



Jasper United Methodist Church



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February 2023

As seen from the Meadows:

February 2023 is here and I have some things to share with you. Our District Superintendent will be leading worship February 12. I will be leading a book study on the Lord's Prayer. February 22 is Ash Wednesday. These are three items I hope you will plan to be involved with in February.

On Sunday, February 12 our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Beth Sanders will be here to preach and lead worship. I have enjoyed getting to know and work with Beth. I know you will receive a powerful sermon that will touch your heart. Here is some information so you can know more about our District Superintendent. Beth Sanders is an ordained elder and a graduate of Emory University (English and Philosophy), University of Georgia School of Law, Candler School of Theology (MDiv), and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (DMin). Beth has served as an Associate Pastor at Peachtree Road UMC in Atlanta, and as Senior Pastor of College Park First UMC, Second Avenue UMC in Rome, and Lewis Memorial UMC in Evans. She was appointed as the first Mission Specialist in the NGA Conference, serving the South East District in that role for three years before being appointed District Superintendent of the North West District in July 2022. Beth loves being "Aunt Bebe" to one very special two-year-old niece. She is a choral singer, an avid runner, and enjoys the companionship of two cats, Atticus and Teddy.

In October of 2021, I shared a series of sermons based on the Lord's Prayer. Some of what I shared was based on the book entitled *"The Lord's Prayer: The meaning and power of the prayer Jesus taught"*, written by Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. This is one of the fastest growing churches in the country. Rev. Hamilton is one of the most highly regarded United Methodist pastors in the United States. Not only has he led The UMC of the Resurrection from its beginning he has also written many study books sharing Wesleyan theology on many subjects and Biblical texts. I invite you to join me for a 7-week study of the Lord's Prayer. I will begin on Sunday, February 26 and end on Wednesday, April 12, the cost of the study for your book will be \$12.00. I will be offering a Sunday evening 5:00-6:00 or Wednesday, evening 6:30-7:30 option. Two Sunday evenings, March 19 and April 9, we will not meet and instead we will meet together on Wednesday evening, March 22 and April 12. You can sign up by emailing me at greg.meadows@ngumc.net. I hope you will consider joining me as we look into The Lord's Prayer.

Wednesday, February 22 we share in our Ash Wednesday service of worship at 7:00pm. Ash Wednesday is the end of the season of Epiphany and the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the service of worship that is meant to knock us to our knees as we consider our own mortality and realize we are nothing without God! This knock to our knees is not meant to a humiliating but instead a humbling experience of worship. The idea is that it brings us to a place of contemplation as we enter the season of Lent that comes before Holy Week and Easter. Ash Wednesday is that worship service that we don't like because we human beings do not want to be humbled, don't like being told the world is not about me, myself and I. Ash Wednesday is a difficult service but it is needed in our life and in our world. I pray you will join me on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00pm for this powerful service of worship.

To close this month allow me to say thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. Thank you as well for your support, prayers and love. I realize we are in an unusual time in the UMC but I pray we can rise above and be the Jasper UMC that is needed in Jasper and Pickens County.

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:

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
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 preschool is now registering for the 2023-2024 school year! You may register online at www.jasperumc.org. Click on the preschool tab in the upper right corner. From there, you can find the link to register, pay online, the parent handbook, tuition information, and current school calendar. If you have any questions you may call (706) 253-2100 or email me at kwisniewski@jasperumc.org.

On Wednesday, February 15, the preschool will host Wednesday Night Supper. This will be a fundraiser for the preschool. Parents and teachers will be working in the kitchen cooking, serving, and cleaning up. On this night only, we will be taking to-go orders. **You will still need to register for supper by Monday, February 13. This includes to-go orders.** Please note that to-go orders are only being taken for Wednesday, February 15.

Upcoming Events:

February 14: Valentine's Exchange and Party
February 20-24: Winter Break (No Preschool)
March 1-2: Celebrate Read Across America

Kelly Wisniewski, Preschool Director

Children's Ministry

KOK will be singing during the 11:00 am service on Sunday, February 12. There will be no KOK on Wednesday, February 22 due to winter break.

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



February Acolytes

February 5: Sophie Lindsey
Vera Payne
February 12: Gracie Bail
William Bail
February 19: Mackenzie McKean
Kayson Moore
February 26: Hannah Countryman
Edy Countryman

Music and Worship Arts

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

All choirs are back into full swing with rehearsals preparing for Sunday Worship services, New Ebenezer Handbell Workshop, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Spring Musicals, Summer Music Tour and our Annual Patriotic Service. We are so blessed to have so much talent involved in our Music/Worship Ministries from our church and from the community. We continue with our theme for this year: EACH ONE can REACH ONE.

Here are a few important dates for the next couple of months:

- Feb. 12th-both Preschool and Elementary KOK will sing at 11 am
- Feb. 17th-19th weekend-New Ebenezer Handbell Retreat
- Feb. 22nd-ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE at 7 pm
- TBD-our Youth Choir will sing with the Chancel Choir with a Silent Auction and Sunday Soup and Sandwich luncheon after the 11 am service.
- April 7th-Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm
- April 9th-EASTER- Community Sunrise Service at PHS at 7 am (Contemporary) and 11 am Traditional worship service here at JUMC
- May 14th (Mother's Day)-11 am-KOK's Spring Musical-Esther-Ordinary Faith with the Preschoolers singing before the musical
- June 4th-Youth Choir Musical before heading out on their SMT 23
- July 2nd-Annual Patriotic Service-one service only at 11 am.

Please help support our Youth Choir as they prepare for their Summer Music Tour 2023 by participating in our WIN-WIN PROJECT-please see me for names/numbers of members who are willing and able to help you around your home. All checks can be written to the church and will be put into the youth's SMT account. Our SMT 2023 will be to Louisville, KY and Santa Claus, IN June 4th-11th.

Lastly, you will continue to see a few changes in our Contemporary and Traditional Worship and we seek to provide a very meaningful and God filled Worship time for everyone.

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



We had a great January! We had a blast on our winter retreat to Maggie Valley. We focused on Psalm 121 for our devotion times, going verse by verse. The question that the psalmist asked at the beginning of the Psalm is "From where does my help come?". We dove into that question and challenged one another in finding our help, hope, strength, comfort, and peace in God alone! God was honored and glorified in our time together. Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible for us to attend!

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:

- February 1: Discipleship Bible Study (4:00-5:45)
- February 5 Elevate Youth: Holiness (1) (5:30-7:00)
- February 8: Discipleship Bible Study (4:00-5:45)
- February 12: Elevate Youth: Culture (1) (5:30-7:00)
- February 15: Discipleship Bible Study (4:00-5:45)
- February 19 & 22: NO ELEVATE or Bible Study
- February 26: Elevate Youth: Culture (2) (5:30-7:00)

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



**ONE STEP CLOSER TO
A WORLD
WITHOUT HUNGER**

Meal Packaging Event

Saturday, February 4, 2023
10:00 am-12:00 pm JUMC Sanctuary



An Invitation to Commissioning

On February 19th our congregation will commission 2 new Stephen Ministers. Throughout history, when God has called people to special ministry, members of their community have commissioned them for the important new work they are taking on. Now we invite you to help carry on that biblical tradition by being a part of commissioning those who have responded to God's call to be part of our congregation's Stephen Ministry.

Our new Stephen Ministers-Jennifer Anglin and Laura Smith-have completed substantial training to equip them for their task. Please come to lay hands on them, pray for them, and send them out to minister, asking for God's blessing and the Spirit's wisdom and power.

The commissioning service offers an opportunity to show your support for our Stephen Ministry and those who will receive care. We all covet your prayers and blessings.

Missions Matters

- 4th quarter budgeted funds went to Weekend backpacks-\$400, ACES-\$200, and Appalachian CASA-\$400.
- Rise Against Hunger meal packing event, Saturday, February 4
- Thomas & Merab coming March 22
- Auction & Taste of JUMC on March 25 to support the Kenya Team

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.

February's focus is
Toiletries & Personal Hygiene Items

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 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 February scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

- February 5, 2023 Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20
- February 12, 2023 Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
- February 19, 2023 Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
- February 26, 2023 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



United Women in Faith

SEEKERS CIRCLE: Ladies, are you looking for a small group that meets one morning a month? Visit the Seekers Circle, Thursday, Feb. 9th at 10:00 am in room 106. We enjoy casual conversation, devotions, prayers, and friendship while seeking ways to support our church and community. We would love to have you! For more information, call Nancy Henson 770-893-2609.

DORCAS CIRCLE:

The ladies of the Dorcas Circle will meet on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for refreshments, a devotional, a little business, and a good dose of laughter and fun. Curious if this small group is right for you? Please join us for a visit. We meet on the second Thursday of each month, and you are always welcome. If you would like more information, contact Suzanne Hardison at 770-894-1505.



The United Methodist Men are switching things up this month. Instead of our regular meeting, we are putting on our chefs' hats for Wednesday Night Supper. We'll be preparing the meal on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. If you would like to join us for this culinary fellowship, meet in the kitchen at 4:00 p.m. It will be fun, and the meal will be tasty. Questions? Contact Barry Hardison at 404-218-7539.



Fellowship Suppers

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
Phone 706-253-2100

Feb. 1-JUMC Kitchen Staff
Feb. 8-United Methodist Men
Feb. 15-JUMC Preschool Teachers & Parents
Feb. 22-Winter Break-No Supper

If your group or family would like to prepare and serve a Wednesday night meal as a fund raiser, call the church office to schedule a date.

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, Merry Grey Caylor, 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, Sandy Tatum, 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 Beth Boggs and family on the death of her brother, Bill Stanaland.

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

Reminders from the church office:

*If you have moved or have a new phone number, please notify the church office of the change.

*To have an announcement or article put in the bulletin, it must be sent to the office by the Tuesday before; in the newsletter, it must be sent to the office by the 15th of the month.

*In order to use any of the rooms in the church for meetings or small groups, you must call the office to reserve the room. Rooms are reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

*To use the building for large gatherings, you must reserve space through the office. We have a policy for church members and a policy for non-church members which need to be signed in advance.

We have a wonderful facility which is used most every day and night. Please help keep all our activities running smoothly.

In His Service,
Cathy Riley, Office Manager