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If you would like a copy of the weekly sermon emailed to you please let the church office know. It is usually 1 page long and the Pastor testifies that it is a cure for insomnia.



2020



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- Evan Nuckolls, Galax High School, son of Clark and Babette Nuckolls, will study Microbiology at Virginia Tech.
- Sydney Rose Dillon, Galax High School, daughter of Brand and Amy Dillon and granddaughter of Sonny and Nancy Westmoreland.
- Carly Parks, Galax High School, daughter of Gray and Sena Parks, granddaughter of Bettie Parks
- Austin Spencer, Carroll County High School-son of Scott Spencer and grandmother Nancy Frangos. Will attend ODU in fall.
- Cassidy Paige Koger, Carroll County High School, granddaughter of Donnie and Earlene Ogburn.
- Bailey Walton, Lakeside High School in Atlanta GA, daughter of Randy and Melissa Sizemore, granddaughter of Billy and Ruth Sizemore.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

- Derek Spraker graduated from Appalachian State University on Saturday (May 22) with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) degree in Management. He is a son of Tim and Rhonda Spreker and the brother of David.
- Morgan Tompkins, graduate of Guilford College, B.A. in history and minors in education and political science. She will attend Elon School of Law. daughter of Edwin and Debbie Tompkins
- Carly Lette, fiancée of James Tompkins, graduate of Liberty University B.S. in Elementary Education.
- Taylor Alexander (Derek Spraker's girlfriend) earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development from Virginia Tech.



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Michael & Nikki Larrowe	6/3	Don & Rose Houk	6/21
C. C. & Janis Kurtz	6/6	Wade & Marty Peery	6/23
Taylor & Celia Vaughan	6/18	Ike & Cathy Cruise Jr.	6/30



Devin Boyer	06/02	Earlene Ogburn	06/12	Doris Ward	06/21
Sidney Dillon	06/04	Jean Johnson	06/15	C. C. Kurtz	06/22
Denver Nuckolls Jr.	06/09	Austin Larrowe	06/16	Ralph Sweeney	06/26
Zoe Dillon	06/09	Geneva Anderson	06/18	Clark Nuckolls	06/27
Tyler Houk	06/10	Larry Grabman	06/20	Preston Cardwell	06/27
Monette Senter	06/11	Danise Reynolds	06/21	Carol Kurtz Mannix	06/30

TO MY CHURCH FAMILY: I SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS, AND THE MANY OTHER ACTS OF KINDNESS DURING MY SURGERY AND RECOVERY PERIOD.

**I MISS YOU AND PRAY WE CAN SOON BE BACK TOGETHER. GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU.
REXENE**

June 7th is Communion Sunday. If you are able to watch on FaceBook Live, have bread and wine (juice) ready in your home.

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May we always trust God in the good times and the bad times. Speaking of good times, you may remember the show of that name: “Good Times.” I recall some of the lyrics: “Good times, temporary layoffs, good times. scratchin’ and surviving, Good Times, hanging in and jiving, Good Times. Ain’t we lucky we got ‘em, Good Times.” How do we find good times in difficult times? “Good Times, any time you meet a payment, Good Times, any time you meet a friend.” Dy-No-Mite!

Today we may sing, “temporary masks, Good Times, social distancing, Good Times.” Nevertheless, in the sitcom, the family drew closer in the midst of their economic and social struggles. May we as part of the family of Christ's Church draw closer to one another and reach out to others when the opportunity presents itself. Make Good Times of the small everyday things in life.

Until we are able to meet here at our sanctuary, we still have Sunday Worship on Facebook at 10:30 and a Daily Devotion on Facebook at 1:00 (Monday-Thursday). Also, there is Zoom Bible Study at 4:00 on Wednesdays and “Meet and Greet” on Zoom on Tuesdays at 11:00.

May these words of Psalm 27:1 give us all hope and comfort: “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

Since the initial draft, some of our cities have descended into social chaos. Pray for our cities. Pray that we learn to listen to one another and hear the grievances of all our brothers and sisters. May we neither talk over one another nor overlook the pain, suffering, and grief others have suffered because of the color of their skin or lack of social standing and income

Pastor Mark B. McFadden

PRAYER LIST

NEW ADDITIONS: Alice Anderson; Susie Blevins, Glenna’s mother, under hospice care; Shannon & Pelma Ellis who's adult daughter passed this weekend (Pastor Mark’s friends); the family of Rose Houk whose father passed away; the family of Jo Rudy whose sister Barbara Ann passed away

Maggie Amburn	Susie Floyd	Trish Moore
Audene Bogert	Brenda Gravely	Jane Naylor
Clare Boyer	Ronnie Gravely	Bud Nelson (Cancer)
Skip Boyer	Keith Helton	James Rollins
Tracy Brannock	Angie Hill	Jo Rudy
Gardner Brannon	Tommy&Rhonda Jones	Barbara Sawyers
Christine Briscoe	Keri Grimes Keith	Sadie Schaeffer
Max Brown	Don Knox	Rexene Spraker
Steve Burcham	Penny Kyle	Tim Spraker
Ruth Ann Cox	Rubie Larowe	Sandy Ward
James Duncan	Pam Leadbetter	Edith Wilson
Larry Felts		



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

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Last month I noted: “The covid-19 virus will pass but who knows when?” It is May 28 and in the Twin County and Galax areas, the covid-19 numbers are going up. So, who knows when? In the midst of such uncertainties know that God is faithful to us and may we be faithful to God and one another.

The two high seasons of the Christian calendar have passed (Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter). We now enter ordinary time but the times are not so ordinary. We may think “ordinary” as dull and boring but who among us does not miss the “ordinary times” before the covid-19 epidemic?

The liturgical color for “ordinary time” is green. It was made green by a world-wide ecumenical church council in honor of the New York Jets. Well, I made that up. The liturgical color green goes a long way back (1200s but roots deeper than that). I do note that counter the liturgical year, I will wear red for June (thus blend in with our red carpet and pew padding). Green is the color of growth, a slow unnoticeable growth. It is much like watching a tree grow. You do not really notice it until you look at a previous picture of it a few years back.

The same goes for us: We do not notice how much we age until we look at a picture (now videos) of us a decade back or more. Time marches on whether we like it or not. The world changes, sometimes unnoticeably and sometimes boldly, as it has been of late.

In this time of “ordinary” in a “not-so-ordinary" time, may we continue to follow Christ by listening to the Holy Spirit who leads us through all times, good and bad, normal and momentous, covid-19 and noncovid-19. May we not overlook the suffering that this pandemic and economic slowdown cause us and others. The pandemic and economic slowdown does affect some much more than others.

In the daily devotion for May 28, I noted that the book of James teaches us not to be so arrogant and confident about plans for the future (James 4:13-18). This does not mean we cease making plans, but that we plan in humility for “we don’t know what tomorrow brings.” Yet, no matter how responsible we may be, we do not control history, it controls us, and may leave us “helpless” in its wake. **(Continued on last page.)**