

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Revelation 21:5

“Behold, I make all things new.”

“Spring has sprung” is an old way of saying Seasons are changing! Unless you live on the equator!

For each Season there comes both an old familiarity and something new. 2017 looks similar to 2016 but much has moved on and changes do come.

God is beyond Time, that is, Eternal with no beginning and no end. But he has chosen to “work within Time” for our sake, the Beloved. “We love because he first loved us!”

So, as April appears with lengthened days of sunlight and trees and plants in bloom, we live with our memories, our present moments, and our awareness of a future. As I write this I just finished reading about John Climacus (579-649). He spend 40 years as a hermit near Mount Sinai. He wrote a spiritual book The Ladder of Divine Ascent which describes a 39 step ladder by which we climb spiritually toward heaven. Which reminded me of our recent Tennessee Conference outreach 72 Plus You! Which reminds me that these are both “behind us” yet influence us and motivate us to continue into future mission for the sake of our future “others,” eg our children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, and strangers all also the Beloved of God.

Let’s “spring into Spring” knowing our Past, Present, and Future are in God’s hands and God’s timing. And each day is a New Beginning!

Lenten Blessings on your Spiritual Journey+

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

The First-Saturday men's breakfast will be April 1. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship Supper

Our April covered-dish fellowship supper will be Wednesday, April 5. We will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Choir Notes

Let's practice: Sunday, April 2 after Worship Service; Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m.

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 19 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna.

Administrative Council

Kedron's Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, April 23. We will begin at 1:00 p.m.

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.

Laity Fellowship

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will on April 24 at Eagleville UMC 375 Highway 99 East, Eagleville. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

Happy Birthday to:

Jimmy Pressley	April 3
Sue Harris	April 9
Linda Alexander	April 25

Happy Anniversary to:

B.L. & Miranda Fraley Rhodes April 24

Good Friday

Our Good Friday service will be April 14. The Service will be at Lock's Memorial UMC as we met at Kedron in 2016. We will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 15 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We hope all our children can join us for this fun time.

Easter Sunrise Service

Our Easter Sunrise service will begin at 6:30 a.m. The service will be at Kedron. There will be a light breakfast after the service.

Bucket Offerings

In April our bucket offerings at Sunday Worship will be donated to the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank.

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 peanut butter. All non-perishable foods are accepted.

Lenten Study

The Lenten Study with Concord, Eagleville, and St. Paul United Methodist Churches will conclude on April 9. The April 2 and April 9 sessions will be at 6:00 p.m. at Concord UMC.

ERT Training Opportunities

Two-Day Disaster Early Response Training
April 21 and 22 – Deadline to register April 7
Register at www.tnumc.org
September 15 and 16 – Registration coming
These two-day trainings are at Cedar Crest Camp. They begin Friday evening and end on Saturday afternoon.

1 Chronicles 16:10-11 written by David was the quotation in the March newsletter.

Who Said This?

"He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said"

--NRSV

(hint, book of Matthew)



April Calendar

Saturday, April 1:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, April 2:

5th Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

6:00 p.m. Lenten Study at
Concord UMC

Tuesday, April 4:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 5:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Sunday, April 9:

6th Sunday in Lent-Passion/Palm Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Choir Practice

6:00 p.m. Lenten Study at
Concord UMC

Tuesday, April 11:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, April 14:

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service at
Lock's Memorial UMC

Saturday, April 15:

9:00-11:00 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

2:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, April 16:

Easter Day

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Kedron

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, April 18:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 19:

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

Sunday, April 23:

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.

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Monday, April 24:

6:30 p.m. Laity at Eagleville UMC

Tuesday, April 25:

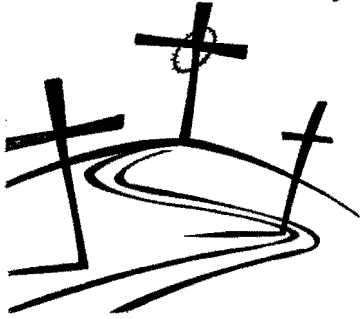
10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, April 30:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Lenten Journey



Connect the Lines

Butterflies are a symbol of new life. Connect the dotted lines and color the butterfly with the colors listed below, or your choice of colors.

- Color**
 1 = Black
 2 = Blue
 3 = Purple
 4 = Green

Caterpillars go into a cocoon, which looks something like a tomb, and then emerge as a beautiful butterfly. The butterfly can remind us that Jesus rose at Easter, and that God brings new life.

