

# Kedron United Methodist Church



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## *The Kedron Connection*

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I want to take this opportunity to highlight two very important areas of the church. The first I have mentioned before. I realize that Covid-19 disrupted attendance at worship and caused a severe decline in Sunday School for many churches. Both are important for the life of any church and for one's own spiritual development. But, I want to emphasize Sunday School for a moment. When I was growing up, we went to Sunday School every Sunday; but, we only stayed for worship every other Sunday. Since it was a long time ago, and I was small, I don't remember the reason. However, I do remember the Sunday my parents made the decision to worship every Sunday. And, we did from then on: rain or snow. In fact, we were among only 8 others who made it to Sunday School and worship on the Sunday it snowed almost a foot! The reason I remember their decision to worship every Sunday is that it interrupted my television viewing on Sunday once we got home from Sunday School. At that time, there was a show on that featured "Tom Terrific." He was my on-air hero! And, there was no way to record his show. I learned to live without him.

I benefited from both worship and Sunday School, but it was at Sunday School that I not only learned Bible; it was also the place I got to talk with friends and honored teachers. This did a lot to form my spiritual life in realistic practice. It also brought me into a group of like-minded Christians. It became a support group unlike any other I might have had. I sincerely hope you will consider either attending the Sunday School class we presently have—or attempt to form a group that will meet on Sunday mornings. I can not begin to list the blessings available to you! It is one of my favorite times of the week!

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The other area I want to address is Bible Study. I have never really thought studying a book was Bible Study. I have noted across the years the groups studying the Bible actually to use a book about the Bible; or to use a book that has a biblically-related theme. I believe that Bible Study ought to study the text, the history, and the interpretation of the Bible itself. Unfortunately, many leaders of Bible Study do not have in their “tool kit” the original languages in which the Bible was written (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek). However, there are a number of good commentaries at our disposal that are written by responsible and well-educated scholars that do not take a simple, surface examination of the text. The Bible is just like other kinds of literature in that its writers used literary techniques to convey its inspired message. For example, the Old Testament prophets used symbols and illustrations that were not to be taken literally, but were employed to make a complicated message understandable by the people they were addressing.

The Bible was written over a period of about 1,100 years. Although inspired by God, it was received from God and transposed by people who had to adapt it for an audience that varied over the huge timespan from the very first words in Genesis to the mystical message of John of Patmos. At the Bible Study held at Lock's, there have been a number of members of Kedron. We have had wonderful fellowship—and have enjoyed snacks made or purchased by some of the people attending. That brief time of fellowship is as valuable as the PowerPoint message I construct each week. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this brief moment of inspiration and fellowship.

Michael O'Bannon, Pastor



### **Administrative Council**

Our council will meet on **October 16th, 2023**  
**At 1pm.**

### **Fellowship Supper**

**August 2nd at 6:30pm.** Please invite family, friends,  
And neighbors!!

### **Men's Breakfast**

August 5th, 2023 at 8 AM

### **Bucket Offering**

Our August Bucket offering taken on Sunday morning  
worship will be donated to: **Salvation Army**

### **Food Bank**

You may bring food donations for the local food bank  
on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month. Place the  
donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be  
delivered to the food bank. The Suggested item for  
August is **soup**. All non-perishable food is accepted  
and appreciated.

### **Happy Birthday**

Naomi Lee	August 23rd
Tom Root	August 24th

### **Anniversaries**

Shannon & Shana Stacey	August 5th
Larry & Fay Fraley	August 16th



### **August Calendar**

August 2nd	Fellowship Supper 6:30 pm
August 5th	Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
August 6th	Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 9:30 am
August 7th	<b>1st day of school Rutherford Co 2 hr day</b>
August 13th	Sunday School <b>8:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>9:30 am</b>
August 20th	Sunday School <b>8:45 am</b> Worship Service <b>9:30 am</b>
August 27th	Sunday School <b>8:45 am</b> Worship Service <b>9:30 am</b>
August 28	Laity Club 6:30 pm at Kedron

September 2023 newsletter info due to Dee Rouse by  
August 26th 615-574-9320 or [ddrouse10@gmail.com](mailto:ddrouse10@gmail.com)

### **Resources Available**

Resources for various kinds of help/support for you or  
someone you know that might benefit from counseling  
and/or spiritual support are listed below:

Insight Counseling Center, Murfreesboro  
**615-383-2115** for in person or online/phone  
counseling.

Upper Room Prayer Ministry **615-340-7200**

Talkspace.com Online/phone counseling

### **Methodist News Source**

[www.umnews.org](http://www.umnews.org)  
Stones River District Office  
P.O. Box 12191  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129



Unfortunately, we had some destruction at the church in July. Someone broke our bell in the bell tower and then we had some wind knock over our tree near the fellowship hall. Thank goodness it fell in the other direction and did not damage the fellowship hall.



Rutherford County Schools start back up for a 2 hr day on Monday August 7th and full day on August 8th.