

MAY CALENDAR

Mon	3rd	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed	5th	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Sun	9th		Mother's Day
Wed	12th	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
		7 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Mon	17th	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed	19th	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs	20th	7 p.m.	Administrative Board Meeting
Wed	26th	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)



Altar Guild: Shirley DeZern

May 2 is Communion Sunday. The offering will go to

Helping Hands. If you are not able to be here in person and will be watching on FaceBook Live, have bread and wine (juice) ready in your home.

Continued from page 1) I took the packaging off and noticed how much lighter these new ones were compared to my regular ones. Then I noticed, the new Salomons had a plastic bottom and no orthopedic shoe bed. I even doubt they are waterproof. I tried them on nonetheless and yes, they are light on the feet, but I can feel the lumps of gravel. My old Salomons, never felt that cheap. After a few days of wearing my new shoes, I noticed the side of my new Salomons: It said "Salomoon." I thought I was web savvy, but I fell for the "salomoon" trick. I will wear my Salomoon until they fall apart which I expect to happen soon, thus I only plan to wear them in Galax, so if they blow out, I will be close to home. On a final note, the web page and email from which I ordered my Salomoon shoes no longer exists. We can learn from mistakes every day!

Anyhow, warmer weather is on the way no matter what that next to last week in April said. I will resume pastoral porch visits (with mask) and social distancing if you feel comfortable with that. If you see me in the outdoor shed with the BBQ pit, feel free to stop and say hi. I have several chairs.

Pastor Mark McFadden

THANKS FROM THOSE WE SUPPORT FOUR CORNERS NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY

I would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting our ministry during some really dark and tough times and now how fitting for us to be celebrating Easter when we see new life coming forth, not only in the resurrection but in the ministry of Four Corners Native American Ministry as well.

Evelene Navarrete, Executive Director



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In memory of

Pat Hampton Bolt
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Barney Holder
Susie Blevins
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Susie Blevins
Lou Ann Peddy

In honor of

Ruby Carrington's (96th birthday)



Joel & Florence Rudy
Mark & Monette Senter

5/2
5/18

Mark and Glenna McFadden
Gabe & Jenifer Kurtz Simpkins

5/21
5/22



Rebecca Vaughan 05/01
Ruth Sizemore 05/01
Jacob Patton 05/04
David A. Spraker 05/07
Loretta Wilson 05/07
Lois Fincher 05/08

Carolyn Vaughan 05/10
Paul Kapp 05/15
Sally Richardson 05/16
Betty Parks 05/19
Billie Buchanan 05/22
Danita Moore 05/23

Celia Vaughan 05/24
Eddie Hanks III 05/25
Cathy Cruise 05/26
Agnes Ritchie 05/28
Jackie Butler 05/28
J. D. Butler 05/29



2021 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Missions Committee invites you to participate in this year's Baby Bottle Campaign to support the Tri-Area Pregnancy Resource Center in Galax. The center provides a valuable service in making a difference in the lives of babies and their mothers in our community. Baby bottles will be available in the church annex beginning on Mother's Day (May 9th) to take home and fill up in coming weeks with spare change, dollars, or a check to *Tri-Area Pregnancy Resource Center*. Deadline for returning the bottles to the church will be on Father's Day (June 20th). Note: Bottles may also be picked up at the FUMC office during open hours after Mother's Day for your convenience.

We appreciate and cherish your involvement in this mission opportunity. Please help us spread the word to family and friends who might also like to participate.

Yours in service,

Linda Richardson & Peggy Chappell, Co-Chairs

NATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY:

May 2—Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

May 9—India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

May 16—Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

May 23—Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles

May 30—Angola, Mozambique

Sunday, May 2 (Easter 5) (Holy Communion)

Scripture: John 15:1-8

Focus: Connected to Christ

Sunday, May 9 (Easter 6)

Scripture: John 15:9-17

Focus: Divine Friendship

Sunday, May 16 (Ascension Sunday)

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23

Focus: Doing the Lord's Work until he returns

Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost Sunday)

Scripture: [Before Greeting: Acts 2:5-21]; John 15:26-27, 16:5-15

Focus: The Holy Spirit leads us in the way of Christ

Sunday, May 30 (Trinity Sunday)

Scripture: [Before Greeting: Isaiah 6:1-6; John 3:16-21];

Romans 8:12-17

Focus: Mystery of Trinity

PRAYER LIST:

NEW ADDITIONS: Gary McFadden (Pastor's brother); Martha Nichols; Tony Graham

CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON THE PASSING OF: Susie Thayer Blevins (Glenna McFadden's mother); Marilyn Banks; Eugene Graham; Betty Lou Yates; Eugene Pruitt

Yvonne Strader Alexander

Maggie Amburn

Alice Anderson

Bell Arvin

Sandy Billings

Susie Blevins

Audene Bogert

Clare Boyer

Skip Boyer

Tracy Brannock

Gardner Brannon

Christine Briscoe

Steve Burcham

Vivian Coleman

Ruth Ann Cox

Frances Crowder

Anthony Davis;

Glenn Dixon

James Duncan

Eddie Farris

Susie Floyd

Janice Gilbert

Brenda Gravely

Ronnie Gravely

Tony Graham

JayJay Grimes

Brad Gulla

Mimi Hall

Keith Helton

Angie Hill

Bob Horton

Buck Isom

Laurie Hawks Jones

Rhonda Jones

Anisha Keith

Keri Grimes Keith

Kim Kinzer

Don Knox

Penny Kyle

Rubie Larrowe

Pam Leadbetter

Danita Moore

Trish Moore

Jane Naylor

Bud Nelson

Dennis Noonam

Linda Painter

Mary Parks

Shelby & Gayle Phipps

Terra Porter

August Reavis

James Rollins

Jo Rudy

Barbara Sawyers

Michael Schaeffer

Linda Sharpe

Benny Shupe

Melissa Sizemore

Tim Spraker

Autrey Taylor

Sandy Ward

Judy White

Edith Wilson

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Welcome to the merry month of May! May the April showers bring May flowers. May also brings Mother's Day! Weatherwise, it is not too hot or too cold in May. I guess we can say "May" gets a good rap as far as months go. Plus, after May 10 you can go barefoot or so said my dad.

Easter season winds down in May. The last Sunday of Easter Season is Ascension Sunday in which we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has "left us behind" to do good and make the world a better place as much as we are able until "he returns." Pentecost Sunday is May 23, and we celebrate the revelation of the Holy Spirit originating from God through the Son and poured out upon Christ's Church. The pouring out of the Holy Spirit portends our ultimate unity among diversity; thus, undoing the division of Babel way back in the book of Genesis. The Holy Spirit empowers us to walk in the way of Christ. Trinity Sunday is the final Sunday of May, and we ponder the mystery of Trinity.

I do rejoice that I was able to get vaccinated for distemper, oh wait, that was my grandfather's fox hounds way back when. I did get the Moderna, both shots, sore arm, but thankful. Now I can take off my mask and terrorize other people out and about. Well, I will keep wearing a mask in case you are wondering.

Galax is experiencing a bit of backsliding but not in a religious sense. Our Covid-19 numbers rose in April. Let us pray those numbers start to go back down. It is easy to be lax with vaccinations or to think "I won't get it." During worship we still practice mask wearing and social distancing, and I suspect we will for a good while longer. On a good note, we are singing congregational hymns "lowly" and with masks donned.

I invented a novel word in April: "Salomooned!" I should submit it to the Oxford Dictionary for inclusion as a novel word for 2021. I always keep a pair of Salomon hiking shoes handy. They have an orthopedic bed, waterproof, and do not slip easily on most surfaces. I discovered them when I ran Camp Ahistadi. I try to keep an extra pair because you never know these days when something will cease being manufactured.

I saw a Facebook ad for Salomons that were well below what I would pay for a discounted pair. I clicked the ad, filled in the information, and paid with PayPal. After about 6 weeks my Salomons finally arrived! Oddly, they did not come in a shoe box. They arrived with brown paper wrapping around plastic. New way to send shoes, I guess.
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