

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Just when it might seem we can leave behind a season of celebrations, holidays, and festivals with the end of January, we take a long look at February. We get almost the same number if not the same intensity of, say, Christmas, New Years, and the NCAA National Championship in football. February starts off with our national "holiday" the Superbowl and then runs head long into Groundhogs Day, Valentines Day, Presidents Day, The Oscars, and, oh yes, Ash Wednesday.

If you want to add some novelty to these long standing celebrations you could add The Chinese New Year (Feb 19) and St Paul's Shipwreck on Malta (Feb 10) !

Our hearts are set on celebrating. We are incurably social and given to noting the passing of our days with communal remembrances.

This makes sense given we worship God who excels in Creating a Universe of amazing, scope, beauty and infiniteness, but comes to dwell with us in our daily, monthly, yearly histories of joys and griefs.

God wants us to celebrate since God was the One who created and said "good, good, good" to what was created.

So, let's do our best to be festive in February even if we pause for a more somber moment on Feb 18th Ash Wednesday to acknowledge that Sin has spoiled many a Good Time.

But...still..... Easter is coming! Put that on your Eternal calendar too!

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday fellowship supper will be February 4. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Plan to be with us for good fellowship and good food.

Men's Breakfast

The monthly First-Saturday men's breakfast will be February 7 in the Kedron fellowship hall. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come join us.

Choir Notes

We will continue to meet Sunday mornings at 9:15. We will discuss other possible practice times. Would you like to join us as we prepare for Easter?

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.

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

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month, and they will be delivered to the Food Bank. The suggested item for February is soup. The need is great. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Shepherd School

Shepherd School has been an annual event in our Murfreesboro District for the past several years. Its purpose is for lay leadership training. The gathering will be February 8 at Tullahoma First UMC. At 1:45 p.m. there will be a worship service followed by 10 informative sessions. Participants may choose which sessions they want to attend.

Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday service will be February 18 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a service for both Lock's Memorial and Kedron. This year the service will be at Kedron.

Bucket Offerings

In February, the offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank.

New Kedron Directory

Ernestine Clark is compiling information for our new church directory. We hope to have all of our church family included. Usually listed are names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, anniversary dates and birthdays. Please have information you want listed to Ernestine by February 15. You may give it to her on a Sunday morning at church, call her at 587-9766 or mail it to her at 2414 Gauphin Ln., Smyrna, TN 37167.

Rutherford County Laity Fellowship

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on February 23 at Bethel UMC, 4286 Sulfur Springs Road, Murfreesboro. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

Happy Birthday to:

Palmer Jennings	February 7
Coleman Stacey	February 7
Ray Lee	February 9
Dorothy Pressley	February 9
Keith Lee	February 15
Abby Palmer	February 23
Loren Vanderkooi	February 25
Jane Rainey	February 26
Caden Salem	February 27

Happy Anniversary to:

John & Mary Ellen Vance February 22

Who Said This?

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

--NRSV

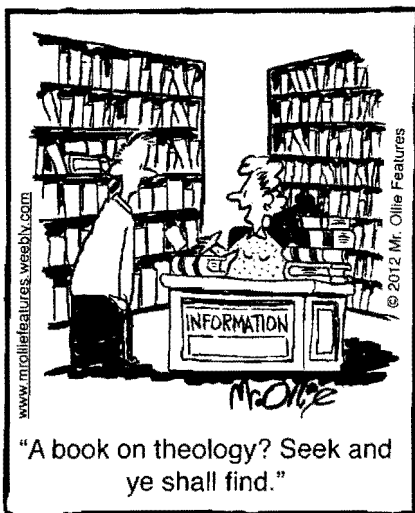
(hint- from a poetical book of the Old Testament)

Lent

The Season of Lent begins With Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter. The Season of Lent is 40 days as the Sundays are not included because each Sunday is, in its own way, a celebration of the resurrection. Thus, officially, the Sundays are counted as Sundays "in" Lent rather than "of" Lent. The symbolism of 40 days parallels the time that the Gospels tell us Jesus spent in the wilderness. This is a season of self-reflection and repentance for all Christians. This month we begin one of the most rugged, costly, beautiful, inspiring and demanding journeys of all – the journey through Lent to Easter.



Matthew 2:2 spoken by wise men from the East was the quote in the January newsletter.



February Calendar

Sunday, February 1:

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

Tuesday, February 3:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at
Lytle Hodge's home

Wednesday, February 4:

- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, February 7:

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 8:

- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:45 p.m. Shepherd School at
Tullahoma First UMC

Tuesday, February 10:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at
Lytle Hodge's home

Sunday, February 15:

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

Tuesday, February 17:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at
Lytle Hodge's home

Wednesday, February 18:

Ash Wednesday

- 10:00 a.m. Handwork Ministry meets
at Ernestine Clark's home
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service
at Kedron

Sunday, February 22

First 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. March newsletter
information due.
Email: lf_fraley@prodigy.net
or phone 459-2618

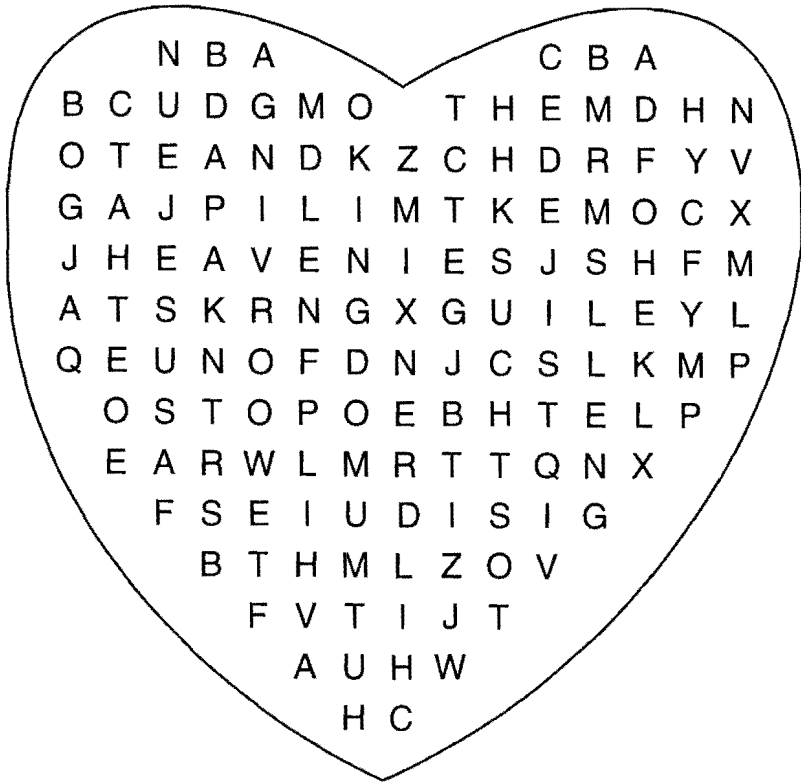
Tuesday, February 24:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at
Lytle Hodge's home

Word Find

Find the words from Matthew 19:14.

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."



That's What Jesus Said

Jesus was asked which commandment in the law was the greatest. His answer is found in Matthew 22:37. Follow the symbols key across and down to find the letters to fill in the blanks.

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