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From Our Pastor

For freedom Christ has set us free. Galatians 5:1

Most of you will be reading this Church Newsletter as we approach our national July 4th holiday. Almost 250 years of remembering 13 colonies of Great Britain sought freedom from distant unfair governance. The USA has since then championed ideals of freedom for all peoples and has been willing to engage in warfare for the sake of human freedom, dignity, and democracy.

Freedom as a Christian is clearly stated by Paul and has echoes from the Old Testament in the Prophets and in Moses leading the Israelites out of slavery into freedom. And ultimately a freedom from the power of sin and a freedom for living the "abundant life" in Christ (John 10:10). Not a license to just do what we want, but a genuine freedom from that which oppresses us, that which destroys the image of God in us, and keeps us from living closely with God and neighbor here and forever.

Where the freedom of democracy and the freedom in Christ come together is as close as we come to the fullest good life in a fallen world.

So, as we as a nation are now emerging from a year of "oppression from COVID19" let us as the Church celebrate that kind of freedom from threat and restriction as well as the ongoing freedom a Christian knows! Kedron and all our sister churches can begin a "return from exile" in worship, fellowship, and renewed mission. The rest of 2021 has even more promise of freedom to be, to go, and to do!

"For freedom, Christ has set us free!"

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast "Christmas in July"

Our First-Saturday Men's Breakfast will be on July 3. The women are invited. Because of COVID, we did not have the breakfast in 2020. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for good fellowship and good food.

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday Fellowship Supper will be July 7. The meat will be provided; please bring desserts and side dishes. We will eat at 6:30 p.m. This is another opportunity for good fellowship and good food.

Administrative Council

The Administrative Council will meet on July 18. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Bucket Offerings

In July, the bucket collections at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Salvation Army to be used for school supplies.

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 July is cereal.

All non-perishable foods are accepted.

Thank You

Thank you to Delann Dunbar for planning a very meaningful Father's Day Worship Service.

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

Where are these words found?

"For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

-NRSV (hint – Psalm between 95 and 105)

The Song of Solomon 2:12 was the quotation in the June newsletter.

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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"Steep thyself in a bowl of summertime."

- Virgil, Roman poet (70-19 B.C.)

