

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Acts 2:42

"They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers."

After Easter and the joyful reminder that God is not through with us at death, we are glad and thankful and jubilant. But a week or so and time goes by as always and we are left with something like this:

Heart: I need something more after
the excitement of Easter!

Mind: I'm not sure I understand what
Resurrection means to me!

Heart: I've got to feel better about
my future and afterlife!

Mind: I want to analyze and study so
I know for a fact Jesus rose!

Heart: I'm down and sad a week after
Easter joy~ Life is hard.

Mind: I've got to know more so I can
convince the unbeliever!

GOD: "Be still....wait upon the Lord...
Observe what the first
church did. Acts 2:42!

Easter Sundays are good and great. We need that time of worshipful reminder of what is proclaimed. But then we need to go to work, clean house, pay bills, and the routine begins once again, usually for good but sometimes less so!

The good routine is Acts 2:42 and the following Acts verses in the daily life of disciples. Here is the Church after Easter! Here is the church until the final Day of Resurrection:

Eat, pray, study the Word, be together brothers and sisters!

Let's look forward to these! There are so many ways to do all of the above! Keep your eyes and ears open. Put your feet on the ground and extend a hand to love mercy and do justice and to be humble! And invite others to join us in this "Journey forward after Easter Sunday!"

Blessings!

Pastor Barry

Sunrise Service April 1

Our Easter Sunrise Service will be at Lock's Memorial UMC as the service was at Kedron in 2017. The service will begin at 6:30 a.m.

Easter Morning Worship at Kedron

Delann Dunbar has written and will direct our Easter program for the morning worship service. We look forward to this day of the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Fellowship Supper

Our First Wednesday Fellowship Supper will be April 4. We will have our covered-dish meal at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

The April Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 7. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Choir Notes

Let's practice briefly after worship services in April. We will plan to practice on Sunday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. if that date is convenient for choir members.

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 Wednesday, April 18 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna.

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.

Luke 1:78-79 spoken by Zechariah was the quotation in the March newsletter.

Administrative Council

The Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, April 15. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Bucket Offerings

In April our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Nourish Food Bank. This is our local food Bank.

Laity Meeting

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship is scheduled to meet on April 23 at Eagleville UMC, 375 Highway 99 East, Eagleville. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the Nourish 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 our local food bank. The suggested items for April are canned fruit and juice. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Happy Birthday to:

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

Happy Anniversary to:

B.L. & Miranda Fraley Rhodes April 24

Who Said This?

"...They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear"

-NRSV

(hint – Book of Luke)

A Movable Feast

Ever wonder why the date of Easter changes from year to year? There is a logic to it, and it goes back to ancient times.

Unlike Christmas, which always falls on a certain date (December 25), Easter by its very nature always falls on a Sunday. And, because the events of Jesus' death and resurrection occurred in the context of the Jewish Passover festival (remember, Jesus and the disciples were Jewish), the date is chosen in conjunction with the lunar calendar, because the Jewish calendar is lunar. So, Easter Sunday is always the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21 – the vernal equinox. Thus Easter can fall anywhere in between March 22 and April 25.

Easter Sunday Greeting

In the joy of Easter morning, the darkness of Jesus' death is turned to light and his death is turned to new life for all God's children. Easter celebrates new life, new joy and new possibilities. This is a special Easter greeting you can share with friends and family.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Response: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



"YOU CAN MAKE BETTER
TIME IF YOU IMAGINE
SOMEONE WAITING AT
THE END GIVING YOU
A WELL DONE!"



April ~~March~~ Calendar

Easter Day

Sunday, April 1:

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Lock's

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service Easter Program

Tuesday, April 3:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 4:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, April 7:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, April 8:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 10:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, April 15:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Tuesday, April 17:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 18:

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

Sunday, April 22:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Monday, April 23:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford County Laity at
Eagleville UMC

Tuesday, April 24:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, April 29:

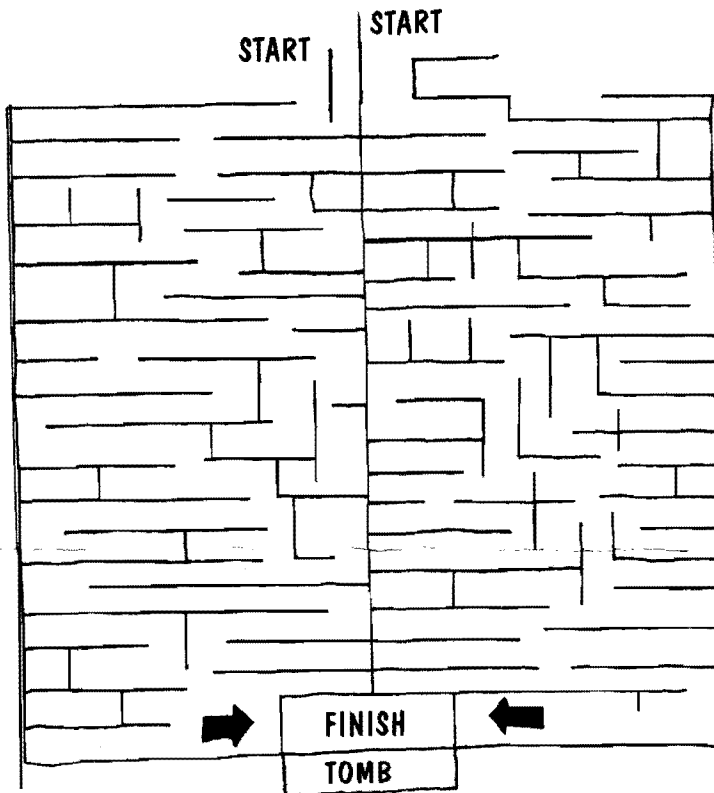
8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Maze

Help the women find their way to the tomb. Try both ways or with a friend, see who can get there first.



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.

