



KID JUNCTION NEWS

Greetings FUMC Family,



GREAT NEWS!!!

WE ARE EXPECTING TO RESUME KID JUNCTION ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER BARRING ANY COMPLICATIONS.

PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWS WITH THE COMMUNITY.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR ANY NEW IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE CAN BETTER SERVE THE CHILDREN IN THE AREA. YOU MAY PASS THESE ALONG TO ANYONE IN THE OFFICE, ELSIE DAVIS, OR DIANNE MARSHALL.



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



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Brad Dillon	11-Oct	Bobby Horton	24-Oct		

OCTOBER CALENDAR
OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD WOMEN:
Earlene Ogburn and Judy Farmer

NATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY:

- October 4—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama
- October 11— Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico
- October 18—The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St Maarten, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago
- October 25— Canada, United States of America

Sunday, October 4 (Ordinary 27, Proper 22) (Holy Communion)

Scripture: Philippians 3:4-11
Focus: Pursue the prize

Sunday, October 11 (Ordinary 28, Proper 23)

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14; Philippians 4:8-9
Focus: Interceding for others

Sunday, October 18 (Ordinary 29, Proper 24)

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22
Focus: Divine Image

Sunday, October 25 (Ordinary 30, Proper 25)

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:34-40
Focus: Loving God and others

PRAYER LIST:

NEW ADDITIONS: Sandi Billings; Melissa Sizemore; Ike Cruise, Cathy and family; August Reavis; Billy and Vivian Coleman

Maggie Amburn	Susie Floyd	Jane Naylor
Alice Anderson	Brenda Gravely	Bud Nelson
Joe Blanks	Ronnie Gravely	James Rollins
Susie Blevins	Mimi Hll	Jo Rudy
Audene Bogert	Keith Helton	Barbara Sawyers
Clare Boyer	Angie Hill	Sadie Schaeffer
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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Autumn is upon us! Welcome to one of the prettiest months of the year, October. Normally, we would be in the midst of High School football, but at least there have been a few college games and NFL games are in full season; but, I wonder how long it will last. Nevertheless, watch it while you can if you enjoy it. Like the fall leaves it may be here today and gone tomorrow.

As for autumnal drives, I am ready for it! Given our geographic location we can first go to higher elevations to view the majestic beauty of autumnal colors, and then wait a week and witness it at our elevation. A week later we can drive down to the Piedmont and witness it there. Perhaps this cooler weather and good amount of rain will make for a splendid season for viewing leaves.

October is also the month of Charge Conference for First UMC. This year it will be via Zoom with the “Galax Cluster” of United Methodist Churches. I have become more familiar with Zoom and I am thankful we have it. It has facilitated Bible Studies and various meetings from the Administrative Board to Nominations to the Finance Committee. Technology has certainly come a long way from my first experience of Zoom with the Hollywood Squares and the Brady Bunch introduction on Television.

On a very positive note we have gathered in person for worship! We went from the parking lot on the first Sunday to indoors the last three Sundays! We also still broadcast live. It has been a joy to have you gathered in the sanctuary, and I certainly understand why some may not be comfortable with that yet. We take it a week at a time.

COVID-19 is still amongst us. This week our cases have increased from a lull in early September. Each congregation of the UMC in the Holston Conference is now allowed to call their own shots regarding in-person worship (whether to have it or not). I do expect us to meet in-person October 4, but be aware and more careful because our COVID-19 cases in Galax City are on the upward trend again.

This Sunday (October 4) is World Communion Sunday. We especially recognize the universality (catholicity) of the Christ’s Church throughout the world in its various, diverse forms, cultures, and languages. The beauty of it is that the Holy Spirit unites our diversity into one plan and mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in its own unique context and situation. Likewise, the Holy Spirit unites our own personal, unique gifts and talents in our congregation of Christ’s Church. Christ’s Church is at once local and universal.

Pastor Mark McFadden