

Kedron United Methodist Church



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From our Pastor:

I don't read newspapers very often. (I stopped taking the Tennessean long ago because it kept getting stolen. I had it delivered to Belle Meade UMC so I could read it everyday. I was especially interested in the Sunday edition. However, someone kept stealing the newspaper that was often delivered to the front steps of the sanctuary! One Sunday, I caught the person picking it up, and I told him it was my personal copy. After that, I just canceled my subscription.) In addition, I rarely watch the evening news--and really for the main reason I quit reading the newspaper. However, since I get the New York Times, NBC news, and local news through News Break via email and text, I still get bad news. That's the reason I quit being a news hound. But, that doesn't stop the bad news. It seems that the stories just get worse and worse.

Shootings, abductions, robberies, car jackings, fraud, sexual abuse--and all of the ugly things that go on in the name of politics: it's all disturbing. Then, add to that the problems that originate in the church! I get a daily email about problems that arise in the church, and it most often centers around clergy missteps. And, I'm not shy about controversial subjects; but I hesitate even to mention climate, or recent discoveries that indicate too much social media is leading to mental issues among young people.

The reason I mention all of these things is that we are bombarded by troubling issues every day. No wonder people are on edge and express their frustration through increasingly angry and hostile displays of behavior, both in the home as well as in public.

Many of us are wondering how to handle such a harsh and divisive culture. I want to share with you a verse of scripture that I have found helpful for over 50 years. It includes the opening verses of Psalm 46. It says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present (the Hebrew reads, 'well proved') help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult."

One could read this and think, "Well, I don't have to do anything. God will take care of it all." That's not what the scripture means. Instead, the scripture says that while these things are going on, God will bring calm to us. I hasten to add, while we gain some sort of calm, I believe that God expects us to partner with Him and help to bring peace to a troubled world. I hope you will join me as we face the challenges and work for bringing Christ to all.

Michael O'Bannon, Pastor



Administrative Council

Our council will meet on **July 16th, 2023**
At 1pm.

Fellowship Supper

June 7th at 6:30pm. We will have an informative Meeting regarding the possible changes with The United Methodist Church. Pastor O'Bannon will be presenting and we will invite Locke's congregation to join us also. Please bring a covered dish or two!

Men's Breakfast

June 3rd, 2023 at 8 AM

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 June is **canned fruit**. All non-perishable food is accepted and appreciated.

Happy Birthday

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

Anniversaries

Arnold & Linda Alexander	June 12
Wayne and Linda Lee	June 13
Gary & Reba Jackson	June 16
Deborah & Robert Kedell	June 20
David & Lynne Lee	June 21



June Calendar

June 2nd	Creek Investigation 9am-10:30 Sponsored by Smyrna Parks and Rec
June 3rd	Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
June 4th	Sunday School 8:45 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM
June 7th	Fellowship Supper 6:30 pm Informative meeting afterwards regarding possible changes with UMC. Please plan to attend!!
June 11th	Sunday School 8:45 AM Worship Service 9:30 am
June 14th	Flag Day
June 16th	Crusty Veteran's Band 6pm Come join us again for some good music and food
June 18th	Father's Day Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 9:30 am
June 21st	First day of summer
June 23rd	Creek Investigation 9am-10:30am Sponsored by Smyrna Parks and Rec
June 25th	Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 9:30 am
June 26	Laity Club 6:30 pm

July 2023 newsletter info due to Dee Rouse by June 26th 615-574-9320 or ddrouse10@gmail.com

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

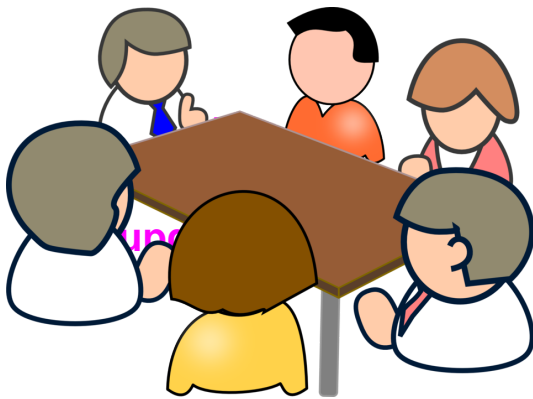
Methodist News Source

www.umnews.org

Stones River District Office
P.O. Box 12191
Murfreesboro, TN 37129



Mark your calendars for June 2nd & 16th for the Creek Investigation. Be sure to bring neighbors, Kids, grandchildren. Be sure to wear proper Shoes as you will wade through the creek!! It is Great time! 9:00 am-10:30 am



Please plan to attend our informative meeting at our fellowship supper on June 7th at 6pm. Pastor O'Bannon will be updating us on possible changes to UMC. We will invite Locke's congregation To join us this evening.

Be sure to invite your friends to a fun evening on June 16th at 6pm at the church to hear some good music! Crusty Veterans will be back on stage! There will also be a food truck available. Be sure to bring lawn chairs or blankets as this is an outdoor event! You don't want to miss this night of music!!!