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From our Pastor:

Hebrew12:1

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.....let us run the race with perseverance marked out for us”

I’m no runner. Tried it when I was about 25. At one point along the streets in west Nashville a dog bit me in my jaunt around the neighborhood. The bite was pretty far up my backside! I went back to walking. At 71, I’m now trying to just get back to walking without a cane! Knee surgery rehab is fine but it is a marathon not a sprint!

Certainly the same can be said for the Christian life. Paul drew upon the images of Greek Olympics and sports of that first Christian century. Running the race of faith is both endurance and patience. And a recognition that others have run the same race and they have set an example.

I feel like I have been in good company, a great cloud of witnesses both here and from beyond. I name a few of my clergy colleagues who ran the race before me: Angela Hawkins, Rob Dunbar, Gale Watson, Katy Paisley, Tom Gibson, Leland Carden. And many others unnamed: Generations of preachers/pastors who helped shape and were in turn shaped by the people of Kedron. We have run the race together. None of us did this with perfection. Strengths and weaknesses, victories and less than victories went hand in hand. Forgiveness is asked for when being a pastor was not all it could have been or things were left undone.

But stumbles and missteps are part and parcel of a race. With God’s help we eventually finish and we do it together. The clergy offering is Word and Sacrament and administration of church life. It is pastoral care and team work. It is calling upon the Spirit to empower us for the long haul. And to share the ministries from age to age.

My life has been richly blessed during my years at Kedron and Locks Memorial. I pass the pastoral baton on to Michael O’Bannon and continue my prayers and friendship in the next part of the race we run.

God speed and thanks again for the path we’ve been on together. God be with you till we meet again.

Pastor Barry

Administrative Council

Our Administrative council will meet
On **July 17th** at **1pm**.

Fellowship Supper

There will be no Fellowship Supper
This month due to the holiday.
See you in August!

Men's Breakfast

There will be no Men's Breakfast
This month.

Bucket Offering

Our July bucket offering taken on Sunday
Morning worship service will be donated to
Greenhouse Ministries.

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 July is **canned meat**. All
non-perishable foods are accepted and
appreciated.

Happy Birthday

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



Anniversaries

Kim and Stephen McMillin July 5th

July Calendar

Sunday July 3rd...8:45 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Pastor Barry's last service

Monday July 4th...Independence Day

Sunday July 10th...8:45 am Sunday School
9:30am Worship Service
Pastor O'Bannon's 1st service

Sunday July 17th...8:45 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
1:00 pm Admin meeting

Sunday July 24th...8:45 Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service

**August 2022 newsletter info due to Dee by
July 26th** [REDACTED]

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

Methodist News Source

www.umnews.org

Stones River District Office
P O Box 12191
Murfreesboro, TN37129



Faith Formation Group met on June 27th, 2022
Pictured: Pastor Barry, Lynne Lee, Aiden, Grant, & Bryson

Fun in the Creek:

Smyrna Parks and Rec held their "June in the Creek" at Kedron's United Methodist Church. The church provided water and snacks for those that attended. We had between 8-10 kids attend the event. We also had a special guest "Abby" John and Mary Ellen's new puppy!!

