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The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Acts 2:17

2020. Doesn't quite sound real does it? Yet, here it is upon us. Another new year, another sense of new beginning. New Year's Resolutions may be considered but only the dedicated and earnest will carry through with "some" resolutions.

On the other hand, if we are open to God's resolutions who knows what will appear. God is resolved to save and make new in every age until all comes to completion in a New Heaven and a New Earth.

We might pray for "20-20 vision" in hope of seeing what God is bringing about in the next 12 months. Keeping our eyes open, staying alert, anticipating God's work amongst us is the requirement and resolve placed upon us.

Certainly as we look back over the last year(s) hindsight is 2020. If only..... But looking back sometimes is just a way to ignore our present call to a vision of the New. As the old saying goes, "everything works, nothing works forever." So, be open to doing things differently with God's guidance. What those might be can be based on multiple building blocks from the past, but only for the sake of something new in spiritual growth, self-awareness, and personal relationships in the present/future.

Our 21st century is not the 20th century. It is past. The 1920s are not the 2020s. What was "roaring and flapping" 100 years ago is over and done now. The new is coming! In every age, God is making new!

So, if you need "spiritual glasses" for improving your 2020 vision, consider "putting on" serious Bible study, Christian fellowship and service, and disciplined prayer life. And be sure to "pair up" with your friend Jesus!

On to 2020, the year of our Lord!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 4. Breakfast will be begin at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

No January Fellowship Supper

There will be no First-Wednesday Fellowship Supper in January.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at his home on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. The address is 1215 Ledbury Dr., Smyrna.

Youth

Our Youth Faith Formation study group is active. Our congregation was blessed by their participation in Worship Service in the Christmas program We are grateful for our children and youth and those who have worked with and supported them and their adult leaders.

Bucket Offerings

In January our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to our local food bank.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first and second 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 January is beans. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

Laity

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on January 27 at the Wesley Foundation, MTSU. The address is 216 College Heights St. in Murfreesboro. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Epiphany Sunday – January 5

This is the Sunday observed as the time the wise men brought gifts to the infant Jesus. It has been the tradition at Kedron for several years to bring baby gifts on that Sunday. The gifts are given to Miriam's Promise. This agency which helps women with crisis pregnancies and is an adoption agency is supported by the United Methodist Church. Cash donations may also be brought.

Administrative Council

Church officers for 2020 begin their service on January 1. The Administrative will meet on Sunday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Please attend the meeting if possible.

Happy Birthday to:

Rev. Dr. LeNoir Culbertson	January 4
Katelyn Patterson	January 11
Shannon Stacey	January 11
Myron Palmer	January 15
Lynn Lee	January 22
Shana Stacey	January 24

Thank You

Many thanks to all who helped with our Advent and Christmas activities. The Advent moments were beautiful. The Christmas program planned, written and directed by Delann Dunbar was very meaningful and creative. Pastor Barry's words and the choir music were inspiring. The time of fellowship with cards and snacks were appreciated. Thanks again to all who participated.

Where in Scripture is this found?

"Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life and honor."

NRSV

(hint – book of Proverbs)

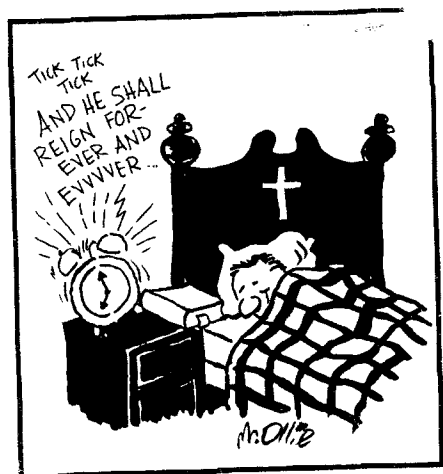
Luke 1:78-79 was the quotation in the December newsletter.

Outreach and Learning

Blake and Bella Richer and Emily and Lydia Rouse of your youth group took homemade Christmas goodies to the National Guard in Nashville on Christmas Eve morning. Chaplain Rob Dunbar took the group on a tour of the base and explained some things about what goes on there. The group enjoyed meeting everyone and getting a tour of the base! Doug and Dee Rouse accompanied the group.

Table Grace

God, we thank you for our food, and the gift of this new year. Open our hearts that we might share with friends both far and near. Amen.



January Calendar

Saturday, January 4:
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 5:
Epiphany Sunday
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, January 7:
9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, January 12:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, January 14:
9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, January 19:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Administrative Council

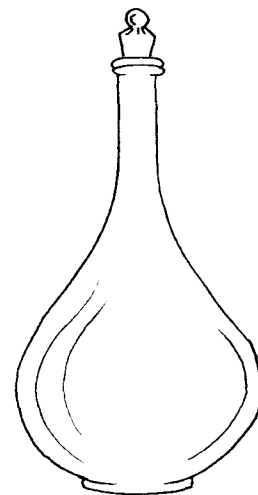
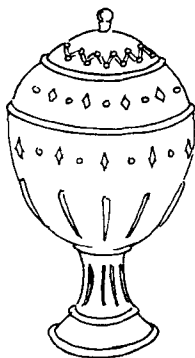
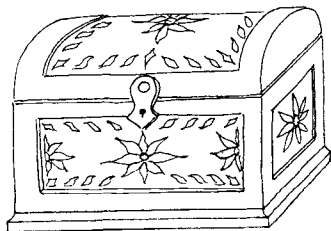
Tuesday, January 21:
9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, January 26:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. February newsletter information due.

Monday, January 27:
6:30 p.m. Laity MTSU Wesley Foundation.

Tuesday, January 28:
9:30 a.m. Bible Study

The wise men brought these three gifts to Jesus. Read Matthew 2:11 and print the name of each gift below. Then color the gifts.



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Kedron UMC 2020 Administrative Council

Chairperson: Larry Fraley

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Recording Secretary: Fay Fraley

Lay Leader: John Vance

Lay Member to Annual Conference: TBA

Trustee Chairperson: Wayne Lee

Finance Chairperson: Mary Vanderkooi

Treasurer: Naomi Lee

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District Steward: Danny Fraley

Pastor-Parish Relations Chairperson: Linda Lee

Charge PPR Chairperson: Linda Lee

Church School Superintendent: Jim Pressley

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Nurture and Program Director: Delann Dunbar

Outreach Ministries: John Vance

Witness Evangelism: Tom Root

Children's Ministry Coordinator: Dee Rouse

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Doug Rouse

Martin Methodist College Rep: Mary Vanderkooi

Church Historian: Miranda Rhodes

Newsletter: Fay Fraley

Website: John Vance

Worship Chairperson: Sue Harris

Usher Coordinator: Danny Fraley

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Kedron UMC 2020 Administrative Council

Greeter Coordinator: Danny Fraley

Members at Large: Ruth Kitchen, Jane Rainey, Lynn Lee

Pastor: Rev. Barry Culbertson

Kedron UMC 2020 Committees

Committee on Lay Leadership:

Term Expires 12-31-20

Doug Rouse

Mary Ellen Vance

Term Expires 12-31-21

Fay Fraley

Shana Stacey

Term expires 12-31-22

David Lee

Linda Lee

Pastor (Staff) Relations:

Term expires 12-31-20

Shannon Stacey

Miranda Rhodes

Term expires 12-31-21

Tom Root

Dee Rouse

Term expires 12-31-22

Linda Lee, Chair

Sue Harris

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Term expires 12-31-20

Wayne Lee, Chair

John Vance

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Danny Fraley

Mary Vanderkooi

Term expires 12-31-22

Lynne Lee

Doug Rouse

Finance:

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Mary Vanderkooi, Chair

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Sue Harris

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Tom Root