



# Jasper United Methodist Church



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## November 2023

### As Seen from the Meadows

November has come in with a chill. The leaves are changing all around and fall is moving forward. This month I want to share with you something valued in Lydia and my lives. I also want to share something from the JUMC history and I am looking for everyone to respond to a question as we look to JUMC in 2024.

In the early 2000's, Lydia and I were invited to our very first Better Marriage Getaway retreat. Since that time we may only have missed one Getaway. Currently Lydia and I are blessed to be the president couple for the Better Marriage GA board. As such we would like to invite married couples to join us at the 2024 Better Marriage GA Getaway, at the Beach House Resort on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, February 23-25, 2024. Registration is open now at [bettermarriagesga.org](http://bettermarriagesga.org). If you have any questions please reach out to Lydia, [lmeadows1130@gmail.com](mailto:lmeadows1130@gmail.com) or me, [greg.meadows@ngumc.net](mailto:greg.meadows@ngumc.net).

In the midst of everything we here at JUMC have been through the past few months, and are still going through, there have been emails shared. One email that I was included in shared information I found interesting. This information included a reference to a poster shared around town in December 2014 to invite folks to join the new contemporary worship service. I reached out to this person who shared with me a copy of that poster. The words across the top stated "Don't judge me because I sin differently than you...". Under that was the scripture from Matthew 11:28, "Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." I share it now to remind us who we are. What great words of encouragement to our neighbors. This is a place to come and experience God's love and grace. This is a place Jesus meets us where we are and loves us. This message shared in December 2014 reminds us we are not our neighbor's judge. We are merely a means of grace used by God to introduce his Son, Jesus, to the people of the world. That starts here in our home, Jasper and Pickens County. Is this an understanding we can embrace and strive to live by as we move forward? Maybe the following question can help us see all that God can offer when we allow ourselves to be a means of God's grace.

I have stated many times if you have questions please come see me, call me, email me etc., and many have done each of these things and now it is my turn to ask you a question. Why are you here at JUMC? Simple question but I want you to prayerfully consider the question as you respond. You are welcome to send it to me by email or by mail. You can make an appointment or call and we can share you answer in person. I really want us to contemplate why we are part of the JUMC. Without sharing names, I do want to share some of your responses to inspire one another. I will be expecting your responses through the end of December, with plans to share a sermon around those responses in January 2024. Please put into words why you are here at JUMC. Your response may be what someone else needs to hear. Your response could be someone's means of grace that God uses to inspire, to call or to encourage. Why are you here at JUMC?

I cannot close November without giving thanks for God's richest blessing in my life. My partner in ministry, in family and in life, Gracie Lydia Meadows will celebrate her birthday on November 30. Please lift a word of thankfulness for this amazing woman of God. I would not be who I am without her in my life.

Yours in Christ,

Greg



On Monday, October 30, the preschool hosted a fall festival. Children enjoyed a bouncy house, face painting, games and prizes, and classroom Halloween parties.

On Wednesday, November 15, the preschool will have its annual Family Thanksgiving Feast. Children, parents, teachers, and staff will come together to enjoy a Thanksgiving luncheon. The 3 year-olds and pre-k will sing for parents.

Peace, Love, Joy,  
Kelly Wisniewski, Preschool Director

# Children's Ministry

Thank you to all who participated in our annual trunk or treat! No KOK on Wednesday, November 22 for Thanksgiving break.



Santa's Coming to Breakfast! Please join us on Saturday, December 2 for our annual Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 - 11:00. Santa needs elves to help before, during and after the event to

make this day a success for the children in our community! Thank you for your help!

Kelly Wisniewski  
Director of Children's/Preschool Ministry



## It's time for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!

Check out the display in the Narthex in the church. There are different ways to help out:

**Donate money or individual items** (listed on the Christmas tree in the Narthex) for the boxes to be filled. These items are **due November 9**. Or take an **empty box and fill it**. These are to be brought to the church **by November 14**. You may also donate on line at [samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline). For more information contact Jeanie Brantley.



Thank you to everyone who cared for me with support, rides, cards and food while I was recovering from surgery.

Ann Roper

## Daylight Savings

Time Ends

on Sunday,

November 5, 2023.

Turn your clocks

Back one hour!



We have been having so much fun in Elevate. Throughout this semester, we have been going through Jesus's parables. It has been a great way to understand what it means to be a Jesus follower. We have been playing tons of games, having really yummy food, and even got the chance to dress up in costume a few times!

Right now, we are in retreat registration season. We will be going to Confirmation Retreat and Spiritual Life Retreat in March. We are looking for chaperones for these retreats. If you are interested, please let me know!

We are looking for adults to get involved in Elevate. There are a few ways to get involved. You can provide Snack Supper, which is a great way to bond with the students. You can also volunteer to be a youth leader and get a regular opportunity to pour into these kids' lives. You can also join us on our retreats in March. This ministry really is a team effort, so let me know if you want to be a part of the team.

If you are interested in receiving text updates regarding Elevate, text @elevate107 to 81010.

Cheers!  
Anna Faith Adair  
Director of Youth and Marketing  
[adair@jasperumc.org](mailto:adair@jasperumc.org)

## Music and Worship Arts

"Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.  
Great is Thy Faithfulness"

As we enter this month with All Saints Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, may we be reminded of God's faithfulness from one generation to another as we lift up our voices in Praise and Adoration. Please take the time to reach out to your loved ones and people you haven't seen in a while. We often find that we don't appreciate what we have until it's not there anymore and that includes our family and friends.

**YOUTH CHOIR: SUMMER MUSIC TOUR 2024** is May 26-June 2nd to Folly Beach, SC and Savannah or Epworth by the Sea, GA. The total cost for the SMT is \$475 (this includes everything: housing, food, tickets, t-shirt and transportation). We will base ourselves at Charleston First Baptist Church's Beach House with mission projects, touring and singing during the week. More details given at the Parent's Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 with a final Parent's meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Here's the payment schedule: \$100 due now, \$100 on January 28<sup>th</sup>, \$100 by the end of March and final payment at Parent's Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if this is a hardship and I will do my best to find the funds so that all youth are able to go on our SMT. 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to join us as we spread the Good News by being His Hands, Feet and Voice!!!

Advent Decorating will be Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

Here's the schedule for the 11 am service for November and December:

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>-ALL SAINTS SUNDAY-Chancel Choir

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>-Chancel Choir

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>-THANKSGIVING SUNDAY-Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>-Chancel Choir

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT-Chancel Choir

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>-Chancel Choir and Kids of the Kingdom

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>-Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells and Youth Choir

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>-CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES-11 am-Chancel Choir and Trumpet

5 pm-Contemporary, 7 pm-Traditional-College/Career Ensemble

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>-11 am only-Contemporary

THE GOLDEN BELLS OF ATLANTA will be in Concert here at Jasper UMC on Friday night, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm (more concerts are listed on GBA website)

Please don't hesitate to email me at [rgolden@jasperumc.org](mailto:rgolden@jasperumc.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Roxanne B. Golden  
[rgolden@jasperumc.org](mailto:rgolden@jasperumc.org)

## New Church Organ

Our 3 manual Allen Organ will be dedicated November 5, 2023, on All Saints Day with a Dedication Concert TBA. Special thanks to all family and individuals who have given so lovingly to our Organ Fund in memory or in honor of their loved ones over the last 20 plus years.

## GEORGIA RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> is Georgia Retired Educators Day. This day honors the many men and women who dedicated their lives to educate and encourage the youth of Georgia. If you have the opportunity, please thank a teacher (retired or active) on this day.

## The Marriage Enrichment Group

**MEG** will meet Saturday, **November 11 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, November 9 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, 11/9/2023, 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 **November 9**. All men are invited to attend for fun, food, friendship and fellowship.

## Missions Matters

- Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budgeted funds will go to: Serve Pickens - \$500, then \$100 each to ACES, Angels on Horseback, The Pregnancy Center, The Ruth House and The Timothy House. Praise the Lord for continued support.
- Kenya Team 2023 traveled safely, served and represented well and had life changing experiences. Thank you, Church.



November's focus is  
**Flour, Sugar, and Coffee.**

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



### Serving in November

5:45-6:30 pm

Adult: \$7.00 Child (under 10): \$4.00

Phone: 706-253-2100

Reservations must be made by Monday noon of each week.

### November Menus:

November 1: Ham & Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Apple Rings, Dessert, Drinks

November 8: Loaded Potato Soup, Ham & Cheese Croissant, 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, Marty Beaver, Beth & Bill Boggs, Emily Brown, Merry Grey Caylor, Chris Childers, Phil Cole, Etta Cramer, Judy Ferris, Karen Fowler, Sara Fowler, Patty Gehring, George Hall, Jerry Hall, Peggy Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Linda Jager, Don Larson, Steve Lawrence, Joyce Leist, Ruth Lovern, Nancy Moffitt, George Montgomery, Richard Rambler, Ann Roper, Mary Russell, Randy Stepp, Gerald Thurman, 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 Eryin.....Organist  
Justin Davis.....Pianist  
Ellen Whitten.....Pianist  
Ministers.....All Who Attend

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 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 November scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

November 5, 2023 Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7,33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

November 12, 2023 Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

November 19, 2023 Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123 or 76; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

November 26, 2023 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46