



## *The Kedron Connection*

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### ***From Our Pastor***

Galatians 6:2 "Bear each other's burdens....."

Psalm 46: "God is our refuge and strength....."

What a week to remember! Or more like weeks! Tornadoes and now a pandemic. And likely more weeks and months of anxiety, stress, and uncertainty. We are encouraged to "stay calm, stay safe, and stay connected." We can best do this kind of caring together sharing Joys and Concerns in each other's presence but now we are "social distancing."

In spite of our absence physically from one another we still connect as people of faith by

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION

DEEDS

SCRIPTURE

So.....let me recommend when you finish this newsletter please say a prayer for yourself and others, contact someone someway, consider a deed for others, and read the Bible passages listed above. You will be overcoming "social distancing" as you do!

Let me recommend taking your church directory and using it as a guide for prayer, communication, and possible good deeds. Start with your name and look at those listed before and after yours. And then "move freely" each day through the directory as "we bear each other's burdens." If you don't have one give me a call and I will find a way to get you a clean, virus free copy!! And remember there are many others in our lives even if not listed in the directory.

Some days will be harder than others. Don't hesitate to reach out for support. Call, text, email, or write. Look for "the helpers" as Mr. Rogers was famous to say. And rejoice when you see or feel God at work through others in the community and inside your own home or workplace.

God WILL bless us and make a way for us in all our wilderness experiences!

Hope to "see" you on line as we worship via social media for Sundays for a season~~~~~+

Pastor Barry

**Happy Birthday to:**

Jim Pressley April 3  
Sue Harris April 9  
Jackie Manrock Lovell April 17  
Linda Alexander April 25

**Happy Anniversary to:**

B. L. & Miranda Rhodes April 24  
Paul & Jackie Manrock Lovell April 30

**Bucket Offerings**

In April, the bucket collections at Sunday morning Worship Service will be donated to our local food bank. It is suggested that you put your offerings in a container and bring the offering the first Sunday we again meet at Kedron.

**Food Bank**

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first Sunday we meet at Kedron. Place the donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the food bank. The suggested item for April is baby food. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

**Tithes and Offerings**

If you want to make your contributions weekly, send checks to our Treasurer Naomi Lee 5098 Rocky Fork Rd., Smyrna 37167.

**Known April Cancellations:**

First Wednesday Fellowship Supper  
Men's Breakfast  
Easter Egg Hunt (will have treats later)

**Good Friday Service, Easter Day**

We will try to contact all of the congregation when these decisions are made.

**Thank You**

Thanks to Rev. Barry for all he is doing to keep us informed and connected. Thanks also to Rev. LeNoir for helping. Thanks to John Vance for his technical assistance.





**Who Said This?**

"...I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here: for he has been raised as he said. . . ."  
NRSV (hint - book of Matthew)

**Isaiah 61:11** spoken by Isaiah was the quotation in the March newsletter.

**Jesus' Prayer**

While he was hanging on the cross, Jesus prayed to God. Use this symbol key to fill in the missing letters in the message.

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	= e
	= i
	= o

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Luke 23:34

