



## *The Kedron Connection*

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### *From Our Pastor*

Revelation 21:5. "New!"

Isaiah 43:19. "New!"

2 Corinthians 5:17. "New!"

May is another month of celebrations from May Day to Cinco de Mayo to Pentecost Sunday! It is the month we remember John Wesley's heart warming experience at Aldersgate Chapel in which he felt reassurance that he "did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation and an assurance was given that He had taken away my sins..." May 24, 1738. Wesley went on to transform England with preaching a "social holiness" impacting all society especially the poor and marginalized

God is always bringing forth the good and the "New" and we should be alert and awake so as not to miss it! And to participate in what God is doing!

The media is full of misery, hurt, trouble and affliction. We should be forthright in acknowledging the struggles both personal and social, but never despair that God is up to doing something New to bring us through! A promise, yes, but a promise to live into!

Lets BE the church, the new people God calls us to be! Lift up your hearts!

"Rejoice and be glad in the month of May!"

Pastor Barry

### **Men's Breakfast**

The monthly First-Saturday men's breakfast will be May 2 in the Kedron fellowship hall. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come be with us.

### **Fellowship Supper**

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be May 6. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for good fellowship and food.

### **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.

### **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 May 20 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna.

### **Bucket Offerings**

In May, the offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to Project Transformation. This a Murfreesboro District sponsored project. It is a summer program for children. In addition to supplies, people willing to read to children are needed. Pastor Barry has information about the program which will be offered at Key Memorial UMC in Murfreesboro.

### **Food Bank**

You may bring food donations for the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month, and they will be delivered to the Food Bank. The suggested item for May is oatmeal. The need is great. All non-perishable foods are accepted.

### **Rutherford County Laity Fellowship**

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on May 18 at Blackman UMC. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

### **Happy Birthday to:**

Rev. Travis Perry	May 8
Ron Obenauf	May 11
Lynne Lee	May 12
Lytle Hodge	May 14
Fay Fraley	May 19
Wayne Lee	May 20
Teresa Palmer	May 22
James Neville	May 26
Jackie Smith	May 26
Jeanne Neville	May 27
Linda Lee	May 30

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

Charles & Sunya Sprinkle	May 29
Marc & Kristy Fraley	May 30

### **United Methodist Day at Preds Game**

Some of our church family attended the Nashville Predators ice hockey game on United Methodist Day. If anyone has suggestions about something else for us to do, please let Pastor Barry know.

### **Imagine No Malaria**

In 2010 a goal was set for United Methodist Churches to contribute \$75 million to help combat malaria. Currently \$66 million has been raised. Bed nets are still needed. Kedron's Administrative Council voted to contribute \$300.00 this year.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship is having a pancake breakfast on May 23. It will be at Fellowship UMC in Murfreesboro from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Proceeds will be used to support various outreach programs of the group.

### **Who Said This?**

"Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

--NRSV

(hint- Book of Exodus)

**Matthew 28:6** spoken by an angel was the quotation in the April newsletter.

## The Bumble Bee

Did you know that the bumble bee cannot fly? It's a very silly question, because of course, bumble bees *do* fly. Yet, according to the laws of aerodynamics, they should not be able to.

A bumble bee's wings are, in theory, too small to lift the weight of its body. But, apparently, no one told the bee that fact, and so they fly. Quite well, in fact. They do so by flapping their wings not up and down, as one might expect, but back and forth.

"With God, all things are possible," Jesus reminds us in Matthew 19:26. Certainly the bumble bee is a living example of this simple but profound truth.



**Ascension**



**PENTECOST**



## May Calendar

Saturday, May 2:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 3:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, May 5:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

Wednesday, May 6:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Thursday, May 7:

National Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, May 12:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

Sunday, May 17: Ascension Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, May 18:

6:30 p.m. Laity Club Blackman UMC

Tuesday, May 19:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

Wednesday, May 20:

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

Sunday, May 24: Day of Pentecost

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. June newsletter

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Tuesday, May 26:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

Sunday, May 31: Trinity Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service



# Mothers and Women in the Bible

- M** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25)
- O** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Daughter-in-law of Naomi (Ruth 1:4-14)
- T** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Christian woman raised from the dead by Peter (Acts 9:36-43)
- H** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Mother of Ishmael (Genesis 16:15)
- E** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-57)
- R** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Jacob's wife (Genesis 29:9-12)
- S** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ One of the women at the tomb (Mark 16:1)



## Praying Together

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
By your touch you call us back to life again;  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

— John Crum, 1928