



Jasper United Methodist Church



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December 2023



"AWAY IN A MANGER" (Advent Sermons)

December 3

Isaiah 9:2-7

"Away in a Manger: Jesus brings Hope"

December 10

Luke 2:4-20

"Away in a Manger: Jesus brings Peace"

December 17

Matthew 1:20-25

"Away in a Manger: Jesus brings Joy"

December 24 (11:00 am only)

1 John 4:7-21

"Away in a Manger: Jesus brings Love"

December 24 (5:00 & 7:00 pm)

Luke 2:1-20

"Away in a Manger: Jesus is here!"

December 31 (11:00 am only)

Matthew 2:1-12

"Away in a Manger: Jesus calls us"

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 2nd, 8:30 am

LADIES CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Tuesday, December 5th, 6:30 pm

GOLDEN BELLS OF ATLANTA CONCERT

Friday, December 8th, 7:30 pm

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 19th, 6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Sunday, December 24th

11:00 am-Traditional Worship

5:00 pm-Contemporary

7:00 pm-Traditional

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31st

11:00 am-Contemporary Service Only



The JUMC Staff

Wishes You

*A Merry Christmas and
a Blessed New Year!*

THE CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE for Christmas and New Year's: The staff will have flexible hours during the Christmas Holidays, December through January 6th. Thank you for understanding as our staff spends time with family during this Christmas season. Please call the church office before dropping by to make sure someone is there. Also, know I can be reached at any time by text or call with my cell phone, Greg Meadows, 770-851-8305.



The Preschool Christmas Program will be December 19 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Preschool Christmas Parties will be December 20 at 11:00 am.

Preschool will be closed for Christmas break December 21-January 5.

Peace, Love, Joy,
Kelly Wisniewski, Preschool Director



Children's Ministry

Breakfast with Santa was Saturday, December 2 from 8:30-10:30 am. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success. It is a great way that we reach to not only our church family, but also our community.

KOK children will sing at the 11:00 am worship service on Sunday, December 10. Children will have rehearsal at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

Kelly Wisniewski
Director of Children's/Preschool Ministry



December Sunday Acolytes

3rd: Open
10th: Sophie and Vera
17th: Evelyn and Maddie
22nd: Open
24th: Open



How are we already at the end of the semester? It seems like just yesterday we were gearing up to start the school year. We will only have two Elevates the month of December. On December 3, we will be attending the Christmas Parade that goes right through Jasper. On December 10, we will be having our Christmas party! Can't wait to spend this holiday season with you.

We are looking for chaperones for SLR in March. In order for us to register for this retreat, I must have the list of volunteers. If you are available, please let me know ASAP!

We are still looking for adult leaders for Elevate. If you can't help out every Sunday, we would love to have you for whatever space you have to serve. You will be blessed by our kiddos and I would love to serve alongside you!

I want to support your family! If there is ever a concert, game, or play, I would love to attend and support our kids. If there is any way that I can support your family fuller, please let me know!

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

Join Us For Jasper United Methodist Church's Annual

BREAKFAST With Santa

Saturday, DECEMBER 2ND

Jasper United Methodist Church Sanctuary
85 West Church Street, Jasper
8:30AM - 10:30AM
PHOTOS WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS AVAILABLE!

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, JUICE AND HOT COCOA!
CRAFTS, COOKIE DECORATING, FACE PAINTING & SECRET SANTA SHOP
\$5 PER PERSON (2 AND UNDER FREE)
MONEY WILL BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR THE MORNING OF THE EVENT

Contact Kelly at (770) 253-2100 with any questions regarding this event!



Music and Worship Arts

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

May the Christmas Carols and Songs you hear this month bring Hope, Peace, Joy and the Love from the Christ Child to you and your family during this season. Our prayer is that God will use our music to bring others to Himself and that the Christ Child may be born anew in you this Advent and Christmas season.

Here's the schedule for December:

December 3rd -Chancel Choir

December 10th -Chancel Choir and Kids of the Kingdom

December 17th -Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells and Youth Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING-Chancel Choir (one service only at 11 am)

5 pm-Awakening (Praise Band) 7 pm-College/ Career Ensemble

December 31st-Awakening (Praise Band) (one service only at 11 am)

You are also invited to the Golden Bells of Atlanta's Concert on Friday night, December 8th here at JUMC at 7:30 pm (more concerts/special events are listed at goldenbells.com)

A Love offering will be taken and toiletry items are collected at the door for those in need.

Organ Dedication Concert will be on Epiphany, January 7th at 4 pm with Nicholas Bowden.

Words cannot express our gratitude (mine, Justin's, Angela's and Nato's) to all of you who give so graciously of your gifts, talents and time to this powerful ministry in our church.

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

Organ Dedication Concert

*Nicholas Bowden will be playing the
Organ Dedication Concert
on Sunday, January 7th at 4:00 pm.
The Public is Welcome to Attend*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS



- Dec. 3 Terry & Christie McCormick and Grandsons, Riley, Aiden, & Noah
- Dec. 10 Vera & Naomi Payne and Family
- Dec. 17 Evelyn, Madison & Penny and Family
- Dec. 24 (11:00 am) Ava Ledford and Family
- Dec. 24 (7:00 pm) Amelia Hoffbauer and Family



*All Women Are Invited to attend the
United Women in Faith
Christmas Banquet*

*Tuesday, December 5
6:30 pm*

*Guest Speaker:
Anna Faith Adair*

*Meat Will Be Furnished
Bring a Covered Dish to Share
and a White Elephant Gift
for an Exchange.*



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 **December 14**. All men are invited to attend for fun, food, friendship and fellowship.

Missions Matters

- Christmas/Advent offering will keep clean drinking water flowing in Obaga, Kenya, via the Uzima Bucket Water Filters for individual homes. At \$65 each, give a gift in honor of that hard-to-buy-for person on your list. Acknowledgement cards and offering envelopes are on the ushers' table.
- New student sponsorship information is on the bulletin board in the narthex.



December's focus is
Canned meat, vegetables, and fruit

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



Serving in December

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.

December Menus:

December 3: Baked Ziti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert, Drinks

December 13: Baked Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, 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, 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 Mof-fitt, George Montgomery, Richard Rambler, Cathy Riley, Ann Roper, Mary Russell, Randy Stepp, 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 DECEMBER 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 December scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

December 3, 2023 Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

December 10, 2023 Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

December 17, 2023 Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 136; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24, 2023 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

December 31, 2023 Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40