

## *The Kedron Connection*

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### *From Our Pastor*

"Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:16,17

November is upon us with many good things of the Autumn/Thanksgiving season. But, there exist a thousand afflictions (or more) which we are subject to. Just go to a clinic! I did two clinics in one day and heard two of those afflictions pronounced upon me: arthritis and cataracts!

You don't have to be in your "7th decade" either! We've had two youngsters with broken arms already!

And most anyone can come up with a Top Ten list of illnesses or injuries to avoid or not repeat again ("don't get on that ladder again Grandpa!").

And then there is the world beyond just bodily aches and pains with behavior and relationships also at risk.

Pastor?! Have you forgotten where you started? What about the good things?! I simply wanted to illustrate what tends to get our attention! And what we may take for granted, because for the person of faith, life is ultimately a blessing although it will have its moments, to be sure, of "curses." The person of faith is a realist full of hope who like Oscar Wilde once said, "We are all fallen into the gutter, but some see mud, others see the stars." It's a matter of "looking up" from where all goodness to us comes from.

When James wrote about "every good and perfect gift coming from above" it was also in the context of "trials, testing of the faith, doubts, temptations." James knew "the good, the bad, and the ugly." For most of us there will be "seasons of the bad."

So, the person saved by grace through faith cannot be "double minded and unstable in all they do" James 1:7. Persevere in spite of the "detours." Sometimes we spend too much time looking for "proof or evidence" that there is God's Providence. In the final accounting I tend to agree with the Reformer Martin Luther (1483--1546) that "One can't know one is saved, one can only believe." "Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things NOT seen" Hebrews 11:1.

So, Fall/Thanksgiving is a good season to have faith and to "look" for the good! Hold on, hang in, and look up!  
Blessings!

Pastor Barry

## **Fellowship Supper**

Our November First-Wednesday Fellowship Supper will be November 1. We will begin our covered-dish meal at 6:30 p.m. Join us for good fellowship and good food.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The November Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, November 4. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Men, come join us.

## **Choir Notes**

We are ready to begin to prepare for Christmas. Let's practice each Sunday in November for 20 minutes following worship service. Let's plan to practice Saturday mornings on November 11 and November 25 from 10 until 11 a.m. We will adjust the schedule if needed. New choir members would be welcomed.

## **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, November 15 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.

## **Laity Meeting**

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on Monday, November 27 at Emery UMC, 2989 Emery Road, Murfreesboro. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

## **Bucket Offerings**

In November our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be kept at Kedron. The money will be used for Christmas for our Kedron children and youth.

## **Charge Conference**

Our annual Charge Conference will be Sunday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at Lock's Memorial UMC.

## **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 November is peanut butter. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

## **Where Is this Scripture in the Bible?**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,  
all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
enter into his presence with singing.  
Know the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep  
of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
For the Lord is good; his steadfast  
love endures forever, and his  
faithfulness to all generations.  
--NRSV  
(hint - Book of The Psalms)

**1 Samuel 2:2** from Hannah's prayer was the quote in the October newsletter.

## **Happy Birthday to:**

Mike Harris	November 10
Gaylord Dorn	November 12
B. L. Rhodes	November 12
Mary Lee Vanderkooi	November 16
Margaret Perry	November 17
Ruth Kitchen	November 19
Mildred Gentry	November 28

## **Happy Anniversary to:**

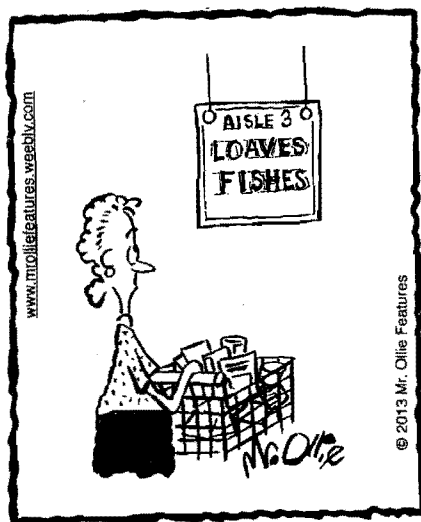
Loren & Mary Lee Vanderkooi	November 2
Danny & Martha Fraley	November 16

## All Saints Sunday

November 5 is All Saints Sunday, a time when we remember and celebrate people we think of as saints. These truly serve God and his children. Some saints live among us. They may be friends, teachers, and family. Other saints have lived and died. Saints are friends in the faith – people who support and guide others. They show others a way to God and that they do not have to walk by themselves. If you think for a moment, you can probably name some people you think of as saints.

## Thanks-doing

The French word for thanksgiving literally means “feast of thanks actions.” When we give thanks, as well as celebrating all that we have received, what can we do to show our gratitude to God. Not just one day, but all year long? How can our thanks-giving become thanks-doing?



## November Calendar

Wednesday, November 1:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, November 4:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, November 5:

All Saints Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 p.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. Charge Conference at Lock's

Tuesday, November 7:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, November 11:

10:00-11:00 a.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 12:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 14:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, November 15:

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

Sunday, November 19:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 21:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, November 25:

10:00-11:00 a.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 26:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

10:30 a.m. December newsletter information due. Email:

Monday, November 27:

6:30 p.m. Laity Fellowship  
Emery UMC

Tuesday, November 28:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

