



A KID JUNCTION NEWS for the 2020 SEPTEMBER VINE

Greetings FUMC Family,

Our Kid Junction program was going well until March and the Pandemic struck!!! We had taken advantage of the sales on winter coats and purchased a good amount for our winter season. So, the good news is we have coats for the winter season. The bad news is we were not here to promote our Back to School campaign. We wanted to do our part in helping out local children, so we came up with an alternative plan. Most of our school supplies and backpacks were close to being depleted and our account balance was much lower than usual.

I first got in touch with the Galax Elementary School assistant principal to check about the material list for the students. She then returned to me the supplies needed for three grade levels and number of total students/grade level. After searching the Internet for the best prices, Kid Junction had enough funds to purchase primary pencils and journals for 100 kindergarten students. I then took this information to Pastor Mark and it was at this point he recommended that he send out an approved email, which he did. Since that email we received \$545 in donations. A check for that amount was delivered to Galax Elementary School to order specified supplies for whichever grade is in need of them. (By the way, we are among several other churches in the area helping to supply grade level materials.)



Our committee would like to say thank you, thank you, thank you for your prayerful and generous contributions in supporting our local elementary school children. We, as a committee, are truly grateful for the support you give us in seeking to serve the children of this area and their families with your prayers and contributions, monetary or other ways.

Another way in which we have served some of our clientele was sending out text messages. About thirty text messages were sent to those who have been seeking assistance consistently. Of those people, we were able to serve the 6 families (and 11 children) who responded with sizes needed and hygiene items. The items were bagged and labeled. The parents were notified and were able to pick them up in the church office. A huge thank you to Diane Palumbo for helping us out so much in so many ways and to Jolene for assisting with the financial end!

We are receptive to new ideas and suggestions in 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.

We are truly fulfilling our key Bible verse for Kid Junction:

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

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Donor

Lois Fincher



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Fund

Virginia Nuckolls End.

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In memory of

Jim Nuckolls

In honor of

Bill Brannon



Jack and Becky Guynn Jr.	9/3	Mike & 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	Alex Larrowe	9/6	Jenifer Kurtz Simpkins	9/22
Elaine Schaeffer	9/5	Alix Guynn	9/10	Penny Kyle	9/26
Nikki Larrowe	9/6	Matthew Fackrell	9/10	Gail Catron	9/27
Alex Larrowe	9/6	Nikki Horton	9/16	Spencer Dillon	9/27
Morris Hawks	9/8	Rexene Spraker	9/17	Frances Crowder	9/29
Daniel Larrowe	9/8	Mariah Nunn	9/19	Peggy Chappell	9/29
Irene Turner	9/9	Nathan Smith	9/21	Eric Cox	9/29
Sonny Westmoreland	9/9	Sarah Smith	9/21		

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD WOMEN:
Jackie Butler and Linda Morten

NATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY:

Sept 1—Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Togo
Sept 6—Ghana, Nigeria

Sunday, September 6 (Ordinary 23, Proper 18) (Holy Communion)

Scripture: Romans 13:8-14

Focus: Putting on Christ

Sunday, September 13 (Ordinary 24, Proper 19)

Scripture: Psalm 103:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35; Sirach 27:30-28:7

Focus: Three strikes and you’re out?

Sunday, September 20 (Ordinary 25, Proper 20)

Scripture: John 3:10-4:11; Matthew 20:1-16

Focus: Figuring out our reward and other’s punishment

Sunday, September 27 (Ordinary 26, Proper 21)

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-12

Focus: Humility

PRAYER LIST:

NEW ADDITIONS: August Reavis, son of Tonya and Brian; Billy and Vivian Coleman; Students going to college, especially for the first time (Evan)

Maggie Amburn	Susie Floyd
Alice Anderson	Brenda Gravely
Joe Blanks	Ronnie Gravely
Susie Blevins	Mimi Hll
Audene Bogert	Keith Helton
Clare Boyer	Angie Hill
Skip Boyer	Tommy&Rhonda Jones
Tracy Brannock	Keri Grimes Keith
Gardner Brannon	Don Knox
Christine Briscoe	Penny Kyle
Max Brown	Rubie Larrowe
Steve Burcham	Pam Leadbetter
Ruth Ann Cox	Trish Moore
James Duncan	

Jane Naylor
Bud Nelson (Cancer)
James Rollins
Jo Rudy
Barbara Sawyers
Sadie Schaeffer
Georgina Schaeffer
Benny Shupe
Rexene Spraker
Tim Spraker
Sandy Ward
Judy White
Edith Wilson



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

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INVITING—FORMING—SERVING

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Welcome to September! August was wet and rainy but at least we had no days in the 90s (I think); yet, we are still in the throes of Covid-19, but we are learning to adjust. Wearing a mask is not easy and there are a very, very few not able to wear a mask, but for most of us that is not the case. Wear your mask because you love your neighbor!

I do anticipate our Covid-19 numbers continue the pace of below 10 per 100,000. We were at 12.8 but then it jumped to 90. I hope that was an aberration and next week we will be back near 10 if not below. When Galax City is below 10 per 100,000, we can gather in our beautiful sanctuary. Until then we will be trying something new the first Sunday in September.

I anticipate Sunday Worship at 10:30, September 6 in the church parking lot. It will not be in our cars but chairs. If able to attend, bring your own chair and sit in family groups and wear a mask. Of course, this all depends upon the weather, but if Sunday, September 6 is Sunny and little chance for rain, we will have worship in the parking lot. It will also be broadcast across the major TV Networks and a few international ones. Well, that part I made up, but it will be broadcast on FB Live.

Worship has had to be adaptable this year since March. If we are able to worship in our parking lot, we will have gone from “normal” worship to Facebook Live Worship to Parking Lot worship. I also hope we have Sanctuary Worship later in September, but it too will be different in that we will wave at each other instead of the normal handshake and smile and welcome.

Holy Communion will be different. We now have disposable juice and wafer mini-cups in which the wafer is on a foil that seals the juice and there is a seal over the wafer. I admit it is not “my cup of tea” but it is the best we can do now,; and anyhow, the Holy Spirit still makes it the body and blood of Christ for us. The Holy Spirit still unites us in our “separateness” and continually links us with Christ and God our Father. We are not alone!

Thank God we have the technology to reach out to each other. I still remember the days when I had to walk four miles, uphill both ways, to our nearest neighbor to say “Hi.” Seriously, I do remember telephones and seeing pictures of telephones in the early 70s that envisioned the future of phones where we see each other on a screen. That day has come and do I want to talk with others on my screen? No not really, but I am sure for those who have children and grandchildren far away it is indeed a blessing to see them.

I am up for Zoom! Zoom has allowed us to have meetings and Bible Study! I do look forward to the day when zoom is not the “norm.” Nevertheless, reach out to one another and say “hi” and keep checking on each other.

Pastor Mark McFadden