

Kedron United Methodist Church



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From our Pastor:

It's that time of year again when churches and pastors have to make decisions about pastoral appointments. The appointive system has been part of the foundation of Methodism from the very beginning.

The Rev. John Wesley began his career as a clergyman in the Church of England. He had some pastoral experience helping his father in a small local church, but his most significant years in the beginning included being a college teacher. It was while he was at Oxford that he began doing things methodically. People called him and his followers, "Methodists," as a kind of joke. They had a method for doing everything in their daily lives, especially when it came to prayer and Bible study.

Eventually, John and his brother, Charles, decided to go to America as chaplains to Gen. Oglethorpe's colony in Georgia. He thought of himself as a missionary; but as a missionary, he was less than effective. Upon his return to America, he is reputed to have said something like, "I came to America to save the Indians, but who is going to save me?"

After his return to England, he begrudgingly attended a Bible study on Romans at the invitation of his brother. At that Bible study, John came to the realization that we are saved by Grace and not our good works. His life was transformed. He began preaching that in earnest.

As John Wesley's following increased, there was the need to get others to help him. As the Methodist societies grew, he began to send his preachers to pastor those societies. At first, John Wesley changed their appointments every quarter. Eventually, appointments were made for longer periods of time. Today, each appointment is made for a year. Each year, those appointments are continued or changed; and this has continued to the present.

I want all of you to know that I have just asked the District Superintendent to send me back to Kedron and Lock's for another year, if at all possible. We now have to wait and see what the Bishop and cabinet of District Superintendents decide. I just wanted to keep you up to date.

Michael O'Bannon, Pastor

Administrative Council

Our Administrative council will meet
On **April 16th, 2023** at **1pm**.

Fellowship Supper

Next fellowship supper will be in March!

Men's Breakfast

Feb 4th, 2023 at **8:00** am will be our Men's
Breakfast

Bucket Offering

Our **Feb.** bucket offering taken on Sunday
Morning worship service will be donated to: **Food
Bank.**

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food
Bank on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month.
Place the donations on the pew in the narthex.
The food will be delivered to the food bank. The
suggested item for February is **canned fruit**. All
non-perishable foods are accepted and
appreciated.

Happy Birthday

Coleman Stacy	Feb. 7th
Esther Dunbar	Feb. 11th
Loren Vanderkooi	Feb. 25th

Happy Anniversary

John & Mary Ellen Vance Feb. 22nd



February Calendar

Sat. Feb.4th 8:00 am Men's Breakfast

**Sun. Feb 5th , 8:45 am Sunday School
9:30 am Church Services**

**Sun. Feb. 12th, 8:45 am Sunday School
9:30 am Church Services**

**Sat. Feb 18th 6-9pm Wedding Reception for
Michael & Ann**

**Sun Feb. 19th 8:45 am Sunday School
9:30 am Church Services**

**Sunday Feb. 26th 8:45 am Sunday School
9:30 am Church Services**

Feb. 27th 6:30pm Laity Club

**Planning another Crusty Veteran's Band
event hopefully in April! Keep a lookout for
details!!**

March **2023** newsletter info due to Dee by
February 26th 615-574-9320 or
ddrouse10@gmail.com

Resources Available

Resources for various kinds of help/support for
you or someone you know that might benefit
from counseling and/or spiritual support are
listed below.

Insight Counseling Center, Murfreesboro
615-383-2115 for in person or online/phone
counseling.

Upper Room Prayer Ministry **615-340-7200**

Talkspace.com Online/phone counseling

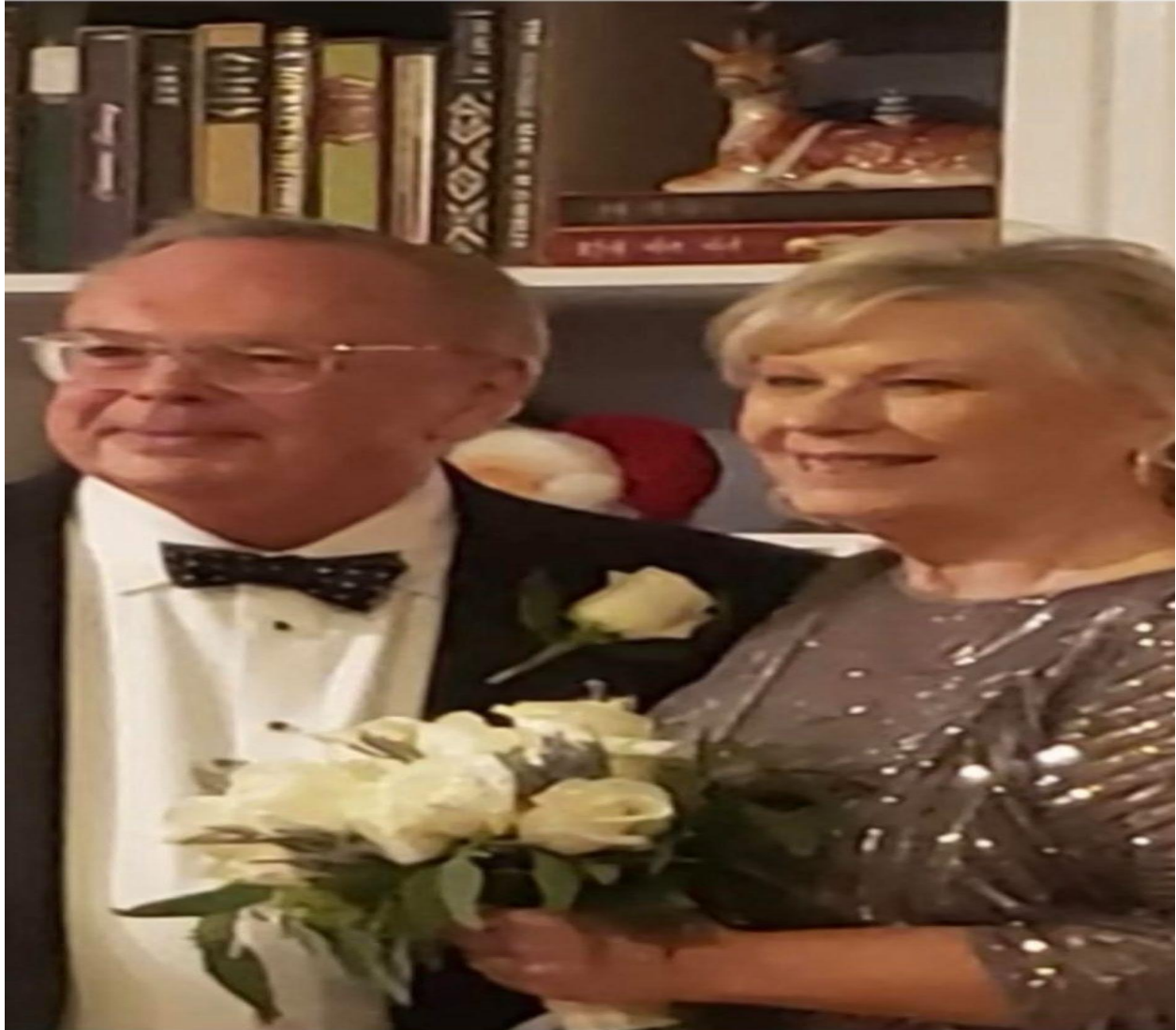
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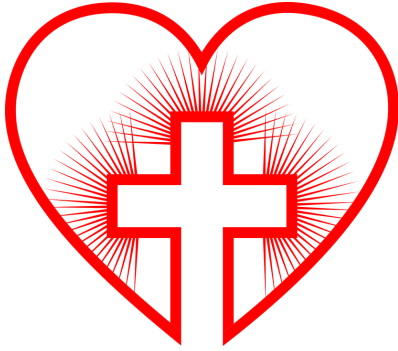
Congratulations to Michael and Anne O'Bannon

December 29th, 2023



Michael and Anne would like to invite you to their wedding reception on Feb. 18th from 6-9pm at Likeazoo 6455 Old Murfreesboro Rd E Lebanon, TN 37090. Please RSVP by Feb. 11th.

Attire: Dressy



Happy Valentine's Day!

