



Jasper United Methodist Church

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A View from the *Crowe's Nest*

Ode to a Hamburger

By Grandpa Tucker

Oh, burger, sizzling on the grill
I cannot make my heart stand still.
I've got the Heinz anticipation
That "where's the beef" articulation

A Cattle call of bovine bliss
Summoons us to meat like this
This charcoal round-up will suc-
ceed,
Behooving order – not stampede.

My nose is filled with your aroma,
I'm tripping to cholesterol coma.
You are clearly heavenly chow.
I call you my chopped "Holy Cow."

You are truly rare indeed,
In bun adorned by poppy seed.
My love for you is nothing phony
Bulls-eye me, this is not bull-oney.

You slow me with your moving kiss,
But I'll catch up and relish this.
I crave your fat, I'm tired of starches.
Eat your heart out, Golden Arches.

It is that time of year. You step outside, and the smell of burgers and steaks on the grill fills the air. Picnic tables are pulled out and dusted off. Friends are invited over to share a meal. Families gather, sit outside, and watch fireflies late into the evening.

In the Bible, this kind of gathering is called *koinonia* or fellowship. It means "sharing what is held in common." It is all about community, communion and the giving and receiving of blessings from God. Those blessings may look like encouragement, food, time, space... and even burgers. Fellowship is not just social; it is a vital spiritual practice.

The foundation of Christian fellowship is the person and work of Jesus Christ. Believers are bound together by a shared faith, a shared experience of salvation, and a shared commitment to the gospel. People who might otherwise have little in common different backgrounds, personalities, or preferences find unity in Christ. He is what they have in common.

In the book of Acts, this fellowship doesn't stay inside the church it reaches outward. It becomes a way of inviting others into a relationship with Christ.

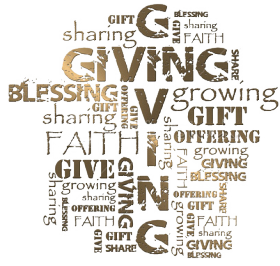
So this year, when you fire up the grill, don't just cook—be intentional. Invite a neighbor, a friend, or even someone you don't know well. Make space at your table. Because it may not just be about burgers. It might be about belonging. It might be about healing. It might be about someone encountering the love of Christ for the very first time.

Gather around the table. Share a meal. Share your life. And don't be afraid to share why your life is different. Because Christian fellowship is more than food and friendship— it is an open invitation into the life, grace, and hope found in Jesus Christ.

And sometimes... the first step toward that kind of transformation starts with something as simple as a hamburger. Blessings,

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

"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing! I will sing! With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations!" Psalm 89:1

Just when you think the church schedule is slowing down, it's May! School awards banquets! Preschool graduation! End of year parties and programs! Office construction and moving! Even so, it's an exciting time.

The Chancel Choir will be rehearsing on Wednesdays at 6:40 pm and singing in Sunday worship services through June. The Chancel Choir is not just about singing; it's about connecting with one another. It's about laughing and loving and sharing! Come join us, we have a chair for you!

We will still rehearse in June to get ready for the 250th anniversary of our country. Our plan is to have a special musical program on June 28, the Sunday before the 4th of July. So, this is "All Hands On Deck"!

A special shout out to our musicians, Phyllis, Darcy, Justin, David and Jenny for sharing their talents with us in worship. And a special shout out to all who sang and participated in our Easter Music as well as every Sunday Worship. We are truly blessed!

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

Cathy Riley, Director of Music
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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

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



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

LUKE 24:44, ESV



It is so hard to believe that we are at the end of the school year. Our last 14 days will be filled with laughter, fun, and tears from all the preschool staff. We will celebrate all our teachers May 4 - 6th with teacher appreciation,

our summer fun day is May 6th, Spring musical on the 12th, end of the year parties on the 13th, and Pre-K and Kindergarten graduation on the 14th. This has been an exceptional school year, and we will miss our littles that will be going to "big school" in the fall.

Donna Dooley, Preschool Director
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MISSION MATTERS

Missions Matters: Want to be a missionary? Can't go to the field? Those that stay home and "watch the stuff" and pray receive the same reward. We can all pray - any time, any place, for any thing! Join the community at Jasper's **National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7, 5:30-6:30, Lee Newton Park**

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



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)



"Next year let's buy two carnations for the oldest mother."

ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Sponsored by the Dorcas Circle

June 17th

Fellowship and Fun Activities for the Whole Family



Bring Dishes to Share
Paper Products and Drinks Provided

WELCOME

Come On In

Visitors or Guests?

The definition of a visitor is someone who happens by, stays briefly, then moves on, or as Merriam Webster states, "It's a person who makes an official visit of inspection." A guest, however, is someone who visits, settles in for a while, enjoys the hospitality and looks forward to returning. At JUMC, we welcome visitors, but our hospitality should make visitors feel like desired guests.

Please enjoy the coffee hour that begins at 9:30 every Sunday morning, and continues until the end of our worship service. Thank you to all the volunteers who have brought treats and have come early to make coffee for everyone. If you would like to help occasionally or once a month, we would love to have you on our team!

Volunteers for coffee hour, or as greeters, are always appreciated! Please call if you would like to help in any way.
Nancy and Mitchel Henson, 770-893-2609.



Join us in the sanctuary every Sunday at 9:30 for coffee and donuts. They will be available from 9:30 to immediately following worship. If you aren't part of a Sunday School join us in the sanctuary for a time of casual conversation. And, as always, invite others to come and join us!!



May is here, and that means we're getting close to the end of the school year! This month, let's keep having fun, helping each other, and remembering that we're all in this together. We're so happy you're part of our group!

KOK DATES:

WEDNESDAY: 4:00P - 5:30P

May 6th: (Fun Day... Inflatable and more!)

May 13th: Last KOK until Fall (Party)

As we close out, think about all the fun we've had and everything we've learned together! From games and laughs to growing in our faith, it's been an awesome year. We're so glad you're part of this group—remember, you are always loved, and you always belong here. We can't wait to see you again soon!

— Amy Swancey
Director of Children and Youth
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As you head into exams and the end of the school year, take things one step at a time. Do your best, stay encouraged, and don't forget to take care of yourself along the way.

We're proud of you—keep going, and we'll see you soon!

ELEVATE DATES:

WEDNESDAY 6:15P - 8:00P & SUNDAY 5:30P - 8:00P

May 3rd

May 6th

NO ELEVATE MAY 10TH

May 13th

May 17th

As we wrap up before summer break, take a moment to look back at how far we've come together. From the memories we've made to the ways we've grown, this year has been something special.

No matter what comes next, the time we've shared matters—and it doesn't end here. Carry it with you, and know this group will always be a place you belong.

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



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.

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



The Dorcas Circle

The ladies of Dorcas Circle will be meeting Thursday, May 14th at 6pm in room 106. We invite you to join us for refreshments, sisterhood, brief business meeting and devotion.



May Menu

May 6 Soup, Grilled Cheese, Salad, Jello

May 13 Pot Roast, Potatoes, Green Beans, Ice Cream Cake

May 20 Chicken Tetrazzini, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert

May 27 Pizza, Salad, Garlic Knots, Redneck Tiramisu



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



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 May at JUMC?

Sundays:

9:30 am Coffee and Refreshments

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

5:30 pm Elevate Youth

Wednesdays:

4:00 pm KOK

5:45 pm Wednesday Night Suppers

6:00 pm Elevate Youth

6:40 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Meetings and Activities:

May 4 - 6:00 pm Trustees Committee Meeting

May 6 - 8:00 am Preschool Fun Day

May 7 - 5:30pm-6:30 pm National Day of Prayer at Lee Newton Park

May 11 - 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

May 13 - 4:00 pm Last day of KOK for this year

May 14 - 10:00 am PreK Graduation

May 14 - 6:00 pm Dorcas Circle

May 14 - 6:00 pm UM Men

May 26 - 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

May 28 - All Day! Moving everything that's left in the house to the church offices. Church phones will be turned off while moving lines