



The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

And all those in one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. Acts 1:14

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. Acts 29:1

The book of Acts is very much a travelogue of the journeys of Peter and Paul and the other first disciples of Jesus. And as the joke goes they went about in a Honda! Yes, Acts 1:14 says they were all in one Accord!

However they got about (mainly walking accompanied by maybe a donkey or horse) they were intent on sharing the Gospel and building church communities wherever they went. It certainly helped that the Roman Empire at the time had exerted great effort to build excellent roads to travel from city to city.

We do well to remember that on June 29, 1956 the Federal Interstate Highway Act was signed into law and Americans began to travel more than ever and arrive at their destinations with speed, ease, and timeliness. With the birth and expansion of highways other than state roads, Americans increased their romance with travel and the so called Open Road. To Atlanta now in 4 hours and St. Louis in 5 never heard of before the Interstates!

Travel quickly here and yon has become a way of life. Even during this time of reduced social gatherings and economic hardship, people will get up and go places for a long distance drive! Gatlinburg is a mere 5 and Florida in 9!

And as we go we talk and reminisce and tell stories, share memories, and show up at relatives and friends doors with more good words and glad tidings.

It seems a given part of human nature to “get up and go!” in spite of current limitations, we can travel even if only through tv shows and other media. There is The Travel Channel and National Geographic at the push of a button! We can see the world from home!

As people of faith, whenever and wherever we travel we bear witness to the Way, the Truth, the Life. Our manner, our way of relating, and our deeds, often speak louder than quoting a Bible verse from door to door. The point is we are “called to go!” We are blessed with a great country and great opportunity to be a “shining city on a hill.”

As you venture about in Summer 2020 even with all its social limitations try to go “in one accord (!)” influenced by so many fellow disciples back home and with the intent to “make more disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Even if your “travel” is by phone or letter or card to someone, remember you bring with you whatever God has done and is doing in your life! Travel well, travel far in 2020.....for the sake of the Gospel bearing the “fruit of the Spirit” Galatians 5:22, 23

Godspeed!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

Breakfast is planned at 8.00 a.m. on Saturday July 4. Anyone not feeling safe should not attend. We are planning on using all possible safety precautions. We look forward to fellowship with those who come.

Bucket Offerings

In July, the bucket collections at Sunday Worship will be donated to UMCOR. This United Methodist Committee on Relief helps many in times of need.

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 items for July are pasta and pasta sauce. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.



Love all Creation,
the whole of it and every grand of sand
Love every leaf
Every ray of God's light
Love the animals
Love the plants
Love everything
If you love everything
You will perceive
The divine mystery in things
And once you have perceived it
You will begin to comprehend it
ceaselessly
More and more every day
And you will at last come to love the
whole world
With an abiding universal love.

~ Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Happy Birthday to:

Arnold White July 7
Lydia Rouse July 11
Kimberly McMillin July 20
Emily Rouse July 23
John Vance July 24
Peggy Lee July 26

Happy Anniversary to:

Kimberly & Stephen McMillin July 5

Which Prophet Used These Words?

"I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love. -NRSV

Revelation 21:3-4 was the revelation to John quoted in the June newsletter.

July Calendar

July 4:
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
July 5:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
July 12:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
July 19:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
July 26:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Aug. newsletter info due

Looking Ahead

It is unlikely that the Rutherford County Laity will meet at Kedron in August. An announcement will be made.



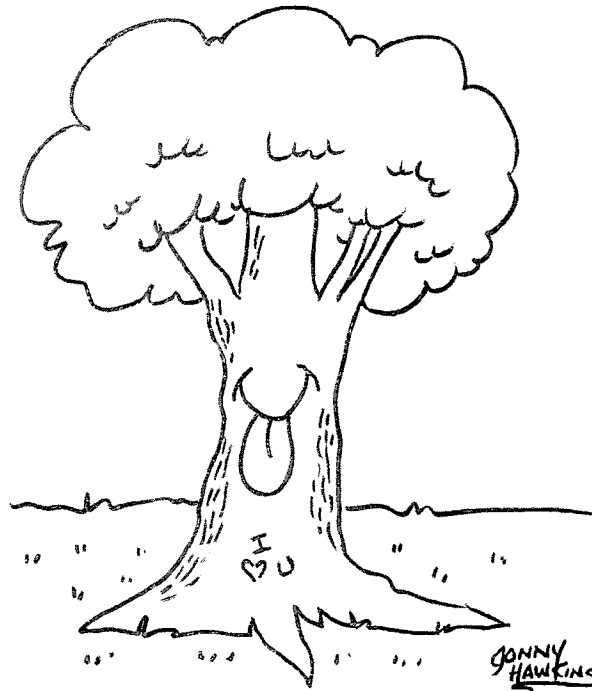
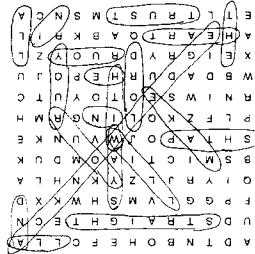
Trust in the Lord

Find the words below,
based on Proverbs 3:5-6.



trust
in
the
Lord
with
all
your
heart
in
all
your
ways
acknowledge
him

and
he
will
make
straight
your
paths



**A gentle tongue is a tree of life.
A mean one...is just bark.**