



Jasper United Methodist Church



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September 2024

As Seen from the Meadows

September 2024, here we come! As we move forward as the Jasper UMC, I have a few items to share with you: A reminder from our Jasper UMC Preschool, a need from our youth group and a thought about how we move forward as a body of Christ.

A number of years ago the Jasper UMC Preschool was started and led by Deborah Goodrum. She was the Director for many years and created a preschool that taught as well as loved and cared for the children of Jasper and Pickens County. Part of that ministry was not turning away a child due to financial issues. Therefore, upon Mrs. Goodrum's retirement we renamed the scholarship fund in her honor. We have children who are using those funds and we will continue to need funds for this ministry. I want to encourage folks to consider making a second mile gift to the Deborah Goodrum Scholarship Fund for the JUMC Preschool. These funds will continue to ensure no child is turned away from our JUMC Preschool. Simply mark you check for the Goodrum Scholarship Fund.

I am sure many of us can remember our teenage years. Mine were blessed with a good United Methodist Youth Fellowship, UMYF. Did you have a youth group that loved and cared for you, that encouraged and inspired you with lessons of Jesus and his love and salvation? Do you remember the names of the adults that made that youth group possible? I do. Those adults played a tremendous role in my life. I bring this up because it is now your turn to help make a youth group possible for teenagers in 2024. Anna Faith needs adults to ensure our youth get to enjoy all the things we enjoyed in our youth groups. Our JUMC Elevate needs a couple of adults to help each week on Sunday evening. We need adults to provide snack supper and just be present with the teenagers. We need adults to help Anna Faith make plans and schedule opportunities for our youth to experience ministry and participate in ministry. Our JUMC youth need those folks who remember how great your youth group was in the day and ensure our youth of today have those same kind of memories. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, single and/or married, all are welcomed and needed. Consider talking with Anna Faith, adair@jasperumc.org, about how you can be part of the memories for our youth of today.

I do not think a day goes by without someone reminding me of the number of people we have lost the past few years. I am aware and I grieve the loss as well. I have had a number of people make various suggestions concerning removing some chairs so that it would feel not quite so empty with fewer people on Sunday morning. Believe me I have tried, but we have no place to store the extra chairs. Something we could do to promote a closer-knit body is try to fill the middle section first on Sunday mornings at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services. I know we all have our place we like to sit where we feel comfortable, but why not just try moving to the center two sections? Another thought I have been praying about is to encourage those who have shared with me that you have gotten comfortable worshipping from home to come on back to worship as often as you can. I know there are people who are physically unable to come to worship and virtual worship enables you to be part of your congregation. For those who do not have a physical restriction, your Jasper UMC needs you in person. We need to see one another's faces and know we are here together as the body of Christ in Jasper and Pickens County. If you are one of those who worships weekly with us virtually, please share a hello and interact with one another via the chat on Facebook or YouTube. As JUMC moves forward, please share with me any vision you might have on what we can do to reach out to people in our community.

One last thing as a close, I am looking for a small group study to lead this fall/winter. Keep your eyes open to learn when that will be and what will be our focus. May God's rich beauty fill our lives with grace and love every day.

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
Phyllis Pool.....Pianist
Ministers.....All Who Are



We started JUMC Preschool on Monday, August 5th. The school year so far has been truly wonderful. We have 61 enrolled students with 4 more inquiring. Everyone seems to be getting comfortable with their teachers and new routine. God has blessed us with a great group of children this year.

We will be celebrating our first month of school on Wednesday, August 28 with popsicles for everyone.

School will be closed for Labor Day on the 2nd of September, and the entire week of Sept. 16-20th for Fall Break. We will have fall pictures made on the 25th of September.

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Children's Ministry

Kids of the Kingdom is back and we are so glad! Please join us from 4-5:30 every Wednesday for play and song and Jesus!

We are looking for more adults to teach Children's church. This calendar mainly follows a 1st and 3rd Sunday rotation. The lesson follows the scripture in the main service and lesson plans/materials are all provided. Please reach out if that is of interest to you!

Dates to save:

- October 5th, Road Race. Your kids can come with Elevate and pass out water at the turn around.
- October 30 is Trunk or Treat. Please let me know if you plan to decorate a trunk!

I love you guys and would love to support you in anything you do! If you want to be in the know for the going-ons of the kid's ministry, please text @jumcki to 81010.

Cheers!
Anna Faith Adair
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43rd Annual GA Marble Festival Road Race

The ladies of the Dorcas Circle are gearing up for the 43rd Marble Festival Road Race on Saturday, October

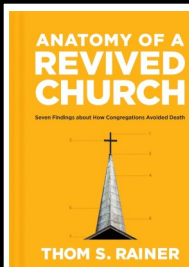
5, 2024. Registration is now open for runners and walkers in the 5K and 1-mile Fun Run. Registration forms are available at the church or online at Active.com. If you'd rather not sweat, you can still support the race by registering as a "Phantom" (t-shirt only) participant!

Over the years, the Marble Festival Road Race has been an amazing blessing. Thanks to careful planning and race management, after tithing 20% to our church, the Dorcas Circle donated over \$5,000 to local organizations serving women and children in our community last year. We can hardly wait to see what this year provides.

Missions Matters.

Sunday, September 29 - mark your calendar and plan to attend the "**Call to Service**" event that Sunday morning! Get to know your church - its ministries, its layout (Do you know where the youth meet? Where the nursery is? Where there are other bathrooms or have you been in a Preschool room?)

Have you wanted to serve but didn't know just where to go? Do you know what community ministries JUMC supports? Come, learn, serve. 9/29!!



Come and check out this new study beginning September 8.

Everyone is invited to join an adult Sunday School class in studying **Thom S. Rainer's book Anatomy of a Revived Church**. It is a short, yet insightful, book which looks at

several factors that enrich life in the Body of Christ. Classes will be held during Sunday School at 9:45 am. For more information, please call Paula Adams [770-893-8582](tel:770-893-8582) or the Church office [706-253-2100](tel:706-253-2100).



Hi Elevate Family!

I am so happy to be meeting again. It has been so fun and I am looking forward to the memories we can make!

We are meeting on Sundays from 4:45-7 for a time of music, food, and fellowship. We are looking for more adults to join us and mentor the youth. If you can volunteer just one Sunday a month, we can find a place for you!

On Wednesdays from 4-5:30, we are gathering for Confirmation classes. This is where we learn about the Bible and our United Methodist history. During this time, our youth will have a snack, a time for homework, and a lesson led by Anna Faith or Greg. At the end of this semester, there will be an opportunity for our confirmands to officially join the church as a full member.

I am so thankful for everyone who has volunteered for a Snack Supper this semester. We have a few more openings in October-December. If you are available, we would love to have you come and break bread with us!

Just some dates to keep in mind: we will be helping with the Road Race on October 5th. On October 13, we are invited to a United Methodist gathering at Midway UMC so our Elevate gathering will be off campus that day with other United Methodists. I may need an additional driver for this event, so please let me know if you can help. We will be participating again in Serve Pickens, which is on October 19th. We have been given an excellent opportunity to serve our community and I look forward to us working as a team!

We will be returning to Camp Glisson November 8-10. We are still in need of chaperones. We will be planning a fundraiser to offset the cost. If anyone can help with check-in and transportation to Dahlenega, that would be a big help. Our youth are constantly talking about how excited they are for camp, so let's come together and make this happen!

I love you guys and would love to come support you in anything you do! If you want to keep up with the goings-on of Elevate, please text @elevate107 to 81010.

Cheers!

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Music Ministry

*O magnify the Lord with me, and let us
exalt his name together! -Psalm 34:3*

Greetings JUMC Family!

Saturday, August 24, the Chancel Choir had a Mini-Retreat to go over some music for this fall and other activities. Some of the comments from members are: the day was inspirational; I feel so welcome in this group; we are like a family; a great day to get to know each other; and it was so much fun! Thank you to Justin, Cathy and Caren for putting the program together and lunch.

Upcoming music activities:

- Youth Choir rehearses on Sundays at 5:30
- KOK children's choir rehearses on Wednesdays during KOK.
- The Chancel Bells will begin regular rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 5:30pm.
- The Chancel Choir will begin regular rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 6:40pm.

Please take this time to find your place in one of the Music Ministry Ensembles at JUMC! Let us know if you have any questions!

Regards,

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Music Director

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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.

September's focus is
Canned Tuna/Chicken and Can Openers

Stephen Ledford Memorial Scholarship

Dear Church Family,

It is with a great deal of appreciation and excitement that we bring you this update on our Memorial Scholarship Fund at Jasper UMC. Following the death of our son, Stephen, in 1991, a scholarship fund was established in Stephen's memory. A scholarship (or scholarships) would be given to graduating high school seniors who have been part of Jasper United Methodist Church. We hoped, at that time, that the program could last, at least, until Stephen's younger brother, David, graduated three years later. Thanks to the love you have shown our family and your generosity, there have been 172 scholarships totaling \$110,900 given over the past 31 years! This has been a blessing to so many families.

The other good news is that the scholarship fund now exceeds \$50,000 and is an "Endowed Scholarship" that, along with the interest it will earn, will provide scholarships for our JUMC Seniors for years to come!

Our church family has blessed us in so many ways over these past years and we now invite you to look at other opportunities to share the same kind of love you have shown to us. Perhaps there is another special mission, program, or church budget toward which you would like to direct your love offering. Please spend time in prayer to see what the Lord might be leading you to do at this time.

In closing, thank you again for all the love and consideration you have shown to our family over all these years and may God bless you in some special way as you have blessed us.

Mike, Luella, David, and all the Ledford Family

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:

Tom Ashbeck, Dana Bandy, Beth & Bill Boggs, Gage Cheek, Etta Cramer, Greg Fineberg, Karen Fowler, Sara Fowler, Judy Francis, Patty Gehring, Jack Green, Jerry Hall, Peggy Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Linda Jager, Don Larson, Joyce Leist, Ruth Lovern, George Montgomery, Richard Rambler, Bill Traynham, Betty VanValkenburgh, Linda Waitsman, Marcy Walker

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

Chestnut Ridge in Cumming: Marilu Weeks

Rock Creek Manor: Sam & Barbara Peddicord, 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 Kelly Whitmore and family on the death of her brother, Sam Whitmore.

A Celebration of Life for Rev. Al Larson will be Saturday, September 14 at 1:00 pm at JUMC.

MARKETING/ADVERTISING:

We ask that any advertising for the church go through the office/Anna Faith. If you have any event that needs to be advertised on Facebook, the newspaper, or church screens, please email adair@jasperumc.org.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 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 September scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

Sept. 1, 2024 Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sept. 8, 2024 Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37
Sept. 15, 2024 Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
Sept. 22, 2024 Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
Sept. 29, 2024 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50