



Jasper United Methodist Church

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A View from the *Crowe's Nest*

What Do We Do on Monday?

After two Sundays of talking about neighbors, the question becomes very practical: What do we do on Monday?

Being a good neighbor does not require a large program or a lot of money. Most of the time, it begins with noticing someone, learning a name, and taking one small step toward them. Actions really do speak louder than words.

Here are some places to begin:

1. Start with a smile and a wave. Introduce yourself and see where the conversation goes. A neighbor cannot become a friend if we never learn their name.
2. Offer a helping hand. When you see something, do something. Help carry groceries, bring in a trash bin, mow a lawn, walk a dog, or offer childcare once a relationship has been established.
3. Stop and listen. Give someone enough time to tell you how they are really doing. Listen without rushing to offer an answer or tell your own story.
4. Share food for no particular reason. Take over a casserole, loaf of bread, cookies, or dessert. We do not have to wait until someone is sick to let them know we care.
5. Notice someone's joy. Write a note that begins, "I just wanted you to know..." Congratulate them on a new baby, celebrate good news, or tell them how their flowers brighten the neighborhood.
6. Share what you have. Extra vegetables, flowers from the garden, tools, time, or a skill you know how to use may be exactly what someone else needs.
7. Pray for your neighbors. Learn their names and pray for them by name. When appropriate, ask if there is something specific for which you can pray.
8. Start a neighborhood book exchange. Place a small lending library near the road, or simply offer to share books with the families around you.
9. Respect differences. Your neighbor may not share your politics, beliefs, background, or way of life. Look for the concerns and hopes you share and treat disagreement without contempt.
10. Leave encouragement where people will find it. Write a positive chalk message or a short Scripture verse on a sidewalk where neighbors walk.
11. Hold a free yard sale. Invite neighbors to find their "treasure" among the things you no longer need. Your junk may make someone else's day—and it gives everyone a reason to stop and talk.
12. Care for the space you share. Walk through the neighborhood and pick up trash. A cleaner street is a quiet way of saying, "The people who live here matter."
13. Choose mercy and kindness. Everyone has a bad day. Before deciding that someone is rude, difficult, or unfriendly, remember that you may not know what they are carrying.

Do not try to accomplish all thirteen this week. Choose one neighbor and one action. Begin there.

As part of our Good Neighbor Project, we are taking welcome mats to households around our church. The mat gives us a reason to walk to the door, but the mat is only the beginning. The real gift is learning a name, hearing a story, recognizing what someone has to offer, and being willing to show up when needed.

Our goal is to turn two hundred houses can become two hundred friends. Addresses can become names. Strangers can become neighbors. And through ordinary acts of attention, mercy, and kindness, Christ can become visible beyond the walls of our church.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Sheila Crowe



Wednesday Night SUPPER Menus

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO MAKE
RESERVATIONS

\$12 per person/Family of 4 \$40

October 7th

BBQ Chicken, Mac N Cheese, Baked Beans, Roll

October 14

Chicken and Dumplings, Slaw, and
Black-eyed peas

October 21

Fried Chicken, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans

October 28

Trunk or Treat Hot Dogs (No reservations needed)

5TH ANNUAL SERVE PICKENS DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

<https://www.servepickens.com/volunteer>

The day will begin at 8AM here with a delicious breakfast, meet your team captain, and get your t-shirt, snacks, and water, before going out to volunteer site.

Whether your passion is gardening, building, painting, or doing whatever you can to help your neighbors, we have a fun day planned for you.

So, grab some friends and family, and register now for the project that most inspires you!

servepickens@gmail.com 404-357-7569



OCTOBER 2026 Calendar

October 5 6 PM Trustees

October 8 6 PM Dorcas Group

October 9 6 PM Men's Group – Tail Gating at
Dragon Football Game

October 12 6 PM Finance

October 18 5 PM Porch Jam Fest

October 20 10 AM Preschool Chapel

October 24 8 AM Serve Pickens

October 28 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Trunk or
Treat



**New Number?
New Address?
New Haircut?
Let Us Know!**

Have you ever changed your phone numbers? Turned off your landline? Moved? Changed email providers? We are trying to make sure we have the correct contact information for you. Please help us by visiting the table in the narthex and verify your contact information.

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JUMC Preschool
JASPER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



470-203-9595 or hummerlover60@hotmail.com

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

Notes from the Music Desk!



Hey there!

Music, Ministry & Community at Our Church

September has been a wonderful month of music, ministry, fellowship, and excitement! We are so thankful to have our choir back singing together. The choir resumed on **September 13th**, and they sounded absolutely wonderful! It has been a joy to hear their voices filling the sanctuary again.

We are also excited about some wonderful improvements to our sanctuary. We have a **new sound system**, bringing much greater clarity to our worship services, along with **new screens in the sanctuary** that will enhance our worship experience and help everyone participate more fully.

Our Christmas preparations are already underway! The choir has begun learning our **Christmas Eve program**, and we are especially looking forward to sharing a beautiful **candlelight service** together. There is something so special about gathering in the glow of candlelight as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Our **KOK kids** have also started working on their Christmas program, and they are having so much fun! Their excitement, energy, and enthusiasm are already shining through, and we can't wait to see what they have prepared for us.

And what a wonderful success our very first **Porch Jam** was!  Not only did we have great music and a wonderful atmosphere, but members of our community came out to listen, fellowship, and enjoy the evening with us. The response was so encouraging—and we even **sold out of hamburgers and hot dogs!** It was a wonderful reminder that our church can be a place where faith, music, friendship, and community come together.

We are grateful for all that God is doing and excited for what is ahead. **There is so much happening, and we can't wait to see what comes next!**

In Him, Kate



We are excited for a fun October with our Kids of the Kingdom! We have some great afternoons planned as we learn, grow, and have fun together. We hope to see all of our KOK kids each week!

October Dates

Wednesday, October 7th
4:00–5:30 PM
KOK

Wednesday, October 14th
NO KOK

Wednesday, October 21st
4:00–5:30 PM
KOK

Wednesday, October 28th
Trunk or Treat in the Sanctuary
5:30–7:30 PM

Come dressed in your favorite costume and join us for a fun evening of treats, fellowship, and fun!

We are looking forward to a wonderful October together. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's faith journey!

In His Name,

— Amy Swancey
Director of Children and Youth
amy@jasperumc.org
770-403-2259



We are excited for a fun October with our Elevate youth group! We have several opportunities planned for fellowship, service, and fun. We hope to see all of our youth throughout the month!

October Dates

Sunday, October 4th
5:30–7:30 PM
Elevate

Friday, October 9th
Youth Tailgate at Pickens High School
6:00 PM

Come join us for a fun time of fellowship and school spirit!

Sunday, October 11th
5:30–7:30 PM
Elevate

Sunday, October 18th
NO ELEVATE — Fall Break

Saturday, October 24th
Serve Pickens
Time to be announced

This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to give back and serve our community.

Sunday, October 25th
5:30–7:30 PM
Elevate

Wednesday, October 28th
Trunk or Treat in the Sanctuary
5:30–7:30 PM

Join us for an evening of treats, fellowship, and fun!

We are looking forward to a wonderful October together. Thank you for supporting our youth as they grow in faith, fellowship, and service!

In His Name,
Amy Swancey
Director of Children and Youth
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The United Methodist Men

we will be doing a cookout for the men's group and church youth group just prior to the Pickens County High School football game on October 9th. We will begin to gather around 5pm.

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

The Dorcas Circle



Dorcas circle meets
Thursday Oct 8th @ 6pm

All ladies welcome.



OCTOBER 18
5-7 PM
FREE EVENT
Everyone Welcome!
 OUTSIDE UNDER THE
PORTICO
 AT
JASPER
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 128 W. Spring Street

POrch JAM SESSION
 NEIGHBORHOOD MUSIC

Come play – or just come listen.

MUSICIANS: BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT.
EVERYONE ELSE: BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR.

Family-friendly secular & Christian music | Children Activities | Open jam session

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs!

JASPER
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Making Christ Visible

Porch Jam Session

Our September Jam Fest was a success! We had a great time. So, you won't want to miss our October event. The weather should be cooler and there should be more music and musicians. There will be a table activities for the children and grilled hamburger and hot dogs. Come on out and join the fellowship!



PICKENS COUNTY
family connection

Stories of Impact – Pickens County Family Connections Leslie Long

We always want to do our very best for the individuals and families we serve. But sometimes, a particular story stays with us. Mark's is one of those stories.

Mark is a 9/11 first responder who has called Pickens County home for the past five years. A few months ago, while at work, Mark suddenly passed out. When he woke up in the hospital, he learned that he had a serious infection in his leg and needed life-saving surgery.

After multiple surgeries, infections, and sepsis, Mark was finally discharged from the hospital. But there was another problem waiting for him. During his extended hospital stay, he had been evicted from the apartment he was subletting. He had nowhere to go.

Since then, Mark, his fiancée, and his service dog have been living in a hotel. Between the cost of their room, trips to Northside Cherokee for daily infusions, and everyday living expenses, they quickly found themselves overwhelmed and unsure where to turn. They were at risk of losing their hotel room and having to live out of their car, which simply was not a safe option given Mark's medical condition.

Pickens County Family Connection reached out to our community for help, and our partners responded. Through the generosity and collaboration of the United Methodist Church, CARES, and the Lions Club we were able to help provide financial assistance, a gas card, and food. This support gave Mark and his fiancée something incredibly valuable: time. Time to catch their breath, focus on Mark's recovery, and continue searching for a permanent place to call home.

This is the power of community. No one organization could solve every challenge Mark and his family were facing, but together, we were able to step in and provide support during a critical time.

Mark is still searching for an affordable place to rent in or near Pickens County. If you know of a safe and affordable rental that may be a good fit for this little family, please reach out to us.

Sometimes, making an impact means solving a problem. Other times, it means coming together to give someone enough support, hope, and breathing room to take the next step forward.



Funding the Mission

God has given us a mission. Now it is time to fund that mission. The vision is clear the task are ahead of us. Help us fulfill that mission with giving above and beyond your weekly tithes and offerings. Gifts to support

these items will help fund our vision for a year. Write a check and mark it Funding for Mission and place it in the offering plate or call and talk to Pastor Sheila. We can't just talk about "Making Christ Visible." We have to make it happen in our church, homes and community. Together, we can make a difference.

"Making Christ Visible through Love, Worship and Service"

Love

Hospitality - \$7,500

Update front entry area with rugs and new furniture

Purchase Visitor QR Tags

Upgrade visitor welcome gift

Worship

o Creative Worship Experiences during the year - \$3,000

o Ramp to Stage - \$2500 one time expense

o Promotional Materials and Ads - \$3-5,000

o Front Porch Jam and Music Programs - \$3000

o Short Film – Working Title: Circle in the Darkness
- \$3,000 - 5000

This film will use local talent and be used to promote the message and hope of Jesus Christ in our community. It will be submitted to the 168 Christian Film Festival competition.

Service

o Little Food Pantry Boxes

Sponsorship per location - \$6-\$12,000 yearly

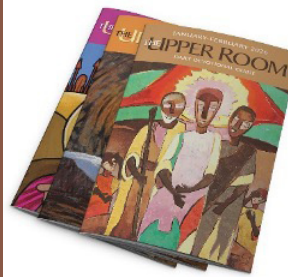
Storage Building - \$10-15,000 one time expense

o Good Neighbor Project

Quarterly Neighbor Gifts and materials - \$500- \$1000 per quarter

TOTAL Needed: \$39,000-50,000

**Our Mission is simple: Making Christ Visible!
Let's Do IT!**



Growing Through Devotionals

By Laura Buchanan

"Within this life, there's never a point where we'll say, 'I've got

it all figured out. I know what this life of faith is about.' There's always something new to discover and consider," observes Rachel Hagewood, senior development editor at Upper Room Books.

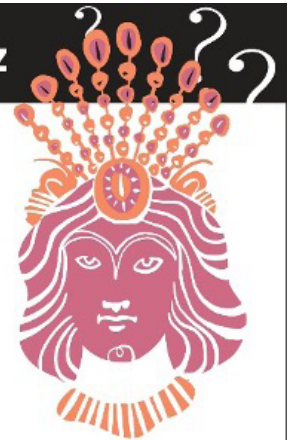
Prayer and Bible study are key spiritual practices that urge us forward on our lifelong journey of faith. If you need encouragement to strengthen these habits, The Upper Room Devotional can help. You can find quarterly copies available to you for FREE on the usher table or in the hallway information racks.



Bible Quiz

What was the name of the queen who refused to appear before the king of Persia and his guests and, as a result, was deposed?

- A. Esther
- B. Jael
- C. Vashti
- D. Milcah



Answer: C (See Esther 1:12.)



Bible Quiz

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 28th

5:30 – 7:30PM

**128 West Spring Street
Jasper, GA 30143**

**Trunk or Treat will be held in the
Sanctuary, rain or shine! Free Hotdogs
& Halloween Fun!**

