

Dear FUMCA,

Thank you all for being “the church” for me. Your condolences helped me through one of the toughest experiences of my life. Your prayers have surrounded me and my family as we mourn the loss of my sweet brother, Foster. I have felt the Lord’s comfort. Your words have stuck with me and have helped me return to work quickly. I can’t imagine working anywhere else during this difficult time. I am grateful. As many of you know, the journey of grief is long and winding. Your prayers encourage and sustain me.

FUMCA has been a steady, positive energy for the Alexandria community for almost two centuries. Your response during this season of grief helps me personally see and experience the positive witness of this place and its people. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Nix
Director of Worship and Music Ministries



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WOW! What a wonderful start to our preschool year! FUMP hearts are full, and the walls are bursting with joy! We have kicked off the school year with Chapel, Music & Movement, Spanish and Godly Play. We are so thankful to our church family for praying for our little ones and staff. Please continue to pray for the FUMP team and we ask that you keep Mrs. Catherine Lytle and her family in your prayers as well.



Wednesday Gathering Menu

October 5, 2022

Barbecue Chicken
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Bread
Dessert

October 12, 2022

Chicken Enchiladas
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Salad
Tortilla Chips
Dessert

October 19, 2022

Pork Tenderloin
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Roasted Corn
Salad
Bread
Dessert

October 26, 2022

Beef Tips over Rice
Roasted Corn
Bread
Salad
Dessert

Child 12 and Younger \$3

Dinner \$6

Family \$18



THE PUMPKIN PATCH RETURNS

You never know what you have until it is gone!!!! I think that is the way many of us feel about the Pumpkin Patch. RL said that one of the things that she heard consistently from our members at the Porch Meetings that she held when she first arrived at FUMCA was that we wanted the Pumpkin Patch to return. I heard one of our members say that her friends and neighbors keep asking her if we are going to bring back the Pumpkin Patch.

There is good news!!! Now after a two-year absence, the Pumpkin Patch is returning. What started out as a fundraiser for a mission trip for our youth in 1998, has turned into a ministry of FUMCA that is special to our church family as well as the community. The Pumpkin Patch is an important fundraiser project but it is much more than that. It brings our church family together as we participate in the Pumpkin Unloading Party, decorate the lawn providing photo op spots, and provide the volunteer hours needed to man the table where the pumpkins are sold. It also provides an opportunity for us to get to meet the folks from our community as they come to search for the perfect pumpkin or to take pictures among the pumpkins or at our photo op spots or just come to walk around and enjoy the ambience of the patch.

Of course, the Pumpkin Patch is a fundraiser project to help support missions. A large portion of the sales goes back to the community of Navajo Indians in New Mexico who helped grow these pumpkins. This money helps them support their families and the local economy. The other portion of the sales goes to FUMCA. This year we will allow those who volunteer to sell pumpkins to designate a church group such as a Sunday School class, the Choir, UWF, Men's group, Youth & Children's ministries or other church sponsored programs to receive a portion of the sales.

This year we are excited to welcome Horseshoe United Methodist Church members who will be joining us to help unload the pumpkins and to volunteer for shifts to sell pumpkins. We look forward to this opportunity to share in Christian fun and fellowship with our fellow Methodists.

The Pumpkin Patch is BACK!!! Let's all pitch in and do our part to make it a success and to help ensure that it will be BACK for many years to come.

Daphne Reid
Leadership Board Member

