

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

Spring and Fall are our "start up" Seasons! Winter seems all about surviving, hibernating, and waiting. Summer is for vacations, no school, and not pushing too hard to get things done! But, come Spring and then Fall....for many these are the times we "get things started."

For example, Spring is planting and garden time. Fall is, well, school and the march toward multiple harvests and multiple Holidays. And for many churches, time for Homecoming. Kedron's will be here soon, right around the corner!

In preparation, I am working on a new food dish to bring: chiles en nogada or "chiles in walnut sauce."

This is a food developed in honor of St Augustine (354-430) by a convent in Puebla, Mexico. (August 28 is an annual date to honor St Augustine). St A is famous for being a bishop and writing over 113 books on church and theology. He famously said "our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee (God)"

So, here is the recipe if you want to try it too before Homecoming: large green pepper, ground meat, tomatoes, onion, garlic, raisins, chopped almonds, saffron, peaches, pears, cinnamon, cloves, sugar and eggs. Dip in egg batter, deep fry then cover in a sauce made of ground walnuts, cream cheese, and spices.

Pray for me~! Believe me, I will have several practice batches!

So, my Fall has a new start up! Minor to be sure, but hoping it will lead to good food to share at Homecoming, an attempt to learn a new skill (cooking from a recipe!), and an opportunity to talk about St Augustine as a great witness to Christ!

What new "start up" have you thought about for this Fall? A new job? A good book to read? A mission to undertake? A spiritual goal to achieve? A sacred journey to pursue? God bless you as you discover whatever "your start up" is this Season!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

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

Fellowship Supper

There will be no first-Wednesday fellowship supper in September. Our next supper will be October 5.

Choir Notes

Let's plan to practice Sunday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m. We will discuss a practice schedule for the upcoming months.

Soon we will start preparing for Christmas. We would be happy to welcome new singers.

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

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. Currently Jeremiah is being studied. 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. When the Rutherford County Laity Fellowship met at Kedron in August, the study group gave the church with the highest attendance a gift certificate to purchase Christian study materials.

Bucket Offerings

In September offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Smyrna Meals on Wheels program.

Please note time change.

Kedron Homecoming

Our annual homecoming will be Sunday, September 18. The time change is for this Sunday only; Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Following the Worship Service, we will have a covered-dish lunch.

Louisiana Flood Disaster Response

The Tennessee Conference is coordinating teams to travel into the affected areas of Louisiana. An Early Response Team Training is scheduled for September 16-17 at Cedar Crest Camp. If you are interested in joining this effort, contact Pastor Barry for more information.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to this flood relief effort, place the clearly-designated gift in the offering plate on Sunday.

Project Transformation Celebration

Project Transformation was a Murfreesboro District summer learning program for children. On September 11, there will be a celebration gathering for this ministry. The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark UMC, Murfreesboro.

Pastor Barry – Prayer and Fasting

At lunch time on Thursdays, Pastor Barry is having a time of prayer and fasting. He is thinking of our nation. If you would like to join him and others, contact him for the time and the location of the week.

Laity

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet at Bethel UMC, 4286 Sulphur Springs Road, Murfreesboro on September 26. The meeting will begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Thank You

Thanks to all who helped when Kedron hosted The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship on August 22. Approximately 90 people attended.

Happy Birthday to:

Deborah Kedell	September 2
Reba Lee Jackson	September 5
Seth Robinson	September 13
Micayla Hickman	September 20
John Lee	September 24
Stephanie Robinson	September 25
Alicia Hernandez	September 27
David Lee	September 28

Happy Anniversary to:

John and Naomi Lee	September 16
Keith and Geri Lee	September 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. Place the food items on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the Food Bank. The suggested item for September is peanut butter. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

Facebook

To join our Facebook page, go to <http://www.facebook.com/kedronumc> and click "like" next to our name under the banner picture.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 spoken by Moses was the quotation in the August newsletter.

Who Said This?

They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

--NRSV

(hint – book of John)



With the youngsters gathered around his feet, the minister was reaching the climax of his story . . . "and as they entered the forest, they saw something big and black and terrifying climbing up a tree in front of them. Have you any idea what it might have been?"

A small boy replied, "It was Jesus!" he said, "It's **always** Jesus!"

September Calendar

Saturday, September 3:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 4:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, September 6:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, September 11:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, September 13:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, September 18

Homecoming: **Note time change**

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:30 p.m. approximately

Covered-dish lunch

Tuesday, September 20:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, September 21:

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

Sunday, September 25:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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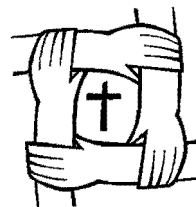
or phone 615-459-2618

Monday, September 26:

6:30 p.m. Laity at Bethel UMC

Tuesday, September 27:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



Praying Together

The light of God before me.
The light of God behind me.
The light of God above me.
The light of God beside me.
The light of God within me.

– From the Prayer of St. Patrick

BELIEVING

Find the hidden quote from the book of Hebrews by using the letters directly above each of the blank squares. Each letter is used once. A black square indicates the end of a word.

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“I’m going in for a faith lift.”

*BELIEVING
 Faith is the substance
 of things hoped for,
 the evidence of things
 not seen.
 --Hebrews 11:1*