



Jasper United Methodist Church



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October 2023

As Seen from the Meadows

Here we are in October 2023. As a child, I could not even fathom 2023. How blessed are we to be here in this moment and time. I want to celebrate, encourage and invite us here at JUMC to see and join in on what is happening in our church. Life may not always be easy, but with God, it is always worthwhile!

I am blessed to have shared a number of short-term Bible and book studies through our years together. Through 2019, there were always 20 or more folks involved. Coming out of COVID in 2021 and 2022, the studies were more like 10 or less. People just were not getting out and not ready to join groups. I am happy to celebrate we have a 25 folks studying *The Questions Jesus Asked!* I am so excited to share in this study with every person.

Have you seen the latest TV commercial from Jim Beam? It starts with a close up of a bartender pouring a shot of Jim Beam and the man receiving the drink begins to sing Neil Diamond's song "Sweet Caroline". Then a woman joins in, then a man and woman join, and before you know it, the whole bar is sharing in the song together. All different kinds of people singing together with smiles on their faces enjoying something they all know. As the commercial ends, the camera pans to the door as one person steps into the picture. She takes in the bar full of people singing aloud, and the words flash on the screen, "People are Good for You". That struck me when I saw it, People are Good for You. Is that what is at the essence of loving our neighbor? God knowing that we have a need to be with one another. Think about it; we all come to God at different times and places in our lives, and yet we can come together to enjoy what we know, God loves me. 1 John is very moving and inspirational concerning God's love. *1 John 4:11, Common English Bible* ¹¹ *Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other.* When we come together and sing aloud the praises of God's love offered to the world, we can truly see and understand the words, "people are good for you". So let me encourage us to return to church. Your church, JUMC, needs you, and even though you may not realize or feel it, people are good for you. Come be part of something that changes our lives and the lives of others. If you have not been to in-person worship in a while, come feel the truth that people are good for you. Come help us share the love of God with the people of Jasper, Pickens County and beyond. If you are still unsure, for whatever the reason, I want to encourage you to come fellowship with me in my office. Start small, so God can remind you people are good for you!

Have you been visiting the JUMC in-person or virtually? Do you have questions about joining the church? I want to invite you to get in touch with me. Do not hesitate to call the office, 706-253-2100 or send me an email, Greg.meadows@ngumc.net, to set up an appointment. If you are ready to join, just let me know which Sunday works best for you and at the end of the worship service I will invite you up to join. If you are a virtual worshipper and want to join the church, give me a call or an email and we can make that happen as well.

One more invitation before I close this month. The JUMC would like to hear from our virtual worshipping members and guests. If you would be willing to share a video during a worship service one Sunday, please let me know. You can film it yourself and email it to me, or we can set a time and we can film it here at the church or in your home. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Lydia and I would like to thank you all for allowing us to be your pastoral family. It is an honor and privilege to serve you here at JUMC. We thank you for your prayers and for your support.

Yours in Christ,

Greg



Our preschoolers enjoyed learning about pets, friends, names, five senses and apples during the month of September.

Students will learn about fall, pumpkins and Halloween in the month of October. The preschool will host its second fall festival on Monday, October 30. There will be pumpkin picking, games, a bounce house, and petting zoo.

Peace, Love, Joy,
Kelly Wisniewski, Preschool Director



Our annual Trunk or Treat will be Wednesday, October 25 from 6:30-7:30. We need your trunks! If you can serve in this community outreach by decorating a trunk and passing out candy, please let Kelly Wisniewski know at kwisniewski@jasperumc.org or call the church office at (706)253-2100. If you need a power source, please let me know so I can reserve front parking spaces for those who need them.

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



October Sunday Acolytes:

1st: Hannah and Edy
8th: Sophie and Vera
15th: Ava and MacKenzie
22nd: William and Gracie
24th: Open



We are so excited about October here in Elevate! We will continue meeting Sundays from 5:30-7 for food, fellowship, and learning! We welcome all 6th-12th graders to come hang out with us. This month we have a few things to look forward to. We are going to be participating in this year's Trunk or Treat, which will happen on October 25th. We are gonna be decorating my little Nissan and will have a great time serving our community! We are also going to have a Halloween party where all are welcome to dress up, and there may be a prize or two involved! In addition to Sunday evenings, I am teaching Confirmation on Sunday mornings at 9:45AM. This is a time for us to learn about our faith and dive into Christian and Methodist history. We would love to have you join us on this journey, and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

Elevate starts off each week with a meal. This is a really special time in our programming where we get to enjoy each other's company and learn about what is going on in the youth's world. We are looking for groups, couples, individuals, to sign up to provide a meal for the youth. We typically plan for around 15 mouths and this is a great opportunity to pour into the next generation.

Elevate is also looking for adult leaders to join us on Sunday evenings. We need the council of mature Christians to help mentor these kids as they grow in their faith. We have a lot of fun in Elevate and are looking for adults to join! If this is something that you would be interested in, please email me at adair@jasperumc.org. I look forward to partnering with y'all!

Cheers!
Anna Faith Adair
Director of Youth and Marketing
adair@jasperumc.org



Small groups are a vital part of the Wesley tradition in the United Methodist Church. Whether you are worshiping in person or online, it is a way to be more connected to a supportive community for fellowship, studying God's word or sharing your concerns and joys. If you are looking for a group or have questions, call the church office (706-253-2100), Paula Adams (706-893-8582), Patsy Rollins (404-797-9996) or Lynda Thurman (678-549-0294).



Celebrating our many non-profits in the community by offering a day of service

Saturday,
October 21, 2023

8:00 am Kickoff

Breakfast at
Jasper United Methodist Church
9:00 am Begin Project at locations

You must register before the event at

Music and Worship Arts

"Each one should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

There are many people who serve our great church behind the scenes. This month, I would like to personally thank Erin Bail and Faith McAllister for faithfully serving on our Altar Guild. These two ladies have changed the liturgical colors, decorated the Narthex, Usher and Altar tables to best fit the seasons, scriptures, sermons and special events. Another person is Ms. Mary Russell. She faithfully creates and makes our banners and has for many years. Her talent is great and we greatly appreciate all of her work. The other person is Caren Sewell. She is our Chancel Choir Librarian and she makes sure all music is pulled and filed for our retreats and Sunday morning worship. She spends lots of time in the choir room keeping everything organized. Please find these ladies and personally thank them for faithfully serving our church.

As we enter this month of Stewardship, it's a great time to reflect on our gifts and find a way to best serve JUMC as His faithful stewards.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Youth Choir Marketplace-Saturday, October 21.
(Rain date, October 28) Please drop off donations in my office

October 29th-Dedication Sunday- Chancel Choir with Brass Ensemble

November 5th-All Saints Sunday

November 19th-Thanksgiving Sunday

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING-11 am

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT/COMMUNION

SERVICES-5 pm-Contemporary 7 pm-Traditional

NEW YEAR'S EVE-11 am only

SUMMER MUSIC TOUR 2024-May 26th-June 2nd to Folly Beach, SC and Savannah, GA

****Rehearsals are back into full swing SO find your place and share your gifts and talents. Please refer to the bulletin for times for each choir.**

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or others on our music staff if you have any questions or concerns.

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



JUMC Youth Choir Marketplace

**Saturday, October 21
8:00 am-noon
Upper Parking lot
(rain date: October 28)**

New Church Organ

If you missed Roxanne's, Music/Worship Leader, announcement on September 10 we have located and purchased a new organ. The organ committee has been working hard to collect donations and search for the organ best for JUMC. All the money being used to make this purchase has been designated, donated to purchase a new organ. No money will come from the general operating budget to make this purchase. The organ committee has worked for many years with different fundraisers and designated giving to make this happen. Installation will begin the end of October.

The Marriage Enrichment Group

MEG will meet Saturday, **October 28 at 6:00 pm** in the JUMC Celebration Center. A light dinner will be offered and a nursery available upon request. For more information call the church office.



United
Women
in Faith

SEEKERS CIRCLE:

The Seekers Circle will be meeting Thursday, October 12 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.

DORCAS CIRCLE:

The ladies of the Dorcas Circle will be meeting Thursday, 10/12/2023, 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 **October 12**. All men are invited to attend for fun, food, friendship and fellowship.

Missions Matters

- A huge thanks to our JUMC congregation from the Kenya Mission Team for the full support of our trip! Terry McCormick, Laura Smith, Lydia Meadows and Dex Phillips will be in Kenya October 11-25. Your prayers are appreciated!
- Pregnancy Center annual banquet is October 10.
- Serve Pickens is October 21.



October's focus is
Diapers (infant-adult sizes).

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



Begin October 11, 2023

5:45-6:30 pm

Adult:\$700 Child (under 10): \$4.00

Phone: 706-253-2100

Reservations must be made
by Monday noon of each week.

October Menus:

- October 11: Stan's Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Dessert, Drinks
- October 18: Chicken Pot Pie, Fruit Salad, Dessert,
Drinks

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, Don Larson, Steve Lawrence, Joyce Leist, Ruth Lovern, Linda Mills, Nancy Moffitt, George Montgomery, Julie Pate, Marcia Phillips, Richard Rambler, Mary Russell, Marcy Walker, 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

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

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 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 October scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

- October 1, 2023 Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
- October 8, 2023 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- October 15, 2023 Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- October 22, 2023 Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
- October 29, 2023 Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46