



Jasper United Methodist Church



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Hello Church!

If we haven't met yet, my name is Anna Faith and I was recently brought on to serve as the Director of Youth and Marketing here at Jasper UMC. I am so blessed and humbled by this opportunity to be a part of this congregation.

A little about me - I am from Marietta, GA and grew up there my whole life. I graduated from Hillgrove High School in 2017. Then I found myself in the North GA mountains at Young Harris College. My time at Young Harris was truly formative in my faith journey and I am thankful every day that God led me to that tiny mountain school. I graduated from there in 2021 with a major in Nonprofit Ministry with minors in Women Studies and Theatre. I knew from a very young age that I wanted to pursue ministry and right after undergrad, I received a fellowship at McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University. Seminary was such a blessing to me; I got to learn from amazing theologians, ministers, and philosophers. My focus at McAfee was in Spiritual Care and Counseling and I graduated with my Masters in Christian Ministry in May. I am truly thankful for the opportunity that I have had to learn and my hope is to put my training to good use here at Jasper UMC.

Prior to being here, I served at The Church at Ponce and Highland in Atlanta. My role was to serve the children and the elderly of the congregation. That congregation taught me a lot and I am thankful for the ways that they have shaped me as a minister. I also interned at Simple Charity, a nonprofit that connected students with the needs of the global poor. Prior to these opportunities, I had the chance to minister to children through working with organizations like FCA and Winshape.

Outside of church life, you can find me most of the time with a book in hand. During the pandemic, I became an at-home barista, so I can always be won over with a nice latte. I foresee a large part of my ministry here taking place at Red Bean Harvest, and let's just say, I'm working my way into being a regular there.

Though I am just a mere 24 years old, I have learned a lot about the nature of God and the importance of community. It is my prayer that my time at Jasper UMC will reflect that. It is a hard time to be a young person, and the goal for this ministry is that we can grow, learn, and serve together. May we model after the life of Christ and boldly love God and serve God's people. My hope is that we can have a "come as you are" ministry, and that all who walk in the door will know that they are loved and supported. I am so grateful for this place and the opportunities that lie ahead for me, for the youth, and for the entirety of the church. If we haven't met yet, let's be friends! Please feel free to reach out. I look forward to making roots in this congregation and I wanted to thank you for making me feel so welcome already!

Cheers!

Anna Faith Adair

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

Office Hours:

9:00 am-4:00 pm Monday - Thursday

JUMC STAFF:

Greg Meadows.....	Pastor
Roxanne B. Golden.....	Music/Worship Leader
Anna Faith Adair.....	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
Justin Davis.....	Pianist
Ellen Whitten.....	Pianist
Ministers.....	All Who Attend



Registration for the 2023-2024 year is in full swing! We still have openings limited availability in some classes.

For more information about

our program and to register, visit

www.jasperumc.org.

Important Preschool Dates:

August 1-3 Staff Pre-Planning

Friday, August 4: 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

Meet the Teacher/Sneak a Peek

Monday, August 7: 8:00 am

First Day of School

Peace, Love, Joy,

Special thanks to the UM Men, Dorcas Circle, Timothy House, and the JUMC Trustees for providing children safe mulch and spreading it on the playground making it ready for Preschool.

Join Pastor Greg as we share a six week study in the Gospels

This fall I want to share with you Questions Jesus Asked (a six-week study in the Gospels), by Rev. Magrey deVega.

Here is the glimpse into the study:

We all have questions for God, but growth happens when we turn things around and ask what Jesus wants to know about us. Why are you terrified? What do you live for? Who do you say that I am? In Questions Jesus Asked, author Magrey deVega explores six of the most provocative questions Jesus posed to others. When we dare to raise them, these questions bring us a fuller appreciation for the wisdom, power and presence of God in our lives.

This study will be **Sundays, September 10-October 22, 4:00pm-5:30pm and Wednesdays, September 13-October 25, 6:30pm-8:00pm** both nights will be in **room 106**. The times could change but the dates will not. The **cost for the book is \$20.00**. I have had the pleasure of participating in a class led by Magrey and hearing him preach, and I am sure this will be a great study and a chance to grow in our relationship with Jesus. Plan now to join me in September.



We are in need of Sunday School and KOK teachers. Please call the church office or email me at kwisniewski@jasperumc.org with questions or to help serve in these ministries.

Mark Your Calendars!

KOK will start on **Wednesday September 6th**. It will be held from 4:00-5:45. We will need teachers to help for the 2023-2024 school year. Please call me at the church office if you are interested in helping.

Kelly Wisniewski

Director of Children's/Preschool Ministry

kwisniewski@jasperumc.org



Hi! If we haven't met yet, my name is Anna Faith Adair, and I was just brought onto the team as the newest Youth Director. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and getting involved in such an already welcoming and kind community.

Some news for the good of the people: our first Elevate will be on August 6th from 5:30-7. This will be a time that we can welcome in the sixth graders and get to start off our school year with fellowship.

Sixth graders! I am so excited for y'all to be joining me this semester for confirmation. We will be holding confirmation during the Sunday School hour starting in the coming weeks. I am looking forward to walking alongside this group as we learn and grow together.

Be on the lookout for ways that we are gathering this semester. This is going to be a really sweet time of coming together and being the Church.

Gratefully,

Anna Faith Adair

Director of Youth and Marketing

Music and Worship Arts

*"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his
presence with singing." Psalm 100:1-2 (KJV)*

COCA (Come One, Come All) Choir: ALL ADULTS are invited to sing in our COCA Choir during the month of August as we sing a simple Gospel Song. Meet in the choir loft at 10:33 am for warm-ups. (no robes)

ALL Vocal and Handbell Choirs will begin after Labor Day. Find your place as we kick off this new school year as we serve this church together.

WEDNESDAYS: (beginning Sept 6th)

Kids of the Kingdom (3 years old-5th grade) 4:00-5:45 pm

(Preschool Choir from 4:15-4:30 and Elementary Choir from 4:30-5:00)

Chancel Bells (adults) 5:15-6:00 pm

Chancel Choir (adults) 6:40-7:50 pm

SUNDAYS: (beginning Sept. 10th)

Youth Bells (6th-12th grade) 4:00-4:45 pm (please see me if you want to ring)

Youth Choir (6th-12 grade) 4:45-5:30 pm

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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



42nd Annual GA Marble Festival Road Race

The ladies of the Dorcas Circle are gearing up for the 42nd Marble Festival Road Race on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Registration is now open for runners and walkers in the 5K and 1-mile Fun Run. Registration forms are available at the church or online at Active.com. If you'd rather not sweat, you can still support the race by registering as a "Phantom" (t-shirt only) participant! In September, we'll be confirming volunteers for registration, road blockers, and Fun Run finish line help.

Over the years, the Marble Festival Road Race has been an amazing blessing. Thanks to careful planning and race management, after tithing 20% (\$2,918) to our church, the Dorcas Circle donated \$5,550 to local organizations serving women and children in our community last year. We can hardly wait to see what this year provides.



Coffee with Pastor Greg

Here at Jasper UMC we are blessed to see new faces on Sunday mornings. We have had a number of new folks visiting us and in August, we are going to offer two opportunities to share some time with me. On **Sunday, August 13 during the 10:00am Sunday school hour** we will have a Coffee with Pastor Greg in room 102, close to our CARES donation area right outside the sanctuary. This is for anyone who has been visiting church. Then on **Sunday, August 20 at 5:00pm**, we will have a **virtual** Coffee with Pastor Greg. To be part of this group simply send an email to greg.meadows@ngumc.net and let me know you want to be included in the Google Meets email. Please reach out to me by Wednesday, August 16 so I can send the invitation on Thursday, August 17. These are two opportunities for both our in-person visitors and our virtual visitors to get to know me and ask questions. I hope you will plan to join me at either of these Coffees with Pastor Greg events.



United
Women
in Faith

SEEKERS CIRCLE:

The Seekers Circle will be meeting Thursday, August 10 at 10:00 am in room 106. A few of us stay afterwards to clean the refrigerator, and all of us leave with a renewed connection with our sisters in Christ.

The refrigerator will be purged and cleaned on Thursday, August 10. Everything that has expired will be discarded. Anything without an identifying group name will be discarded as well.

DORCAS CIRCLE:

The ladies of the Dorcas Circle will be meeting Thursday, 8/10/2023, at 6:00 p.m. in room 106. Please join us for refreshments, a devotional, a little business, and lots of laughter within a small group setting with a great bunch of ladies.



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 **August 10**. All men are invited to attend for fun, food, friendship and fellowship.

Missions Matters

- Want to go to Kenya? Kenya Team 2023, October 11-25 is making plans. See Dex.
- Goods for Kenya: August-Children's underwear -boys and girls-from preschool sizes to jr. high sizes. NOT white. Place in the bin in the nar-thex..



I often receive phone calls from people looking for recommendations for specific jobs or businesses from our congregation.

So I am putting together a directory of services within our JUMC family. There will be a list of categories such as: Music Lessons, Lawn Care, Home Care, etc. Under each category will be the name, email and phone number.

If you are a part of the JUMC family and have a service business and would like to be placed on this list, call the church office or email me.

In His Service,
Cathy Riley, Office Manager
criley@jasperumc.org



If you are not already receiving one of the JUMC Contact Group Emails and would like to, send an email to criley@jasperumc.org and you will be added to the list.

Email group 1: Prayer Chain
Email group 2: JUMC Activities and Announcements



August's focus is
**Laundry detergent, dish soap
and other cleaning supplies.**

Items can be brought to the church and placed in the C.A.R.E.S. corner

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, Dana Bandy, Beth & Bill Boggs, Joan Britton, Emily Brown, Merry Grey Caylor, Chris Childers, Phil Cole, Etta Cramer, Caitlin Donohue, Doris Estes, Judy Ferris, Chris Fairley, Karen Fowler, Sara Fowler, Patty Gehring, Jack Green, George Hall, Peggy Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Linda Jager, Mary Ellen Johnson, Don Larson, Steve Lawrence, Joyce Leist, Ruth Lovern, Linda Mills, George Montgomery, Julie Pate, Marcia Phillips, Richard Rambler, Mary Russell, Marcy Walker, Jane Waller, Susan Watson, Mildred Wilson

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

Manor Lake in Ellijay: Etta Cramer

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

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

Our active military family: Kalyn Brooks, Lily Bowen, Max Edward Caylor, Alex Davis, Amber Forsyth, 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, Ahmed Sohail, Jason Stanley, D. John Thomas, Jesse Vaughan, Steven Walsh, Nathan Watson, Jeremy Willis

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



August Sunday Acolytes

Aug. 6: Mackenzie McKean
Kayson Moore
Aug. 13: Vera Payne
Hannah Countryman
Aug. 20: Gracie Bail
Sophie Lindsey
Aug. 27: William Bail
Kayson Moore

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST 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 August scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

August 6, 2023 Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7,15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
August 13, 2023 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-23
August 20, 2023 Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28
August 27, 2023 Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20