

CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY  
DECEMBER 2, 2018



CRAFTS

DECOUPAGE PLATE KEEPSAKES  
CHOSEN AND MADE  
BY EACH CHILD



THE CHRISTMAS STORY

The children sat around our beautiful, lighted Chrismon tree as the Christmas story was told. The beauty of the tree was awesome, which was so conducive to this spiritually inspired experience! Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, who helped set up and make this a truly inspirational time for us.



We continued our party upstairs. Each child went home with a treat bag filled with candy and gifts that were symbolic of this sacred holiday.

“Let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14 (NIV)



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ANNIVERSARIES



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BIRTHDAYS



Audene Bogert	02/04	Alison Lynn McAdam	02/12	Rosemary Morton	02/23
Shirley DeZern	02/06	Jo Rudy	02/13	Ginger Correll	02/24
Geneva Cochran	02/07	Chris Sells	02/13	Milo Cockerham	02/26
John Buchanan	02/08	Billy Sizemore	02/18	Rachel Evans	02/26
Shirley Anderson	02/12	Joyce Clark	02/20	Emily Lee	02/26

UMW NEWS

PAT FARRELL TO SPEAK AT FEBRUARY UMW MEETING

Pat is a spiritual, inspiration speaker as well as a certified lay minister and author.

She has spoken at many of our local churches and at our District UMW Meetings and many of you have told me you would love to hear her but don't want to leave our home church when she is speaking.

So this is a wonderful opportunity to meet with us on February 12. Our meeting starts at 10:00 but if you want to come later our program will start about 11:00.

Not only that, you are invited to stay for soup and sandwiches following our program.

More information—call Peggy Chappell or Ruth Sizemore

Hope to see you there,

Blessings, Ruth

FUMC WILL ONCE AGAIN BE THE LOCATION FOR LIFE LINE SCREENINGS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>. PROTECT YOUR HEALTH BY REGISTERING TODAY FOR THE 6 FOR LIFE HEALTH ASSESSMENT FOR \$79. CALL 1-888-653-6441

MARCH CALENDAR

Feb. 4 and 18 (Monday)— Kids’ Junction
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wednesday 11 a.m.)—Choir
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wednesday 12 and 6 p.m.)—Bible Study
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 (Thursday 10 a.m.)—Knitting
Feb 7 (Thursday)—LifeLine Screenings
Feb. 7 (Thursday 11 a.m.)—Adult Council Meeting
Feb. 11 (Monday 6:30 p.m.)—Worship Committee
Feb. 12 (Tuesday 10 a.m.)—UMW Meeting
Feb. 12 (Tuesday 6 p.m.)—Missions Committee
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wednesday 12 and 6 p.m.)—Bible Study

MARCH ALTAR GUILD WOMEN

Monette Senter and Sandy Grabman



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*“I am the vine...you are the branches”*

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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

I must say, and you know, January was a cold month. What will February be like? We will find out, but one thing for certain, February is closer to spring than January. Nevertheless, there were bright spots in January. January was filled with the celebrations of the day of Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord Sunday. Some youth and a few adults went to Resurrection ‘19 in the Great Smokey Mountains. Wednesday Bible Study resumed after a Christmas/New Year’s Break. We had several meetings and finally conducted our first Administrative Board Meeting, a week delayed. We have appreciated our few sunny days.

Church calendar-wise, we are still in Ordinary time throughout February due to Easter arriving later than normal (April 21). Ordinary time is the time of growth sandwiched between the high times of the Christian Year. The high times are Advent/Christmas/Epiphany and Lent/Easter and Trinity/Pentecost. Ordinary time’s green is the color of growth (and a few well-liked sports teams). To prepare us for Lenten Season, beginning in early March, we celebrate Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday (March 3).

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday celebrates the mountain top experience of Peter, James, and John with Jesus (and Moses, Elijah, and God the Father) upon the Mount of Transfiguration. We may not experience the mountain top experience of Peter, James, and John, but we all have “mountain top experiences” in one form or another. In such experiences, we are encouraged and gain confidence with a new insight. These are usually fleeting and short-lived, but leave a lasting impression.

I recall a few I have experienced from times of prayer, to reading Scripture, to reading St. Augustine to Soren Kierkegaard to Sunday worship to a walk in the woods to learning from a wise person. I have gained insight from others whom I did not think had an insight to offer. May we always be open to learning from others, no matter their location or status in life. God works through all of us!

Mountain top experiences have an opposite: The low times and we all experience them. We may wonder if God is with us, or if God has forgotten us, or if God is punishing us, or all three. In such times we especially long for an awareness of God or a sign from God, but that awareness or sign eludes us. It is then that faith in God’s faithfulness takes precedence. Faith is believing without having the evidence from our perspective and current experience. Take time to hear from your Christian sisters and brothers, as well as the Good News of God revealed in Jesus Christ: God values you. Going back to growth, the Holy Spirit is continually forming Christ within you and among us as Christ’s Church as we journey through life.

Pastor Mark McFadden