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From our Pastor:

By the time you read this, I will have returned from New York City. Anne and I went up to see both granddaughters in dance recitals. In addition, the older granddaughter acted as a kind of master of ceremonies for other recitals on the same day.

While up there in NYC, Anne and I went to the Broadway play, "The Lion King." It all started in 1997, according to the colorful booklet that is handed out to the people in attendance.

We were seated near the front, but from what I could see, the theater was packed—on a Wednesday night! For something to endure and still attract crowds after all of these years, they must be doing something right.

I am certainly no critic, but it seems to me that a part of the success has to do with the marvelously creative way in which they tell a simple story of honesty and integrity challenged by duplicity and evil.

I am always discouraged when a movie or play ends with a sad and morally dysfunctional plot and ending. The Lion King is not that. It both illustrates and celebrates what happens when goodness is tested by evil, and goodness prevails.

Nothing is new in my amateur critique: but the point is that people not only enjoy seeing evil defeated: they also affirm, rather conclusively, that goodness can and should emerge victorious.

The play reminds me, in some ways, of the situation in the Book of Job. Evil reduces Job's life to ruin and ashes: but in the end, because of his steadfast faith, he is restored by God. That's a

story we all yearn to hear-and of which we all need to be reminded from time to time. God is good, all of the time.

Michael O'Bannon, Pastor

Miranda Rhodes attended the annual conference in Memphis online this year. This is a brief description of what she shared with the congregation on Sunday June 25, 2023. Thank you Miranda!

“This year’s annual conference featured inspiring worship services and Bible studies led by Bishop McAlilly and Bishop Palmer and great presentations by speakers concerning the work of the church. Business accomplished included passing the consent calendar consisting of committee and other organizational annual reports, discussion and passage of the annual conference budget, passage of resolutions, and other matters. Pastoral appointments were also confirmed. For more detailed information, please visit twkumc.com. The 2024 annual conference will be held in Murfreesboro.”

Administrative Council

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

Fellowship Supper

July 5th at 6:30pm.

Men's Breakfast

July 1st,, 2023 at 8 AM

Bucket Offering

Our July Bucket offering taken on Sunday morning worship will be donated to: **Women's Shelter in Murfreesboro**

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 June is **peanut butter**. All non-perishable food is accepted and appreciated.

Happy Birthday

Arnold White	July 7th
Lydia Rouse	July 11th
Freddie Myrick	July 19th
Kim McMillin	July 20th
Emily Rouse	July 23rd
John Vance	July 24th

Anniversaries

Kim & Stephen McMillin	July 5th
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June Calendar

July 1st	Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
July 2nd	Sunday School 8:45 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM
July 4th	Independence Day
July 5th	Fellowship Supper 6:30 pm
July 9th	Sunday School 8:45 AM Worship Service 9:30 am
July 16th	Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 9:30 am Council Meeting 1pm
July 23rd	Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 9:30 am
July 24th	Laity Club 6:30 pm
July 30th	Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 9:30 am 5th Sunday Singing 4pm

August 2023 newsletter info due to Dee Rouse by
July 26th 615-574-9320 or 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

Stones River District Office
P.O. Box 12191
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Busy month in June: Crusty Veterans Band, had around 150 people attend.

Creek Investigation sponsored by Smyrna Parks and Rec, had about 43 kids attend total on 2 Fridays!!



Pastor O'Bannon and Anne enjoying the band!





The church handed out snacks, water, and crafts to all that attended the Creek Investigation! One little boy told us not to worry about bringing raisins next year because he did not like raisins!! In picture, Lynne Lee, Aiden, John & Mary Ellen Vance and Abby, Tanner Stacey, Sue Harris, Emily Rouse, and Julia Jowers (friend of Emily's)



5th Sunday Singing Event

What: Request your favorite hymn and everyone will sing

When: Sunday July 30th at 4 pm

Who: Everyone is welcome, invite friends and family

Where: Kedron United Methodist Church

Refreshments will be served afterwards

If you already know a favorite hymn, please let Miranda know so she can prepare for it! You can contact her by email:

mfraleyrhodes@comcast.net or by text: 615-631-0891

