

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident that he who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6

Easter is both a looking back and a looking forward. The older we get the more memories come flooding in on Sundays like Easter. It is as it should be. Life is past, present, future. And the past is always impacting us in the Now. And for the sake of the Future. Gods Future!

Paul in so many of his letters remembers what the new churches, which was ALL churches then, meant to him. So often calling church members by name and remembering what they meant to him and others.

Where would any of us be without the influence of others?!

Did you connect this Easter with all those you intended to? Did you say the things you have wanted to say for years? Or at least repeat what you said in gratitude years back?

A buddy from high school, scouts, UMYF, college and even Best Man in our wedding showed up by surprise this past Sunday. And last night we enjoyed a surprise supper with a Lutheran minister with whom LeNoir and I attended divinity school together! He has had cancer and is retired from the pastorate now. But we remembered those years 1974-1978 with great joy and laughter when we "threw" ourselves into the calling for church leadership!

Such is friendship and family over time. Such is the hope for new friends and church family for the future!

I would encourage you during this season between Easter and Pentecost to reconnect with friends and family, with those who have made a difference in your life.

Keep those cards and letters going! Or email and texts if you prefer! Or even the old fashioned phone call~~

Maybe a day trip to knock on someone's door and say "hi."

Remember and say thanks.... while we still can!

Blessings on your Faith Journey+

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 2. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come and join us.

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be April 6. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Plan to be with us for good fellowship and good food.

Handwork Ministry

The Handwork Ministry meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to knit and crochet. The group will meet on April 20 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna. New additions to the group are always welcome.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The address is 507 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna. The group has a fund to purchase Study Bibles to be given as gifts. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please see Dot Pressley or Lytle Hodge.

Older Adult Spring Retreat

April 28, 2 p.m. - April 29, 1 p.m.
Beersheba Springs UM Assembly
Spiritual Leader – Barbara Bruce
Theme - Leaving a Legacy
Cost – Double Room \$70.00 per person
Single Room \$105.00
Meals included.

Registration Deadline – April 22
Call 931-692-3669 or write
Beersheba Springs Assembly
P. O. Box 577
Beersheba Springs, TN 37305

Rutherford County Laity Fellowship

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet Monday, April 25. The meeting will be at Eagleville UMC, 375 Highway 99, E., Eagleville. The meeting will begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Administrative Council

Our Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, April 17. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Bucket Offerings

In April offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Meals on Wheels program in Smyrna.

Noon Prayers

Reminder - We are asked to be in prayer at noon through May. We are asked to pray for our United Methodist General Conference May 10-20 in Portland, Oregon.

Happy Birthday to:

Evelyn Lee	April 3
Jim Pressley	April 3
Sue Harris	April 9
Linda Alexander	April 25

Happy Anniversary to:

B. L. & Miranda Fraley Rhodes April 24

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the food items on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the Food Bank. The suggested item for April is oatmeal. All non-perishable foods are accepted.

Who Said This?

"... Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power are his."

--NRSV

(hint – book of Daniel)

Matthew 28:6 spoken by an angel of the Lord was the quotation in the March newsletter.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped with our Lent and Easter activities. We also appreciate those who attended.

- ___ Let love be genuine.
- ___ Hate what is evil.
- ___ Hold fast to what is good.
- ___ Love one another with mutual affection.
- ___ Outdo one another in showing honor.
- ___ Do not lag in zeal.
- ___ Be ardent in spirit.
- ___ Serve the Lord.
- ___ Rejoice in hope.
- ___ Be patient in suffering.
- ___ Persevere in prayer.
- ___ Contribute to the needs of the saints.
- ___ Extend hospitality to strangers.
- ___ Bless those who persecute you; do not curse them.
- ___ Rejoice with those who rejoice.
- ___ Weep with those who weep.
- ___ Live in harmony with one another.
- ___ Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.
- ___ Do not claim to be wiser than you are.
- ___ Do not repay anyone evil for evil.
- ___ So far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
- ___ Never seek revenge against others.
- ___ If your enemies are hungry, feed them.
- ___ If they are thirsty, give them something to drink.
- ___ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

April Calendar

Saturday, April 2:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, April 3:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, April 5:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 6:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Sunday, April 10:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, April 12:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, April 17:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Tuesday, April 19:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 20:

10:00 a.m. Handwork Ministry at Ernestine Clark's home

Sunday, April 24:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. May newsletter information due.

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Monday, April 25:

6:30 p.m. Laity at Eagleville UMC

Tuesday, April 26:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

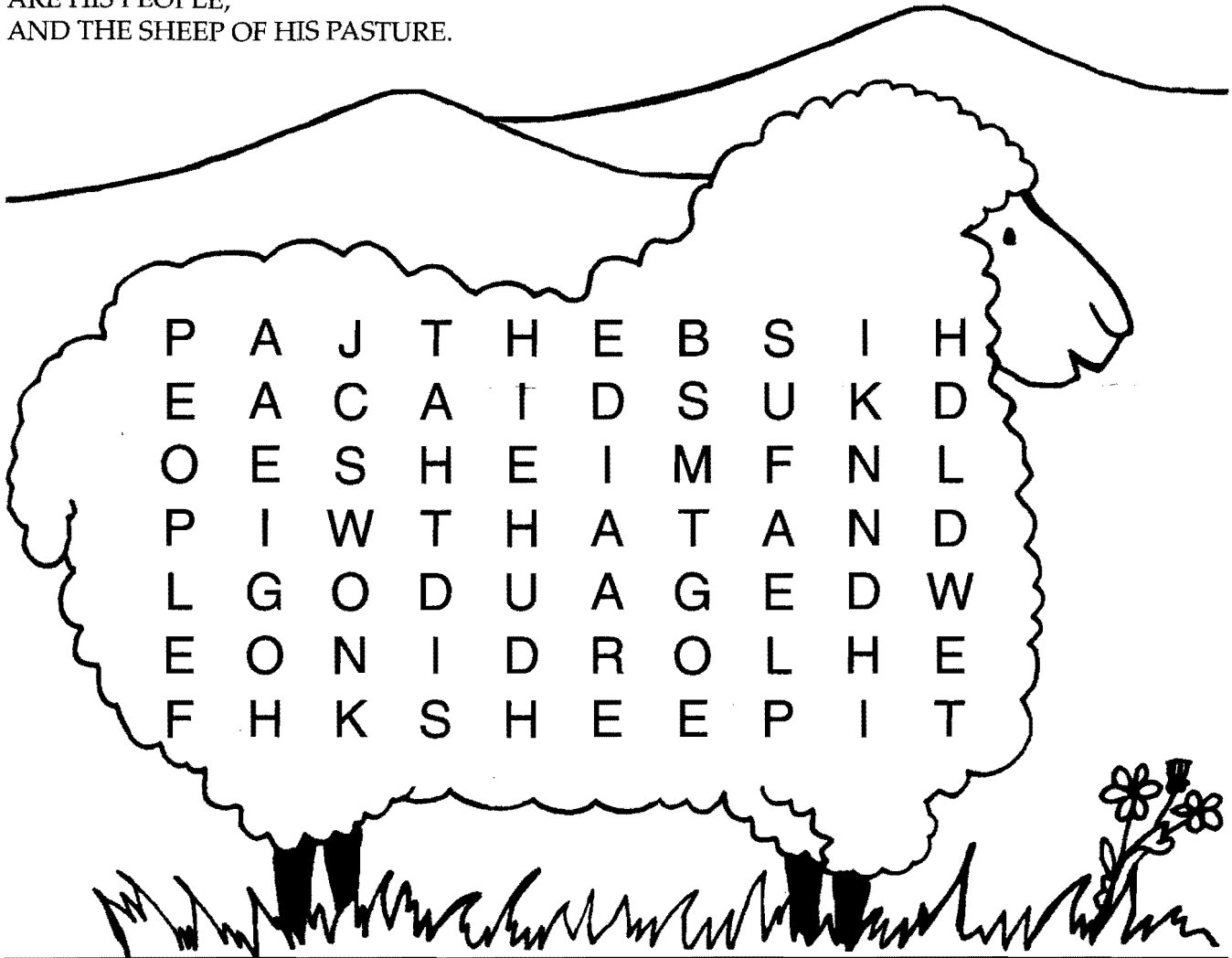
Blessed be the Lord, for the beauty of spring and summer, for the air, the water, the greenness, and the song of birds.

--Carl von Linnaeus

Word Find

Find the words of Psalm 100:3 in this word find.

KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GOD. IT IS HE THAT MADE US AND WE
ARE HIS PEOPLE,
AND THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE.



Jesus seeks and finds his lost sheep
without a search engine or GPS.

