



# Jasper United Methodist Church



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## May 2025

### As seen from the Meadows...

It seems in some ways April flew by and in other ways, it was never going to end. As we enter the month of May I want to invite three folks to join me for a day of golf, I will be sharing our timeline for our pastoral transition and I just want to share the beginnings of my words of thank you.

Every May for 32 years, the Reinhardt University Ministerial Association has been offering a golf outing to raise money for United Methodist Students who attend Reinhardt University. This year's golf outing is Wednesday, May 21 and will be held at Lake Arrowhead in Waleska, GA. I am planning to attend and looking for three other folks to round out my team to represent Jasper UMC. If you are interested, please let me know by emailing me at [greg.meadows@georgiaumc.net](mailto:greg.meadows@georgiaumc.net). I will send you the flyer on how to register and join my team. It will a great day to spend time together and help ensure there are scholarship dollars for UMC students at Reinhardt University in the future.

As we move closer and closer to our final days together, I want to make sure you are aware of the timeline. Lydia's and my last Sunday with JUMC will be Sunday, June 29. July 1 is move day meaning it begins the official transition from one pastor to another. Sunday, July 6 is transition Sunday and Rev. Dr. David Jones will be the guest preacher for that morning service of worship. Monday, July 7 will be the first day the new pastor will be officially in the office of his/her new church. Sunday, July 13 will be the first Sunday for the new pastor to be leading worship and preaching in the new church. Let me say again how happy I am for you all to share life with Pastor Sheila Crowe. You all will enjoy her and she will be a wonderful pastor for you.

There are many hard things about the life of a United Methodist Pastor but moving is real close to the top of the list. When you have been blessed to share 10 years of life with a congregation, it is even harder. So please allow me to begin my endless thank you this month. In ten years Lydia and I have shared the graduation of all three of our children from college, the marriages of all three and the birth of our three grandchildren. A lot can happen in a decade and you have celebrated all of that with us. I came here almost 50 years old and I leave almost 60 years old. We have had great and not so great times together. We have welcomed new babies into the world with baptism and said goodbye to many amazing saints of this church with funerals. We have greeted new members and shared farewell to members who moved away and, those who chose to walk away to other churches for many different reasons. We have been blessed to share life with staff members over these years. We celebrated retirements following many years of ministry and some moving on to new opportunities for their life. Through every one of these staff members, I was blessed to love and be loved. You the church have been blessed as well because they shared ministry here at JUMC. That is enough for now as I have so much I could say, share, and will, as we get closer and closer to June 29. Thank you for being part of my life for the past decade. I love and care for you all.

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:

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

## Elevate family!

I cannot believe it is May! We have had an awesome year together in learning and growing and having fun. Here is what is going on this month!

We have two more regular Sundays we are gathering. We will be meeting May 4th and 18th. On May 18th, we are hosting Ellijay FUMC Youth for our end of year field day! We will be closing our evening with some water balloons, so maybe bring a change of clothes and a towel.

The Ledford Scholarship is due this month! Applications are due May 4th and Senior Sunday is May 18th. If you have a senior in your life, let us know so we can celebrate them!

GRASP is just around the corner. Remember we will be partnering with Ellijay FUMC to serve the people of Gilmer county June 20-22. The cost is \$75 and includes housing, food, and a t-shirt for the weekend. Registration forms and payment is due May 18th at our last Elevate. Please make checks out to Jasper United Methodist Church.

I still need youth helpers for VBS! If you haven't volunteered, please let me know so I can plug you in! Thank you for an awesome school year! Love y'all!

Cheers!  
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Jasper United Methodist Church  
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## JUMC Kids!

It's the end of the school year! Isn't that wild? I am thankful for this year together and excited for what is to come.

Our last KOK will be May 21st! This will be an end-of-school-year celebration and we are going to play and party hard!

If you haven't already, register for VBS! It is June 23-26, 9AM-12PM for rising 4K-rising 6th grade. Registration can be found on the church website. If you want to volunteer or want to support through donations, shoot me an email!

Cheers!  
Anna Faith  
Director of Children Ministry & Marketing  
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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
June 23-26 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
4 year olds—rising 6th graders  
Register your child at [jasperumc.org](http://jasperumc.org)

If you would like to help with supplies, check with Anna Faith before purchasing something from the wish list.

### Donation Wish List:

Classic Oreos	Chocolate Pudding Cups
Swiss Cake Rolls	Throw Away Aluminum Trays
Gummy Worms	Marshmallow Fluff
Toothpicks	Various Flavored Jellies
Liquid Glue	Polyfill for Pillows
Yarn	Wood Coffee Stirrers
Balloons	Craft Paint Brushes
Fabric Markers	Drinking Straws

## 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](http://www.jasperumc.org).



*"Speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts."*  
Ephesians 5:19

The month of May is busy, busy, busy! This is the month for end-of-the-school-year parties, programs and graduations. But the music never ends!

The Chancel Choir will sing through the middle of July. We will have special music for Pastor Greg's last Sunday (June 29), 4th of July Service (July 6th), and Pastor Sheila's first Sunday (July 13th). The rest of July, we will have special music provided by vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles. August is Gospel Music month and everyone is invited to sing with the choir.

We have been fortunate to have Phyllis Pool donating her time to playing piano for the 11:00 services. Angela is back on the organ. We are also fortunate to have Justin Davis and Susan Gooch filling in at the piano. Thank you to these talented musicians!

Wednesdays Music Rehearsal Schedule:

4:30 pm-KOK Choir

5:00 pm-Youth Hand Chimes

6:30 pm-Chancel Choir

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

In His Service,  
Cathy Riley, Director of Music  
criley@jasperumc.org



May is a very busy, short month for JUMC Preschool. We will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation, end of the year fun day, end-of-the-year parties, spring musical with Ms. Bella, and Pre-K graduation. It is hard to believe that our school year is almost over. We have had the most wonderful children this year and we are going to miss our littles that will not be returning.

Our preschool is growing as we will offer 2 new classes: Mother's Morning out one day per week and Kindergarten for our 5-year-olds. We will have two Pre-K classes next year. Our registration is going great, and some classes are already full for the next school year.

We are so excited for all the new exciting things that await us in the new school year at JUMC Preschool.

Donna Dooley, Preschool Director  
dooley@jasperumc.org



Everyone is invited to the Annual All Church Picnic sponsored by the Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, June 25, 2025  
6:00 pm

The Bent Tree Pavilion

Bring a covered dish with your favorite picnic food to share.

Table service and drinks will be provided

Mark your calendars now!



United  
Women  
in Faith



Seekers Circle will meet Thursday, May 8 at 10:00 am  
Dorcas Circle will meet Thursday, May 8 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, May 8 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary for dinner, devotion and fellowship. All men are invited to attend.

#### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY 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.

May 4, 2025	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
May 11, 2025	Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
May 18, 2025	Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
May 25, 2025	Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 ; John 14:23-29



## Missions Matters

2025 Kenya Team forming!! Oct. 29 - Nov. 12 to meet the Jewels, mud the walls of a house, 2-day medical clinic, give lunch to the school children and much more! Contact Dex: [hummerlover60@hotmail.com](mailto:hummerlover60@hotmail.com) or sign up on the bulletin board.



In 1868, Ann Jarvis organized a committee to establish a "Mother's Friendship Day", the purpose of which was "to reunite families that had been divided during the Civil War." Ann Jarvis, who had previously organized Mother's Day Work Clubs to improve sanitation and health for both Union and Confederate encampments undergoing a typhoid outbreak, wanted to expand these into an annual memorial for mothers, but she died in 1905 before the annual celebration was established. Her daughter, Anna Jarvis would continue her mother's efforts.

A small service was held on May 12, 1907, in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where Anna's mother had been teaching Sunday school. The first "official" service of worship was on May 10, 1908, in the same church, accompanied by a larger ceremony in the Wanamaker Auditorium in the Wanamaker's store in Philadelphia. The next year the day was reported to be widely celebrated in New York.



### 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.

**May's focus** is Breakfast food such as: Cereal, Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Box Milk, Fruit Juice. Also used grocery bags and egg cartons.

Please join us for a Farewell Reception for

**Rev. Dr. Jessica E. Terrell**

**Sunday, June 1, 2025**

**3:00-5:00 pm**

**Trinity UMC, Cartersville**

**Presentation at 4:00 pm**

Jessica will be leaving the District Office at the end of June to return to Full Time Ministry in the Local Church.

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, 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



*Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer*

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

**Wednesdays at 2:00 pm.**

For more information contact  
Dex Phillips



Thank you so much to Anna Faith and the Choir for the wonderful surprise for Choir Director's Day. I am so amazed that it was a total surprise! I especially loved the song written by Phyllis! Thanks for all the cards from KOK, Youth and Sunday School. I am so blessed and humbled by the thoughtfulness and love.  
Cathy Riley

## Marketing

If you have anything that needs to be advertised on the Facebook, print, or in newspaper, please email me. We need help getting VBS posters hung in the community, if you have connections with local businesses, please let me know.

Anna Faith Adair  
Director of JUMC Marketing