



The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Luke 9:51
Hebrews 12:2; 13:14

"March We Onward"

March is one of those months that has accumulated famous or familiar expressions that many quickly can repeat:

"Beware the Ides of March," the words of a Roman seer warning Julius Caesar about March 15th. Shakespeare captured the expression and the assassination of the Emperor in the play by the same name!

"Mad as a March hare," comes from observation of unpredictable and excitable behavior of rabbits during Spring breeding season! We often apply that to people who are unpredictable and excitable! "March Madness" is now the name of post season NCAA basketball tournament play since one heart breaking loss and you are out and over achieving underdogs seem to thrive in March!

The month of March for the Church has come to mean at least a portion of the season of Lent and the inevitable "march" toward Good Friday and Easter. I use the word "march" in the sense of a determined walk. Just as Jesus set his sights on Jerusalem and the finale of his earthly ministry, we, The People of the Son of God, are also directed through prayer, fasting, and spiritual discipline to move toward the Kingdom of God both here and Beyond. We move not toward an earthly Jerusalem but toward one not made by human hands. God's Kingdom is not of (from) this world but indeed it impacts THIS world. Where God is, and as God's people join with God along the Way, the difference for good is known!

We can do this! Together!

Have a joyous "determined" Lenten "march!" Together!

Amen!



Easter Egg Hunt

We hope all of our children can participate in the Easter egg hunt and activities. Plan to join us on Saturday, March 24, 9-11 a.m.

Invitation to Congregation

Join us in celebrating Travis and Margaret's 50th anniversary.

Saturday, March 17

2-4 in the afternoon

RSVP by March 10th to

theheiselmans@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast

The March Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, March 3. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship Supper

Our First Wednesday Fellowship Supper will be March 7. We have our covered-dish meal at 6:30 p.m.

Choir Notes

Let's plan to practice briefly after worship services in March. We will also practice Saturday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m.

Easter Program

We are excited that our program for Easter Sunday morning worship has been written by Delann Dunbar. She will be directing the program and will announce program practices.

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 Wednesday, March 21 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Service

Our Good Friday Service on March 30 will be at 6:30 p.m. at Kedron. Lock's Memorial UMC will join us for the service.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The study is now focusing on the book of John. The group meets at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The address is 507 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna.

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 our local food bank. The suggested item for March is peanut butter. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Bucket Offerings

In March our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Fisher House in Murfreesboro. This is housing for non-local families of veterans in the Murfreesboro Veteran's Hospital.

Laity Meeting

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship is scheduled to meet on March 26 at Smyrna First UMC, 301 Sam Davis Rd., Smyrna. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

Games, Food, Fellowship

Our youth and children invited the congregation to their game night on February 17. This was a fun night for those in attendance. Thank you to Doug Rouse, Dee Rouse, Sue Harris, children, and youth.

Happy Birthday to:

Mary Ellen Vance March 4
Tanner Stacey March 5
Ricky Fann March 21
Frank Pagello March 25
Rev. Barry Culbertson March 27
Carol Dorn March 31
Rev. Rob Dunbar March 31

Happy Anniversary to:

Doug & Dee Rouse March 14
Rev. Travis & Margaret Perry March 16
Garylord & Carol Dorn March 19

Who Said This?

“By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

-NRSV

(hint – Book of Luke)

1 Kings 8:60-61 spoken by Solomon was the quotation in the February newsletter.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

If God seems
far away,
who moved?

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“Martha, the alphabet soup is spelling out ‘REPENT’!”

March

Friday, March 2: World Day of Prayer

Saturday, March 3:

7:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast

Sunday, March 4: 3rd Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 p.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 6:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, March 7:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Sunday, March 11: 4th Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 13:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, March 17:

2-4 p.m. Perry’s 50th Anniversary
Celebration at Kedron

Sunday, March 18: 5th Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 20:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, March 21:

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

Saturday, March 24:

9-11 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt & Activities

Sunday, March 25: 6th Sunday in Lent,
Passion/Palm Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

10:30 a.m. April newsletter

information due. Email:

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Monday, March 26:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford County Laity at
Smyrna First UMC

Tuesday, March 27:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, March 30:

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service, Kedron

Saturday, March 31 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice

Connect the dots



Easter Story Code

Use the code to find how this animal was a part of the Easter story.

♥ = a, ★ = e, ◆ = i, † = o, ☼ = u

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