

UMW NEWS



Linda Burnette led the February program entitled: "Call to prayer and self denial."



The **UMW** wishes to thank each of you who came out for our **Shrove Tuesday pancake supper**.



The food and fellowship were great and we felt it was a successful event. I personally want to give thanks for all those UMW members who helped out--those who came early to get things ready, those who worked in the kitchen mixing, cooking and keeping things going, those in the fellowship hall helping with drinks and supplies, those who stayed late to help clean up and to those men who stepped up when they saw help was needed among them, Pastor Mark. It took all those hands working together to make the enjoyable evening we had. THANK YOU!!!!

Our next UMW meeting will be March 10th at 10 a.m. in the UMW room. Mariah has the program and we'll lunch at RJ's. Hope to see you there.

Peggy Chappell, president



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MARCH CALENDAR

Mon	2nd	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed	4th	11 a.m.	Choir
		12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs	5th	10 a.m.	Knitting
Tues	10th	10 a.m.	UMW Meeting
Wed	11th	11 a.m.	Choir
		12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs	12th	10 a.m.	Knitting
		7 p.m.	Finance Meeting
Mon	16th	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed	18th	11 a.m.	Choir
		12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs	19th	10 a.m.	Knitting
		7 p.m.	Administrative Board
Tues	24th	6:30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Meal
Wed	25th	11 a.m.	Choir
		12 & 6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs	26th	10 a.m.	Knitting

March Altar Guild Women
Monette Senter & Sandy Grabman

KIDS JUNCTION NEWS

For the months of January and February Kid's Junction has served 12 families with a total of 31 children (some of whom were grandchildren). We were also able to assist two foster children—a two year old girl and a year old boy.

A sincere thank you to our volunteers for these two months—Elsie Davis, Janis Kurtz, Cathy Cruise, and Dianne Marshall. Also, special thanks for any and all contributions that make this mission possible.

If you know of anyone who can benefit from this program, please let the church office know or call Dianne Marshall at (276) 233-7841.

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

Hebrews 13:16



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INVITING—FORMING—SERVING

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

As I begin the first draft of “Pastoral Ponderings” February is winding down. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is tonight. Tomorrow, we begin our Lenten journeys with Ash Wednesday. The first Sunday of Lenten Season is March 1. The Scripture Readings for that day contrast our unfaithfulness and disobedience to the faithfulness and obedience of Jesus Christ. The Scripture Readings highlight God’s grace in that the obedient one, Jesus Christ, offers us grace and forgiveness even in our disobedience and unfaithfulness: Good News indeed!

Lenten Season is a season of reflection and confession as we prepare for a joyful celebration of Easter (April 12). It is common to think of “giving up something” for Lent. Again, as usual, I will be giving up cabbage. Well, that would be very easy for me. Other ways to think about observing Lent are taking time off from the phone, Facebook, the computer, and so forth. It does not have to be about cabbage. Nevertheless, if you give up something, replace it with something positive! For example, consider a few more minutes of Scripture reading, prayer, or doing something good from visiting someone to helping someone.

This winter has been unusual. We have had warm days and we have had cold days, but spring is getting closer. Soon I will be able to sit out in the shelter for morning reads with Jojo (my cat or should I say I’m her human?). I miss those mornings in the shelter during the cold days of autumn, winter, and early spring. The shelter certainly beats morning reads with Jojo in the basement.

This spring we will be hosting a new, special program at First UMC. On April 1 (no fooling) we will be hosting the “First Wednesday Community Meal.” The community meals at “God’s Storehouse Soup Kitchen” are only available on Monday and Tuesday and Thursday and Friday. Cornerstone Church on Main Street hosts a Wednesday meal on the last Wednesday of every month to assist those in need of a meal. Ours at First UMC will be the first Wednesday of every month. Think of it as an opportunity to meet more of our Galax neighbors! Plus, it will be time to enjoy a good meal and table fellowship.

Enjoy the last week of February! Who knows what March will hold weather-wise? At least the days will be getting longer, and we get to spring forward on March 8. We lose an extra hour of sleep and then get to yawn the next two weeks adjusting to the new time.

The next session of Bible Study on Wednesdays will be 2 Corinthians. The 1 Corinthians study will conclude on March 4. The Corinthian correspondence is among the earliest of Christian literature. They were written before the Gospels. Think of it as an early peek into the early development of Christianity.

Pastor Mark B. McFadden