



# Jasper United Methodist Church

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## June 2025

### As seen from the Meadows...

It is hard to believe that we are at the beginning of our last month together, I want to take a moment to say thank you to the staff I have shared time with these 10 years. I also want to share a thank you to the congregation and offer some encouragement moving forward.

I have been blessed in many ways here in Jasper UMC these ten years. One of the biggest blessings has been our staff. I want to take a moment to pay tribute to them: Leslie, Suzanne, Juanita, Roxanne, Preston, Abby, Gerry, Teal, Eric, Cathy, Peggy, Kelly, Anna Faith. These were the day-to-day, office sharing ministry folks, who I have been honored to work alongside sharing ministry and loving you with God's love. Deborah, Kelly, Donna and the other wonderful teachers of the JUMC Preschool, thank you for allowing me to spend time with you and celebrate the little children in wonderful ways through these years. Susan, Angela, Justin, Isabella, Nato and Paul, thank you for making worship fun, meaningful and spirit filled. What an honor to lead worship alongside you. For all those who have served in the Awakening Contemporary Band the last 10 years, thank you for allowing me to be part of your talent and your service to God each Sunday morning. To Barbara, Sherry and Emily who take care of our children in the nursery, thank you for loving them in amazing ways. Last but for sure not least, Howard and Amy. I say all the time we could not do ministry here without you two. Thank you for all you have done and do to keep our building in tiptop shape, making it look so good and a safe place for people. Thank you full time, part time and volunteer staff for being part of my family. I love and I am thankful for you all.

Thank you people of the Jasper UMC! My appointment to be your pastor came at just the right time in my life. Leaving my previous church came at a difficult time and was hard. It had me doubting my ministry there and whether I should continue in pastoral ministry at all. You all welcomed me warmly and it just felt like a good fit. We have been through some great times, some not so great times and some downright hard times. We have come through them all thanks to the faithfulness of God. Thank you for celebrating with Lydia and me when our children got married, purchased their first homes and gave birth to our grandchildren. Thank you for your support as Lydia retired and then became the traveling YiaYia, taking care of those grandchildren. Thank you for the kind words and the encouragement both of my sermons and my leadership style through the years. To everyone who has served in leadership these 10 years thank you for allowing me the chance to share life and leadership with you. It has been a great 10 years and God's faithfulness has strengthen my faith and my desire to be a vessel of God's love and grace. I hope that is true for you as well.

I would like to end my last "As Seen From the Meadows" with some encouragement. My Church Family, the best is always yet to come. We cannot look back on it and think fondly of it unless we first believe it is yet to be. My encouragement is with God's look to your future building on your past. Live into the culture of Welcoming All, Growing in Faith and Loving as God Loves! If you continue to do these things, JUMC will be a light of God's love and grace in the Jasper and Pickens County area and beyond. You have so much to share with the people of this part of Georgia do not give up! You do not have to do what you have always done in order to be who you have always been. Look for new ways to live out who you are in Jesus. Times have changed, people are different in so many ways. Find more and more ways to take church to the people. Keep inviting people to church. Live out of the love God has offered and shared with you. God will bless these things and God will be faithful. I am thankful for you and I love you.

Yours in Christ,

Greg

**Elevate family!**



Happy June! Happy summer! I hope to see you in worship on Sunday mornings as well as our special events over the summer.

Speaking of texts, we have a new texting service that will be utilized to communicate ongoing of the youth group. Please let me know if you want to be included in these messages and I can add your info.

Remember we have VBS this month! We are hosting "Camp Firelight" June 23-26 from 9AM-12PM. I have many youth signed up to volunteer. It is the most helpful for you to give me a heads up if you're a student and want to volunteer, but I can find a place for you day of! If you are available, there is a VBS volunteer meeting June 8th after worship and we will be decorating the church June 19 from 10AM to 12PM.

If you come by the office this summer and need me, please call the office. The summer is hectic but my schedule is more flexible. Love y'all!

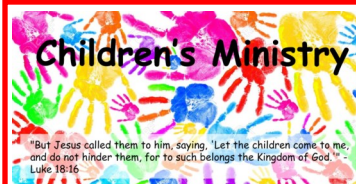
Cheers!

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**JUMC Kids!**

Happy summer! Hope y'all have fun and be safe!

We have VBS this month and I could not be more excited! We are transforming JUMC into Camp Firelight and learning how to trust God. If you are going into PreK-6th Grade, you are welcome to join us! It is June 23-26, 9AM-12PM. Register at [jasperumc.org](http://jasperumc.org)! We also need more volunteers-if you want to volunteer, send me an email. If you can't volunteer and want to help there is a wish list!

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Cheers!

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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.



We had a wonderful school year and finished on May 14th.

We had 10 students graduate from Pre-K

this year. Our next

school year will begin on August 11th. At this time, we have 72 students registered for attendance. We have room for 13 more students. We are excited that we are offering Mothers Morning Out one day a week, and Kindergarten, in addition to our normal classes.

One thing we are in need for the next school year is donations to our scholarship fund. We have less than \$20.00 in this account after distributions were made for this year. If anyone would like to donate to this account, we would greatly appreciate it.

Donna Dooley, Preschool Director  
[dooley@jasperumc.org](mailto:dooley@jasperumc.org)

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

June 15, 2025



*From the rising of the sun and the  
going down of the same, the name of  
the Lord will be praised.*

*Psalms 113:3*

For the end-of-the-year music time in KOK we rowed our boats and marched where the watermelons grow! Now we're getting ready for camp fire songs at VBS. Everyone is welcome to come join us. It's a great aerobic exercise!

Our regular Wednesday KOK and Youth Hand-chimes choirs will not be meeting during the summer. We plan to start up again on Wednesday, September 3.

In June, we are moving to one Sunday worship service at 11:00. This will be a great time to experience all types of Christian music in our worship.

- We will have Chancel Choir rehearsal on Wednesdays, June 4 and 18, July 2 and 9.
- We will be singing anthems and/or have ensemble groups through July 13.
- August will be Gospel Music month. Let me know what your favorite gospel songs are!

In His Service,  
Cathy Riley, Director of Music  
[criley@jasperumc.org](mailto:criley@jasperumc.org)  
706-253-2100 or 618-384-6254

## Marketing

We are still seeking helpers to get our message in the newspaper or interact with our Facebook congregants. Please email [adair@jasperumc.org](mailto:adair@jasperumc.org) to volunteer.

-Anna Faith



Everyone is invited  
Annual JUMC Picnic

sponsored by  
the Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, June 25  
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

Call the church office (706-253-2100)  
for information and directions

JOIN US AS WE SAY  
*So Long*  
FAREWELL AU REVOIR  
GOODBYE

*Pastor Greg and Lydia*

**Sunday, June 29, 2025 12:00 pm**  
Farewell Food and Festivities!

### Potluck Dinner

Bring: Your favorite dish to share.  
Cards and Love Offering

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 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.

June 1, 2025 (Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

June 8, 2025 (Pentecost) Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

June 15, 2025 (Father's Day) Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 22, 2025 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 29, 2025 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

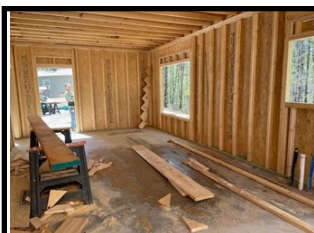


## Missions Matters

\***Serve Pickens** is dated Oct. 18, 2025.

\***Second Quarter Budgeted funds** will go to Boys and Girls Club summer teen field trips (\$250) and to The Ruth House to furnish the new transitional home (\$750).

\***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: [hammerlover60@hotmail.com](mailto:hammerlover60@hotmail.com) or sign up on the bulletin board.



Our Ruth House Habitat Transition Home is coming along nicely but we still have a few months before completion. We are looking for volunteers from our local churches to commit to 1 day in either May,

June or July to volunteer with the build. You will work side-by-side with other volunteers to create a supportive and welcoming environment for our Ruth House graduates. All volunteers emails' will be added to the Volunteer distribution list that Ray Champitto (project leader) sends out weekly. If a date works for you, simply reply to Ray to confirm that they will be volunteering that day.

### Details:

Work days: Wednesdays or Saturdays.

Arrival time: 8.30am.

End time: Depends on the projects at hand but no later than 4.00pm.

Address: 9 Hill Crest Drive, Ranger, GA 30734

Volunteers should plan to bring your own drinks/ snacks. Lunch will be provided.

Ray Champitto is the overall leader for Pickens County Habitat for Humanity building projects. (There are currently two homes being built; one in Jasper and our home at Ruth House.) His contact details are: 770-329-5818 [rchamp13@bellsouth.net](mailto:rchamp13@bellsouth.net)

### 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

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, Karen Fowler, Sara Fowler, Judy Francis, 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, Betty Van Valkenburgh, 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: 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



## 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.

**June's focus** is Body Wash, Shampoo, Deodorant, Lotion, Sun Screen.

Non perishable foods are always welcome.



United  
Women  
in Faith



Dorcas Circle will meet Thursday, June 12 at 6:00 pm and meets in room 106. Plans are underway for the Marble Festival Road Race. All women are welcome to attend for light refreshments, devotions, and fellowship.

UM Men will meet Thursday, June 12 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary for dinner, devotion and fellowship. Plans are being for some fellowship activities and service opportunities. All men are invited to attend.