

APRIL WAS A BUSY MONTH



FUMC BIRTHDAY DINNER



PALM SUNDAY



EASTER SUNDAY



HOLY THURSDAY COMMUNION



CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH



RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH



WEST GALAX METHODIST CHURCH



HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

DONOR

Betty Parks
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FUND

Kid's Junction
Health and Welfare

IN MEMORY OF

Roy Nunn Jr.
Joyce Wilson Clark

ANNIVERSARIES

Joel & Florence Rudy
Mark & Monette Senter

5/2 Gabe & Jenifer Kurtz Simpkins
5/18 Tracy Hanks II

5/22
5/25

BIRTHDAYS

Rebecca Vaughan	05/01	Jewell Melton	05/13	Celia Vaughan	05/24
Jacob Patton	05/04	Paul Kapp	05/15	Eddie Hanks III	05/25
David A. Spraker	05/07	Sally Richardson	05/16	Cathy Cruise	05/26
Loretta Wilson	05/07	Betty Parks	05/19	Agnes Ritchie	05/28
Lois Fincher	05/08	Billie Buchanan	05/22	Jackie Butler	05/28
Carolyn Vaughan	05/10	Danita Moore	05/23	J. D. Butler	05/29

MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

We are excited about our upcoming fund raiser meal. Our guest on May 19th, Kathy Cooley, will give us a brief summary of the mission work of Willing Partners. Following worship we'll have hamburgers and hotdogs that the guys will grill along with all the "stuff" to go with them. The meal will be by donation with all proceeds going to Willing Partners. We will have dine-in (in the Fellowship Hall) or take out. We hope you will all come and invite all your neighbors and friends. This will be open to the community. Let's help Willing Partners with their very important mission work.

Our church family has received thank you notes from United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network, Native American Comprehensive Plan, Grace Inside Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service, and Willing Partners. These are some of the missions to which we have contributed. The notes will be posted on the bulletin board by the church office for you to read at your convenience. Thanks for your hard work.

UMW NEWS

We enjoyed having Pastor Mark with us for our April meeting. His program was very informative and we learned a lot from it. Our May meeting will be on the 14th and Norma is in charge of the program. All women are invited to come to our meetings. Hope to see you on the 14th.

ADULT COUNCIL 2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

JUNE	Tues. 25 th	Barter Theater "Church Basement Ladies", Bristol, TN
JULY	Tues. 16 th	Baseball game, Pulaski
AUGUST	Sun. 25 th	Church Pot Luck Picnic
OCTOBER	Thurs. 17 th	Wohlfahrt Haus "Ring of Fire"
DECEMBER	Thurs. 12 th	Christmas Lunch at Olde Beau



Rain did NOT dampen the Easter Egg Hunt and Bible Study.



MAY CALENDAR

Wed 1 st	11 a.m.	Choir
	12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs 2 nd	10 a.m.	Knitting
Mon 6 th	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed 8 th	11 a.m.	Choir
	12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs 9 th	10 a.m.	Knitting
Thurs 9 th	7 p.m.	Finance Committee
Tues 14 ^h	10 a.m.	UMW Meeting
Wed 15 th	11 a.m.	Choir
Thurs 16 th	10 a.m.	Knitting
Thurs 16 th	6:45 p.m.	Higher Education Committee
Thurs 16 th	7 p.m.	Administrative Board
Sun 19 th	11:30 a.m.	Mission Meal for Willing Partners
Mon 20 th	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed 22 nd	11 a.m.	Choir
	12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs 23 rd	10 a.m.	Knitting
Tues 28 th	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lifeline Screening in Fellowship Hall
Tues 28 th	6:30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Meal (every 4 th Tuesday)
Wed 29 th	11 a.m.	Choir
	12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs 30 th	10 a.m.	Knitting

MAY ALTAR GUILD WOMEN: Shirley DeZern and Janis Kurtz

FUND RAISER MEAL: Sunday, May 19th in the Fellowship Hall following Worship Service.

Funds will go to support Willing Partners. We'll be serving grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs; Fixins' and Drinks—Eat in or Take Out. By Donation. Spread the word. Everyone is invited.

NEW RIVER DISTRICT: HEALTH KITS—GOAL 400

Please pack all items in a 2-gallon Zip-Loc bag.

- 1 washcloth
- 2 bars soap
- 2 toothbrushes
- 2 tubes toothpaste (6.4 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle adult Listerine OR Listerine Smart Rinse for children (250 mL or less)
- 1 box kids' chewable Tylenol/acetaminophen 80 mg or 160 mg (No more than 30 ct.)
- 1 bottle Tylenol/acetaminophen 500 mg (24 ct.)
- 1 bottle Advil/ibuprofen 200 mg (24 ct.)
- 1 Small pack of Sanitary Pads

AND EITHER

- 1 bottle Delsym 12-hour cough syrup for children and adults (3 oz. or less)

OR Benadryl—1 bottle children's liquid (4 oz. or less) OR 1 box adult tabs (24 ct.)

Sunday, May 26th is the last date to drop off Health Kits at the Church.

KJ served 6 families (3 of which were their first time) 12 children in April. Special thanks to our volunteers: Cathy Cruise and Elsie Davis.



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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

Last month we hosted the Holy Week Services for the Galax Area Minister's Association. I do thank all who worked to prepare our fellowship hall for the Holy Week Services. We were blessed by the food, singers and speakers of West Galax UMC, First Baptist of Galax, Cornerstone, Hillcrest Baptist, Riverhill Baptist, and the Church of the Good Shepherd! Also, a special thanks for the breakfast workers who labored early to ensure our meal after the sunrise service on Easter Day.

The Easter Season is in full-swing! Easter Season celebrates the risen Lord and the move of the Holy Spirit in the early Church to proclaim the resurrected Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus makes sense of the tragedy and humiliation of the crucifixion in that the resurrection tells us that God's love is stronger than death and human malice and hatred. This is, indeed, Good News!

God has breathed new life into us and among us through the Holy Spirit. This empowers us to help bring peace to our world full of anxiety and warfare. A particular tool in bringing peace is the offering of forgiveness in the hopes of reconciliation. Another tool is recognizing our shortfalls and failures in this spiritual endeavor. Perhaps the above makes sense of our weekly prayer of confession and declaration of pardon.

May is a merry month! It is usually the first month in which we have more "normal" weather patterns of warmth. We celebrate Mother's Day and Memorial Day this month. We remember and honor our mothers on May 12. At the latter part of the month, we remember all those who have given their lives in defense of our country, Memorial Day. For those who have lost loved ones and friends serving in our military, our prayers and love go out to you on that solemn day.

Mother's Day (May 12) begins "baby bottle for coins." The baby bottles for coins will be available on Mother's Day, and the bottles are returned with coins on Father's Day (June 16). This supports "Tri Area Pregnancy Center" in Galax, which serves the City of Galax and the counties of Carroll and Grayson.

Our Mission BBQ to raise funds for "Willing Partners" is Sunday, May 19. The BBQ is immediately after worship. This is an opportunity for a fellowship meal and a time to raise much needed funds for "Willing Partners." Their mission is "provide food, clothing, and assistance to those in need in Carroll County, Grayson County, and the City of Galax." We can make a difference in our community!

Pastor Mark B. McFadden