

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Luke 10:38-42 Mary and Martha
Luke 18:18-30 Rich Man

Time for confession: I have not done well in “giving something up” for Lent. I am much better at taking up something! (So I believe!) So far, I have been committed to reading the martyred German pastor Bonhoeffer’s Letters and Papers From Prison. And I have a renewed drive to recycle multiple items from plastic to cardboard to aluminum cans. I take stuff to the center on Haley Lane in Murfreesboro.

But removing something from my personal life is a “horse of a different color!” Some of those “horses” in my life ride ME more than I ride them! Weaknesses and less-than-good habits are continually in the “stable” but not “broken” yet!

You may have grown weary of THAT equine reference, but I trust you get the point. My plan: to prayerfully work on a Lenten removal of some impediment to my spiritual life. When I find it or “it” finds me, I will bring to a sermon. I have FOUR sermons to go before Easter Sunday so be alert to what will be in at least ONE of those sermons!

Mary of Bethany in Luke 10 is commended for choosing the “one thing needful” at that moment in her life. The Rich Man in Luke 18 could not do the one thing Jesus asked him. Is there not just ONE thing I (and you) could give up and thereby draw closer to God? I will ask you on Palm Sunday to write one thing on an index card and place in the offering plate. One thing you have either taken up OR given up for the Forty Days of Lent. Then offer that symbolically as part of worship on Sunday March 20th. You have time to prayerfully enter into that practice or habit for the next few weeks. Join with me in faith to accomplish “one thing” in your personal relationship with God at this season of our life together at Kedron and our community.

Blessings in your search,

Pastor Barry

We Are Invited.

Shhhhhhhh! It Is a Surprise!

Pastor Barry's 65th birthday is March 27. His wife, Rev. LeNoir, is hosting an open house in his honor for the people of Kedron and Lock's. It will be on Saturday March 26 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at their home. She has said cards only. Their address is [REDACTED]. Please do not mention this to him as it is to be a surprise.

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be March 2. 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, March 5. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come and join us.

Practice for Easter Worship Service

The choir will practice on Sunday March 13 at 2:00 p.m. The choir and others in the presentation will practice on Sunday March 20 at 2:00 p.m. There will be a dress rehearsal for everyone involved in the program on Saturday March 26 at 10:00 a.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 March 16 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna. New additions to the group are always welcome.

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. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please see Dot Pressley or Lytle Hodge.

For Our Children

Our Easter Egg Hunt and Activities will be Saturday March 26. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m.

Good Friday

This year our Good Friday service will be at Kedron. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on March 25.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

We will gather at Lock's Memorial at 6:30 a.m. on March 27 for our Sunrise Service. In 2015 the service was at Kedron.

Easter Sunday at Kedron

Sunday School will begin at 8:45 a.m. as scheduled. Our morning worship service will be at our usual time of 9:30.

Rutherford County Laity Fellowship

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet Monday, March 28. The meeting will be at Smyrna First UMC at 6:30 p.m. It will begin with dinner.

Bucket Offerings

In March offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to Project Transformation. This is a Murfreesboro District summer program for children offering various activities including help with reading skills.

Lenten Study

A four-week Lenten Study is being offered. It begins February 28. The sessions are at 6:00 p.m. at various UM churches in our district. Pastor Barry has information about the study. Please contact him if you are interested in attending.

Noon Prayers

Reminder - 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 in Portland, Oregon.

Happy Birthday to:

Mary Ellen Vance	March 4
Tanner Stacey	March 5
Mitch Robinson	March 21
Lucas Pagello	March 22
Frank Pagello	March 25
Rev. Barry Culbertson	March 27
Carol Dorn	March 31

Happy Anniversary to:

Mitch & Stephanie Robinson	March 10
Rev. Travis & Margaret Perry	March 16
Gaylord & Carol Dorn	March 19
James & Jeanne Neville	March 26

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 March is tuna. The need is great. All non-perishable foods are accepted.

Who Said This?

"He is not here; for he has been raised as he said. Come see the place where he lay"

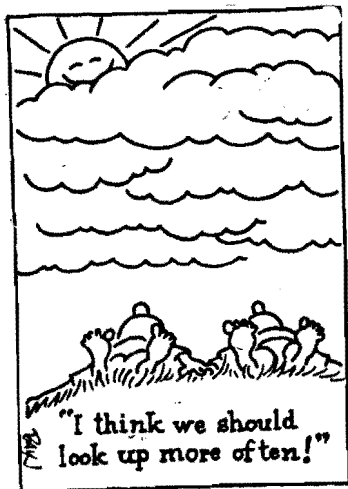
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(hint – book of Matthew)

2 Peter 1:2 written by Peter was the quotation in the February newsletter.

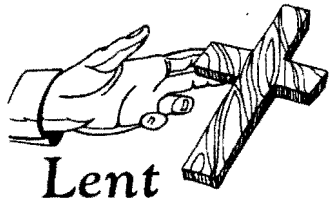
World Day of Prayer is Friday March 4.

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 13.

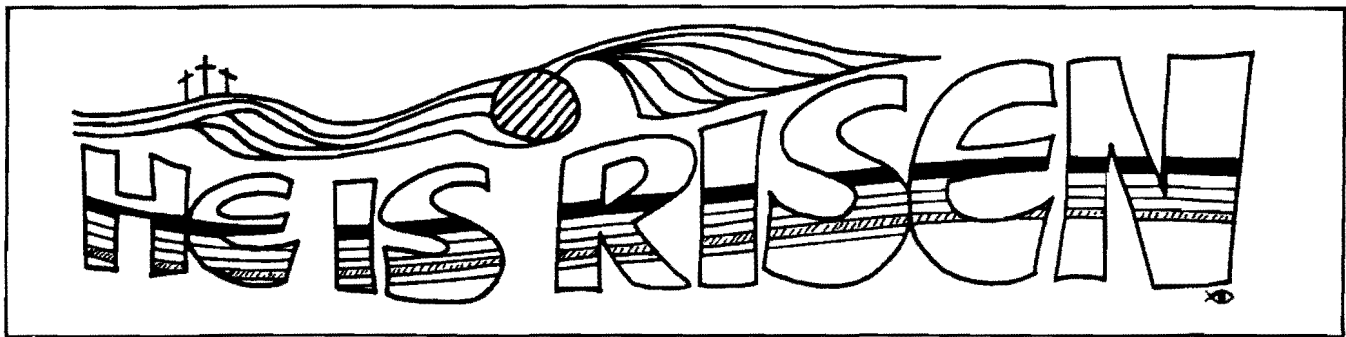
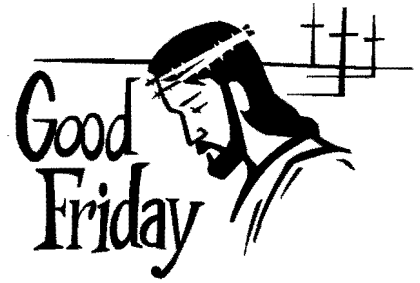


March Calendar

Tuesday, March 1:	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Wednesday, March 2:	6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
Saturday, March 5:	7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sunday, March 6: 4 th Sunday in Lent	8:45 a.m. Sunday School
	9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Tuesday, March 8:	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Sunday, March 13: 5 th Sunday in Lent	8:45 a.m. Sunday School
	9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m. Worship Service
	2:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Tuesday, March 15:	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Wednesday, March 16:	10:00 a.m. Handwork Ministry at Ernestine Clark's home
Sunday, March 20: 6 th Sunday in Lent	Passion/Palm Sunday:
	8:45 a.m. Sunday School
	9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m. Worship Service
	2:00 p.m. Easter Program Practice
Tuesday, March 22:	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Friday, March 25:	6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service, Kedron
Saturday, March 26:	9-11 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00 a.m. Dress Rehearsal for Easter Program
	11:00 a.m. April newsletter information due. Email:lf_fraley@prodigy.net or phone 615-459-2618
Sunday, March 27 – Easter	6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Lock's
	8:45 a.m. Sunday School
	9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Monday, March 28:	6:30 p.m. Laity at Smyrna First UMC
Tuesday, March 29:	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Reminder – Surprise birthday open house for Pastor Barry, March 26 4:30-6:00 p.m. at his home hosted by his wife.	



Palm/Passion Sunday



Connect the Lines

Butterflies are a symbol of new life. Connect the dotted lines and color the butterfly with the colors listed below, or your choice of colors.

Color

- 1 = Black
- 2 = Blue
- 3 = Purple
- 4 = Green

Caterpillars go into a cocoon, which looks something like a tomb, and then emerge as a beautiful butterfly. The butterfly can remind us that Jesus rose at Easter, and that God brings new life.

