



Jasper United Methodist Church



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March 2023

As Seen from the Meadows:

As we enter March, Lent has begun and we should spend time contemplating our relationship with Jesus. In February, we commissioned two new Stephen Ministers, so I am going to share some information about our Stephen Ministry.

The season of Lent is the 40-day journey to Easter. Lent is a time to contemplate our mortality and in turn, our relationship with Jesus. People will give up or take on something in order to remind them of this contemplation. Folks give up a food they enjoy or a habit they need to remove from their lives. Giving up something we enjoy calls us to think of Jesus when we realize we are missing chocolate or sweet tea or French fries. Giving up a bad habit over the season of Lent can be a way to focus on Jesus and remove something that is not good in our life. Considering a day each week to fast, go without food, is a way to focus on Jesus when we are hungry. Now taking on something new can also be a way to strengthen our relationship with Jesus. Maybe take on a time each day for reading the Bible and praying, read a book with a Christian focus, or consider a devotion book for the season. All of these can add a new dimension to our relationship with Jesus. Holding to these good habits for forty days can help them become lifelong and life-giving habits. Lent is a season that can strengthen our faith as we consider who we are as followers of Jesus.

On Sunday, February 19, we commissioned two new Stephen Ministers. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to share information about our Stephen Ministry here at JUMC. The Stephen Ministry is a ministry of the whole church. This is a group of people trained to be good listeners. They were already compassionate people who have been and continue to be encouraged to show and share compassion with people. This is how you can share in this ministry. First, know that the Stephen Ministers are here for you. When you find yourself in a hard moment of life, loss of a family member, loss of a job, or going through a physical struggle, a Stephen Minister can be there to walk along with you. Second, if you have a friend or family member who lives close to Jasper UMC, you can recommend the Stephen Ministry to them. Please ask your family member or friend if they would be willing to have a Stephen Ministry Leader reach out to them and share more information. Then you can share your friend or family member's contact information with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Cathy Key, Sandy Tatum, Deleise Lindsay, or Dianne Traynham. They will then reach out to share all the needed information. The Stephen Ministry is a wonderful ministry of God's compassion, care and concern for the wellbeing of humanity.

As I often say, thank you for allowing Lydia and me to share life with you here at JUMC. It is an honor and privilege to be your pastor and to share my family with you. Since we came to be your pastor, all three of our children have graduated college, gotten married, purchased houses, and one has had a baby. Lydia retired after 30 years of serving in the Georgia Education system in five different school systems. You have walked this journey with us and we pray there is more to come. Thank you for your prayers and your support as we grow in God's grace and love together.

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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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



Thank you for supporting the preschool during our Wednesday Night Supper on Wednesday, February 15. Your donations are truly appreciated! We made a little over \$1600. We are currently trying to save money for a copier to use in the preschool.

Upcoming Events:

- March 1 & 2: Read Across America
- March 15: Donuts with Dad
- March 29: Easter Egg Hunt
- April 3-April 7: Spring Break No School

Peace, Love, Joy
Kelly Wisniewski, Preschool Director

Children's Ministry

- March 29: KOK Easter Egg Hunt - 4:00-5:30
- April 5: Spring Break - No KOK
- May 10: KOK Musical Rehearsal & Last KOK of the school year
- May 14: KOK Musical during the 11:00 service

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

Easter Egg Hunt



Hippity hoppity! Easter is right around the corner.

Please donate small, individually-wrapped pieces of candy and plastic eggs for the Kids of the Kingdom Easter Egg Hunt. Place donations in the box in the Narthex.

Donation deadline: March 9, 2023



The United Methodist Men meet the second Thursday of each month in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm beginning with dinner. The next gathering is March 9th. All men are invited to attend for fun, food, friendship and fellowship. For more information contact Barry Hardison at 404-218-7539 or barryhardison@windstream.net

Music and Worship Arts

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

Looking ahead:

- April 2nd-Palm Sunday-Chancel Choir
- April 6th-Maundy Thursday-"VOICES OF PASSION"-7 pm-Chancel Choir
- April 9th-EASTER-Sunrise at PHS-7 am and Traditional Worship at 11 am-Chancel Choir
- May 14th-Mother's Day-Kids of the Kingdom Musical ESTHER ORDINARY FAITH
- May 21st -Senior Recognition Sunday
- June 4th -Youth Choir's Songs and Skits
- June 4th-11 th -SUMMER MUSIC TOUR 2023 to Louisville, KY and Santa Claus, IN

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
Music/Worship Leader
rgolden@jasperumc.org



United
Women
in Faith

The JUMC UWF will be hosting the North West District United Women in Faith "Lenten Day

Apart Service" at our church on Saturday, March 18. Registration and light refreshments begin at 9:00 am with the service at 10:00 am. All women are invited to attend.

SEEKERS CIRCLE:

Ladies, come join the Seekers Circle for a time of fellowship on Thursday, March 9, at 10:00 am in room 106. Those who wish to stay afterward will move to the kitchen for even more fun! For more information, call Nancy Henson 770-893-2609.

DORCAS CIRCLE:

Ladies: Please join us for the "Easter Egg Extravaganza Assembly Line" on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the next Dorcas Circle meeting. It is sure to be "packed" with fun...and candy! For more information, contact Suzanne Hardison at 770-894-1505.



We had a great February! We have been faithful to God through studying His Word in Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. During our Sunday evening gatherings, Elevate, we finished February strong with understanding God's call for Holiness. May our students be the salt and light in the school they attend and with the friends they interact with. March is going to be fun as we look at "Culture" and see it through the eyes of Jesus, in His Word. Culture must be put under subjection to Christ and authority. May our time bring honor and glory to God.

I will continue to 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:

- March 5: Elevate Youth: Culture (1) (5:30-7:00)
- March 8: Gospel of John Bible Study (4:00-5:45)
- March 12: Elevate Youth: Culture (2) (5:30-7:00)
- March 15: Gospel of John Bible Study (4:00-5:45)
- March 17-19: Spiritual Life Retreat/No Elevate
- March 22: Gospel of John Bible Study (4:00-5:45)
- March 26: Elevate Youth: Culture (3) (5:30-7:00)
- March 29: Gospel of John Bible Study (4:00-5:45)

Soli Deo Gloria,
Eric Justice
Director of Youth & Marketing at JUMC
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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.
March's focus is **home cleaning supplies**



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 21, 2023. All seniors will be recognized and scholarships will be awarded.*

The application deadline is Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Applications will be available at the Church office and can be downloaded from the church website at www.jasperumc.org.

Study of The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Greg will be leading a 7-week study of *The Lord's Prayer* by Adam Hamilton beginning February 26th and ending on April 12th. There are 2 options for the study: Sundays at 5:00 pm-6:00 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm -7:30 pm. The cost of the book is \$12. You can sign up by emailing greg.meadows@ngumc.net.

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

- March 5, 2023 Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
- March 12, 2023 Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
- March 19, 2023 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
- March 26, 2023 Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Missions Matters

- **Kenya guests arrive March 21.** Thomas and Merab will be at JUMC events:
 - 3/22-KOK's, Wednesday dinner, silent auction, Student sponsor meeting
 - 3/23-Lunch Bunch & Student Sponsors
 - 3/25-Taste of JUMC
 - 3/26-Both services, Sunday School and Elevate youth meeting
 Find a chance to meet them
- **Kenya team fund raisers:**
 - Silent Auction-bring goods to church office or Sunday church March 1-19.
 - Taste of JUMC-March 25. Fix a dish or come and eat! Silent auction closes Sunday after church.



Saturday, March 25
11:00am – 1:00pm
Tickets \$10 for 10 tastes
(In advance or at the door.)

Supporting Kenya Mission Projects
Help! Cook and serve! Come and eat!



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

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.



March Acolytes

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

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, Caitlin Donohue, 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, Mildred Wilson

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 Gyski, 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, Ahmed Sohail, Jason Stanley, D. John Thomas, Jesse Vaughan, Steven Walsh, Nathan Watson, Jeremy Willis

(Please advise the office of changes in status.)

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

Holy Week Schedule

March 29 Easter Egg Hunt

4:00 pm
 All children invited

April 2 Palm/Passion Sunday

11:00 Worship Service:
 Procession of Palms by our children

April 6 Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm "Voices of Pasion"
 Worship Service/Communion

April 9 Easter Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise at PHS
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship