



Jasper United Methodist Church



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December 2024



Anticipation

CAROLS AND COOKIES

Sunday, December 1st, 4:30 pm

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 7th, 8:30 am

LADIES CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Tuesday, December 10th, 6:30 pm

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 17th, 6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Sunday, December 24th

5:00 pm-Contemporary

7:00 pm-Traditional

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 29th

11:00 am-Contemporary Service Only

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Sunday, January 5

11:00 am-Traditional Service Only

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

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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As we begin the wonderful season of Christmas, the Preschool is full of excitement and cheerfulness.

The children will be making lots of Christmas ornaments and other decorations and learning the true meaning of the Christmas season. Our Preschool Christmas Program will be Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 pm.

When we close out December, we will only have 5 months of Preschool left for this school year. It has gone by so very fast. The Preschool staff wishes everyone a blessed holiday season. Merry Christmas.

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Children's Ministry

Merry Christmas and a happy new year! I have loved getting to know our new friends in KOK and learning more about our JUMC "lifers". We have such a sweet group and I am so excited about where we are going as a ministry.

December 1st is a super fun event to kick off the Christmas season! We will have a "Carols and Cookies" gathering at 4:30 where our church will come together to sing our favorite Christmas songs and enjoy sweets afterwards. This is going to be great! I will be wearing my Christmas pj's and I encourage my friends to join me!

December 7th is our annual Breakfast with Santa. I encourage everyone to come and bring their friends to participate in such a fun event! Tickets are \$5 and that includes a photo op with Santa, a pancake breakfast, crafts, and cookie decorating. We also have a Christmas gift shop with \$1 and \$5 items for the kids to shop for family and friends!

Our last KOK of 2024 is December 18! I will miss seeing all my friends' faces regularly but I encourage you to let me know if there are any Christmas plays/concerts/programs that I can attend to show my support. I'll see you in January!

Cheers!
Anna Faith Adair
Director of Children & Youth Ministry
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Kenya/JUMC 2024 End of Year Celebration

JUMC support of the **Kenya Ministries fund** raising and market sales along with our **student scholarship** sponsors have given us cause for celebration for all that God has done.

~Through individual sponsors, 27 high school and 3 college students received boarding school education and will have a Christmas gift. (Three supported by JUMC) Eight of them are graduating! ~Ten ladies are graduating from the Jewels Tailoring School to start their own businesses because of the building JUMC built 2 years ago.

~ A hair dressing class has been started in that same building ~Through our budgeted missions funds and partnership with SERV Ministries Int'l lunches were cooked and served to over 500 Primary School children twice a week in Obaga. ~Jewels' garden vegetables and oil supplemented the school food. ~Salaries were paid monthly to the cooks, the tailoring teacher and the Jewels' manager. ~33 water filters for clean water in their homes ~A Christmas meal with small gifts for the Jewels and KOK's

Both the scholarship fund and Kenya Ministries fund can use some help to finish 2024 well and start 2025 smiling. We have a **\$300 shortage to pay** salaries and do Christmas for the Jewels and an **\$800 shortage in the scholarship** account. Three students are supported by JUMC by faith as they have lost their sponsors along the way, so funds are stretched. Please consider these for your end-of-year giving.

Our **Advent offering** goes to Kenya for bigger and better sewing machines for the Tailoring School at \$350 each. They need 10. The ones they have were starter machines and have not held up well with the constant use. The larger, better quality machines also have many other features for the women to learn.

LOOKING AHEAD: *Watch the bulletin board for the 2025 ninth grade **students** coming into high school that will **need sponsors** in January. For less than \$700 a year your student can have clean water, 3 meals, a bed, clean clothes, electricity and ready help with his/her studies. It is life changing!

AND THEN...Thomas Agutu and Merab will be here March 19-25, 2025!!

Thank you for your support of JUMC Kenya missions.

Christmas Carols and Cookies

Come to start the Advent Season
Decorate the Christmas Tree
Bring an ornament from home for the
Jumc Family Tree

Sunday,
December 1st



4:30 pm-
6:30 pm



Elevate Family!

We have reached the end of the semester? How is that possible? We have made so many memories together this semester and I am grateful for all the special moments we have had.

We have something special going on every Sunday evening in December. On the 1st, we are going to be adjusting our meeting time to 4:30 and participating in the church-wide "Carols and Cookies" event. I will be wearing Christmas pj's and I encourage our youth to get cozy too! Please note that we will not be having dinner that night, but we will have plenty of sweets to enjoy. On December 8th, we will be going to the Christmas parade after our meal together. Be sure and dress warm and invite your friends! And our last Elevate of 2024, December 15, is going to be a Christmas party! Dress festive and come for some fun Christmas activities and a holiday movie.

Breakfast with Santa is December 7. I will be placing our youth volunteers where we need the most help. Remember that our youth will be participating in an "Ugly Sweater" contest and our students will have handmade sweaters to show our community! If you need supplies or more information, talk to me or Ms Cindy.

Our confirmands are wrapping up their lessons for this semester. I am collecting notes of encouragement for our youth to give when they join the church in the beginning of the new year. If you want to write something for our confirmands, let me know and I can give you a list of names.

Next semester, our first Elevate will be January 12. Note that we will be having youth programming Wednesday afternoons, so keep 4-5:30 free on Wednesdays!

I will miss y'all over the break but I encourage you to sit with me at church, swing by the office if you can, and let me know all the Christmas concerts y'all are doing!

Cheers!

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MARKETING/ADVERTISING:

If there is a church event that needs to be advertised on church screens, newspaper, or Facebook, please run it through Anna Faith and the information will be sent out.



Music Ministry

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Greetings JUMC Family!

As we anticipate the coming of the Christ Child, may we all be filled with the wonderment and excitement of the season. We hope to fill each Sunday morning with the sounds of Christmas to fill your hearts with joy. During Advent, the Chancel Choir, Bells, Youth and KOK choirs will be sharing in the 11:00 services.

We will still be rehearsing during December so there is time to join us for the Christmas Eve service.

The Youth Choir rehearsals are on Sundays from 4:45-5:30pm.

The KOK choir meets every Wednesday at 4:30pm.

The Chancel Bells meet every Wednesday at 5:30pm

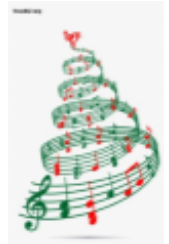
The Chancel Choir meets every Wednesday at 6:40pm-8:00 pm.

Let us know if you have any questions!

Regards,

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Music Director
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Greetings,

I would not be who I am today without this congregation. I am very grateful I had access to the church to practice piano and eventually teach on such a wonderful instrument. JUMC has also been loving and generous to my family. Throughout the years, you all have given me the opportunity to share my talents in the music ministry and other ministries at JUMC. I am so thankful unto God for my time at Jasper. I pray this congregation will continue to thrive and be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Yours in Christ,
Justin Davis

Adult Sunday School

Everyone is invited to join one of our adult Sunday School classes. Check them out to find one that fits!

- **Living Word** (various ages) meets in room 101. Living Word will be using an Advent series book during December. Leaders rotate.
- **New Horizons** (various ages) will begin the Cokesbury Winter Quarterly entitled Following Jesus. Leaders rotate.
- **Serendipity** (age 50 and above) meets in room 106. This class will be using an Advent series titled *Almost Christmas*. Cathy Riley is the facilitator for December.
- **Agape Class** (various ages) will be taking December off but will start up again in January.

SAVE THE DATE

We are planning a Church-wide Fellowship Dinner on January 16, 2025, to share ideas from the **Anatomy of a Revived Church** book study and get some of your ideas, too. More details to follow in the January Newsletter.

Thank You:

We will be celebrating Justin Davis and Nathaniel Singletary for their years of service. Come to the Carols and Cookies on Sunday, December 1, to wish them well. They both will be greatly missed!



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.

December's focus is stocking stuffers.

All non-perishable food, hygiene, and cleaning items accepted.

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, Marty Beaver, Beth & Bill Boggs, Joan Britton, Gage Cheek, 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

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

*United Women in Faith
Christmas Banquet
All Women are Invited!*

*Tuesday, December 10
6:30 pm*

*Meat Furnished
Bring a covered dish,
Offering for Murphy Harpst
and a Christmas Mug
for a gift exchange.*

*Also bring a card or gift for
your 'secret sister' reveal.*

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 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 December scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

Dec. 1, 2024 Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Dec. 8, 2024 Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 21:25-36

Dec. 15, 2024 Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Dec. 22, 2024 Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Dec. 29, 2024 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52