



# Jasper United Methodist Church



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## October 2024

### As Seen from the Meadows

Month number ten of 2024, are we ready? Jasper UMC, we have been through a lot of things these last few years, some good and some not so good. That is the way life is lived. If we really think about it, the good always out numbers the not so good. The problem is the not so good is loud and in your face; it is hard to see past. We have plenty of good things; blessings and possibilities here, so let us look past the loud, not so good and see the blessings of Jesus.

Prayer, we say the word and we know what it means but do we use it, do we do it with hope and promise? Every one of us can pray, young and not so young, mobile and not so mobile, wealthy and not so wealthy. Prayer is a cornerstone of the Christian faith. Everything we do and hope to do needs prayer. I invite you to pray for the body of Christ here at Jasper UMC. We are at the beginning of something new; we are seeking to revive and renew our spirit both individually and as a body of Christ. The Holy Spirit is the only way to describe what I experienced as the Mission Matter team discussed "what we ask our people to pray?" I begin to hear in my heart and mind "renew a right spirit within me". I knew it was scripture, but not sure where it was in the Bible. Therefore, I looked it up and found Psalm 51:10, "*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.*" I want to suggest praying this Psalm every day, once with "me" and once with "Jasper UMC" in the place of "me". Psalm 51:10 is a psalm of forgiveness, "*Create in me a clean heart, O God,*" and renewal, "*and put a new and right spirit within me.*" This prayer places us in the hand of God so that we can be a vessel of God. Therefore, we can see God's blessings and be God's blessing in the world.

Who are we? Well, we are the Jasper UMC, right? However, what does that mean? Over the last number of years, I have had the honor and privilege to be your Pastor and to be in ministry alongside this body of Christ. We have a mission statement as United Methodists to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. So how do we, JUMC, live out that mission statement? What is the culture of our church? I would like to recommend to us three words to describe the culture of Jasper UMC based on John 13:1-35. This is that wonderful scripture where Jesus washes the disciples' feet, shares Holy Communion and gives them a new command. The first word is Welcoming. Jesus welcomes the disciples with the washing of their feet around the table. I have heard it often JUMC is a welcoming church. There are those who are blessed with the gift of hospitality, which makes us Welcoming. The second word is Growing. The disciples were together to share in the Passover meal. Something they had done all their lives. Jesus used this meal to teach them the importance of servant leadership, about the sacrifice he was to make and the command to love one another. Growing in our faith is the essence of being United Methodist Christians. Jasper UMC has Growing in faith as part of our culture with Sunday School, Small Groups and Studies of the Bible and Topics. The final word is Love. Jesus both models and commands the disciples when it comes to love. The washing of their feet even those who were not clean and would deny they ever knew Him. This showed love and his words could not be clearer, this command I give you... to love one another as I have loved you... by this they will know you are my disciple if you love.... Love has to be the core of our culture; it is what drives the other two, Welcoming and Growing. Welcoming, Growing and Loving are who we, Jasper UMC, are! Welcoming to all, Growing in Faith and Loving, as God loves us. Can you see this in your church? Do you feel this in your church? Will you live this in your church? I challenge you to live into this culture here at Jasper UMC.

To close this month's thoughts, I want to restate with what I started this edition of As Seen From the Meadows, We have plenty to good things; blessings and possibilities here so let us look past the loud, the not so good and see the blessings of Jesus.

Yours in Christ, *Greg*



Fall has come into the Preschool. Leaves, pumpkins, and scarecrows adorn our walls. This is such a fun season for our children. In the month of October we will have our fall festival, fall pictures (we had to reschedule) and Halloween parties. Please feel free to come visit this amazing preschool that all our teachers and I are so very proud of.

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## Children's Ministry

Happy October! We have some fun things planned this month! We will be continuing to meet weekly with KOK and we will be having children's church this month on the 6th and the 20th.

On the bulletin board right outside the Sanctuary, we have a sign up sheet for our Acolyte ministry. We are so thankful that our Elevate youth has been able to step in and serve, but we would love for our kids to also participate! We always want our kiddos in church and would love for those kids to serve on our Acolyte team. Take a look at your calendar and see where you can plug in!

Our kids are more than welcome to join the Elevate youth in serving at the Road Race. We will be volunteering at the 5k turn around and passing out water. If you are wanting to participate, please be at the church by 7:30AM on Oct 5.

Trunk or Treat is right around the corner! We will be hosting this year on October 30 from 5:30-7:30PM. This event is open to the whole community, so we encourage our kids to invite their classmates. There are multiple ways to serve. If your family is interested in decorating a trunk or volunteering in another capacity, please contact Anna Faith.

Save the date! Breakfast with Santa is December 3! Please keep an eye out for information on the event and how you can get plugged in!

To keep on with what's going on in our children's ministry, text @jumcki to 81010.

Cheers!

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## 43rd Annual GA Marble Festival Road Race

The 43rd Marble Festival Road Race is 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 "Phantom" (t-shirt only) participant!

## The Marriage Enrichment Group

**MEG** will meet Saturday, **October 19 at 6:00 pm** in the JUMC Celebration Center. A light dessert will be offered and a nursery available upon request. For more information call the church office.

## Missions Matters

- Thanks to everyone who participated in or attended the Call to Service event on 9/29 making it a sweet success to the glory of God.
- Third quarter budgeted funds were disbursed to The Timothy House, Weekend backpacks and Serve Pickens.
- Watch the bulletin board in November for a new group of Kenyan students to sponsor for the 2025 school year, Jan.-Oct.



## We need your trunks!

This is a great community outreach activity for JUMC. We usually have around 200 children at this event. So, we need your trunks and candy and volunteers to serve hot dogs and chips! If you're willing to decorate a trunk or donate some candy or time, call the church office or let Anna Faith know.

## 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](mailto:adair@jasperumc.org).



Hi Elevate Family!

There is so much going on in the month of October! I am looking forward to spending so much time together.

On October 5th, we will be serving at the Marble Festival Road Race. Plan to arrive at the church by 7:30 AM. We will be at the turn around spot handing out waters to our racers!

On October 13th, we are going to be going to Midway United Methodist for an area wide youth gathering. Please get to the church no later than 4:30. We will not have music that day. I am in need of additional drivers for this event, so please let me know if you can help. The actual event is from 5:30-7:30, so plan to be at the church around 8PM to pick up your students.

On October 19th, we will be participating in Serve Pickens. We will be at the church starting at 8AM for breakfast, then we will split off into our groups. You can sign up online and please sign up for the Keep Pickens Beautiful project. This is an excellent opportunity for our youth to serve and last year was such a blessing!

October 30 is Trunk or Treat. There will be opportunities for our youth to help out and have fun with the kids. We invite the youth to dress up. Plan to be at the church starting at 5.

Confirmation has been ongoing the past month and it's been great! We gather together every week to learn more about being a church member and being a United Methodist. Please continue to pray for our confirmands!

Keep your eyes peeled about info for Nov 8-10 trip to Glisson. There is a need for chaperones and a driver. Anna Faith will be at Glisson early for a youth director's gathering so we need a bus driver to help get the kids from the church to camp.

Just a note, there is a community calendar now hung up in the youth room for our kids to share what concerts/plays/games/etc. are going on so we can support one another. Please fill out this calendar and we will do what we can to cheer each other on!

To keep up with what's going on with the youth, text @elevate107 to 81010.

Cheers!

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## Music Ministry

*"But I will thank the Lord for his righteousness  
I will sing praises to the name of the Lord Most High."*

*Psalms 7:17 CEB*

Greetings JUMC Family!

It is so good to have all our choirs and groups going strong, singing and playing this fall. As we prepare for the holiday season, we want to invite all who would like to join one or more of the groups. We have some exciting plans for the next couple of months, so now is a great time to join us!

- The Youth Choir will sing on Sunday, October 13, 2024, at the 11am service. Please be here by 10:27am dressed in black and white. Rehearsals are on Sundays from 4:45pm until 5:30pm. Please be on time!
- The KOK choir will sing on Sunday, October 6, at the 11:00am service. Please be here by 10:30am dressed in Sunday clothes. KOK Music meets every Wednesday at 5pm.
- The Chancel Bells meet every Wednesday at 5:30pm.
- The Chancel Choir meets every Wednesday at 6:40pm.

Let us know if you have any questions!

Regards,

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It's almost Operation Christmas Child shoe box time! You may pick up your boxes beginning on Sunday, October 13 in the narthex or the church office. If you do not want to fill a box, just bring individual items to the narthex. If you are not comfortable shopping for items to fill your box, you can go

online at Samaritan's Purse. It's called "Build a Shoe-box". Go to [www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline) and follow the instructions. The deadline to turn in the boxes and items is Sunday, November 10. For more information and questions contact Jeannie Brantley.





Celebrating our many non-profits in the community by offering a day of service

Saturday, October 19, 2024

8:00 am Kickoff Breakfast at Jasper United Methodist Church  
9:00 am Begin Project at locations

You must register before the event at [www.servepickens.com](http://www.servepickens.com)

For information and questions call Paula Adams at 770-893-8582

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:**

Dana Bandy, Beth & Bill Boggs, Gage Cheek, Etta Cramer, Karen Fowler, Sara Fowler, Judy Francis, Jack Green, Jerry Hall, Peggy Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Linda Jager, Don Larson, Joyce Leist, George Montgomery, Richard Rambler, Betty VanValkenburgh, Linda Waitsman, Marcy Walker, Kelly Whitmore

Retreat at Jasper Assisted Living: 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



**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.

**October's focus is Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Powered Creamer Zip lock plastic bags**

All non-perishable food items accepted.



United Methodist Men meet on the second Thursday of each month. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary with a devotion and business following. All men of the church are invited to join.



United Women in Faith

Did you know that ALL of the ladies of the church are United Methodist Women? Join us at our next Dorcas meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm in room 106. The Ruth House Gala is on October 10, so we will not meet this month. There are refreshments, a devotional, a little business, and lots of fellowship and laughter!

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 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 October scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

- Oct. 6, 2024 Job 1:1-2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
- Oct. 13, 2024 Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
- Oct. 20, 2024 Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
- Oct. 27, 2024 Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

**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