



Jasper United Methodist Church



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January 2025

As seen from the Meadows...

January 2025 can you believe it is here? This month I want to remind us of our staff, share with you an opportunity for a virtual Sunday school class and say thank you for all the gracious blessing at Christmas.

We here at JUMC are blessed with very good staff who work hard to encourage us in our journey to love God and neighbor. We have two full time staff members who take on so much every day.

Anna Faith Adair is our Director of Children/Youth and Marketing Ministry. Anna Faith oversees the day to day of both Children and Youth. Planning weekly meetings and other events to enable our children and youth to grow in their relationship with God. Anna Faith also ensures our worship and other events are shared with our community. She does this through our social media, the newspaper and any other medium available. If you have something, you want to make sure gets on our social media or in the local newspaper please reach out her at adair@jasperumc.org.

Cathy Riley is our other full time staff person serving as our Office Manager and Director of Music. Cathy has years of church ministry in her resume, most of those years in the area of church music. Cathy is who can assist you with the use of the building and making sure the room you need is available. She is also the person to contact with information for the newsletter and bulletin. Cathy can be reached at criley@jasperumc.org.

I had one of our church members share with me about an opportunity that she wanted to be shared with you all. She leads a virtual Sunday school class each Sunday morning at 9:00am. She would like to invite you to join the class. If you are interested please email me at greg.meadows@ngumc.net and I will pass along your name and email so Joyce can send you an official invite and link to join the class. Again, it meets virtually every Sunday at 9:00am.

Lydia and I would like to thank everyone for the blessings received in every gift that was shared with us during the Advent and Christmas season. You all are always so generous and we are touched that you think of us during this time of year. God's blessings always to you and your family as we begin 2025.

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:

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JUMC STAFF:

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| Greg Meadows..... | Pastor |
| Cathy Riley..... | Director of Music/ Office Manager |
| Anna Faith Adair..... | Director of Children & Youth Ministry/Marketing |
| Donna Dooley..... | Preschool Director |
| Peggy Litherland..... | Financial Manager |
| Paul Singletary..... | Director of Audio/Visual Ministry |
| Lydia Meadows..... | Assistant of Audio/Visual Ministry |
| Emily Countryman..... | Nursery Coordinator |
| Phyllis Pool..... | Pianist |
| Angela Ervin..... | Organist |
| Alan Johnson..... | Head Usher |
| Ministers..... | All Who Are |



The children did a wonderful job performing their Christmas program on December 17. We ended the year with gift exchanges and Christmas parties!

Preschool students return to school on **Monday, January 8.**

Registration for the 2025/2026 school year begins February 3. You may register online and pay registration/activities fees at www.jasperumc.org. If you have any questions, please contact me at dooley@jasperumc.org or contact the church office.

Monday, January 20: MLK Day (No Preschool)

Donna Dooley, Preschool Director
dooley@jasperumc.org

Children's Ministry

JUMC Kids!

Happy 2025! I am looking forward to making memories together and learning more about Jesus!

Kids of the Kingdom will start back January 8 from 4-5:30. This semester we will be learning all about the life of Jesus and the early church!

We will be having one children's church this month on January 12th. Please note all children grades K-5 are invited to join us! If you are interested in teaching, please reach out.

Save the date! We will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt April 16th, starting at 4! If you want to stay connected to the news regarding our kids, text @jumcki to 81010!

Cheers!
Anna Faith



Elevate family!

Happy 2025! It is so wild that we have started a new year and semester! I am looking forward to all the memories we will make together!

We will continue our Sunday night Elevate program from 5:30-7 PM, starting on January 12. We won't be meeting on January 19th because of MLK Day, or January 26th due to Confirmation Sunday. Please invite your friends and if you would like to provide a Snack Supper, just let me know!

We will be launching a "Youth Midweek" from 4-5:30 on Wednesdays starting January 8. This will be a time of learning together and trying new things. Ms. Cathy will lead the group in a "handchime choir" as well.

On January 16, all day, we are fundraising at Buffalo Luke's to offset the costs of Spiritual Life Retreat. To benefit from this fundraiser, we are asking all youth to sign up for a greeting slot to be at the restaurant and advertise our fundraiser. I will have a sign up list closer to time for you to sign up for slots. Note, if your youth does not serve they will not be eligible for these funds.

Speaking of SLR, save the date! We are going to be attending the first weekend this year, March 7-9. We are asking all students to reserve their spot and a \$50 nonrefundable deposit BY FEB 9 (the youth Super Bowl party). This deposit will save your spot and our reservation cannot be adjusted after that date.

Happy New Year! May this be a year full of blessings and growth!

Cheers!
Anna Faith Adair
Director of Youth Ministry & Marketing
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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.

January's focus is Canned Soups (with pop tops), Crackers, Peanut Butter

The Marriage Enrichment Group

MEG will meet Saturday, **January 11 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.



“Sing to the LORD a new song!
Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Psalm 96:1

It's a new year and a new beginning! For those who don't know me, I was the Director of Music here at JUMC in the mid 80s –mid 90s. So now I feel I have come home! I have been working in music ministry all my adult life in Georgia, Illinois and Colorado and I am excited about all the music possibilities to help lead, inspire, and share in worship at JUMC.

If music gives you joy and you would like to be in a small group, join the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, or Praise Team. Because all God's creatures have a place in the choir! All ages!

January **Wednesday** music schedule:

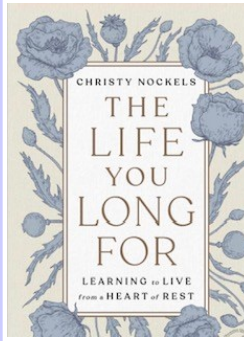
- 4:30 pm-KOK Choir
- 5:00 pm-Youth Hand Chimes (beginning Jan. 15)
- 5:45 pm-Chancel Bells (beginning Jan. 22)
- 6:40 pm-Chancel Choir

If you have questions or need more information, let me know.

Cathy Riley, Director of Music
criley@jasperumc.org
706-253-2100 or 618-384-6254

Help spread the word! Positions to be filled:

- Pianist for the Chancel Choir and 11:00 Worship service
- Contemporary Praise Team Leader for 9:00 worship service



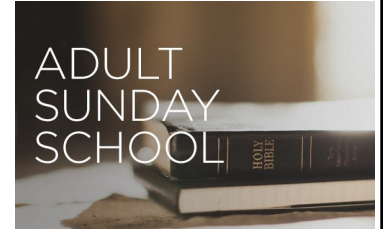
Join us beginning Sunday, January 5th in room 106 at 5:00pm for a Ladies' Book study. The book is "The Life You Long For" by Christy Nockels available on Amazon and Christian Book Distributors.com. Also available on Audible and downloadable version for e-books. Contact

Juanita Tatum for questions and to sign up (770) 633-2563 nitawa27@gmail.com

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 uses book study material and the leaders rotate.
- **New Horizons** (various ages) meet in room 105. They use the Cokesbury Quarterly and the leaders rotate.
- **Serendipity** (age 50 and above) meets in room 106. The class uses a variety of discussion material. Class members rotate teaching.
- **Virtual Class:** email a request to Greg Meadows to be put on the list.



There will be a Church-wide covered dish Fellowship Dinner on January 30, 2025 to share ideas from the **Anatomy of a Revived Church** book study

and get some of your ideas. For more information, call the church office.



The JUMC end-of-year giving statements will be emailed before the end of January. Hard copies will be mailed upon request. If there are any **changes to your contact information or address**, please call **706-253-2100** or

email criley@jasperumc.org so the changes can be made before January 10, 2025.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY 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 January scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

- January 7, 2025 Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
- January 14, 2025 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
- January 21, 2025 Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
- January 28, 2025 Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Missions Matters

- ◆ The **Call to Service** event was fun and enlightening as to all the ministries of JUMC!
- ◆ **Serv Pickens** event was a success.
- ◆ Our **Christmas Shoe boxes** were filled and sent!
- ◆ JUMC reached into the community with the **Road Race** and the **Trunk or Treat!**
- ◆ We've had a wonderful response to the **Advent Offering**. No total yet.
- ◆ **Fourth quarter** budgeted funds will help ACES (\$500) and Boys & Girls Club (\$500).
- ◆ **Kenya team 2025** dates are Nov. 3-17! Sign up on the bulletin board. For more information see Dex - hummerlover60@hotmail.com.
- ◆ **Sponsor a Kenyan student.** School starts in January. See bulletin board!
- ◆ The Kenyans are coming!! In **March Thomas Agutu and wife Merab will be here** in person to update us on our ministry in the village of Obaga, Kenya. March 20 they will be with Men's and Women's groups, March 25-31 with KOK's and other small groups before Sunday at JUMC. See Dex to schedule for a meal or a group.

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, Scott Rumery, 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: Kalyne 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



If you would like to join a prayer group, come and pray in the prayer room **Wednesdays beginning January 8 at 2:00 pm.**

For more information contact Dex Phillips



At JUMC
Friday, January 31
To register for an appointment call
1-800-640-6307



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. This month the gathering is Thursday,

January 9. All men are invited and encouraged to join in the antics and stay for a meaningful devotion. For more information contact Richard Lewis or call the church office at 706-253-2100.

JUMC Email Prayer Chain

Prayer concerns can be requested by emailing or phoning the church office and an email will go out to all addresses on the prayer chain. If you would like to be part of the JUMC email prayer chain group, contact the church office by emailing criley@jasperumc.org.



United Women in Faith SEEKERS CIRCLE:

The Seekers Circle meets in room 106 on the second Thursday every month at 10:00 am. This month we meet Thursday, January 9. We share our concerns, our joys, and look for ways to be of service to the church and community. We would love to have you join us! For more information, call the church office at 706-253-2100.

DORCAS CIRCLE:

This New Year, we welcome you to the Dorcas Circle. Please consider joining our small group as we connect in our Christian bond and friendship. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Come join us for fellowship, food, a little business, devotion, prayer and laughter. For more information, call Juanita Tatum or the church office.