



Jasper United Methodist Church



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July 2024

As seen from the Meadows...

Lydia and I are so blessed to begin our tenth year of ministry here at JUMC! Our first Sunday with you all was July 5, 2015. Man, what a ride so far! As we seek God's grace and love, there are a few items I want to share with you this month: our next Church Council meeting is set, I am sharing a new sermon series this summer, and I want to make everyone aware of a physical need for our church.

In June's newsletter, I shared about our May Church Council meeting and stated I would inform when the next meeting was set. After conferring with our Executive Committee made up of the Church Council Chair, Church Council Secretary, Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Staff Parish Relations Chair, Trustee Chair and Finance Chair, the meeting is set for Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 6:00pm in room 106. The May meeting was an open meeting and we had visitors attend and share their feelings. A decision has been made that the August meeting will be a closed meeting so that the Church Council can focus and work out where and how JUMC is being led. The meeting will once again concern setting a wedding policy and to discuss whether paragraph 2549 is worth the risk to pursue as a way to leave the United Methodist Denomination. Paragraph 2549 calls for a vote at a Church Conference to close the church. If the vote to close the church passes, as the Discipline reads, basically, the property and its future would be in the hands of the North Georgia Conference UMC Trustees. They could place a for sale sign on the property and sell it for the full value to whomever can make the purchase. There was nothing at our Annual Conference to lead us to believe that the North Georgia Conference UMC Trustees are considering any deals at this time. Be in prayer for your Church Council. If you do not know who these persons are, reach out to the church office. We have put together a list for your prayers.

In the spring of 2024, I led a book study entitled *Being United Methodist Christians: Living a life of Grace and Hope*. We had over twenty members and visitors participate in that study. Many learned new things and gained a new appreciation for what it means to be a United Methodist Christian. A few members of the class suggested I turn these lessons into sermons so I am trying to do just that. I began on June 23, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "What is our, UMC, Biblical story?" June 30, will be Hebrews 12:1, "Who are we?" July 14, Luke 15:11-24, "What do United Methodists Believe?" August 4, Ephesians 4:1-6, "How do United Methodists Nurture our Spiritual lives?" August 11, Matthew 25:31-40, "How do United Methodists serve God and our neighbor?" Come join us and reconnect with what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in and through the United Methodist Church.

In the middle of June 2024 we suffered a big blow. We have had an HVAC unit die. This unit heats and cools the upstairs of the educational wing of the church. We had our HVAC folks come in and check it out and it required a complete replacement and a price tag of over \$24,000. This is an unexpected event that we all have from time to time with our own homes. When unexpected things happen within our households, we might dive into our emergency fund. Well, due to the last few years there is no money in that emergency fund of JUMC. So if you were looking for a place to give some second mile gift, please consider the HVAC 2024 fund. Second mile giving is the money we share after we have given our first fruits to the church for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. So if you are able, please consider donating to the HVAC 2024 fund.

July 5, 2015 was almost ten years ago. We have been through a lot together and even though 2020 took a bite and church politics have taken a bite, we are still doing ministry, we are still striving to love God and love our neighbor and we will continue to wash feet as we follow the greatest leader the world has ever known, Jesus!

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



Registration for Preschool is going well. We have 61 applications at this time. We anticipate being full before the **start of school**, which is **Monday, August**

5th. Our teachers will return on Wednesday, July 31st for preplanning. **The open house will be on Friday, August 2nd from 5-7 pm.**

If anyone would like to donate to the preschool, here is a list of items needed: **Lysol spray, Lysol wipes, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, booty wipes, and regular wipes, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, and card stock paper.** Your help is greatly appreciated.

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Children's Ministry

JUMC Kids!

We had such a great time at VBS this year! Thank you for bringing your kiddos and working us into your busy summer! Thank you so much to our volunteers for helping make this a success! Everyone had a fabulous time and we worked together as a fabulous team! Remember, we are continuing to collect shoes in July, so please bring new children's tennis shoes to the bin in the Narthex.

We will be starting back with KOK in August! Reminder that KOK runs every Wednesday from 4-5:30 and is for PreK-5th grade. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know!

We will start children's church back in the fall. I am looking to add some additional teachers to the rotation. If you are willing to serve one Sunday a month or even a semester, that would be a great help! Please email me if you are interested!

Please keep an eye out on your email in the coming weeks for information about the children's retreat!

Cheers!

Anna Faith Adair
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I Scream You Scream We All Scream For Ice Cream!

**Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social
Sunday, July 14 at 6:00 pm at JUMC**

Make a freezer of your favorite ice cream recipe. There will be a contest for the best ice cream! So get those freezers cranking!

You don't have to make ice cream, just come and eat and enjoy the fellowship.



Patriotic Worship Service

Sunday, July 7
11:00 am.
(one service only that day)

The Rev. Dr. George Freeman will be our guest speaker.

There will be special music provided by the Chancel Choir and Mr. Patrick J. Gallagher, Jr.

There is no better way to celebrate the birth of our country and our freedom to worship as we want.

Following the service, there will be lemonade on the lawn!



43rd Annual GA Marble Festival Road Race

Our annual Georgia Marble Festival Road Race is Saturday, October 5, 2024. This is the 43rd year for the race, and the ladies of the Dorcas Circle are busy with preparations already. Here are two ways you could help right now: Family Name Sponsorships are again available on the back of the Road Race t-shirt. To reserve a spot for your family, please stop by the church office and specify the family name. We are also accepting new business sponsorships. Please make checks payable to JUMC / Dorcas Circle. If you are a business owner and would like a spot on the Road Race shirt, please contact the church office at 706-253-2100. Both Family Name and Business Sponsorships are key to a successful race. We appreciate your "teaming up" with us!



Hi Elevate Family!

I hope you are having an awesome summer! I want to talk about Sunday mornings for a second. I want you here on Sunday! The past few weeks in June, I have been sitting with a few of the youth and I think it would be awesome if we have an "Elevate section" where we can all hang out and worship together. On July 14, I will need some volunteers to help usher at the 11AM service. This is a great opportunity for our youth to be involved in greater congregational life!

We have a few really awesome fellowship opportunities in July. On the 4th, at 5PM, we are going to meet at the church for a quick bite to eat, then we will walk over to the fair together and conclude our night with some treats and fireworks. Adults, please send your kids with money for rides/a towel or chair to sit and watch the fireworks. I need an adult to come as well, so please let me know if you can help out. On July 10 at 7PM, we are going to be meeting our friends over at First Baptist in their parking lot for the Jasper Cup! We will have an awesome time driving around town and we will have to see who wins?! You are also invited on July 14th at 6PM to the church's ice cream social or even enter an ice cream yourself! This is gonna be a great time of tasting everyone's homemade ice cream and see who wins fan favorite!

I hope that July is a great month of enjoying friends, the sun, and your Elevate family!

Cheers!

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MARKETING/ADVERTISING:

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

SUMMER JUMC OFFICE HOURS:

For the months of June and July the JUMC staff will be taking some vacation times. Office hours will still be 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday; however, it would be best to call (706-253-2100) to make sure someone is here before coming in to see us.



Music Ministry

Greetings JUMC Family!

We are looking forward to another great month of music at JUMC. We've already had a great month of music with Cathy Riley and members of the Chancel Choir leading our congregational singing every week, the inspiring piano styling of Ellen Whitten, the talented Mitchel Henson family, and a soulful piano duet by David Richards and myself. Along with Pat Gallagher and the Chancel Choir, Valerie Bohem, a Women's Ensemble, and a Men's Ensemble, July's Music in Worship should be just as uplifting!

The Chancel Choir will rehearse at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, in preparation for the Annual Patriotic Service on July 7, 2024, 11:00 am. The Rev. Dr. George Freeman will bring the message.

Looking ahead: Please join the Chancel Choir each Sunday morning at 10:30am in August for the COCA (Come One Come All Choir) for a month of Gospel favorites.

We are so grateful for the gifts the JUMC Family brings to us each week! To God be ALL the Glory for the things He has Done!

Regards,

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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.

July's focus is:

Bug spray, sun screen, hand sanitizer



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. This month on July 11, at 6:00 pm, we will meet with the UMM for a cook out before taking care of some road race business. 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.

July 11th, we are having a cook out with the Dorcas Circles. For more information contact Mike Ledford or call the church office at 706-253-2100.

Missions Matters.

- Help needed with Kenya student scholarships. Mark your gift for "student scholarships" Thank you!
- Sept. 29 - "Call to Serve" event
- Oct. 19 - Serve Pickens community event
- 2025 Kenya Mission Trip - March 26 to April 9 - Sign up on bulletin board.

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, Donna Andrews, Elise Andrews, Tom Ashbeck, Dana Bandy, Beth & Bill Boggs, Emily Brown, Phil Cole, Etta Cramer, Bob Edwards, Karen Fowler, Sara Fowler, Judy Francis, Patty Gehring, Jack Green, 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

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

Christian sympathy is extended to Jennifer Anglin and family on the death of her husband, Ricky Anglin.

Christian sympathy is extended to Thomas Wilson and family on the death of his mother, Mildred Wilson.

JUMC Email Prayer Chain: Prayer concerns can be requested by email, or phone the church office and an email will go out to all addresses on the prayer chain. Due to privacy concerns, a request must be made by a family member.

If you would like to be part of the JUMC email prayer chain group, contact the church office by emailing criley@jasperumc.org

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY 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 July scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

- July 7, 2024 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:-2-10; Mark 6:1-13
- July 14, 2024 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
- July 21, 2024 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-12; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
- July 28, 2024 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21