



Jasper United Methodist Church



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May 2024

As seen from the Meadows...

April has come and gone and for me it was interesting. My 58th year around the sun came with some unexpected twists and turns. I pray yours has been less of a struggle. Therefore, I am glad to see May. This month I will get you all caught up on where the SPR is with a new Director of Music and share one of the good things that did happen in April.

I know many of you have questions concerning where things stand with our search for a new Director of Music, so allow me to get you updated. Currently, Justin Davis is serving as the interim Director of Music and we have been blessed to have David Richards filling in at the piano. Thank you, David. The flute duets shared with us from you and your lovely wife Jenny will be missed. We hope you know you are always welcome here at JUMC. Moving forward Justin will remain interim Director of Music but return to the piano, and Cathy Riley will be serving as the choir director and worship leader. The two of them came to me and asked that I present this idea to the SPR and the SPR received the suggestion gratefully. Many of you know Cathy is no stranger to the world of church music. She feels right at home in this position. Cathy will remain employed as our Administrative Assistant. She asked not to be paid additional compensation. The SPR is thankful for Justin and Cathy working together to ensure we continue to share in meaningful worship every Sunday. The SPR will rerun our ad once again beginning May 6 and run it for two weeks. The ad runs in the North Georgia UMC Annual Conference classifieds, it is shared with music teachers through contacts in the area, and we will be reaching out to Reinhardt, Young Harris, North Georgia and Kennesaw University.

One of the good things that did happen in April is that Lydia and I received our confirmation that we will be blessed to return for year number 10 here at Jasper United Methodist Church. I want to thank all of you who have been so gracious with your affirmation concerning this news. We feel very blessed. We may not agree on everything, but we desire the same things to grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share Jesus with our community and beyond. Things within the UMC denomination might be changing, but our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world with never change. Neither will our general rules to do no harm, do good and stay in love with God. Let's work together to get over our divide and enable JUMC to be stronger than ever as a place where God's grace and love is shared.

As I close out my thoughts for this month, thank you JUMC for being a blessing in my life. Being a pastor is not an easy life, but I always say the good far outweighs the bad. As we close out nine years of ministry together, I am thankful for you. I know God is not done with us yet, and we have grace and love to share. Keep encouraging one another and keep inviting your friends and neighbors to come and see what JUMC has to offer in their life as a place that offers Jesus and His open table of grace, mercy and love! Yes, I am thankful for you JUMC!

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:

Facebook: Jasper United Methodist Church

YouTube: Jasper UMC GA

JUMC Staff:

Greg Meadows	Pastor
Justin Davis	Interim Director of Music
Anna Faith Adair	Director of Children & Youth Ministries/Marketing
Donna Dooley	Preschool Director
Cathy Riley	Office Manager/Interim KOK & Chancel Choirs
Peggy Litherland	Financial Manager
Paul Singletary	Director of Audio/Visual Ministry
Barbara Gaddis	Nursery Coordinator
Nathaniel Singletary	Contemporary Worship Leader
Angela Ervin	Organist
Ministers	All Who Are Here



We have just three weeks of preschool left for this school year. Register now for 2024-2025 school year.

May 6-8 is teacher appreciation
May 7 is our end of the year fun day
May 15 is the last day of school recital
May 16 Pre-K graduation, 9:00 am

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

Children's Ministry

We have been having a blast together! Recently in KOK, we have been learning the books of the Bible and preparing for our big musical this month. We have been having a great time, and I am excited for a little bit more fun before summer starts!

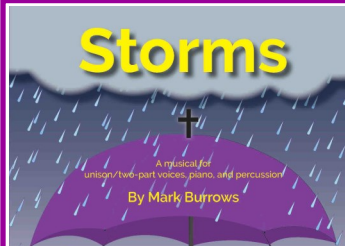
In September, our 3-5th graders have an opportunity to go to Camp Glisson. KOK has partnered with the Seeker's Circle and we are going to be hosting a bake sale to fundraise for retreat scholarships. This will happen on May 5th in between services and after church! The Seeker's are going to join our kids with helping make these goodies, so you know they are good and made with love!

Our musical is Mother's Day, May 12. We will be performing "Storms" and we are asking the congregation to bring in items for flood buckets that will be donated to UMCOR. The kids, Ms. Cathy, and Ms. Tricia have been working really hard, so be there! VBS is next month, June 18-20! I am still looking for volunteers, specifically small group leaders, a music leader, and a drama team. If you can participate in any way, please send me an email.

We will be hosting a Safe Sanctuary training on May 5th at 2PM. The church is asking for anyone who is currently, or has interest in working with children/youth/vulnerable adults to attend. We are asking that every VBS volunteer to be there as well. If there is a conflict, please let me know so I can send the materials.

While things are dying down for the summer, I hope to still see the kids. I would love to come to a swim meet, dance recital, ball game, just let me know!

Cheers!
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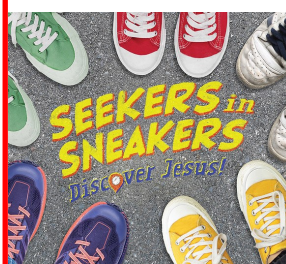
The Kids of the Kingdom will be presenting the musical "Storms" on Mother's Day, May 12th at the 11:00 service. Some storms are physical like floods and tornadoes and some are storms we face in our daily lives. We will be incorporating a mission along with congregation participation during the play: filling flood buckets for UMCOR. Below is a list of items needed to fill the buckets. Bring the items to the service on Mother's Day. For information call Cathy in the church office.

Flood Bucket Supply List

A flood bucket is a bucket filled with all kinds of cleaning supplies, plus goods like gloves, bug spray and trash bags. These buckets will be taken to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) who will take them to areas affected by natural disaster such as hurricanes, flooding, and tornadoes.

Please bring one or more of these items to the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, May 12 for the children to collect during the musical.

- 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner. No spray cleaners
- 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener
- 16-34 oz. bottle liquid dish soap
- 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent with protective cover
- Scrub brush (with or without handle)
- Scouring pads (remove from packaging) NO stainless steel or pads with soap in them
- 36-50 clothespins
- 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 ct roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon sizes)
- Pairs of kitchen gloves (durable for multiple uses)
- Work gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather)



JUMC Vacation Bible School
June, 18, 19, 20
9:00am-12:00pm

Register on line or at the door.

We need donations of new tennis shoes for the Pickens County Elementary Schools—Sizes 1-5 and larger. They can be dropped off at the church office.



Hi Elevate Family!

I cannot believe we are at the end of our school year. We have done everything from paint nights, participating in ServePickens, scavenger hunts, Super Bowl parties, and, of course, learning about Jesus. I am so thankful for this group of kids and I am so honored to be able to serve them.

The Stephen Ledford Scholarship is taking applications until May 3. This scholarship is for seniors who participate in the life of JUMC. Applications can be found online and in the office. Senior recognition Sunday is May 19th.

We only have a few more youth groups until we slow down for the summer. We will be meeting May 5th and May 19th. If anyone wants to sign up for Snack Suppers for those Sundays, let me know! We are also going to be hosting Beat the Baptist on May 19th, so be sure to be here at 5:30 and wear tennis shoes!

If you are a youth and plan on helping out with Vacation Bible School, you must let me know. There are a few roles specifically set aside for our middle school/high school volunteers and I would love to get those filled!

Since we won't be meeting regularly over the summer, I would like to encourage the youth to be here Sunday mornings. I am hoping to have some Sunday morning fellowship with the kids (I'll bring the donuts) so keep an eye out on when that is scheduled. We are going to be having our annual pool party and fair/fireworks in July. If you haven't already, please sign up for the text announcements by texting @elevate107 to 81010.

Cheers!

Anna Faith Adair

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KOK and Seekers
Cookie Sale

Sunday, May 5th
Between Services

Proceeds go to
scholarships for
Camp Glisson



I want to invite you to be part of this fundraising event for the UMC Scholarship Fund at Reinhardt University.

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. Items 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, if you have any question concern how you can be part of this yearly event.

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.

May's focus is

Breakfast food such as: cereal, granola bars, box milk, fruit juice

Missions Matters.

Did you know that in 2024 JUMC folks are supporting 27 Kenya students to high school and 3 to college? This allows these students to get an education that their widowed mothers could never supply. We want the best for them so they are in private boarding schools which, unlike their homes, have electricity, 3 meals a day, a clean bed and help with their studies.

Most students have a JUMC individual or family who supports their education. However, we have 3 students who are church supported so we are trusting God each term to supply those fees. Two students are in their last year, needing about \$350 each to finish up. One is on his third year.

Kenya school year runs January to October. Term 2 starts in April. If you would like to help these students finish strong you can donate to the "Kenya Scholarship" account by check or on line. If you want to sponsor a student, let me know. You can change a life!

Asante sana! Thank you very much!
Dex Phillips, hummerlover60@hotmail.com

*If your heart is for missions and you would like to be in on planning and making decisions or you have ideas, please let me know!

Lenten offering to Habitat/Ruth House project was over \$845. Praise the Lord!



Everyone is invited to the Annual All Church Picnic sponsored by the Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, June 19, 2024
6:00 pm
On the JUMC Lawn

Bring a covered dish with your favorite picnic food to share.

Table service and drinks will be provided

Mark your calendars now!



United Women in Faith

SEEKERS CIRCLE:

Are you looking for a small group? The Seekers Circle meets in room 106 on the second Thursday every month at 10:00 am. We would love to have you join us! For more information, call Nancy Henson at 770-893-2609.

DORCAS CIRCLE:

Welcome to the Dorcas Circle. Please consider joining our small group as we connect in our Christian bond and friendship. Come join us for fellowship, food, a little business, devotion, prayer and laughter on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. For more information, call Juanita Tatum or the church office.



The UMM meet at the church in the sanctuary on the second Thursday of each month at 6 pm for fun, food, friendship and fellowship.

For more information contact Mike Ledford or call the church office at 706-253-2100.

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:

Barbara Adams, Ricky Anglin, Donna Andrews, Elise Andrews, Tom Ashbeck, Dana Bandy, Marty Beaver, Beth & Bill Boggs, Emily Brown, Chris Childers, Phil Cole, Etta Cramer, Karen Fowler, Sara Fowler, Judy Francis, Patty Gehring, Jerry Hall, Peggy Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Linda Jager, Don Larson, Steve Lawrence, Joyce Leist, Ruth Lovern, George Montgomery, Richard Rambler, Ann Roper, Mary Russell, Bobby Stephens, Marcy Walker, Susan Watson, Mildred Wilson

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

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

Safe Sanctuary Training

Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 pm, Allison Sligh from the NGUMC conference office will be facilitating a Safe Sanctuary training. Everyone who works with children at JUMC such as Sunday School, KOK, Preschool, VBS, etc. is encouraged to attend. Contact Anna Faith for more information.

MARKETING/ADVERTISING:

If there are any events that need to be advertised on the Facebook, church screens, or local paper, please email Anna Faith at adair@jasperumc.org.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY 2024:

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 May scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

May 5, 2024	Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
May 12, 2024	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
May 19, 2024	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 26, 2024	Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17