jasperumc.org so the changes can be made before January 10, 2023.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY 2023:

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 January scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

January 1, 2023 Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 8, 2023 Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

January 15, 2023 Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 22, 2023 Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

January 29, 2023 Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12



United Women in Faith

SEEKERS CIRCLE:

Are you looking for a small group? The Seekers Circle meets in room 106 on the second Thursday every month at 10:00 am. We share our concerns, our joys, and look for ways to be of service to the church and community. Our current mission is to assist in the kitchen. At the close of each meeting, those who are willing and able stay a little longer to clean and organize as needed. We also look forward to resuming our semi-annual Cookie Walk with proceeds to CARES. We would love to have you join us! For more information, call Nancy Henson at 770-893-2609.

DORCAS CIRCLE:

This New Year, we welcome you to the Dorcas Circle. Please consider joining our small group as we connect in our Christian bond and friendship. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. It's sure to be a joyful evening as we plan on how to share the bountiful proceeds from the 41st Annual Marble Festival Road Race with organizations within our church and the Pickens County community that serve women and children. What a blessing, indeed! For more information contact Suzanne Hardison by email suzbar@windstream.net.



The UMM meet at the church in the sanctuary on the second Thursday of each month at 6 pm for fun, food, friendship and fellowship. All men are invited and encouraged to join in the antics and stay for a meaningful devotion led by Dr. Jimmy Golden. For more information contact UMM President Barry Hardison at 404-218-7539 or barryhardison@windstream.net.



Beginning Again!
January 11, 2023

5:45-6:30 pm
Adult \$6.00
Child (under 10) \$4.00

RESERVATIONS AND CANCELATIONS
must be made by Monday noon of each week

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:

Ricky Anglin, Donna Andrews, Elise Andrews, Bill Bartsch, Beth & Bill Boggs, Joan Britton, Phil Cole, Etta Cramer, Kevin Derrick, Doris Estes, Chris Fairley, Sara Fowler, Peggy Higgins, Patty Gehring, Steve Lawrence, Don Larson, Joyce Leist, Ruth Lovern, Jennie Mayes, Patricia Mayes, George Montgomery, Marcia Phillips, Richard Rambler, Larry Reiter, Kenneth Teague, Marcy Walker

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

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

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

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 Don Warner on his death.

Christian sympathy is extended to Richard Rambler and family on the death of his wife, June Rambler.

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.

Happy New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

From your JUMC Staff

Numbers 6: 24-26



**JUMC Breakfast with Santa
December 3, 2022**



**JUMC Preschool & KOK Float
Jasper Christmas Parade**



**JUMC Preschool
Christmas Program
December 13, 2022**

