

## *The Kedron Connection*

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### *From Our Pastor*

Americans tend to mark the beginning of Summer as the days after Memorial Day and at the latest June 1. Thus, begins the time honored traditions of vacation(s), leisure, yard and garden work, and daydreaming (also known as "loafing").

I have before me two inexpensive paperback books one entitled Make Your Own Bucket List and the other entitled The Chuck It List: 1000 Things I Will Never Do Before I Die.

Everyone has a bucket list in their head and everyone also knows things they will never ever do. Most of us simply look ahead on June 1 and ask, "what shall I do before school starts up again or before Labor Day arrives and routine returns!"

For the person of faith, Summer poses a season to consider "play." Some varieties of Christian Faith struggle with the notion of time given to play especially for adults! But, nowhere does the Bible dismiss play nor does it forbid enjoyment of the goodness of Creation. So, we might want to come up with a List of things we haven't done yet....as expressions of our faith! And look forward to doing them as "Summer play!" Or at least think of them as bringing joy to someone...maybe including YOU!

Have you been to The Upper Room in Nashville? Have you visited our own UMC Retreat Center at Beersheba Springs? Have you considered Christian camps? Have you ever been to St Mary's Retreat in Monteeagle? Or Lake Junaluska in Western North Carolina? Or the Billy Graham Center The Cove in NC?

Or.....what if you signed up to read to children for only four days through Project Transformation? When was the last time you read and prayed through one of the Four Gospels and then shared your experience with others? Or volunteered to serve at a Food Bank or The Journey Home? Where is a "need" THIS Summer?

We can all make our own "Summer bucket list" for things we have yet to do. "Be ye doers of the Word, not only hearers." (James 1:22). Yes, there are some things on a Bucket List we will likely never do, eg., climb Mt Everest or become the next Mother Teresa, but there are people we can help climb "their difficult mountains" and there are ways we can "mother and father" people on their spiritual journey. These are Bucket Lists you CAN do with God's help and through prayerfully seeking a God Given Summer!

June Blessings~~~+

Pastor Barry

### **Men's Breakfast**

The First-Saturday men's breakfast will be June 3. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

### **Fellowship Supper**

Our June covered-dish fellowship supper will be Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Choir Notes**

Let's practice Sunday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m.

### **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 June 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. If you would like to donate to the group's fund to give Study Bibles as gifts, see Dot Pressley or Lytle.

### **Laity Club**

The Rutherford County Laity Club will meet on June 26 at Haynes Chapel UMC, 5935 Woodbury Rd., Murfreesboro at 6:30 p.m.

### **Tennessee Annual Conference**

June 11-13 our Annual Conference will meet at Brentwood UMC, 309 Franklin Road, Brentwood. This year the delegate for our charge is Bill Smith from Lock's as our delegate last year was from Kedron. Larry Fraley is an at-large delegate for our district. The sessions are open to anyone, however only delegates can vote. A schedule of events can be found at tnumc.org. Also Pastor Barry and Larry will have the schedule. Let us be in prayer for our 2017 Tennessee Annual Conference. "Sent to Serve God and Neighbor"

### **Happy Birthday to:**

Larry Fraley	June 8
Miranda Fraley Rhodes	June 12
Arnold Alexander	June 14
Ernestine Clark	June 22
Tyler Patterson	June 25
Jayden Fraley	June 27
Delann Dunbar	June 29

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

Ray & Peggy Lee	June 7
Arnold & Linda Alexander	June 12
Wayne & Linda Lee	June 13
Robert & Deborah Kedell	June 20
David & Lynne Lee	June 21
Mike & Debbie Harris	June 22

### **Bucket Offerings**

In June our bucket offerings at Sunday worship will be donated to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR responds to needs due to disasters. The group also stays after the initial needs have been met to continue helping recovery.

### **Food Bank**

You may bring food donations for the Nourish 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 items for June are canned fruit and juice. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. This is our local food bank serving the Smyrna and LaVergne area.

**Habakkuk 3:18-19** written by Habakkuk was the quotation in the May newsletter.

### **Who Said This?**

"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

--NRSV

(hint - book of The Acts of the Apostles)



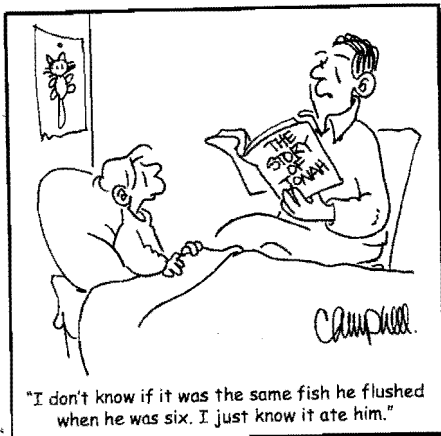
## Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day is celebrated in June in the vast number of the

world's countries. The idea for the day began in Spokane, Washington. While listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd thought how much she would like to honor her father. The month of June was chosen for the simple fact that that was the month of her father's birth.

June 19, 1910, was the first Father's Day. While Dodd primarily wanted to honor this selfless man who had raised her and five others after their mother died in childbirth, the popularity of the day soon spread. The date was firmly planted in many people's minds before President Richard Nixon established the permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June.

Unlike Mother's Day - which began as a day for mothers to work for peace - this day has always been one simply for recognizing the good gifts of fathers. This of course is not always the case, as there are fathers who do not care for children. Yet for each of us, there are those men who have provided - and continue to provide - wisdom beyond measure, wise counsel, and will toss a ball at a moment's notice.



## June Calendar

Saturday, June 3:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, June 4:

Day of Pentecost

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, June 6:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, June 7:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Sunday, June 11:

Trinity Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

2:00 p.m. TN Annual Conference begins at Brentwood UMC

Monday, June 12:

7:30 a.m. TN Annual Conference

Tuesday, June 13:

7:30 a.m. TN Annual Conference

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, June 18:

Father's Day

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, June 20:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, June 21:

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

Sunday, June 25:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

Monday, June 26:

6:30 p.m. Laity Club, Haynes Chapel UMC

Tuesday, June 27:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

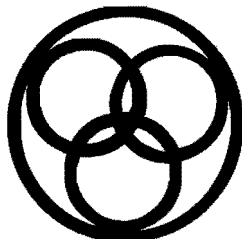


## Pentecost symbols

Acts 2:1-21 tells the story of something amazing happening to the disciples at the feast of Pentecost. They experienced God's Spirit arriving like a rushing wind, and it looked like tongues of fire resting on the disciples' heads.

Both wind and fire are sources of energy. Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is God's energy within us, both as individual Christians and as the church. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us the energy to do the things that Jesus wants us to do. At Pentecost, people sometimes wear red and many churches use red banners and other decorations to symbolize the flames of fire.

Another very common symbol for the Holy Spirit is the dove, because in other Bible passages – especially Jesus' baptism (see, for example, Matthew 3:16) God's Spirit appears as a dove.



Trinity  
Sunday



## Fathers in the Bible Match the clues with the name.

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| 1. David was the youngest of his many sons (Ruth 4:17)                  | 1. David   |
| 2. He built an ark with his three sons (Gen 6:10)                       | 2. Abraham |
| 3. He ruled for 40 years and was the father of King Solomon (2 Sam 5:4) | 3. Jacob   |
| 4. The 1st King of Isreal, Jonathan's father (2 Sam. 9:6)               | 4. Elkanah |
| 5. He was asked to sacrificer his son Isaac (Gen 22:1-2)                | 5. Boaz    |
| 6. Father of Seth, Cain and Abel (Gen 4:25)                             | 6. Jesse   |
| 7. His son was Obed (Ruth 4:21)   | 7. Noah    |
| 8. His sons were wicked (1 Sam 2:12)                                    | 8. Isaac   |
| 9. He gave the birthright of Essau to youngest son, Jacob (Gen 27:30)   | 9. God     |
| 10. Father of Samuel (1 Sam 1:19-20)                                    | 10. Eli    |
| 11. Our Lord's Father (Eph 1:3)   | 11. Joseph |
| 12. He had 12 sons (Gen 35:22)  | 12. Adam   |
| 13. His wife Mary, Jesus' mother (Mat 1:20-21)                          | 13. Saul   |