



The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Luke 1:4 "Mary said, With all my heart I glorify the Lord."

I Timothy 4:7b-8 "Train yourself for a holy life! While physical training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything. It has promises for this life now and the life to come."

So, as the old song goes, "I think I'll sit right down and write myself a letter." In this season of Advent, I made it a Christmas card to myself! I put it in the mail today and wrote on the envelope, "Don't open til Dec 24th." I will likely receive it on Wednesday Nov 30 and it will stay put on the fireplace mantle for a few weeks! I hope to have it just sitting there as a reminder of "things" I can offer up as Advent preparation and Advent ministry.

Sounds maybe a bit silly but I am willing to try different ways of "training for a holy life." In the Christmas card, which I will open on Christmas Eve, I ask myself some questions about what I offered to God and neighbor during the four weeks of Advent, what I feel and think on my 65th Christmas Eve, and what "gifts" I look forward to sharing with others from Christmas through Epiphany!

You might want to try something similar or be creative in your own way. The point is to see the Season as that ongoing God-given, grand opportunity to continue "to train for a holy life!" I Timothy 4:7b. Just remind yourself, you are "in training and you have the best Personal Spiritual Trainer in the One to whom you pray each and every day!"

God Bless, a Blessed Advent, and on toward Christmas!

Pastor Barry

Congregation Invited to Breakfast

The Men have invited all of the congregation to their monthly breakfast in December. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 3. Thank you, Men.

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be December 7. We will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Choir Notes

Let's plan to practice December 4 and December 11. We will begin choir practice at 1:00 p.m. on these Sundays. We can decide if we need additional practice.

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 December 21 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. 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 not meet in December. The location for January will be announced.

Bucket Offerings

In December offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Room in the Inn program in Murfreesboro. This program provides needed services in our area.

Sunday, December 18 at Kedron

Plan to join us for a special Christmas celebration during worship service on Sunday, December 18. Following the service, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a time of coming together in joy. We will share snacks we bring. If you brought Christmas cards for the church family, they will be distributed at this time. If you wish to donate the amount you would have spent on postage, there will be a basket for these donations.

Christmas Eve

Our December 24 service will be at Lock's Memorial UMC as the 2015 service was at Kedron. The church is located at 7880 Almaville Road. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Our schedule will be as usual on Sunday, December 25. Sunday School will be at 8:45 a.m.; Worship Service will be at 9:30 a.m.

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 December is peanut butter. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

Who Said This?

"She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

--NRSV

(hint - book of Matthew)

Philippians 4:6-7 written by Paul was the quotation in the December newsletter.

Happy Birthday to:

Charles Sprinkle December 3
Kristy Fraley December 6
Martha Fraley December 8
Marc Fraley December 11
Linda Pagello December 11
Alfred Rhodes December 12
Danny Fraley December 14
Jane Watts December 24

Thanks Expressed

We have received a card from our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. LeNoir Culbertson. She thanked the people of Kedron for hosting Charge Conference for several churches on November 20. She said our hospitality was much appreciated.

December Calendar

Saturday, December 3:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Congregation Invited

Sunday, December 4:

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 6:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, December 7:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Sunday, December 11:

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 13:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, December 18:

4th Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Christmas Celebration
Snacks
Cards

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

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Tuesday, December 20:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, December 21:

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

Saturday, December 24:

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at
Lock's Memorial UMC

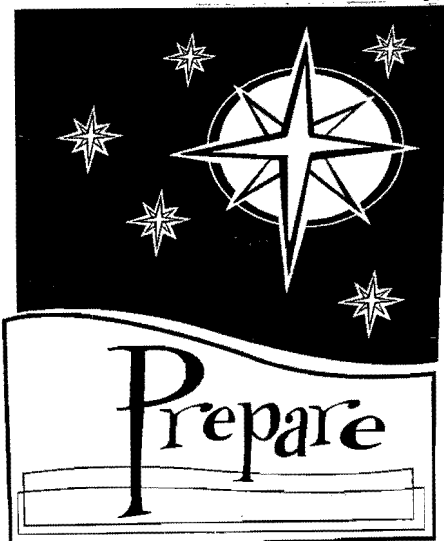
Sunday, December 25:

Christmas Day

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, December 27:

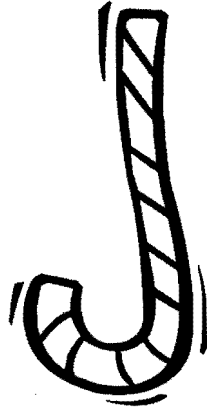
10:00 a.m. Bible Study



"Isn't there anyone who can tell
me what Christmas is all about?"

Candy Cane

A candy maker in the American state of Ohio twisted peppermint sticks into the shape of the letter "J" to stand for Jesus. In later years, some have turned them the other way and used them to symbolize the shepherds' crook.



Finding Bethlehem

Can you help Joseph and Mary find the way to Bethlehem?

