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From Our Pastor

The Book of Lamentations
Psalm 13
Ecclesiastes 3

Lament and Wisdom

Both sets of grandparents and my father were alive during the 1918-20 Flu Pandemic. As were some of your parents and grandparents! I imagine they thought such a devastating, world wide illness would not come again. Yet, 100 years later and their aged children and grandchildren and great grandchildren are caught up in another universe plight.

How are you doing? If you are like most, your days and nights are different, your routines are altered, and you miss family, friends, and co-workers. You long for better days and more restful sleeps.

Those thoughts and feelings are sure enough embedded deep within our scriptures. Many Psalms, such as Psalm 13, are complaints to God. Lamentations is all about the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonian Empire and the eventual end of the Jewish nation. And Ecclesiastes is all about perspective on the ebb and flow of life and finally willing to trust God.

There is a fountain of Wisdom in our Bible especially in many of the Old Testament writings that we would do well to read during these long stretches of waiting out troubles.

Lament and wisdom. Crying out to God and seeking wise ways to get through tough times. It's been done by family and friends in the past. We can do this too.

So, as we enter another untraveled stretch of "pandemic" road in June, let us remember those family and friends of a hundred years ago who lamented but found wise ways to persevere and come through. Here's to prayers of thanks for those who came before us and set examples of patience and endurance. Blessings in all our waiting~~~~~

Pastor Barry

June 21- A Hoped For Return to Kedron Sanctuary

Dear Congregants

Our Bishop, District Superintendents, and the Conference COVID19 Task Force have projected a Sunday June 21st reopening of our churches for sanctuary worship. For weeks now we have "live streamed" worship while maintaining social distance and the absence of worshippers present in person. The pastor has offered on line worship and devotions with the assistance of several while maintaining group safety in those moments.

This anticipated return "from exile" can still change and is NOT a mandate if some congregations are not ready to return throughout the Tennessee Conference on June 21.

However, we are preparing for such a return at Kedron. Guidelines will be forthcoming in detail but here are the basics

Safety precautions will include

- Wearing masks either one that you bring or those disposable masks the church will provide when you arrive
- Hand sanitizers at the entrances and other locations
- Social distance seating in pews and with the choir.
- Individual communion servings whenever we celebrate Holy Communion.
- Likely individual song sheets so as not to use hymnals until we establish some cleaning procedures.
- Cleaning after each worship service or gathering. TBD
- Sunday School gathering TBD
- Fellowship Suppers on hold until more updates on COVID19 spread.

This is all a "work in progress" but church leadership is committed to providing as safe a setting for worship and fellowship as possible.

Some members and constituents may feel that they cannot return just yet due to their higher risk and/or chronic health concerns. We will most likely continue to broadcast our services as well.

Other updates will be sent out in the weeks of June before the 21st.

Continue in prayer and mission and stay connected by other means until we meet again!

Pastor Barry

Happy Birthday to:

Larry Fraley	June 8
Miranda Fraley Rhodes	June 12
Arnold Alexander	June 14
Tyler Patterson	June 25
Jayden Fraley	June 27
Delann Dunbar	June 29

Happy Anniversary to:

Gary & Reba Jackson	June 6
Ray & Peggy Lee	June 7
Arnold & Linda Alexander	June 12
Wayne & Linda Lee	June 13
Robert & Deborah Kedell	June 20
David & Lynne Lee	June 21

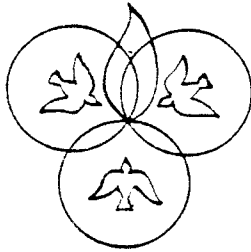
Bucket Offerings

In June, the bucket collections usually donated at Sunday morning worship services will be given to our local food bank. It is suggested that you put your offerings in a container and bring it with you the first Sunday we again meet at Kedron.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first Sunday we meet at Kedron. Place the donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the food bank. The suggested item for June is canned fruit. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

June 7 is Trinity Sunday.



Whose revelation?

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God, they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more, for the first things have passed away." -NRSV

Psalm 119 was the Psalm quoted in the May newsletter.

Tithes and Offerings

If you want, send your checks to our Treasurer Naomi Lee.
5098 Rocky Fork Rd., Smyrna 37167



Fathers in the Bible

Match the clues with the name.

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| 1. David was the youngest of his many sons (Ruth 4:17) | 1. David |
| 2. He built an ark with his three sons (Gen 6:10) | 2. Abraham |
| 3. He ruled for 40 years and was the father of King Solomon (2 Sam 5:4) | 3. Jacob |
| 4. The 1st King of Israel, Jonathan's father (2 Sam. 9:6) | 4. Elkanah |
| 5. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac (Gen 22:1-2) | 5. Boaz |
| 6. Father of Seth, Cain and Abel (Gen 4:25) | 6. Jesse |
| 7. His son was Obed (Ruth 4:21) | 7. Noah |
| 8. His sons were wicked (1 Sam 2:12) | 8. Isaac |
| 9. He gave the birthright of Esau to youngest son, Jacob (Gen 27:30) | 9. God |
| 10. Father of Samuel (1 Sam 1:19-20) | 10. Eli |
| 11. Our Lord's Father (Eph 1:3) | 11. Joseph |
| 12. He had 12 sons (Gen 35:22) | 12. Adam |
| 13. His wife Mary, Jesus' mother (Mat 1:20-21) | 13. Saul |