



# Jasper United Methodist Church



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## March 2024

### As seen from the Meadows...

Oh, my goodness, is it March already? It is true what they say; as I get older the days seem to go by much faster. This month I want to lift up an opportunity to support United Methodist Students at Reinhardt University, remind you of a gathering for laity in our North West District and encourage you to reach out if you would like to join JUMC as a member. Check out all the other things going on here at JUMC!

In 1999 I was blessed to be appointed to the Waleska United Methodist Church. The Waleska UMC sits on the campus of Reinhardt University. My appointment there introduced my family to life on a university campus. The Meadows family enjoyed our eight years in ministry there. With the appointment, I became a member of the UMC Scholarship Golf Outing Committee. I have continued to be a member and I am glad to have this connection with this fine United Methodist affiliated University. In 2020, my son Gregory became an alumna of Reinhardt and was a recipient of these Scholarship funds. I want to invite you to be part of this fundraising event. There are a few ways to do this. You can put together a team of four golfers and enjoy a game of golf on May 15, 2024. You can donate to the UMC Scholarship Fund. You can donate items to be used as drawing prizes for the golfers such as gift cards, golf balls, tickets to a sporting event and other items. This UMC Scholarship Golf Outing is celebrating its 31st year. It has allowed many UMC Students to get an education at Reinhardt University. Please contact me, [greg.meadows@ngumc.net](mailto:greg.meadows@ngumc.net), if you have any questions concerning how you can be part of this yearly event.

You are invited to a North Georgia Conference UMC event hosted by the Conference Board of Laity; these regional sessions are a time for members of North Georgia Conference United Methodist churches to come together for fellowship, relationship building, and strengthening our United Methodist identity and our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ. While each gathering is directed to two districts, laity may attend any gathering in any region—and attend as many as you would like. Bishop Robin Dease will attend all four gatherings. Registration cost is \$20.00. The gathering for our North West District is Saturday, March 23, 11:00am-2:30pm at Trinity UMC in Cartersville, Georgia. To register go to <https://northga-reg.brapp.com/LaityGatheringsMarch2024>.

Have you been visiting 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](mailto: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.

As I close out my thoughts for this month, I am grateful for your support and your prayers. It is an honor and a privilege to be your pastor.

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
Anna Faith Adair.....	Director of Children & Youth Ministry & Marketing
Donna Dooley.....	Director of Preschool
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
Ministers.....	All Who Attend



March is a busy month for our preschool. Online registration will begin on March 1, 2024 for the new school year of 2024 through 2025.

We will also offer in person registration on March 1st, 8:00 am until 12:30 pm and Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the lobby of the preschool.

#### MARCH ACTIVITIES:

March 4th we celebrate Read across America,  
March 6th spring pictures  
March 13th donuts with dad  
March 27th Easter egg hunt and parties.

If you have any questions, please contact me!  
Donna Dooley, Preschool Director  
dooley@jasperumc.org

## Children's Ministry

I am so pumped to work with our sweet kiddos in the church. Thank you to SPR, Greg and our church family for allowing me this opportunity.

We will be having our Easter egg hunt on March 27th at 4:00 pm. We will be taking donations for plastic eggs and candy during the month of March. There will be a collection bin in the Narthex or you can drop them by the office.

KOK will continue to meet on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 pm. All children K-5th grade are welcome to come and enjoy music, crafts, snack, games and a Bible story.

Our VBS theme this year is "Seekers in Sneakers" and will be held June 18-20. I am looking for volunteers, so if you are interested, please email me!

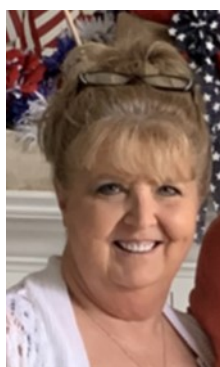
Cheers!

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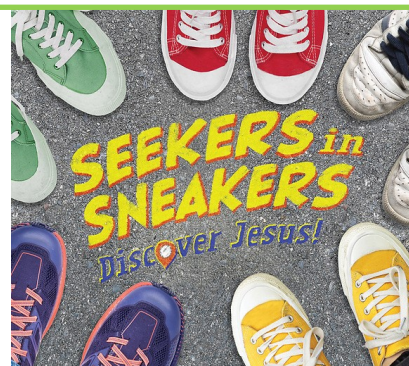
Please join us in wishing Kelly Wisniewski the best of luck as she embarks on a new adventure! Kelly is leaving her post with the JUMC Preschool to join the Hill City Elementary staff. She has graciously worked long hours to support both Hill City and JUMC this year, and we are grateful for her willingness to do so. Kelly has been an amazing asset to JUMC as the Director of Pre-

school & Children's Ministries. She has worked hard to ensure all JUMC littles have the best environment, receive the best care, and enjoy many enrichment opportunities. The love the JUMC Preschool children show Kelly proves how much she has endeared herself to the JUMC Preschool family. While we are sad to see you go—and we will miss you terribly—we wish you nothing but the best in your new job, Kelly!



We are extremely fortunate to have an amazing person willing to fill these big shoes and serve as the Director of Preschool: Mrs. Donna Dooley. Donna has been a teacher at the JUMC Preschool for five years—first, as a teacher in the three-year-old Preschool class, and then as a teacher in the four-year-old PreK class. She constantly researches ideas and opportunities to make learning fun, yet effective; brings an energy to academia that draws her students in and makes them love learning; and is adored by students and parents alike.

Donna also brings extensive experience managing complex programs and events, which she will apply to ensure JUMC Preschool program success. Don't worry—Donna will *still* finish teaching our PreK class this year! She has kindly offered to support *both* positions so she can finish the school year with her current PreK class. Congratulations, Donna! We're so happy to have you leading the charge.



Vacation Bible School  
June 18, 19, and 20 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
Mark your calendars now!!



Hi Elevate Family

Happy spring! I'm so excited for the weather to warm up so we can have some fun outside. This month, we will be meeting March 3rd, 10th, and the 24th. Please note we won't be meeting the Sunday we get back from SLR or Easter Sunday. If anyone is interested in providing a Snack Supper, please email or text me.

Speaking of which, happy SLR everyone! Parents, please keep an eye on your email for communication about this weekend. You will be getting information about packing, transportation, cost, and procedures-keep an eye out! This is gonna be a weekend of fun and memories.

As we step into Lent and prepare for Easter, I pray that we can reflect on the life of Jesus and the meaning in His death and resurrection. I look forward to celebrating the joy of Easter with y'all this year!

As always, please let me know how I can support your family. If you or your child is participating in an event at school or in the community, please let me know, I would love to show up and cheer them on!

Cheers!

Anna Faith Adair

Director of Youth Ministry & Marketing  
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Ruth House Ministries is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build a Transitional Home for graduates. Graduating from the Ruth House is a time of Celebration, but it is also a very challenging time for these women as they struggle with finding affordable housing for themselves and their families. That is critical to the long-term success of recovery that they not return to the lives they lived before coming to the Ruth House. Donations are needed to make this a reality. Go to **[RuthHouseMinistries.org/building-fund-donations](https://RuthHouseMinistries.org/building-fund-donations)**.



United  
Women  
in Faith



UM Men & United Women in Faith will be meeting together on Thursday, March 14 at 6:00. A Habitat Pickens representative will be at the gathering for a presentation to bring us up to date on what Habitat is doing in Pickens County and the Transitional Home for the Ruth House. They will also be letting us know how we as a church or individuals may participate in their home builds. Everyone is invited to attend.

## 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

Canned meat (tuna, chicken, stew, etc.)

## Missions Matters

The focus for the Lenten Offering is the collaboration between The Ruth House and Habitat. They will be building a transitional home for The Ruth House graduates. Offering envelopes and information sheets are on the usher's table at the back of the sanctuary.

## JUMC Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 24 Passion/Palm Sunday  
Children march into 11:00 am worship service waving palm branches

Wednesday, March 27 Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
4:00 pm All children invited

Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday  
7:00 am Sunrise Contemporary Service  
11:00 am Traditional Service



**Don't forget to turn your clocks  
forward 1 hour  
Saturday night, March 9, 2024**



## Music and Worship Arts

"For I know the plans I have for you, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Everyone is invited to attend March 3<sup>rd</sup> as we "Worship through Music and Psalms" at 11 am (Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Youth Choir and Kids of the Kingdom will be featured along with a Brass Ensemble and Cel-lo)

How can I say THANK YOU for 25 years of serving together here at JUMC? We (the Golden 5) arrived in April of 1999 with a 2 ½ year old son talking around a pacifier, a 9 ½ year old son with a ton of energy and a 13 ½ year old son who just wanted to play ball with any and everyone in the parking lot and managed to spill about 120 gallons of red Koolaid all over the kitchen floor the first summer of Children's Music Camp! And you kept us anyways!! Thank you for not only loving and supporting me, but my husband who has written countless dramas, taught SS, rewritten the spoken parts for children and youth musicals, written and led many devotional books and sessions at Lake Junaluska for our Chancel Choir Retreats and carried many bell cases and tables over the years. God has richly blessed our family and we have grown from 5 to 14 by adding 3 daughters-in-law, a heavenly little angel and 5 living granddaughters. My ministry started at a very early age when it dawned on me that I should not have survived Childhood Cancer in the mid 60's. So I gave my life to be in service in the sacred world instead of using my musical education in a school setting. My calling was loud and clear so I began leaving SS to practice the hymns on a small 2 manual Organ in my home church. At the age of 14, I was hired to be the Organist/Pianist for Pilgrimage Presbyterian Church and later added the Children and Youth Choirs as well as playing the piano for the youth choir at Norcross 1<sup>st</sup> UMC. After Andy was born, Norcross hired me to begin their bell ministry and lead the childrens choirs which grew over the next 10 years into Organist/Associate Director of Music and basically led every age level except the Chancel Choir. As Andy and Christopher got very busy into sports, I began to miss too many of their games and took a smaller job at Harmony UMC for a few years working with the children and youth choirs; and then we moved to the North GA mountains and the commute was just too much. I then began just playing the Organ at Cool Springs Baptist Church when Josh was a baby until a few members of Jasper UMC begged me to send in my resume here for the position of Music/Worship Leader. SO, from the spring of '99 until now, you and I have served together to be His hands, feet and voice inside these walls and all along the East Coast, up to Washington, DC, New York City, over to St. Louis down to West Palm Beach across to New Orleans and everywhere in between.



We have scraped houses, sanded boards, painted about everything, ripped carpets, worked in yards and lots of other mission projects while singing of His love and grace. Thank you for sharing your children, youth and giving so freely of your time and talents to our Music/Worship Arts. Together we have grown spiritually, made some life-long friendships and hopefully learned a few things about singing and ringing. God has been faithful from one generation to another and His mercies are new every morning. "Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside." May God continue to lead and guide us all in this next chapter of our lives. Please remember how much you are loved and always remember to find me around J town and give me a hug or invite me over for a tea party.

Lots of love,  
Ms. Roxanne

Looking ahead:

March 31st-EASTER-Sunrise at PHS-7 am and Traditional Worship at 11 am-Chancel Choir

May 14th-Mother's Day-Kids of the Kingdom Musical  
STORMS

May 19th-Senior Recognition Sunday at 11 am service

May 26<sup>th</sup>-Youth Choir sings at the 9 am service before pulling out for SMT 24

May 26<sup>th</sup>-June 2nd-SUMMER MUSIC TOUR 2024 to Folly Beach, SC and Epworth by the Sea, GA

YOUTH CHOIR: please make sure you have \$300 in your SMT account by the end of March

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Roxanne B. Golden