

## *The Kedron Connection*

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### *From Our Pastor*

Luke 2:32 "...a light to lighten the Gentiles"

February is upon us. That month of "promise" that Spring will surely come soon! After this past weekend can Spring not be here as soon as possible!

Indeed, February is full of promise. We hope to get back on track with Wednesday Fellowship Supper, Men's Saturday Breakfast, Laity Fellowship Supper and more! We have Ash Wednesday coming. We hope to pack 20,000 meals at Shepherds' School on the 21st. The devotional Season of Lent commences on the 14th. Lenten Study with Concord, St Pauls, and Eagleville begins on the 28th

And who knows how many birthdays and anniversaries we will celebrate!

In other words, "prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

The earliest day to begin celebrating could be Tuesday Feb 2 ! The day we have usually surrendered to a Groundhog (!) is also a festival day for many Christians called Candlemas or The Presentation of the Lord. It is held in honor of the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple in accordance with Mosaic law (Leviticus 12:6-7). Simeon holds Jesus and says "here is the light of the world." In many churches, a procession of communicants holding candles is undertaken. The Light of the world!

I suggest you symbolically light a candle on Feb 2 and say a prayer of thanks for all the blessings from God coming our way at Kedron this month! Can it get any better than that....in February!???

Pastor Barry

## **Fellowship Supper**

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be February 3. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Plan to be with us for good fellowship and good food.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 6. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come and join us.

## **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. Several have been given including presentations to our children and youth. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please see Dot Pressley or Lytle Hodge.

## **Choir Notes**

We will soon discuss a practice schedule to prepare for Easter services. The choir would be happy to welcome new members.

## **Handwork Ministry**

The Handwork Ministry is not meeting in February. An announcement will be made about the March meeting.

## **Rutherford County Laity Fellowship**

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet Monday, February 22. The meeting will be at Trinity UMC in Murfreesboro at 6:30 p.m.

## **Bucket Offerings**

In February offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Smyrna/LaVergne Assistance Coalition. SLAC helps local residents in need with items such as utility and housing payments.

## **Noon Prayers**

We are asked to be in prayer at noon through May. We are asked to pray for our United Methodist General Conference May 10-20.

## **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday is February 10. This year our Ash Wednesday Service will be at Lock's Memorial UMC beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## **Shepherd School – February 21**

Shepherd School is an annual Murfreesboro District informational event for lay people. This year it will begin with the packing of over 20,000 meals to help with our district's hunger initiative. Workshops will be available for music, finance, PPR, VBS curriculum, youth, inviting ministries and spiritual formation and spiritual disciplines. The activities will begin at 1:45 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. at Tullahoma First UMC.

## **Lenten Study**

A Lenten Study is being offered beginning February 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Eagleville UMC. Meeting sites will alternate with Concord UMC and St. Paul UMC. Pastor Barry has information about the study. Please contact him if you are interested in attending.

## **Food Bank**

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

## **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

**Matthew 4:16** quoting the prophet Isaiah was "who said this?" in the January newsletter.

## The Season of Lent

Lent is the 40 days from Ash Wednesday until Easter, not counting Sundays. In 2016 Ash Wednesday is February 10; Easter Day is March 27. The Sundays are not included because each Sunday, in its own way, is a celebration of the resurrection. Thus, officially, the Sundays are “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.

## Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 14

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, February 21

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, February 28

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

## Who Said This?

“May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”

--NRSV

(hint – from one of the general epistles)



## February Calendar

Tuesday, February 2:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, February 3:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, February 6:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 7:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, February 9:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, February 10:

Ash Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
at Lock's Memorial UMC

Sunday, February 14:

First Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, February 16:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, February 21:

Second 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.

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1:45 – 5:00 p.m. Shepherd School at

Tullahoma First UMC

Monday, February 22:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford Co. Laity at

Trinity UMC, Murfreesboro

Tuesday, February 23:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, February 28:

Third Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

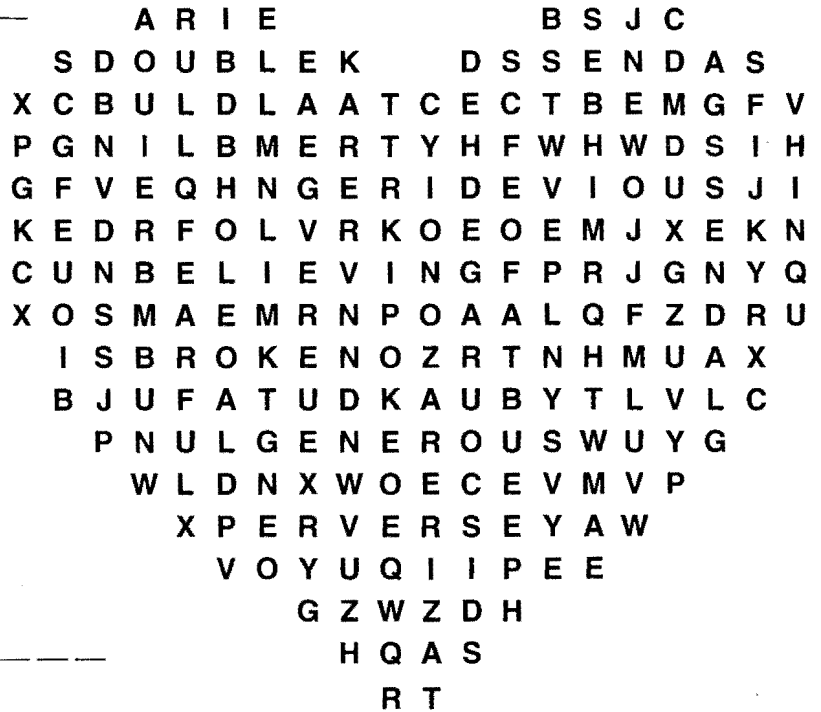
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

*“God loves you as if you were the only one in the world to love. And he loves everybody the way he loves you.” --St. Augustine*

# Heart Word Find

Look up these Bible verses to find the kind of heart. Then find that word in the word find.

- Exodus 35:5      G \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Numbers 32:9    D \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Deuteronomy 28:47 G \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Deuteronomy 28:65 T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 1 Samuel 25:36   M \_ \_ \_ \_
- Nehemiah 2:2    S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Psalms 12:2     D \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Psalms 34:18    B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Psalms 101:5    A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Proverbs 10:8    W \_ \_ \_ \_
- Proverbs 17:22   C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Proverbs 25:20   H \_ \_ \_ \_
- Isaiah 35:4      F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Jeremiah 17:9    D \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Jeremiah 17:9    P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Ezekiel 18:31    N \_ \_ \_
- Matthew 5:8     P \_ \_ \_ \_
- Luke 8:15        G \_ \_ \_ \_
- Hebrews 3:12    E \_ \_ \_ \_
- Hebrews 3:12    U \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



# Matching Hearts

Draw a line from the heart in the top row to its match in the bottom row.

