



# Jasper United Methodist Church



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## April 2024

### As seen from the Meadows...

So here we are, we have concluded the first quarter of 2024. April is the month when spring begins to come alive. This month I want to share with you concerning Safe Sanctuary training, UMC 2024 General Conference and a question for the 11:00am worship attenders.

The General Conference mandate of 1996 requires all United Methodist congregations regardless of size to implement policies and procedures to make sure no harm comes to those under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults while they are in our care and ministry. Even though we here at JUMC have a Safe Sanctuary policy in place, we have not provided training or even spoken of this policy in years. Thankfully, we have not had one issue, but we should not continue to ignore the possibility of an issue. Since children and youth ministry fall under Anna Faith's areas, I have asked her to work on planning a Safe Sanctuary event and we are hoping to have it take place before VBS in June. This has been an ongoing concern for me and it has been discussed with each director of children and youth. It was discussed a month or so ago during a staff meeting and we are all working to make this happen. Once the date is on the church calendar, please consider joining us for this training.

Well, the time is upon us for the 2020 United Methodist Church General Conference being held in 2024, due to covid-19. General Conference will be April 23-May 3, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. General Conference brings UMC folks from all around the world together to discuss our Book of Discipline, which contain our polity; this is to say our book that states how we operate based on what we hold as our main doctrine. I am going to share an online link where you can read about our General Conference. I encourage everyone to look to our North Georgia Conference website for the best overview concerning day-to-day coverage of General Conference. That website is [ngumc.org](http://ngumc.org). RESOURCE UMC is a denominational online site that has information concerning General Conference as well. You can use this link to see what they have so you can be better informed concerning our General Conference. <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>.

Please be careful listening to or reading news concerning UMC General Conference from news outlets that do not know how we the UMC do things. We are different in many ways from other Christian denominations concerning our polity, the way we run our business within our denomination. We are a worldwide church so things are done with that knowledge and everyone has a seat at the table.

It has been suggested a number of times that we should go back to passing the offering plates during our 11:00am worship service. Folks feel that would improve our donations each week. I have been told that enough times now that I feel it is time to work that back into our order of worship. To make this happen we need you! Would you be willing to serve on a 4-person usher team? We will offer training Sunday, April 28, after the 11:00am worship service. Please contact the office and let us know you are willing to serve.

As I close out my thoughts for this month, I want to celebrate one of my blessings. In April 1997, Lydia and my lives were blessed with the birth of Gregory, 4/2 and Wesley, 4/3. These two changed our life in so many ways and they have been a blessing for sure. As adult young men, they continue to be not just for us, but are used by God to be a blessing to many as they serve as a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Gregory, and as a High School Physics Teacher, Wesley. Happy Birthday Meadows Boys; Mom and Dad love you!

Yours in Christ,

Greg

#### Sunday Worship Schedule

In-Person:

9:00 am-Contemporary Worship Service

9:45 am-Sunday School

11:00 am-Traditional Worship Service

Online:

Facebook: Jasper United Methodist Church

YouTube: Jasper UMC GA

#### JUMC Staff:

|                      |                                                   |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Greg Meadows         | Pastor                                            |
| Justin Davis         | Interim Choir Director                            |
| Anna Faith Adair     | Director of Children & Youth Ministries/Marketing |
| Donna Dooley         | Preschool Director                                |
| Cathy Riley          | Office Manager                                    |
| Peggy Litherland     | Financial Manager                                 |
| Paul Singletary      | Director of Audio/Visual Ministry                 |
| Barbara Gaddis       | Nursery Coordinator                               |
| Nathaniel Singletary | Contemporary Worship Leader                       |
| Angela Ervin         | Organist                                          |
| David Richards       | Interim Pianist                                   |
| Ministers            | All Who Are Here                                  |



Registration for the school year 2024-2025 is available online or you can pick up a paper copy at the church office or at the Preschool.

**April Activities:**

- April 1-5 Spring Break - school closed
- April 10 Muffins with Mom
- April 17 Fundraiser Lasagna Dinner (6:00 pm JUMC Sanctuary)
- April 25 Pre-K field trip to the Tellus Science Museum

If you have any questions, please contact me!  
 Donna Dooley, Preschool Director  
 dooley@jasperumc.org

**JUMC Preschool Fundraiser**

Come enjoy dinner with us and support the Preschool.

**Lasagna, garlic bread, salad, dessert & drink**



**Adults \$10.00**  
**Children 6 – 12 \$8.00**  
**Children 5 and under \$5.00**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**  
**6 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

**\*\*\* to go plates will be available \*\*\***

**Children's Ministry**

We are having so much fun in KOK! Each week we get to dive into scripture, crafts, song, and fellowship. Thankfully, Ms Cathy and Ms Tricia have stepped up and are helping with our KOK musical: Storms. We have limited rehearsals before our performance on Mother's Day, so it's really important that our kiddos be present at KOK for our music. We are so thankful to Mr. Howard for volunteering to help us make our set and we are in the process of securing costumes. In addition, our servant-hearted Elevate youth are going to be stage hands, so this really is an "all hands on deck" musical. We hope you will come on May 12 and witness all the hard work we have done!

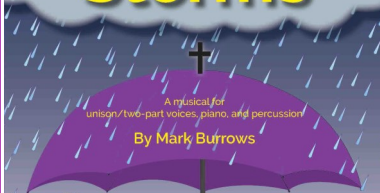
I am still looking for volunteers for VBS. We will be putting on "Seeker's in Sneakers" June 18-20 from 9AM-12PM. There are many opportunities to serve: crafts, music, games, snacks, Bible story, and being a group leader. If you are at all interested or have any questions, please email me. We will also be publishing a list of supplies needed for VBS in case the congregation wants to partner with us via donating.

The United Methodist Conference will be putting on a retreat for our 3-5th graders in September at Camp Glisson. Please let me know if your child is interested or even if you would be willing to chaperone. This is an excellent opportunity for our kiddos to meet other United Methodists and create lifelong memories.

Be on the lookout for a summer calendar for events with our children's ministry. Also keep me in the loop if your child has a game, play, concert, etc, I would love to come and cheer them on!

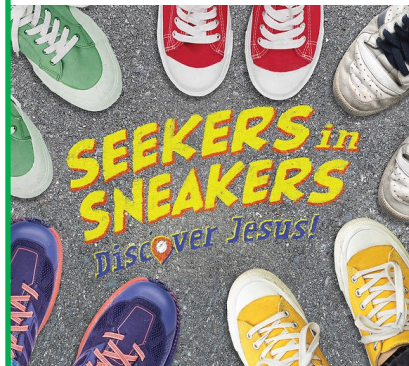
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**Storms**



The Kids of the Kingdom will be presenting the musical "Storms" on Mother's Day, May 12th at the 11:00 service. Some storms are physical like floods and tornadoes and some are

storms we face in our daily lives. We will be incorporating a mission along with congregation participation during the play of filling flood buckets for UMCOR. There will be a list in the upcoming bulletins of items needed to fill the buckets. Watch for details and mark the date! For information call Cathy in the church office.



**JUMC Vacation Bible School**

**June, 18, 19, 20**  
**9:00am-12:00pm**

**Save the Date!**



Hi Elevate Family!

We had so much fun at Glisson! It was great meeting new friends, exploring the beauty of Camp Glisson, and worshipping our God! There will be a retreat in November at Camp Glisson that I am hoping we can attend next semester. Thank you to Ms. Erin and St. Andrews UMC for chaperoning this trip; we could not have done it without you!

We will be meeting every week in April! If you are interested in providing Snack Supper, please let me know! I am in the process of planning "Beat the Baptist" field day with FBC Jasper, so be on the lookout for that date. I am expecting us to win, so please practice your three-legged races and tug of war.

I am in the process of planning our summer. We will be going to the fair/fireworks on July 4th as well as a pool party, so keep an eye out for those dates or details.

If you have not joined our Remind text chain, please text @elevate107 to 81010.

As always, please let me know how I can support your family. If you or your child is participating in an event, please let me know, I would love to show up and cheer them on!

Cheers!  
Anna Faith Adair  
Director of Children & Youth Ministry  
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I want to invite you to be part of this fundraising event for the UMC Scholarship Fund at Reinhardt University.

There are a few ways to do this. You can put together a team of four golfers and enjoy a game of golf on May 15, 2024. You can donate to the UMC Scholarship Fund. You can donate items to be used as drawing prizes for the golfers. Items such as gift cards, golf balls, tickets to a sporting event and other items.

This UMC Scholarship Golf Outing is celebrating its 31st year. It has allowed many UMC Students to get an education at Reinhardt University. Please contact me, greg.meadows@ngumc.net, if you have any question concern how you can be part of this yearly event.



Ruth House Ministries is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build a Transitional Home for graduates. Graduating from the Ruth House is a time of Celebration, but it is also a very challenging time for these women as they struggle with finding affordable housing for themselves and their families. That is critical to the long-term success of recovery that they not return to the lives they lived before coming to the Ruth House. Donations are needed to make this a reality. Go to [RuthHouseMinistries.org/building-fund-donations](http://RuthHouseMinistries.org/building-fund-donations).

### 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.

April's focus is

Cleaning Supplies such as: Disinfectant wipes, window cleaner, sponges, paper towels, etc.

### Missions Matters.

Did you know that in 2024 JUMC folks are supporting 27 Kenya students to high school and 3 to college? This allows these students to get an education that their widowed mothers could never supply. We want the best for them so they are in private boarding schools which, unlike their homes, have electricity, 3 meals a day, a clean bed and help with their studies.

Most students have a JUMC individual or family who supports their education. However, we have 3 students who are church supported so we are trusting God each term to supply those fees. Two students are in their last year, needing about \$350 each to finish up. One is on his third year.

Kenya school year runs January to October. Term 2 starts in April. If you would like to help these students finish strong you can donate to the "Kenya Scholarship" account by check or on line. If you want to sponsor a student, let me know. You can change a life!

Asante sana! Thank you very much!  
Dex Phillips, hummerlover60@hotmail.com

\*If your heart is for missions and you would like to be a planning and making decisions or you have ideas, please let me know!



Everyone is invited to the Annual All Church Picnic sponsored by the Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, June 19, 2024  
6:00 pm  
On the JUMC Lawn

Bring a covered dish with your favorite picnic food to share.

Table service and drinks will be provided

Mark your calendars now!



United Women in Faith

**SEEKERS CIRCLE:**

Are you looking for a small group? The Seekers Circle usually meets in room 106 on

the second Thursday every month at 10:00 am. We would love to have you join us! For more information, call Nancy Henson at 770-893-2609.

**DORCAS CIRCLE:**

Welcome to the Dorcas Circle. Please consider joining our small group as we connect in our Christian bond and friendship. Come join us for fellowship, food, a little business, devotion, prayer and laughter. For more information, call Juanita Tatum or the church office.



The UMM meet at the church in the sanctuary on the second Thursday of each month at 6 pm for fun, food, friendship and fellowship.

For more information contact Mike Ledford or call the church office at 706-253-2100.

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:**

Ricky Anglin, Donna Andrews, Elise Andrews, Dana Bandy, Marty Beaver, Beth & Bill Boggs, Emily Brown, Chris Childers, Phil Cole, Etta Cramer, Karen Fowler, Sara Fowler, Judy Francis, Patty Gehring, Jerry Hall, Peggy Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Linda Jager, Don Larson, Steve Lawrence, Joyce Leist, Ruth Lovern, George Montgomery, Richard Rambler, Ann Roper, Mary Russell, Marcy Walker, Susan Watson, Mildred Wilson

Wildwood: Marilyn Hannah (Elaine Hannah's sister-in-law)  
Retreat at Jasper Assisted Living: Ruth Lovern, Carolyn Omundson, Hoyt & Carolyn Jenkins

Chestnut Ridge in Cumming: Marilu Weeks

Rock Creek Manor: Sam & Barbara Peddicord, Jerry Cohn, Donna Dicus, Dayton & Mary Ann Adams

Cedarhurst Assisted Living: George Hall

Our active military family: Kalyn Brooks, Lily Bowen, Max Edward Caylor, Alex Davis, Amber Forsyth, 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



**Better Marriages**

Educating Couples - Building Relationships

Marriage Enrichment Group (MEG) will meet on Saturday, April 20th at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served and childcare available upon request. For information contact Greg or Lydia Meadows.

**MARKETING/ADVERTISING:**

If there are any events that need to be advertised on the Facebook, church screens, or local paper, please email Anna Faith at [adair@jasperumc.org](mailto:adair@jasperumc.org).

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 2024:**

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.

If you would like to read along with the lectionary, the following are the April scriptures from the United Methodist Church Program Calendar:

- April 7, 2024 Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31
- April 14, 2024 Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
- April 21, 2024 Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
- April 28, 2024 Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8