



Jasper United Methodist Church



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March 2025

As seen from the Meadows...

Two months down and here is March. We have a few worship services to lift up, a reminder about Flocknotes and a new way to share where we are financially each week at worship.

Wednesday, March 5 begins the season of Lent. Jasper UMC will share in our Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Ash Wednesday begins our 40-day season of reflection in preparation for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The other worship service I want to lift up is for Sunday, March 30. We will be welcoming Thomas and Merab from Kenya that Sunday morning. To do this well we will have one service at 11:00am. Thomas and Merab will be sharing during our sermon time, as I will be out of town to perform a wedding in Savannah. I am sorry to miss out Thomas and Merab but I encourage you all to come and offer your support to this wonderful work of God.

A number of years ago JUMC joined an organization known as Flocknotes. It allows us to form texting groups to send messages to remind about upcoming meetings and other information. These come by text so they are short messages and can be done quickly. In the newsletter, you will find a flyer on how to join JUMC's Flocknotes group. If you explore you will see there are various groups those are set up by me for the different committee members. What you are joining is the "everybody group" for church wide messages. In the event we cancel worship due to weather or we need to share a message with everybody. This is a very helpful tool and I would ask you to consider following the instructions and becoming part of the Flocknotes community.

In the January newsletter, you read about our need to turn around our financial struggles here at JUMC. To help keep this in our mind we have been seeking a different way to put the information in front of us each week. The church I grew up in had place on the wall where numbers changed out each week to remind the people about the giving. A number that did not change labeled "Amount needed each Sunday" and then one did change labeled "Amount given last Sunday". We are going try and develop this to be shown on the screens during our offertory time each week. Currently our "Amount need each Sunday" is \$10,090. I hope that we will get this started in the next few weeks. We will also be changing up how we report in the bulletin and we will have copies of our 2025 budget available March 16. Generosity is a spiritual discipline. A willingness to give comes from God and helps us not be so dependent on money. I encourage us all to pray about our own generosity.

As we close this month's thoughts, I want to thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. Thank you for embracing the culture to welcome all, grow in faith and love as God loves. As we strive to be who we are God will bless those around us.

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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YouTube: Jasper UMC GA

JUMC STAFF:

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 Here



March is the beginning of the last three months of school, and it is a busy time. We will celebrate read across America the 3rd-7th. If you would

like to come and read to a class or the school, please let me know. We would love to have you.

March 11th-Muffins with Mom
March 12th-Spring Pictures
March 19th-Lasagna Fund Raiser Dinner
5:30-7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Tickets: Adult \$10 Child \$7

We are excited to have better weather (hopefully) in March and be able to go outside and enjoy the new slide.

Donna Dooley, Preschool Director
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Elevate family!

Happy March!
Looking forward to warmer days ahead and continuing in fellowship.



On March 5th, we will be having a special Midweek gathering. There will be an Ash Wednesday service with me and Pastor Greg where we will impose ashes, explain the significance of Lent, and worship together. Join us and participate in this historic tradition of our faith.

Spiritual Life Retreat is this month! We will be back at Camp Glisson March 7-9. Please partner in prayer with us for safety and growth in faith! If you want to partner with us further, we create "snack packs" for our students. If you want to donate an item to add to our pack, please let me know-we will need about 15 of each goody for the packs. Thank you to everyone who has supported our youth in getting to Glisson via participating in our fundraisers and being so generous with scholarship donations.

The Ledford Scholarship application is on the Jasper UMC website. Hard copies are also in the office.

VBS is just around the corner and I need youth helpers! The dates are June 23-26 from 9AM-12PM. Let me know if you want to volunteer!

If you want to keep up with the ongoings of the Elevate ministry, please text @elevate107 to 81010.

Cheers!
Anna Faith Adair
Director of Youth Ministry & Marketing
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JUMC Kids!

Aren't you glad it's Spring? I am so excited for the warmer weather! We have

some exciting things in place for the next few months.

Ash Wednesday is March 5th. During KOK, Pastor Greg and I will be holding an Ash Wednesday service combined with our youth. We will be explaining the season of Lent and the significance of the ashes. Lent is such an impactful season within the church and I encourage you to participate.

Looking ahead, we are prepping for our annual Egg Hunt! The egg hunt will be happening on April 16th this year. I am hoping to expand the programming for this event and have more games and activities available. We have plenty of Easter eggs from last year. We are accepting donations of candy for stuffing our eggs. Keep in mind Easter is late April this year so chocolate may not be the best. We ask that any candy is peanut free and small enough to fit into average sized eggs. We will also accept small trinkets to put in eggs.

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! Registration is live and is on the website. We are currently recruiting volunteers. Please reach out to me if you want to volunteer. A nursery can be put together for any volunteers with children under 4 years. There are several ways to serve, behind the scenes, teaching, directly with children, decorating, etc. The dates are June 23-26 with a special event on the 27th. Even if you can only serve part of the time, we can find a place for you!

To stay informed about the ongoings of the children's ministry at JUMC, please text @jumcki to 81010.

Cheers!
Anna Faith
Director of Children Ministry & Marketing
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 23-26 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Mark Your Calendars Now!



"Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord;
dwell on all his wondrous works!"
Psalm 105:2

Lent is a season of reflection and renewal. It's a season of letting go of things that are not healthy for our spiritual life and take on those things that are pleasing to God. Even if you don't sing, take time to read some of the lyrics of hymns and songs written for the Lenten season and Holy Week to help guide you on your journey.

Upcoming music schedule:

March 2-9:00 & 11:00 Worship with Gospel Music

March 5-7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

April 13-Palm/Passion Sunday

Children process in waving palms.

April 17-Maundy Thursday Chancel Choir

April 20-Easter Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise Service with Praise Band

11:00 am service with Chancel Choir

Wednesdays Music Rehearsal Schedule:

4:30 pm-KOK Choir

5:00 pm-Youth Hand Chimes

5:45 pm-Chancel Bells

6:30 pm-Chancel Choir

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

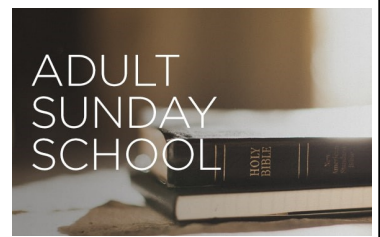
Cathy Riley, Director of Music

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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.

Stephen Ledford Memorial Scholarship

Applications for the Stephen Ledford Memorial Scholarship are now available. The scholarship is intended for a high school senior who is active in the Jasper United Methodist Church and plans to attend a post secondary school. *Senior Recognition Sunday will be held May 18, 2025. All seniors will be recognized and scholarships will be awarded.*

The application deadline is Sunday, May 4, 2025. Applications will be available at the Church office and can be downloaded from the church website at www.jasperumc.org.

Musicians Needed

Help spread the word! Positions to be filled:

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



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.

March's focus is Coffee, Creamer, Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate Mix

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH 2025:

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.

March 2, 2025 Exodus 34:29-35 ; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

March 9, 2025 Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2,9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

March 16, 2025 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

March 23, 2025 Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 30, 2025 Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Missions Matters

- First quarter budgeted **funds** will help Angels on Horseback (\$500) and The Timothy House (\$500).
- **Lenten** offerings will be used to boost our general fund.
- Kenya guests, **Thomas and Merab**, will be at JUMC on March 20, 25-31 visiting all of our groups (KOKs, UM Men & Dorcas Circle, Youth, Small groups, then speaking March 30). Watch for the schedule and opportunities to have them for dinner or other meal or outing.
- Sign up to go to Kenya with the **2025 team** Nov. 3-17.



United Women in Faith The ladies circles meet the second Thursday of each month in room 106. All women are invited and

welcome to join either group for devotions, fellowship and refreshments.

- ◆ Seekers Circle meets at 10:00 am
- ◆ Dorcas Circle meets at 6:00 pm

This month, Thomas and Merab will be here so both UWF & UMM groups will meet on March 20 at 6:00pm



The United Methodist Men meet on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary including dinner, devotion, and fellowship. All men are welcome to attend.

Sunday, March 9, 2025



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to set your Clocks ahead 1 hour

Marketing Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in serving on a marketing committee to help advertise the life of the church to the community, please email Anna Faith. We need assistance with publishing in the newspaper and monitoring the Facebook Live on Sunday.

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:

Marty Beaver, Beth & Bill Boggs, Joan Britton, Gage Cheek, Pam Edwards, Angela Ervin, Karen Fowler, Sara Fowler, Judy Francis, Jack Green, Jerry Hall, Mitch Henson, Nancy Henson, Peggy Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Linda Jager, Linda Judkins, Don Larson, Joyce Leist, Terry Long, George Montgomery, Jan Palmer, Richard Rambler, Marry Russell, Susan Sherrell, Dianne Traynham, Betty VanValkenburgh, Linda Waitsman, Marcy Walker

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: Kaly 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 Bronwyn Rumery and family on the death of her husband, Scott Rumery

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.

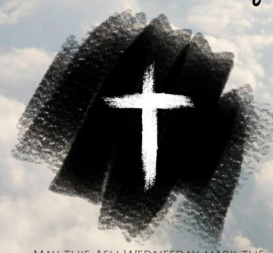


All are welcome to join a time of prayer in the prayer room

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm.

For more information contact
Dex Phillips

Ash Wednesday



MAY THIS ASH WEDNESDAY MARK THE BEGINNING OF A PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND RENEWAL IN YOUR LIFE, BRINGING YOU CLOSER TO YOUR FAITH AND GUIDING YOU TOWARD SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Beginning of Lent

Imposition Of Ashes
Worship Service

March 5, 2025
7:00 pm