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From Our Pastor

"The power of stories is that they are telling us that life adds up somehow, that life itself is like a story. And this grips us and fascinates us because of the feeling it gives us that if there is meaning in any life--in Hamlet's, in Mary's, in Christ's--then there is meaning also in our lives."

Frederick Buechner

LISTENING TO YOUR LIFE

Most of us get pulled into a story pretty easily, whether it's a joke, a romance, a human interest story, or a hair raising adventure. And if it's about us or something we care about, so much the better!

When the Rutherford County Laity Fellowship meets at Kedron on August 27th at 6:30, you will get a fellowship meal, singing, and something about "story telling." True stories for the most part. We will have several "local authors" tell us a bit about autobiography, spiritual reflections and commentary, devotional writing, and local church history collecting.

And perhaps when it's over around 8:30 you'll be wanting to go write or tell true stories about yourself, your family, or your church! And behind all of this is finally where the True Story of God and your personal story meet up together! That's a life of Good News!

See you on August 27th!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

The August Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, August 4. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship Supper

There will be no First Wednesday Fellowship Supper in August.

Choir Notes

Let's practice briefly after worship services in August. We will discuss a possible Sunday afternoon practice if convenient for the choir.

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.

Bucket Offerings

In August our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Happy Birthday to:

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| Sunya Sprinkle | August 4 |
| Naomi Lee | August 23 |
| Tom Root | August 25 |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| Shannon & Shana Stacey | August 5 |
| Revs. Barry & LeNoir Culbertson | August 7 |
| Larry & Fay Fraley | August 16 |
| Frank & Linda Pagello | August 24 |

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local 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 August are canned fruit and juice. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Kedron Hosting Laity

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship meets at a different United Methodist Church in Rutherford County each month. The group will meet at Kedron at 6:30 p.m. on August 27. The group's members will pay for a meal which Kedron will provide. We will need all who can to provide food for the meal. The meat, slaw and fresh fruit will be provided. We will need to bring side dishes, breads and desserts. The church will be open at 5:30 p.m. for those bringing food.

Pastor Barry has planned a program of a panel of writers. Those participating will be Dee Dee Stockard - writing church history, Rev. LeNoir Culbertson - devotional writing, Rev. Travis Perry - family & personal history and Arnold White - spiritual and autobiography.

Project Transformation

An intern working with Project Transformation attended the morning worship service on July 15. She spoke about her work with children in this summer program. She is a student at Tennessee State University and was working in the program at LaVergne United Methodist Church.

Kedron donated \$200.00 to the project and also paid for a meal for all the college interns working in at various sites in this area. The meal was at the Wesley Foundation in Murfreesboro. Thanks to Doug and Dee Rouse for their leadership with the meal.

Donation

At the July meeting the Administrative Council voted to donate \$100.00 to the Almadale Volunteer Fire Department. This is fire department that serves the Kedron area.

Who Said This?

"The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him ..."

--NRSV (Book of Exodus)

Disaster Relief

Mike and Debbie Harris recently attended a training event at Hamilton UMC. The training was for Early Response Teams to aid in disaster relief. Mike and Debbie were certified for this very important work. When these people travel to a disaster site they usually stay three days.

If anyone would like to know more about this work, Mike and Debbie would be happy to speak with you. They also have the manual. The director of the program is Robert Craig.

Jude 2 the words of Jude, was the quotation in the July newsletter.

We pray for a successful and happy year for students and teachers returning to school.

Talking theology with children

Often, children understand some of the great mysteries of the universe far better than most adults. However, there are also times when adults assume that children understand things that are quite beyond them; or they have picked up understandings and assumptions that are not at all what may have been intended and can at times be harmful.

It's good to talk theology with your children from time to time. Not to lecture them, but to have a conversation. Ask one another questions. Wonder together. Explore together. Pray together. Let the children and youth in your life know that you are on a faith journey. Share your beliefs with them in ways that they can understand, and yet leave room for questions. Questions allow room for us to grow.

August Calendar

Saturday, August 4:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, August 5:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, August 7:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, August 12:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, August 14:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, August 19:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, August 21:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, August 26:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. September newsletter

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10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Monday, August 27:

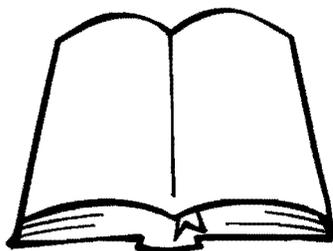
6:30 p.m. Rutherford County Laity at
Kedron, church open at
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 28:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

*If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.*

- Emily Dickinson



Making Choices

God can help us make the right choices. Just ask! Here are a few Bible verses that will help you make the right choice. Look up the passages in the left column in your Bible, and then draw a line from the verse to what it tells you.

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| 1. Deuteronomy 5:11 | a. Love your neighbor as yourself. |
| 2. Matthew 19:19b | b. You shall not steal. |
| 3. Proverbs 3:27 | c. Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first. |
| 4. Matthew 19:19a | d. Do not forsake your parents' teaching. |
| 5. Proverbs 6:18 | e. Do not use God's name unless you are talking to God. |
| 6. Matthew 19:18c | f. Honor your parents. |
| 7. Proverbs 6:20 | g. You shall not murder. |
| 8. Deuteronomy 5:12 | h. Observe the Sabbath day. |
| 9. Deuteronomy 5:17 | i. Do not devise wicked plans. |
| 10. Matthew 19:30 | j. Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due. |



Jesus—the original child advocate