

# Jasper United Methodist Church

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## August 2026

### INTRODUCING

#### JUMC Mission and Vision 2026 and Beyond



Jasper United Methodist Church has a rich history of faith, worship, and service. But in a world filled with division, loneliness, fear, and uncertainty, people are searching for something real, hopeful, and life-giving. We believe God has uniquely positioned Jasper United Methodist Church to be a visible expression of Christ's hope in our community.

Over the last year, we have listened carefully to both the people of this church and to God in prayer as we sought to discern JUMC's calling for this season of ministry. Our goal was to articulate our mission in a way that is outward-facing, Christ-centered, missional, understandable, and life-giving—a mission that reflects who we are while guiding who God is calling us to become.

We believe God is calling us to more than maintaining a building or preserving traditions. God is calling us to help people see Jesus—visibly, tangibly, and spiritually. Our desire is not simply to preserve this church for another generation, but to faithfully pass on a vibrant witness to Christ for our children, grandchildren, and all who come after us.

We are confident that it is the heart of JUMC people to be a church that intentionally reflects Christ in our homes, our community, and our world. Success simply cannot be measured by attendance, budgets, or programs, but by lives changed through Jesus Christ. And to do that, we believe we are called to the church by helping people experience belonging, joy, spiritual growth, compassionate service, meaningful relationships, and a deeper commitment to living visibly for Christ in everyday life.

With that in mind we are excited to share with you that we have adopted the following mission and vision statement:

**“Making Christ Visible through Love, Worship, and Service.”**

Colossians 1:15-20 “Christ is the visible image...

We believe God is inviting Jasper United Methodist Church into an exciting new season of ministry, and we hope you'll join us as together we discover what it means to make Christ visible—in our homes, our community, and our world.

**Beginning Sunday, August 16**, we invite you to be part of this journey. During the Sunday School hour (9:45–10:30 a.m.), we will gather in the sanctuary to share the vision, explore what it means, and discuss together how we can live it out as a church family.

Then, from August 16 through September, Pastor Sheila will lead a sermon series exploring our new mission and vision as together we seek God's direction for the future of Jasper United Methodist Church.

**We believe God has something exciting ahead of us,  
and we hope you'll be part of it.**

## A New Logo

To support our new vision, **Making Christ Visible**, we have also created a new logo. More than simply a new design, this logo honors our history while pointing toward the future God is calling us to embrace.



At the center is the familiar **Jasper “J”**, preserving the identity and legacy of Jasper United Methodist Church. The white cross woven into the “J” reminds us that Christ remains at the heart of everything we are and everything we do.

Surrounding the “J” is an open arch, representing both the church and an open doorway. It is a symbol of welcome, invitation, and God’s presence—a reminder that the church is not simply a building but a place where people are invited to encounter Christ.

The “J” and arch rest upon a gentle hill, recalling both Calvary, where Christ demonstrated God’s redeeming love, and the beautiful hills of Pickens County, reminding us that Christ’s presence is revealed not only in biblical history but also here, in the community we are called to serve.

Radiating from behind the “J” are rays of light, symbolizing the light of Christ shining into the world. They express warmth, hope, peace, and the expanding influence of Christ’s love as it reaches beyond the walls of our church into our homes, our community, and the world.

The word Christ is highlighted in red, representing the sacrificial love of Christ revealed through the cross. It reminds us that Christ is the visible expression of God’s love for all humanity and remains the center of our mission.

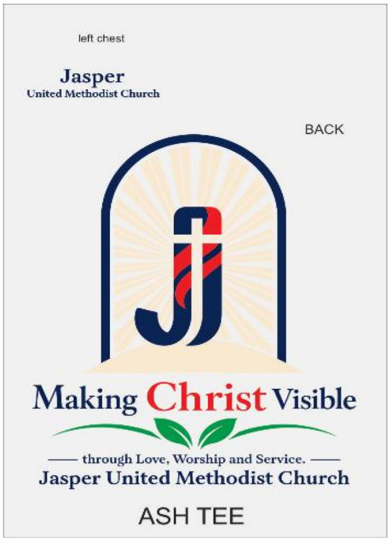
Finally, the green leaves beneath the logo symbolize life, growth, and new beginnings. They remind us that as we worship, love, and serve, God continues to bring new life through the ministry of Jasper United Methodist Church.

Together, these elements tell the story of who we are and who we are becoming—a church rooted in Christ, grounded in our community, and committed to **Making Christ Visible**.

**We are so enlivened by this vision and logo and wondering how God will use each of us to make Christ visible. We can’t wait to discover the answer together.**

# Wear the Vision

## Making Christ Visible T-Shirt Order



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

| Size       | Price | Qty   | Total |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Youth S    | \$13  | _____ | _____ |
| Youth M    | \$13  | _____ | _____ |
| Youth L    | \$13  | _____ | _____ |
| Youth XL   | \$13  | _____ | _____ |
| Adult S    | \$13  | _____ | _____ |
| Adult M    | \$13  | _____ | _____ |
| Adult L    | \$13  | _____ | _____ |
| Adult XL   | \$13  | _____ | _____ |
| Adult XXL  | \$15  | _____ | _____ |
| Adult XXXL | \$16  | _____ | _____ |

Grand Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Deadline: **August 23, 2026**

Checks payable to Jasper United Methodist Church



### Real Excuses Given for NOT Going to Church

1. "We were out of peanut butter. Of course, no one can worship without his or her peanut butter fix.
2. "I was too drunk, so I went soul winning with my dog, Rambo." I hope Rambo was sober.
3. "Both of my girlfriends attend church there." I think you might have other challenges.
4. "The worship leader pulls up his pants too often. It's distracting." What are we going to do with those worship leaders?
5. "The pastor is too attractive. When I see him preaching, I have impure thoughts, and I am distracted." I never heard that complaint.
6. "My wife cooked bacon for breakfast, and our entire family smelled like bacon." Bacon aroma is always welcome at our church.
7. "I couldn't get the lid off the peanut butter. I never thought there would be a peanut butter theme to avoiding church.
8. "The church is too close to drive, and too far to walk." If you like, we could move our church to the next state, and you could fly in.
9. "I always get hemorrhoids on Sundays." I understand. Sunday is a terrible day for hemorrhoids.

### No More Excuses!!

It's time to get back to school and church. Join us August 9, 11 AM for Blessing of the Bookbags, School Teacher and Sunday School Teacher Recognition, and a **POTLUCK** Dinner immediately following the Worship Service.

To make it possible for everyone to attend:

1. Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
2. There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.
3. Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching T.V. late Saturday night.
4. We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to Church."
5. Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot.
6. Score cards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.
7. We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those who feel that the Church is always asking for money.

### Real Excuses Given for NOT Going to School

1. "Please excuse Cynthia from school. She left her homework in the back of a pickup truck. Went through a carwash. And so she is at home redoing it."
2. "Please excuse Johnnie for being. It was his father's fault."
3. "Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch and when we found it Monday we thought it was Sunday."
4. "I won't be in class today because I'm in love."
5. "Erin and Eric did not go to school yesterday. They got sprayed by a skunk on the way to school. I had to keep them home because the smell was unbearable."
6. "My big brother stopped to hug every girl while he was walking me to the classroom, so we were late."
7. "I couldn't walk faster or I'd crease my new shoes."
8. "There's a hair in my belly button and I won't be able to concentrate until I get it out."

# *What's Happening in August?*

**August 1 - Pancake Breakfast 9am-11am**

**August 9 - Back 2 Back Church Sunday: 11am**  
**Back Pack Blessing at Worship**  
**Potluck Dinner at noon**

**August 10 - First Day of 2025/26 JUMC Preschool: 8am**

**August 12 - KOK Resumes 4pm-5:30pm**

**Adult Choir Resumes 6:40pm in the Choir room**

**August 16 - Elevate Resumes: 5:30pm-7pm**

## **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. **August's focus is**

**Lunch Box Items, Kleenex, Disinfectant Wipes.**

Non perishable foods are always welcome.



## **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](mailto: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](mailto:nancyhenson.bt@gmail.com)



## **JUMC Preschool**

We are getting ready for the start of the new school year at JUMC Preschool. Our first day is Monday, August 10th. We have several new teachers this year and we are excited to start this amazing new year. Our open house will be on Friday, August 7th 5-7 pm for the

students and parents to come and meet their teachers and see their new classroom.

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

## **MISSION MATTERS**

Hygiene kit project: Please see the bulletin board to sign up to buy the products needed to make 50 kits. That way we know we will have all we need. Thank you!

Questions? contact Dex: 470-203-9595 or [hummerlover60@hotmail.com](mailto:hummerlover60@hotmail.com)



## **The Marble festival Road Race**

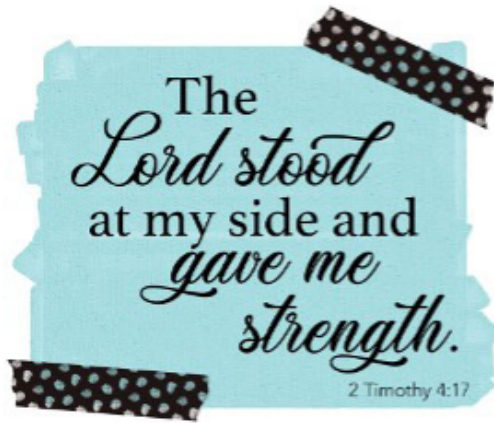
committee continues their search for someone who is interested in being the race director for 2027. We have decided to take a respite year in 2026 to renew our leadership team and allow the GDOT and City of Jasper time to confirm the implementation of the Pickens

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](mailto:nitawa27@gmail.com))

## A decorative graphic of musical notes and a treble clef, rendered in a stylized, flowing manner. The notes are black and white, with some notes having stems that curve upwards. The treble clef is on the left, and the notes extend to the right, creating a sense of movement.

In Him, Kate

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For any emergencies after office hours,  
Pastor Sheila can be reached on her cell # 770-842-3025



We are so excited to welcome everyone back for another fun-filled year of Kids of the Kingdom! We hope you all had a wonderful summer, and we can't wait to see all of our KOK friends again. KOK begins Wednesday, August 12!

**August Meeting Dates:**

Wednesday, August 12

Wednesday, August 19

Wednesday, August 26

Time: 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us each Wednesday for Bible lessons, games, crafts, music, snacks, and lots of fun as we grow together in God's love.

Bring a friend and come ready for an exciting year of learning, laughter, and faith!

"Let the little children come to me..." — Matthew 19:14

We can't wait to see you on Wednesday, August 12 at 4:00 p.m.!

In His Name,

— Amy Swancey

Director of Children and Youth

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We are excited to kick off another great year of Elevate Youth Ministry! We hope everyone has had a fun and relaxing summer, and we can't wait to get back together for fellowship, fun, and growing in our faith.

Join us as we start back up this August!

**August Meeting Dates:**

Sunday, August 16

Sunday, August 23

Sunday, August 30

Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Students in 6th–12th grade are invited to join us each Sunday evening for a time of food, Bible study, games, fellowship, and encouragement as we grow together in our walk with Christ.

Whether you've been with Elevate for years or you're joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you! Invite a friend and come be a part of what God is doing this year!

— Amy Swancey

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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.

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

**The Dorcas Circle**



The ladies of Dorcas Circle will meet Thursday, August 13th at 6pm.



We are updating our membership and communication files. If you have made changes in the last year to your name, address, phone numbers & email address, please call the office with the information.

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(706)253-2100



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

### Calling all Woodworkers, Crafters, Quilters, and Artist

Our Church theme for Christmas 2026 will be the "Beauty of Chrismon's." We want to adorn the church with Chrismons. So, we are inviting you to create a Chrismon to put on display during the advent season. It must be predominately white and gold. They can be stitched, crocheted, embroidered, created from clay, painted, or from whatever art form you feel comfortable using. They can be any size but to be placed on the Chrismon Tree they must be no longer than 4"x6". YOU CAN MAKE MORE THAN ONE!!

Chrismon's are considered to be "Christ monograms." They are traditionally white and gold designs. White symbolizes purity and perfection, while gold represents nobility, majesty, and glory and they are made from Christian symbols that signify Christ. They are often displayed on an evergreen tree during the Christmas season and include symbols such as stars, crosses, fish, crowns, and the alpha and omega to remind us of Christ's identity, his story, and of the Holy Trinity.

To learn more about Chrismons and see examples check out :

<https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/chrismons>

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/christian-symbols-and-chrismons>

