

# Kedron United Methodist Church



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From our Pastor:

## FACING A NEW YEAR

I'm not just stating the obvious when I say the New Year will bring changes and challenges. In everyone's lives, we expect the natural passage of time to impact us in many ways. Most obvious for me is my wedding. By the time you receive this, I will have married a long-time friend whose path in life has crossed mine several times in the last four decades. Neither she or I expected our paths to converge this late in our lives. I would never have guessed it. And yet, here we are.

In my 50+ years in the ministry (my first real church job began in 1967), I have witnessed unexpected changes not only in my life, but in the lives of the people with whom I have been in ministry. I have seen unexplained death interrupt the lives of counted people. I have seen marital problems explode unexpectedly. I have seen illness weaken otherwise healthy people. On the other hand, I have seen financial gain arrive for people who were not aware it was coming. And I have even been a part of getting an honor bestowed on dedicated but humble people.

The point is that while we expect change, there are always those things that take us by surprise. Some of those things damage our hearts and souls; some of those things can cause pride to swell in our emotions. I have found that no matter the change, prayer can lead us through-honest, depth-of-soul prayer.

My prayer for you is for you to be ready to turn to God in honest supplication, no matter the change. We will always be in need of courage when the unknown strikes; and we will always be in need of humbleness when opportunity gives us overwhelming power or prestige. God can provide it all.

Michael D. O'Bannon, Pastor

### **Administrative Council**

Our Administrative council will meet  
On **January 15th, 2023** at **1pm**.

### **Fellowship Supper**

**Next fellowship supper will be in March!**

### **Men's Breakfast**

**January 7th, 2023** at **8:00** am will be our Men's  
Breakfast

### **Bucket Offering**

Our **January** bucket offering taken on Sunday  
Morning worship service will be donated  
to: Journey Home..

### **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 January is canned  
vegetables. All non-perishable foods are  
accepted and appreciated.

### **Happy Birthday**

Shannon Stacey	Jan. 11th
Lynn Lee	Jan. 22nd
Shana Stacey	Jan. 24th

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

### **January Calendar**

**Sun. Jan. 1st 8:45 am Sunday School**  
**9:30 Church Service 1st day of**  
**Advent**

**Sat. Jan. 7th, 8:00 am Men's Breakfast**

**Sun. Jan. 8th, 8:45 am Sunday School**  
**9:30 am Church Services**

**Sun. Jan. 15th, 8:45 am Sunday School**  
**9:30 am Church Services**  
**1:00pm Adm Council mtg**

**Sun Jan. 22nd 8:45 am Sunday School**  
**9:30 am Church Services**

**Sunday Jan. 29th 8:45 am Sunday School**  
**9:30 am Church Services**

February 2023 newsletter info due to Dee by  
**January 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, TN37129



## Christmas 2022





I forgot to put this in last month but in November we had a special Sunday...

### Aiden's Baptism



Aiden moved to Florida with his family shortly after his baptism. We wish him the best in his new home and school! Come back and visit us at Kedron!!! We will miss you!