

## CONGRATULATIONS



**Derek and Taylor Spraker**  
upon their marriage.



**Cassidy Paige Koger** graduated from Wytheville Community College in May with an Associate Degree in Practical Nursing.

**Denver Clark Nuckolls, Jr.** graduated from the University of North Texas with a Master of Music in Percussion Performance.

## THANKS FROM THOSE WE SUPPORT

### The Free Clinic of the Twin Counties

Thank you so much for your generous donations. Your support allows us to continue it's mission of providing healthcare to the uninsured.

## Kid Junction

will now be open on the third Monday of each month from 10-12 Noon.

In May we served six families and fourteen children.

Thank you to our volunteers:

Elsie Davis

Janis Kurtz

Dianne Marshall

The KJ team thanks our church family and friends for continued prayers and contributions.



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## JUNE CALENDAR

Tues	1 <sup>st</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Devotion (FB Live)
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 & 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Devotion (FB Live)
Tues	8 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Devotion (FB Live)
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup>	12 & 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs	10 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Devotion (FB Live)
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Virtual Annual Conference
Tues	15 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Devotion (FB Live)
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup>	12 & 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs	17 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Devotion (FB Live)
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>		<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup>	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Tues	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Devotion (FB Live)
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	12 & 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Devotion (FB Live)
Tues	29 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Devotion (FB Live)
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup>	12 & 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)

### JUNE ALTAR GUILD WOMEN: Barbara Boyer & Elaine Schaeffer

(Pastoral Ponderings continued from page 1.) So it will be red during June, plus, it matches our carpet. Oops there is one big celebratory day in June: Father's Day on Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>. We remember and honor Fathers everywhere, and here at FUMC, Galax, we bring back our baby bottles for the campaign to raise money for Twin County Pregnancy Center.

I do thank Linda Burnette for devotions on Wednesdays. She always has thoughtful, reflective kind words. We will be giving Wednesdays a break for a few months. For June and July, I will be having devotion on Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00. We will continue to broadcast Sunday worship on Facebook Live (and later placed on our webpage). It will also be available nationwide on cable channel 8978 for your viewing pleasure. Umm, that last part I made up.

Annual Conference is in June and like last year's, it will be a bit different. Sad part, there is no Lake Junaluska visit. There is a virtual zoom AC on June 12 and an in-person one-day meeting on August 28 at the Meadowview Center in Kingsport, TN. Clergy sessions are on Zoom and I guess the laity session is also. Pray for Holston Conference! Pray for the United Methodist Church! Pray for our local congregation, First UMC, Galax

Pastor Mark B. McFadden



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*"I am the vine...you are the branches"*

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### PASTORAL PONDERINGS

A cooler than expected May is past. Summer is here. I can say I did not get “salomooned” in May, but there are five days left in May as I write this first draft of “Pastoral Ponderings.” I almost said “wonderings,” and you may sometime or often wonder what I am writing and preaching. I myself wonder sometimes.

One of my first experiences with the word “wonder” occurred on a drive in the countryside with my dad’s mom and dad, whom we called “Mom and Mac.” By the way I still love drives in the countryside. Anyhow, we saw some cows on a hillside and I asked Mac what they were doing. He said they were “wandering around.” I replied: “What are they wondering about?” And yes, true story. Mac thought it was so funny (and me too).

Life and nature bring forth amazement and wonder. It is indeed a testament to our creator who made us in the divine Image. Christ became human so that humans can become divine. That does not mean that we become a god or God, but that in this life through the work of the Holy Spirit we take on divine, Christ-like qualities. John Wesley called it “sanctification and holiness” and our Orthodox brothers and sisters call it “deification.” Whatever you call it, it is a work in progress, and we know we have made progress not when we feel close to perfection, but when we realize how much progress remains to be made in our life: A word of encouragement and a word of caution.

In June, Church-calendar wise, we enter Ordinary Time. It is the time of slow growth and no major Christian season or high Sundays. The liturgical color is Green, but I like to leave the red out after Trinity Sunday and through June, so I get to give the Green paraments, stole, and cincture a break. (Continued on page 4.)