



Jasper United Methodist Church



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April 2025

As seen from the Meadows...

One quarter down in 2025; April begins the second. March 30 brought us some surprising news. We have one more Marriage Enrichment Group in April and a reminder about our Easter services.

Well JUMC family, I know for many, Rachel's news on Sunday, concerning a pastoral change, was a surprise for me as well when I received the call from the DS a little earlier in March. Your SPR and I both signed our advisement form for me to return for year eleven. That was our hope but we are also United Methodist and ordained elders in the UMC take a vow to go where sent. I take the vow very seriously. I believe God is at work in the appointive process and my family and I have been blessed by every move we have made. Change and moving is not easy but we pray and seek God's blessings on the change and God will lead us through. There is beauty in every day and often we miss it but through prayer,

God will reveal his grace, his love and his beauty. We have three months to cry, laugh and give God glory for all we have done and been through together. We also have three months to pray for good transitions for both JUMC and Mt Zion UMC as well as Pastor Sheila and myself. Pastor Sheila brings new gifts and graces to move JUMC forward into a rich and new experience of God's love and grace. Building on what we have done and who we are, Welcoming All, Growing in Faith and Loving as God Loves. Never forget the JUMC culture and Pastor Sheila will see you living it and love you as much as I.

Lydia and I want to invite you to join us on Saturday, April 26 for our last Marriage Enrichment Group at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. We will share light refreshments and fellowship followed by a marriage enrichment exercise. These exercises make our relationship stronger. We strive to build better marriages starting with our own. The Better Marriages program has been with Lydia and me for the majority of our marriage and it has made us a better couple. We are still a work in progress and that is true for all of us. That is why we spend the time to enrich our relationship so we can be stronger together. So give it a try, send me an email letting me know you will join us and if you need a nursery. Greg.meadows@georgiaumc.net

Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday are on the way. Join us Sunday, April 13 for Palm/Passion Sunday at both 9:00am and 11:00am services. Maundy Thursday is one of my favorite services of Holy Week. Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm we will once again consider the humble servant leadership of Jesus as well as share Holy Communion around a beautiful table. Then for Easter Sunday, we will share in the Sunrise Service at 7:00am along with the First Baptist Church of Jasper in the parking lot at Pickens County High School, followed by Sunday School at 9:45am and our Traditional Easter Service at 11:00am in our sanctuary. Looking forward to sharing this time with you so come and join us once again for our time of Easter Celebration!

I cannot let April roll by without giving thanks to God for the blessing of being father to twin boys born April 2 and 3 of 1997. They will always be our boys but part of the blessing is seeing the men they have become. Good husbands, good fathers and good at what they have been called to do in the areas of ministry and education. We were excited and scared at the news of twins but we would have missed out if there had only been one. Gregory and Wesley, you make your mother and me very proud and we are blessed to be your mom and dad, Happy Birthday boys!

Yours in Christ,

Greg

Elevate family!

How are we in April? It feels like we had our Elevate Olympics just last week! Don't worry though, we still have lots of fun things for the rest of the school year and going into the summer.

For Sundays in April, we are going to be doing a VBS bootcamp! We are going to learn the Bible stories and play some of the games so our student volunteers are ready to lead and share for VBS 2025! This is a great way to prep and learn about how we can trust in God.

Let's talk Holy Week at JUMC! April 13 is Palm Sunday (youth processing in with choir). April 16th is the Egg Hunt and youth are volunteering to man booths. April 17th is Maundy Thursday with worship and communion at 7PM. Easter Sunday starts with a sunrise service with FBC Jasper at 7AM at Pickens High. We also have traditional worship at 11 AM in the sanctuary. Easter is a family day so there will be no Elevate that night.

Save the date! June 20-22, we will be doing GRASP, a missions project in Ellijay with Ellijay FUMC. We will be staying at the church and doing local missions projects for low income and high need areas of Gilmer. I have registration forms and brochures that explain what we will be doing. If your child is interested, please let me know. Registration forms and fee(\$75/student) will be due at our last Elevate.

Also, if you want to and you haven't I still need student volunteers for VBS!

Let me know how I can support you-games, concerts, awards, etc! Love y'all!

Cheers!

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JUMC Kids!

"But Jesus called them to him, saying, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God.'" Luke 18:16

It is crazy to think that we are almost done with the school year. We have had a lot of fun together this year, and we still have lots of fun things to do before summer starts.

April 13th is Palm Sunday and our kiddos are going to be processing into the 11AM service with palms. We are thankful for Robbins Nest for providing our palm leaves this year. If your child wants to participate, please be at the church on April 13th by 10:30! I will be in the Narthex handing out the palms.

This month we have our annual Easter Egg Hunt! It is going to be on April 16th at 4PM. We are changing it up a little this year and adding some fun stations where you can get tattoos, play games, do a craft, and win some prizes. We may even have a special guest come!

You are invited to Easter at JUMC! We will be having two services on Easter Sunday. We will be having a sunrise service in connection with FBC Jasper at 7AM at Pickens High School. We will also have our traditional service at JUMC at 11 AM. We are in the middle of prepping for Vacation Bible School. This year we are heading to Camp Firelight to learn about trusting in God. If you want to volunteer, please send me an email. We currently need Rec leaders, Preschool Science leader, snack lead, and group leaders. VBS this year is June 23-26 from 9AM-12PM. If you want to register, go to jasperumc.org and the registration link is on the front page.

I am so thankful to be your children's minister. If there is a game, play, concert, or award ceremony your child is in, please let me know so I can support!

Cheers!

Anna Faith
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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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 23-26 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Mark Your Calendars Now!



Every morning is Easter morning from now on! Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone! Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good riddance! Hello, Lord, Hello, sun! I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!

Richard Avery and Donald Marsh

Lent is one of the busiest seasons of the Christian church. All our choirs have been rehearsing on Wednesdays preparing special and meaningful music beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter Sunday. Since we are still trying to find a pianist for the 11:00 service, we have a few people filling in to play when they are able. The Chancel Choir will sing through the end of May. During the summer months, we will have special music provided by vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles. We have been fortunate to have Phyllis Pool donating her time to play piano for the 11:00 services. Angela had her hip surgery and is anxious to get back to the organ.

We have had a couple nibbles for the Praise Team positions, but we're still looking. Meanwhile, Greg is leading and we appreciate his help.

Upcoming music schedule:

April 13-Palm/Passion Sunday

Children process in waving palms.

April 17-Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion

April 20-Easter Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise Service with Praise Band

At Pickens High School

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.

In His Service,

Cathy Riley, Director of Music

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March was a very busy month, and we are looking forward to April. Even though it is a slower paced month we still have a lot to get done with

only two months of school remaining. We will have graduation pictures for our Pre-K students on April 9th, Easter egg hunts and parties on the 16th, and our Pre-K class will be going to the Art Barn on the 23rd for their yearly field trip.

Enrollment for our new school year is going really well with 55 students registered at this time.

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United
Women
in Faith



Seekers Circle will meet Thursday, April 10 at 10:00 am
Dorcas Circle will meet Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 pm
Both circles meet in room 106. All women are welcome to attend either circle for light refreshments, devotions, and fellowship.

UM Men will meet Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary for dinner, devotion and fellowship. All men are invited to attend.



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.

April's focus is plastic bags: sandwich, quart, gallon, trash.

Also used grocery bags and egg cartons.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 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.

April 6, 2025 Isaiah 43:16-21 ; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday: Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;

Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23: 56 or 23:1-49

April 20, 2025 Easter: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

April 27, 2025 Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8 ; John 20:19-31

Missions Matters

- **1st Quarter Budgeted funds** went to Angels on Horseback- \$500 and The Timothy House- \$500.
- Our **Advent Offerings** of \$6083.68 exceeded the need for upgrading sewing machines for the Jewels Tailoring School. Therefore notice has gone out on how to redirect any giving toward the sewing machines if anyone wants to do so.
- **Locally** we learn that the latest Habitat House as well as the Ruth House addition are very close to the time that volunteers can be working on their sites. More information as we get it.
- **Kenya Team 2025**, Nov. 3-17. Contact Dex for info: hummerlover60@hotmail.com

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:
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, Donna (Toby) Tobias, Dianne Traynham, Betty VanValkenburgh, Linda Waitsman, Marcy Walker, Susan Watson

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, 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



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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 13: 9:00 Contemporary Worship
11:00 Traditional with Palm Processional

Easter Egg Hunt

April 16th: 4:00 pm

Maundy Thursday

April 17: 7:00 pm Worship with Communion

Easter Sunday

April 20: 7:00 am Sunrise at PCHS
11:00 am Traditional Worship



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

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm.

For more information contact
Dex Phillips

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