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From Our Pastor

"The world is my parish." John Wesley

June is a Methodist kind of month! A time when worldwide most Methodists gather for Annual conferencing. Large numbers for worship, wonderful choirs, ordinations, memorials, retirements, hallway reunions, and reports! And if it is heard once amongst clergy it's heard another 50: "are you staying or moving this year?" Preachers itinerate. Rarely does a preacher get far into double digit years in one appointment. It does happen but the average is more like 3-4 years. There are pros and cons but for over 250 years (depending on how you count) Wesley's movement-become-denomination has been led by the Holy Spirit to go into all the world with preachers and laity stepping into lost and hidden corners of society and world. The need for salvation does not go away. The needs of the hungry and hurting are ever with us.

As you read this, you will likely think upon multiple pastors you have known over your lifetime. Also, recall churches that have nurtured you and seen you participate in worship, fellowship, service and mission. And you are doing this thought and remembrance in some of the most challenging of times for Methodism, other churches of all kinds, and a nation and world that painfully goes from one crisis to another. The church NEEDS you and you need the church!

Whatever your gifts and talents, prayers and presence, your witness and service.....believe me....YOU make a difference to many! Consider this coming month a time of prayer and reflection on what lies ahead for you in this your congregation of family, friends, and neighbors new and old! As I approach retirement, I think of you in all the "categories" just listed! I will miss you but being Methodist I expect to see you in the District, in Laity Club, in Bible studies, at music fests, in mutual mission moments, and at table both in church and community!

Pray for one another! Welcome a new pastor in a month or so, and continue to do that "Methodist way of doing things" with Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason working together to point to the Kingdom of God now and forever!

Blessings all!

Pastor Barry

Fellowship Supper

Our First Wednesday Fellowship Supper will be June 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

Our Men's Breakfast will be June 4. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m.

Faith Exploration

There will be a Faith Exploration activity on June 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Kedron Creek Investigation

June 23 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. there will be a free program. Ms. Bonnie Ervin from Rutherford Co. Storm Water and Mr. Mike Kraft from Smyrna Parks will be present. All participants must sign a waiver before entering water.

Bucket Offering

In June the bucket offering taken at Sunday morning worship service will be donated to Project Transformation.

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 June is pasta. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 was the quotation in the May newsletter.

Happy Birthday:

Larry Fraley	June 8
Miranda Rhodes	June 12
Arnold Alexander	June 14
Delann Dunbar	June 29

Happy Anniversary:

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

June Calendar

Wednesday, June 1

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Supper

Saturday, June 4

8:00 a.m.

Men's Breakfast

Sunday, June 5 Pentecost Sunday

8:45 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

Tuesday, June 7

3:00 p.m.

Faith Exploration

Sunday, June 12 Trinity Sunday

8:45 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

Sunday, June 19

8:45 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

Thursday, June 23

9:00 a.m.

Kedron Creek Investigation

Sunday, June 26

8:45 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

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, TN 37129

Thank You

Thanks to Delann Dunbar for writing and directing our Mother's Day program. Thanks also to all who participated.

Beginning in July **Dee Rouse** will be producing the newsletter.

Calendar notes –

Pentecost is . . .

- the 50th day after Easter. The name comes from the Greek word penta meaning “fifty.”
- one of the three Jewish harvest festivals of the year, the others being Passover and Sukkoth.
- the day when the Holy Spirit arrived on the disciples in a new and exciting way, with the sound of a mighty wind and appearing like tongues of flame (Acts 2:2-3).
- also known as Whitsunday in some traditions because of the ancient tradition of wearing white clothing on this day.
- a day in recent times when many people wear red or other bright colors to church to recall the flames of the Spirit.
- an opportunity to celebrate what some consider the birthday of the church.

Calendar notes –

Trinity Sunday

The First Sunday after Pentecost is traditionally an observance of the Holy Trinity – the understanding of God as “three in one.” Two of the more traditional descriptions are God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; or God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.



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 Isreal, Jonathan's father (2 Sam. 9:6) | 4. Elkanah |
| 5. He was asked to sacrificer 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 Essau 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 |