

WHAT A GREAT DAY FOR A PICNIC.

A GREAT TURNOUT AND FUN FOR ALL

Thanks to all who prepared for the BBQ from set up to clean up, everyone that brought their special dishes, Grillman Jim Marshall and Dr. David Ritchie for the tents. Special thanks to MARK & SUSAN FACKRELL: What's a picnic without Barbecue?



BACK TO SCHOOL AUGUST 2019—KID JUNCTION REPORT

Year	Book Bags collected Also a large amount of school materials	Total number of children served in August and September
2013	50	Not recorded
2014	50	Not recorded
2015	54	56
2016	59	77
2017	46	28
2018	59	21
Year	Book Bags collected Also large amount of school materials	Total number of children served in August only
2019	60	**57

**15 of the 57 children were first time recipients

A special thanks to our volunteers for the month of August. They were: Cathy Cruise, Elsie Davis, Janis Kurtz, Dianne Marshall, Glenna McFadden, Mark McFadden, Irene Turner, Doris Ward and Nancy Westmoreland.

Thank you once again, church family and friends for all the contributions.

To God be the glory!

“But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” Hebrews 13:16

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUM

DONOR

Danise Reynolds
Rexene Spraker
Lee Anne Davis
Betty Parks
Rexene Spraker

FUND

UMW
Kid's Junction
Unified Budget
Health & Welfare
Kid's Junction

IN MEMORY OF

Pauline Arthur
Alma Ruth Vaught
Linda Hudson
Pauline Arthur
Pauline Arthur



Jack and Becky Guynn Jr.	9/3	Mike and Geneva Anderson	9/23
Brad and Amy Dillon	9/11	J.D. and Jackie Butler	9/30
Sonny & Nancy Westmoreland	9/12		



Jay Guynn Jr.	9/1	Alix Guynn	9/10	Penny Kyle	9/26
Elaine Schaeffer	9/5	Matthew Fackrell	9/10	Donna Wilson	9/26
Nikki Larowe	9/6	Nikki Horton	9/16	Lynn Conner	9/26
Alex Larowe	9/6	Rexene Spraker	9/17	Gail Catron	9/27
Morris Hawks	9/8	Mariah Nunn	9/19	Spencer Dillon	9/27
Daniel Larowe	9/8	Jim Nuckolls	9/20	Frances Crowder	9/29
Irene Turner	9/9	Nathan Smith	9/21	Peggy Chappell	9/29
Sonny Westmoreland	9/9	Sarah Smith	9/21	Eric Cox	9/29
Morris Hawks	9/8	Jenifer Kurtz Simpkins	9/22	Luke Wilson	9/29
				Tee McKnight III	9/30

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Tues	3 rd	6:30 p.m.	Nominations Committee
Wed	4 th	11 a.m.	Choir
		12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs	5 th	10 a.m.	Knitting
Sun	8 th		Gideon Sunday
Tues	10 th	10 a.m.	UMW Meeting
Wed	11 th	11 a.m.	Choir
Thurs	12 th	10 a.m.	Knitting
Thurs	12 th	7 p.m.	Finance
Mon.	16 th	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed	18 th	11 a.m.	Choir
		12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs	19 th	10 a.m.	Knitting
		7 p.m.	Administrative Board
Sun	22 nd		Confirmation Sunday Alyssa Boyer
Tues	24 th	6:30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Meal
Wed	25 th	11 a.m.	Choir
		12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs	26 th	10 a.m.	Knitting

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD WOMEN: Jackie Butler, Linda Morton

UMW NEWS:

Our September meeting will be on the 10th. Judy Farmer is in charge of the program. We will go to Fries for our yearly outing. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 am. We will get more information to you closer to

ADULT COUNCIL 2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

OCTOBER	Thurs. 17 th	Wohlfahrt Haus "Ring of Fire"
DECEMBER	Thurs. 12 th	Christmas Lunch at Olde Beau



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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Welcome to the last month of summer. We did have a tremendous feast day in late August. We had BBQ, deviled eggs, and various side dishes and desserts. Mark (not me, the other Mark) brought his big smoker. The pulled pork was delicious. The Men's Fellowship group feasted on Tuesday the 27th at Shatley Springs at 9:00. Needless to say, we did not stop in Independence on the return trip for lunch. This month we will be going to Porky's on September 24.

Now that August is past, it is football and pizza time. The local, college, and pro teams have finished warming up and are now ready to play. May our local teams (Maroon Tide, Blue Devils, and Cavaliers) fare well! If you like to watch outdoor sports live and not get cold, this is the month for it.

Administratively, our yearly Charge Conference is Sunday, October 27. This means that our regularly scheduled September meetings will be filled in preparation for our Charge Conference. The Finance Committee meets on the 12th of September, and Administrative Board on the 19th of September. These meetings keep up abreast with the business of this congregation and focused upon ministry in Christ's Church.

September has two special Sundays during worship. The Gideon Bible presentation will be on Sunday the 8th. Mr. Sam Sweeney (a son of Ralph and Alice) will lead the Gideon presentation. You will be given the opportunity to donate to the ministry of the Gideons. The other special event is on September 22nd. Alyssa Boyer will be confirmed! Her uncle, James Rollins, will also be joining this congregation that day. We also welcome Dale and Linda Kerns of Fries who joined us members in August.

Church calendar-wise we are still in Ordinary Time. The liturgical color is green and it is a season of gradual spiritual growth (and a favorite pro football team). Spiritual growth has its high moments such as a confirmation, a baptism, or a spiritual experience, but most spiritual growth occurs in our daily faithfulness to God and one another. It is easy to underestimate and overlook such faithfulness, yet such faithfulness has sustained the faith and changed the world.

Without daily faithfulness, it would be difficult to conceive of the high spiritual moments of life. If life only consisted of high spiritual moments it would leave a void in the moments, hours, days, years, and decades of spiritual life. The public ministry of Jesus was only three years, yet leading up to that he was the dutiful son of Joseph and Mary, no doubt working as a carpenter and living a quiet, spiritual life.

Very few of us are called to be a Martin Luther or a Martin Luther King, Jr., or a John Wesley; but, all of us are called to be faithful to that which God has called us. We all work together as the body of Christ and each of us has a place in Christ's Church. Neither underestimate nor overestimate your importance. In humble, faithful service we are being knit together as Christ's Church through the Holy Spirit working within us and among us.

I stress "within us and among us" to reflect the personal nature of spiritual grown and the communal nature of spiritual grown in and with a community of believers, such as First United Methodist of Galax in union with Christ's universal (catholic) Church throughout the world.

Have a pleasant Labor Day! It recognizes the common, everyday labor that has made America a place to thrive.

Pastor Mark B. McFadden