



# Jasper United Methodist Church



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## November 2024

### As Seen from the Meadows

Well October has flown by and we are entering November, a time when we focus on our thankful hearts. This month I want to ask four questions, "Are we praying the prayer?", "Who is ready to make JUMC your home church?", "Are we thankful?" and "What are your favorite Christmas songs?"

Last month I asked everyone to join praying Psalm 51:10, "*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.*" Have you been trying to do that every day? Have you found it easy? Has it affected you in a positive way? Why not continue to pray the words of Psalm 51:10 for our Jasper UMC and ourselves? God is at work and prayer should be the foundation that helps us hear where God is leading. So do not throw away your little prayer card. Continue to pray for God's heart so we will welcome all, grow in faith and love as God loves.

Over the last few years we have been hit hard by the folks we love leaving our body. This month I want to lift up and be thankful for those who have been visiting with us through this entire struggle, some of whom have already joined and made JUMC their home. We have a number of folks who are visiting regularly and I want to invite you to consider joining on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at either the 9:00am or the 11:00am worship service. If you feel you need to meet with me beforehand, please reach out and we can set a time to talk, [Greg.meadows@ngumc.net](mailto:Greg.meadows@ngumc.net). When you decide, please send me an email with your names and at which service you will be joining. Looking forward to welcoming you as the newest members of the Jasper UMC Body of Christ!

Thankfulness is often seen as the theme for the month of November. Thankfulness should be part of every day and every prayer we offer to God. Being thankful for the day, the beauty around us or God's amazing love. These are true even when we are not feeling very thankful. During this month try to add a thankful prayer to our everyday living. Thankfulness can ease the issues of the not so good parts of our day.

Now for my fourth question concerning Christmas songs. On Sunday, December 1 in the late afternoon, we are planning to have an evening of Christmas Carols and Cookies. Look for more information inside this newsletter. As I was considering this suggestion I began to wonder what are some of my favorite Christmas related songs? Without a doubt at the top of my list is *O Come, O Come Emanuel*. This hymn celebrates the waiting and the anticipation of the Advent season. It speaks to what the excitement is all about-the coming of our Savior. The next on my list is *All is Well*, Michael W Smith and Carrie Underwood, the beauty of their voices and the understanding that the birth of Christ makes all well with the world. It a year round favorite for me. One more that my Christmas Eve would not be blessed without singing is Brandon Heath's *The Night Before Christmas*. I was introduced to this song many years ago and again it speaks of the beauty of God coming to earth to be Emmanuel, God with us, on that one faithful night. I know we all have our favorites and on our Christmas Carols and Cookies night we will focus on the ones found in our hymnal as there are many there as well that would make our list. So enjoy your favorites and plan to join the fun and fellowship on the first Sunday of Advent on December 1 with our JUMC Christmas Carols and Cookies.

November is a time to remind us to be thankful so allow me to share just a few of mine. I am thankful for the love God shows me every day, the blessing of Lydia, my children and grandchildren and you the people of Jasper UMC. God has blessed me in ways I cannot understand but I will be forever grateful as he continues to bless my life.

Yours in Christ, *Greg*



November already? We begin our 4<sup>th</sup> month of Pre-school with so much to be thankful for. We are thankful for a loving forgiving God, a school where teachers can teach our children about Jesus, a welcoming church, the most wonderful teachers ever, friends, family and the list goes on and on. We will end the month of November with a "Thankful musical recital and a Thanksgiving Feast" on Wednesday, November 20th. The pre-school will cook the feast but will need about 5 volunteers to come help us serve our children and parents. If you are available to help, please let me know.

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## Children's Ministry

Hi JUMC Kids!

We had a blast at Trunk or Treat! Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and gave toward this event! It is lovely to see all our little guys dressed up and having the community experience our wonderful campus.

This month, we will continue to chug along in KOK! We meet each week on Wednesdays from 4-5:30. We have such a sweet group, ranging from Pre K all the way to our 5th graders! We will be learning about the season of Advent in the coming weeks!

For the month of November, we will have Children's Church Nov 3rd and 17th during the 11:00 service. We also would love to get more of our kids to participate in the Acolyte role, so please sign up your child at the sheet on the Children's Ministry bulletin board.

Save the date! Breakfast with Santa is December 7 from 8:30-10:30. If you can volunteer, please email Anna Faith.

To keep up with the ongoings of the Children's Ministry, please sign up for our text alerts. Text @jumcki to 81010.

Cheers!

Anna Faith Adair  
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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.

### 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 studies the scripture and has discussion on topics related to growth in faith. They take turns teaching.
- **Agape** meets in room 103. Using the Bible as a guide book, the class will center around a time for prayer, reading and applying the Bible. Mary Russell is the leader.
- **New Horizons** (various ages) meets in room 105. The group enjoys discussions based on scripture using the United Methodist Sunday School lessons and other books. Facilitators rotate leadership of the class.
- **Serendipity** (age 50 and above) meets in room 106. Members of the class take turns leading with discussion on a variety of topics and materials.



It's Operation Christmas Child shoe box time! You may pick up your boxes 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 or the church office.

### *The Marriage Enrichment Group*

**MEG** will meet Saturday, **November 16 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.

### *Thank You!*

Thanks for the trailer of water and goodies. Tarrytown Community appreciates the Prayers too!

Tarrytown Baptist Church



Hi Elevate Family!

How are we already in November? This semester has FLOWN by and we have created tons of memories together.

We kick off the month with the United Methodist Men's tailgate at the Pickens vs Lumpkin game on November 1. Meet by the PHS picnic tables at 5:45PM, we will eat together and attend the game together. Invite your friends!

We go to Glisson Nov 8-10! Before we go, make sure you have filled out the online registration form in your inbox. We are asking that you arrive to the church by 6:00 PM on Nov 8. Please eat dinner before you come. There will be a medical/media release form to fill out before we leave.

We have a fabulous group of confirmands! Diving deep into what it means to be a United Methodist and a church member! Continue to pray for them as we go through our final weeks.

In December, we will have our annual Breakfast with Santa. There are opportunities for the youth to serve at this event with set up, tasks during the event, and tear down. Please let Anna Faith know if you are willing to help out! This event will be from 8:30-10:30 on December 7th.

On December 8th, we are going to be attending the Jasper Christmas parade. We will eat together as usual and then watch the parade. Be sure and dress warmly!

Please sign up for our text alerts, as this gives quick reminders about the ongoings of our youth ministry. To join, text @elevate107 to 81010.

Cheers!

Anna Faith Adair

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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."*

*Psalm 7:17 CEB*

Greetings JUMC Family!

As we prepare for the holiday season, we want to invite all who would like to join us. The Chancel Choir is working on special music with instruments for Veteran's Sunday and Thanksgiving Sunday. We are not presenting a Cantata, however we will have special music at each 11:00 service during Advent, including KOK and Youth Choirs and Handbells. All the choirs will be sharing music at the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. We have room for more singers to join us during this special time of year.

- The Youth Choir rehearsals are on Sundays from 4:45pm until 5:30pm. Please be on time!
- The KOK choir will sing on Sunday, November 17, 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-8:00 pm.

Let us know if you have any questions!

Regards,

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**Daylight Savings**

**Time Ends**

**on Sunday,**

**November 3, 2024.**

**Turn your clocks**

**Back one hour!**



## Missions Matters.

- Watch the bulletin board in November for a new group of Kenyan high school students to sponsor for the 2025 school year, Jan.-Oct. We have 8 of our sponsored students graduating from high school this year! God is good and JUMC is awesome!
- Advent will be upon us very soon. Watch for the Advent Offering Focus for Kenya!
- Excited to look way ahead to a visit from Thomas and Merab Agutu in March!



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, Joan Britton, 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

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.

**November's focus is Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Green Beans, Boxed Stuffing Mix**

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. On November 1st, UMM are hosting a tailgate cook out for the youth. All men of the church are invited to join UMM. For more information contact Mike Ledford.



**United Women in Faith**

There are two women's circles that meet the second Thursday of each month.

The Seekers Circle meet at 10:00 am and the Dorcas Circle meet at 6:00 pm both in room 106. There are refreshments, a devotional, a little business, and lots of fellowship and laughter! All women are invited and welcome! The Christmas Banquet will be December 10. Watch for details.

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 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 November scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

- Nov. 3, 2024 Ruth 1:1-8; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
- Nov. 10, 2024 Ruth 3:1-5; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
- Nov. 17, 2024 1 Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 113; Hebrews 10:11-14; Mark 13:1-8
- Nov. 24, 2024 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

For the months of November and December the JUMC staff will be taking some time off for the holidays. Office hours will still be 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday; however, it would be best to call to make sure someone is here before coming in to see us.

**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