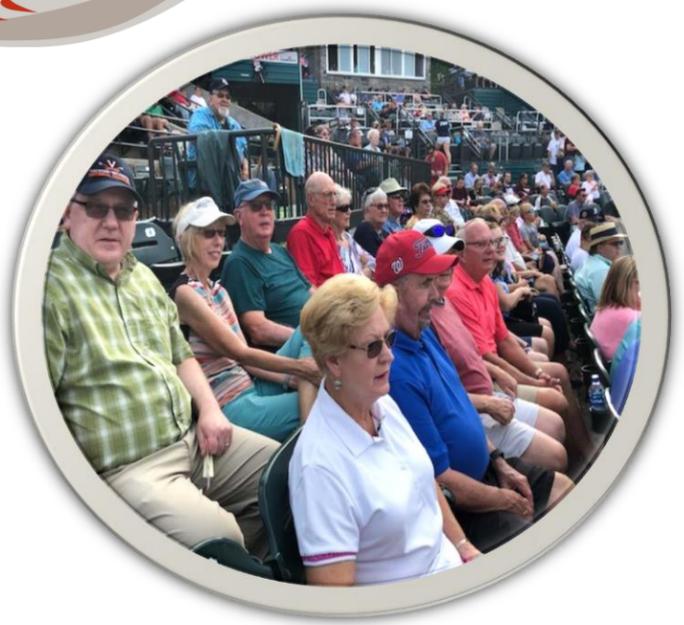


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**We want to thank** all of our church friends for their prayers, calls and cards. You have lifted our spirits.

God bless you.

**Jo and Edsel Rudy**



**Come join us!**

When: August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

Adult Council will provide hotdogs, BBQ and drinks.



# THE VINE NEWSLETTER

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*"I am the vine...you are the branches"*

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## PASTORAL PONDERINGS

It is high summer! At least it has not been as consistently hot as it was last year. It seems that every time I move as a United Methodist minister it is above-average hot. I once moved in April and it was among the hottest days on record for heat in April. It has been over a year now and we are settled in, except for hanging pictures. Maybe I will get around to it this year. We do thank FUMC and Trustees for all the work on the parsonage! The Jacuzzi was certainly a surprise!

I have learned some of the back roads around here. Since this is a part of Virginia with which I was not all too familiar, I have enjoyed learning its back roads. It has been a whole new adventure, driving wise. When I travel home, if in the morning and daylight, I usually go through Independence to Troutdale to Konnarock to Chilhowie, then on to Lebanon. I once tried to find a short-cut from Troutdale to Elk Creek. There is none but it is a wonderful drive.

Driving into the countryside is a way I practice "sabbath." It refreshes me and assists me in putting my thoughts together. I hope you too practice sabbath. That is, I hope you find time to think and reflect, especially upon your connection with God and others, as well as finding peace in life. For some, it may be mowing (not me), or running, or exercising, or just sitting on the porch. Find a way to relax!

Given our 24/7 calendar, many of us have to find a sabbath day that is not Sunday. I do note that, technically, Sabbath is Saturday. To this day from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday Jews practice sabbath. Among Protestants, 7th Day Adventist practice sabbath on Saturday. Nevertheless, when I ran Camp Ahistadi, my day of sabbath could easily be a Tuesday or a Thursday or a Friday. Nevertheless, what does your Sabbath look like? I am always open to finding new ways to practice sabbath.

August is the big time for Galax's "Old Time Fiddler's Convention." We do thank the Moose Lodge and all of the volunteers who make this event possible for our city and community. Also, football season is almost upon us! High School, college, and pro teams are already preparing for their first games. When September comes, it will be in full swing.

Enjoy your August and look out for the students who are returning to school this month. For the men of the congregation, Tuesday, August 27 is a special edition of the Men's Fellowship Meal! We depart in the morning at 8:00 AM for Shatley Springs with our trusty driver, Sonny.

The church picnic and BBQ is scheduled for Sunday, August 25 in the afternoon. We will have tents up so we will be able to dine outside. We are planning on BBQ and Hot Dogs. Bring a side dish and a dessert.

Oh, about the Jacuzzi, I made that part up.

Pastor Mark B. McFadden

## AUGUST CALENDAR

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Knitting
Mon 5 <sup>TH</sup>	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed 7 <sup>rd</sup>	11 a.m.	Choir
	12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Knitting
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Staff Parish Meeting
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	UMW Meeting
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	Choir
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Knitting
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	Memorial Service for Joyce Clark, Sanctuary
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Nominations Committee, in the library
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	11 a.m.	Choir
	12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10 a.m.	Knitting
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m.	Pot Luck Picnic
Tues 27 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Meal (every 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Choir
	12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Knitting

**AUGUST ALTAR GUILD WOMEN: Rebecca Cardwell & Babette Nuckolls**

## UMW NEWS:

The next UMW meeting will be on August 13th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a guest speaker for our program. Stephanie Fees will be coming to speak with us about Back Pack Buddies. We will have a light lunch following the program. All are invited to come and learn more about this very important ministry in our community. We will also be making plans for the Conference Fall Annual which will be held in Kingsport, TN September 14-15. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. See you on August 13th.

## ADULT COUNCIL 2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>AUGUST</b>	Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Church Pot Luck Picnic
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Thurs. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wohlfahrt Haus "Ring of Fire"
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Thurs. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch at Olde Beau