



Jasper United Methodist Church

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A View from the *Crowe's Nest*

Everybody has a hymn.

A song that carried them through a hard season.

A hymn sung at a wedding or funeral.

A camp meeting chorus still remembered decades later.

A melody learned beside a grandmother in church.

Sometimes we forget sermons. But somehow the songs stay with us.

This June, we will begin a new summer sermon series called Sing Along — a joyful and meaningful series built around the hymns and songs that have shaped our faith through the years. It will feature songs that have carried us, songs that shaped us and songs that have stayed with us.

Throughout the series, you will help shape worship by sharing favorite hymns and the stories behind them. Some Sundays we may even invite worshippers to call out a hymn number and sing together.

These songs are more than music. They are testimonies. They have carried us through grief, strengthened our faith, reminded us of God's promises, and resided with us across generations.

There is something powerful about a church singing together. Long before there were screens, bands, microphones, or sound systems, the people of God lifted their voices together in worship. Through wars, revivals, celebrations, heartbreaks, and ordinary Sundays, hymns have helped believers remember who God is and who we are.

Many of us can still recall the hymns of childhood by heart. We remember the voices that sang beside us. We remember sanctuary pews, homecomings, youth camps, funerals, and moments when a simple song brought comfort we could not put into words.

Music has a way of reaching places deep inside us. A familiar hymn can steady a weary heart, awaken forgotten memories, or remind us that we are never alone. Sometimes the words we most need to pray are the very words we have been singing all along.

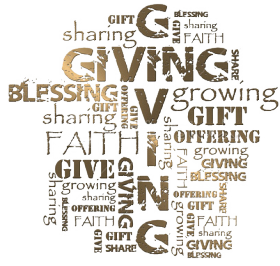
This series will be lighter in spirit, rich in meaning, and filled with opportunities for participation, reflection, and joy. Whether you grew up singing from a hymnal every Sunday or are simply learning these songs for the first time, we hope you will come and be part of this shared experience of worship.

So start thinking about the hymns that have mattered in your life. What song has stayed with you? What hymn has carried you through? What melody still reminds you of God's faithfulness?

In a world full of noise, maybe what we need most is to sing together again.

Rev. Dr. Sheila Crowe

Online Giving



Use your smart phone to Scan the QR Code to make an online donation to the church. Fill out the information and send.



Music Ministry

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!
Psalm 150:3-6

Some of you may know that I started working with the choir and music when Roxanne retired Justin and I worked together as interim music directors. Justin had to spend more time with his full-time job as the high school chorus director, so he had to step down from the church job. Since then, I have been working in two full-time positions (Director of Music and Office Manager) here at JUMC. I have always loved working with the music, but trying to work in both positions has been stressful, taking the joy out of the job. So, it is time for the church to hire a Director of Music. I will continue working in the church office (my original job) and will be available to assist the new director when needed. My last Sunday as Director of Music will be June 28, which will be our "Celebration of Freedom" program. Thank you to the choir and all musicians for your commitment and support.

The Chancel Choir will be rehearsing on Wednesdays at 6:40 pm and singing in Sunday worship services through June. Our rehearsal schedule will be: rehearsing the patriotic music from 6:40pm to 7:15pm (for anyone who would like to sing in the "Celebration of Freedom" program) and from 7:15pm-7:45pm rehearsing the anthems for the following Sunday worship. All are welcome to join in the choir.

The "Celebration of Freedom" will be a musical presentation to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of America. The program will include the Chancel Choir, Children, Narrators, and a variety of instruments. There will also be a video and slide presentations to go with the music. This is a wonderful way to start the week of celebrations leading up to July 4th.

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact me.

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



Great Volunteer Opportunity!

Are you passionate about the challenges of single parents in our county? Did you know that 100% of the single parents in our county struggle every month whether to put food on the table or keep their utilities on.?

They need our support. We have available an opportunity to fund a co-hort program of a small group for single

parents. The goal of the project is to lend a helping hand through mentoring, encouragement and educational assistance. We need someone to help organize and manage the program.

Is God calling you? Call Pastor Sheila to learn more and discern if you just might be the answer to someone's prayer.

PRAYER LIST



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:

Steven Anderson, Pam Edwards, Martha Foster, Sara Fowler, Peggy Higgins, Kathy Huntington, Maureen Huntington, Linda Judkins, Tom Judkins, Don Larson, Joyce Leist, George Montgomery, Mary Russell, Susan Sherrell, Bobbye Jean Warford, Connie Tudor

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, Pastor Sheila can be reached on her cell # 770-842-3025

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250
Anniversary

Calling all singers!
Come join the choir for our patriotic program on Sunday, June 28 at the 11:00 worship service. The

celebration in song will include chancel choir, children and other instruments.

Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:40 pm in the sanctuary during the month of May and June. We need singers, speakers, horn players, and prop movers. It's gonna be Fun and Inspiring!

For more information contact Cathy Riley at criley@jasperumc.org or call 706-253-2100.

"EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME



IN THE

LAW OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS AND THE PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED."

LUKE 24:44, ESV



IJUMC Preschool has officially closed out our 2025-2026 school year. Tiny Tots through the 3-year-olds finished on Wednesday, May 13th with an end of the year party. And our Pre-K and Kindergarten's graduation

was Thursday, May 14th. We had a full house of parents, family, and friends attending. The preschool had a wonderful year, and we are looking forward to getting ready for our upcoming year. At this time, we have 59 students registered. Please enjoy a few pictures of the graduation.

Donna Dooley, Preschool Director
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470-560-9696

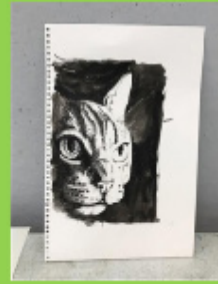


MISSION MATTERS

Do you see mission opportunities in Jasper/Pickens County where JUMC could serve? Let our mission members know. JUMC is looking for God at work so we can join Him.

Questions? contact Dex: 470-203-9595 or
hammerlover60@hotmail.com
You'll be glad you did!!

FREE Basic Drawing Class with Alan Young Limited Seating—Register Today



Student drawing example

Learn basic drawing techniques at "No Cost". Sponsored by the Jasper United Methodist Church, the class will be held July 11th from 9 AM to 1 PM in the church classroom.

Award winning wildlife artist and instructor Alan R. Young, will have students learn and practice alignment, perspective, forms, and scale as it relates to shading. Ages twelve and over are welcomed, and is for beginners. This will be a non competitive setting. All materials will be provided. Ten seats are available. Contact Alan at 706-299-0820 to register.

WELCOME

Come On In

Welcome Guest!

First time visitors are invited to stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a gift, along with a bit of information about our church activities. Please be on the lookout for new faces and bring them over to the Welcome Center after the service. Let's turn those visitors into guests!

Our fellowship coffee hour is a wonderful time to gather and socialize before Sunday school or Worship, and it's a great opportunity to introduce ourselves to those familiar faces we've not had a chance to meet. Remember to wear your name tag!

Would you like to occasionally help with the fellowship coffee hour? Send an email to nancyhenson.bt@gmail.com.

Would you like to occasionally be the one who opens the door to welcome those who enter? This would be for about 20 minutes prior to the Worship Service. Send an email to nancyhenson.bt@gmail.com



The Marble festival Road Race

committee continues their search for someone who is interested in being the race director for 2027. We have decided to take a respite year in 2026 to renew our leadership team and allow the GDOT and City of Jasper time to confirm the implementation of the Pickens County road project. This will also allow opportunities and time to work through some issues with the current & future route of the race and to continue our search for a new director. Contact Juanita Tatum or other Dorcas circle members for details if you are willing and able to serve in this position (nitawa27@gmail.com)



As we wrap up another wonderful season of KOK, we want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our amazing volunteers. Your time, energy, love, and dedication

made this year so special for every child who walked through our doors. From teaching lessons and leading activities to preparing snacks and offering encouragement, each of you played an important role in helping our children grow in faith and friendship.

As we take a summer break, we hope everyone enjoys a safe, fun, and restful season with family and friends.

— Amy Swancey
Director of Children and Youth
amy@jasperumc.org



As another amazing season of Elevate Youth comes to a close, we are so grateful for everyone who helped provide snack suppers each week. Your generosity and willingness to serve created a welcoming space where our youth could gather, connect, and grow together in faith and friendship.

Our youth will also be volunteering to help with our VBS program June 15th–18th, and we are excited for them to continue serving and sharing God’s love with our church and community.

We hope everyone has a safe, fun, and relaxing summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone again in late August!

— Amy Swancey
Director of Children and Youth
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The United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men meet on the second Thursday of each month. Dinner is served at 6:00pm in the sanctuary with a devotion and business following. All men of the church are invited to join UMM.

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For more information contact Richard Lewis:
rtlewis145@gmail.com or call 678-492-6257.

The Dorcas Circle



The ladies of Dorcas Circle will not be meeting this month due to the Community wide picnic.



NOW HIRING!

TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS

Use your gifts. Make a difference. Grow in ministry.

WORSHIP LEADER / CHOIR DIRECTOR

10–15 HOURS PER WEEK

Bring a modern edge to our worship while celebrating traditions and hymns. Lead the church in a music ministry that will inspire and enhance congregational worship and spiritual growth, engage all age levels in a variety of music experiences and education, and promote music as an important part of meaningful worship.

CHURCH HOST / HOSTESS

APPROXIMATELY 10 HOURS PER WEEK

Plan, administer and supervise the food service operation of the church kitchen and dining areas for church-wide events and Wednesday Night Dinners. Special events and other events would be negotiated and planned separately.



To Apply:

Please submit your resume and cover letter to:

Rev. Dr. Sheila Crowe
preacher@jasperumc.org

706-253-2100

Be part of a church family that loves God, loves people, and makes a difference!

JUMC VBS
2026



*Registration
Open Now!*

JUNE 15TH - 18TH
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

*SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW
WITH PHONE CAMERA*



What's Happening in June at JUMC?

Sundays:

9:30 am Coffee and Refreshments

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

Wednesdays:

6:40 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Meetings and Activities:

June 1 - 6:00 pm Trustees Committee Meeting

June 6 - 11:00 am-2:00 pm Community-Wide BBQ Lunch

June 8 - 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

June 15-18 - 9:00 am Vacation Bible School

June 17 - 6:00 pm All Church Picnic at JUMC

June 19 - 7:00 pm VBS Pool Party at Roper Park

June 28 - 11:00 am Celebration of Freedom Program

JUNE SERMON SERIES

Sing Along

THE SONGS THAT SHAPE OUR FAITH.

WEEK 1
Songs That Carry Us
The songs that hold us through every season.

WEEK 2
Songs That Shape Us
The songs that form our faith and deepen our truth.

WEEK 3
Songs That Stay With Us
The songs that remain in our hearts for life.

CALL OUT YOUR FAVORITE HYMN NUMBER—*We'll Sing Together!*

For more information about Jasper United Methodist Church call: 706-253-2100.



COMMUNITY-WIDE BBQ LUNCH

\$15
per plate

INCLUDES:

- ✓ BBQ Pork
- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Slaw
- ✓ Beans
- ✓ Dessert
- ✓ Drink



Saturday, June 6, 2026



11AM - 2PM



85 W. Church Street, Jasper, GA



**TAKEOUT PLATES
AVAILABLE!**

To purchase tickets or for more information,

call the church office at 706-253-2100





 *The* North Georgia Conference
of The United Methodist Church
NORTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 18-20, 2026 | ATHENS

MATTHEW 25:37-40

... 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' —Matthew 25:40

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

—Matthew 25:37-40

The 2026 North Georgia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church is scheduled for June 18-20, a Thursday through Saturday, at The Classic Center in Athens, with the Clergy Executive Session scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, at 4 pm. Our theme will be "Unto the Least of These." Pastor Sheila and our lay delegate, Mary Kleinberg, will be attending the conference.

Dear North Georgia United Methodists,

This year, the theme for our Annual Conference session is "Unto the Least of These" based on Matthew 25:40. The Gospel teaches us that what we do for our brothers and sisters, especially those seen by society as the least, we do for Christ himself. How we treat the sick, the immigrant, and the neighbor facing hard times is a reflection of our love for Christ. How we see Christ in others, especially those who feel unseen, is a testament to our faith.

This year we have a lot of work and a lot of joy ahead for our Annual Conference session, but our work won't be done unless we have lifted up our neighbors, listened to our communities, and learned from each other. We will worship, pray, conduct business, and listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We'll receive a special offering.

There is important business before us this year as we prayerfully elect delegates to the 2028 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Additionally, after a year and a half of prayerful study, engagement, discernment, and diligent work, the Connectional Table of the North Georgia Annual Conference will bring forth the Georgia Unification Plan for your consideration.

This plan reflects the work of United Methodists from across the North and South Georgia Annual Conferences. We have an opportunity to expand the footprint of two Annual Conferences and demonstrate a new era of unity and healing in The United Methodist Church. We have been called in this moment to be a witness to unity in a season of division. We have been called to dream beyond our Annual Conference lines and to work toward the growth of The United Methodist Church across our state.

Our calling is clear: to form disciples who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in our local communities and worldwide connections. Pray for our time together, and pray that all will hear the invitation and follow Christ.

Know that I pray for you daily. I look forward to seeing you as we embark upon holy conferencing.

Grace and peace,

Bishop Robin Dease

Georgia Area

The United Methodist Church