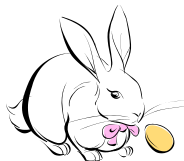


Children's Bible Study

Sunday, April 14th



3:00-5:00 p.m.

Egg Hunt and Refreshments  
Bring Friends

KID JUNCTION NEWS

For the month of March, Kid Junction served one family with 3 children. However we served 3 other families and 4 children who were in need from other sources. One child was a premature baby, two sisters had recently been placed in a foster home, and one nine year old boy had a growth spurt and his jeans were too short. His dad has terminal cancer, his mother is not in the home, and they live with his 81 year old grandmother who has a broken pelvis and just returned home from the hospital. We are blessed to have the resources to help these families and children. Our church family and friends who support this worthy cause, so generously, are to be commended.

If you happen to know anyone with children who can benefit from Kid Junction assistance, please let Elsie Davis or Dianne know with a call or text to 233-7841 . We have clothing, hygiene items, baby supplies, etc. for children birth to 10 years old.

Several of our volunteers have been busy changing out winter clothes for Spring and Summer clothing as well as volunteering on our open days. Thank you Nancy Westmoreland, Cathy Cruise, Irene Turner, Elsie Davis and Dianne Marshall.

We welcome  
Anthony Gomez as the new  
director of Camp Dickenson.



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ANNIVERSARIES



Tim & Rhonda Spraker 4/11  
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BIRTHDAY



Lona Cox	04/02	Donnie Ogburn	04/15	Michael Butler	04/26
F.H. "Tater" Anderson	04/03	Tracy Hanks	04/16	Lisa Adams	04/30
Evan Nuckolls	04/08	William Sidney Senter	04/18	Linda Burnette	04/30
Linda Richardson	04/11	Alice Sweeney	04/18		

UMW NEWS

Many thanks to all who came and supported the UMW by attending our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We felt it was very successful and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the men who were such a great help in the kitchen. We really appreciate each of you for giving of your time to help out. Our next UMW meeting will be on April 9th at 10:00am in the UMW room. Pastor Mark will have the program. Please make every effort to be at this meeting.

ADULT COUNCIL 2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

MARCH

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Birthday Dinner/Pot Luck

JUNE

Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Barter Theater "Church Basement Ladies", Bristol, TN

JULY

Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> Baseball game, Pulaski

AUGUST

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Church Pot Luck Picnic

OCTOBER

Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> Wohlfahrt Haus "Ring of Fire"

DECEMBER

Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch at Olde Beau

APRIL CALENDAR

Wed 3rd	11 a.m.	Choir
	12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs 4th	10 a.m.	Knitting
Mon 8th	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Tues 9th	10 a.m.	UMW Meeting
Wed 10th	11 a.m.	Choir
	12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs 11th	10 a.m.	Knitting
Sun 14th		Palm Sunday
	3-5 p.m.	CBS and Egg Hunt
Mon 15-19th	12-1 p.m.	Holy Week, speaker and meal
Wed 17th	11 a.m.	Choir
Thurs 18th	10 a.m.	Knitting
	6 p.m.	Holy Thursday
		Communion & Fellowship Meal
Fri 19th	6 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Sun 21st	7 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast
Mon 22nd	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Tues 23rd	6:30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Meal (every 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)
Wed 24th	11 a.m.	Choir

APRIL ALTAR GUILD WOMEN: Ruth Sizemore and Peggy Chappell



Be in prayer for the family and friends of Roy P. Nunn, Jr. upon his passing on March 16<sup>th</sup> and the family and friends of Mr. Earl Morgan upon his passing March 23<sup>rd</sup>.



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VISION STATEMENT: *Jesus calls us to be a community of loving and growing Christians committed to spreading the Good News while serving God and our neighbors.*

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Ah! Spring has sprung upon us. It will not be long until most every day is warm, and I hope more sunshine. As my Grandfather McFadden would say: "Keep on the Sunny Side!" It helps to have sunny days to keep on the sunny side.

Church-calendar wise, we are still in Lenten Season. Its preparation began with Shrove Tuesday (delicious pancakes!) and the season of Lent officially began on Ash Wednesday when the ashen crosses were marked on our foreheads. I am still dealing with the urge to eat cabbage, which I gave up for Lent.

Now that April is upon us, Easter is on the way. Here comes Peter Cottontail hoppin' down the bunny trail. Our Easter Egg hunt is Sunday, April 14, at 3:00. We have a busy month worship wise as we prepare to celebrate Easter. We will be hosting the Galax area ministerial association's Holy Week meal and devotion. We provide the place (our fellowship hall) and paper products. Congregations and other ministers of the ministerial association will be singing and leading devotions during Holy Week. It begins at noon and ends around 1:00, or so, I am told. It is my first Holy Week here. I look forward to it.

Come and meet your neighboring churches and their ministers. Scheduled thus far are the following: Monday, April 15: Church of the Good Shepherd; Tuesday, First Baptist of Galax; and, Friday, Riverhills Baptist Church.

Specific to our church, we will have a Holy Thursday Communion and Fellowship Meal on April 18 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Holy Communion will take place in the fellowship hall right before the fellowship meal. Think of the meal as an extension of the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday Service is at 6:00 on April 19. We will have Scripture Readings and responsive readings. The focal point will be the slide presentation of the station of the cross. We will especially remember that our Lord was crucified.

Get ready for Easter Sunrise worship! It is Easter morning at 7:00. It is followed by breakfast! Come hungry. Easter Worship is at our regular Sunday worship time, 10:30. Lenten discipline will give way to the joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Resurrection gives up a glimpse of the future and the future is about life and love.

Pastor Mark B.McFadden