

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Philippians 4:4 "Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad!"

Spring in Tennessee might finally actually arrive in May! Let's find a way to celebrate as snow, frost, and "unending" rain might be really over!

May comes at us with Mothers Day, Memorial Day, May Day, Armed Forces Day, and Cinco de Mayo! If you like races you get the Kentucky Derby and the Indianapolis 500. And hundreds of thousands of teenagers and 20 something young adults will graduate from either high school or college.

Please....remind me what I might have overlooked! As a pastor I can't help but point out Ascension Day, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday all are in May this year! The church is indeed the grandest community (established by Jesus Christ) to go on about celebrations and occasions for rejoicing! We will see a fair share of birthdays and anniversaries in our church bulletins. And nice weather (hoping) doesn't hurt ANY celebration. May fits the bill!

And being Methodists we should not forget May 24th the day in 1738 that Wesley had a profound conversion experience at a church meeting when he "felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." Wesley went on to be used of God to help reform England in both word and deed.

Let us give God thanks throughout May for seeing the hand of God on many days, occasions, and celebrations! Enjoy and share! Be glad!

Pastor Barry

Fellowship Supper

Our First Wednesday Fellowship Supper will be on May 2. We will celebrate with Lytle Hodge his upcoming 97th birthday. Our covered-dish meal will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

The May Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 5. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Cleanup Day

A Cleanup Day is planned for May 19. All who can please come and help with chores we need to do for our Kedron building and grounds. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. The rain date is May 26.

Choir Notes

Let's practice briefly after worship services in May. We will practice on Sunday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m. if that is convenient for the choir.

Handwork Ministry

The Handwork Ministry meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to knit and crochet. The group will meet on Wednesday, May 16 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The address is 507 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna.

District Conference

There will be District Conference on May 20 at Manchester First UMC beginning at 2:30 p.m. The main focus of the meeting is to prepare for Annual Conference in June.

Acts 10:39-40 spoken by Peter was the quotation in the April newsletter.

Appointment Announced

Linda Lee our PPR Committee Chair has received information that Rev. Barry Culbertson will be appointed to Lock's Memorial/Kedron Charge for the next conference year. Pastor Barry, this was a welcomed announcement and we look forward to another year of your leadership.

Bucket Offerings

In May our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Stewarts Creek High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) group.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the Nourish Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the food items on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to our local food bank. The suggested items for May are pasta and pasta sauce. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Outreach

At the April meeting, the Administrative Council voted to contribute \$200.00 to Project Transformation. This is a summer program for young school children. The closest location to us this year will be LaVergne First UMC. If anyone would like to volunteer to read to children, contact Pastor Barry.

Laity Meeting

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship is scheduled to meet on May 21 at Blackman UMC, 4380 Mason Pike, Murfreesboro. This is the third Monday of the month instead of the regular fourth Monday as that is Memorial Day. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

Happy Birthday to:

Travis Perry	May 8
Lynne Lee	May 12
Lytle Hodge	May 14
Fay Fraley	May 19
Wayne Lee	May 20
Teresa Palmer	May 22
Jeanne Neville	May 27
Linda Lee	May 30
Doug Rouse	May 31

Happy Anniversary to:

Charles & Sunya Sprinkle	May 29
Marc & Kristy Fraley	May 30

Thank You

Delann Dunbar wrote and directed our Easter morning program. She also planned our Creation Care Sunday (Earth Day) service; she even had gifts for the congregation. Thank you, Delann for all you did for these very meaningful services. Thanks also to all those who participated.

Bright Sunday

April 15 our worship service was a Bright Sunday service. Rev. Travis Perry had told Pastor Barry of this tradition. Pastor Barry led us as humor and jokes were shared.

Children and Youth

Pastor Barry and wife LeNoir hosted our children and youth at their home on April 21. Adult members of the congregation were also invited. Following roasting wieners and marshmallows, the group went to see the movie I Can Only Imagine. More activities for our children and youth are being planned. Thank you Doug and Dee Rouse, Sue Harris, and Pastor Barry.

Who Said This?

“You must understand this, my beloved; let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ... welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.”

--NRSV
(Book of James)

May Calendar

Tuesday, May 1:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, May 2:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Thursday, May 3: National Day of Prayer

Saturday, May 5:

7:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast

Sunday, May 6:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, May 8:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, May 13: Ascension Sunday

Mother’s Day

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, May 15:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, May 16:

10:00 a.m. Handwork Ministry at Ernestine Clark’s home

Saturday, May 19:

9:00 a.m. Cleanup Day

Sunday, May 20: Day of Pentecost

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

2:30 p.m. District Conference at Manchester First UMC

Monday, May 21:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford County Laity at Blackman UMC

Tuesday, May 22:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, May 24: Aldersgate Day

Saturday, May 26:

9:00 a.m. Cleanup Rain Date

Sunday, May 27: Trinity Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

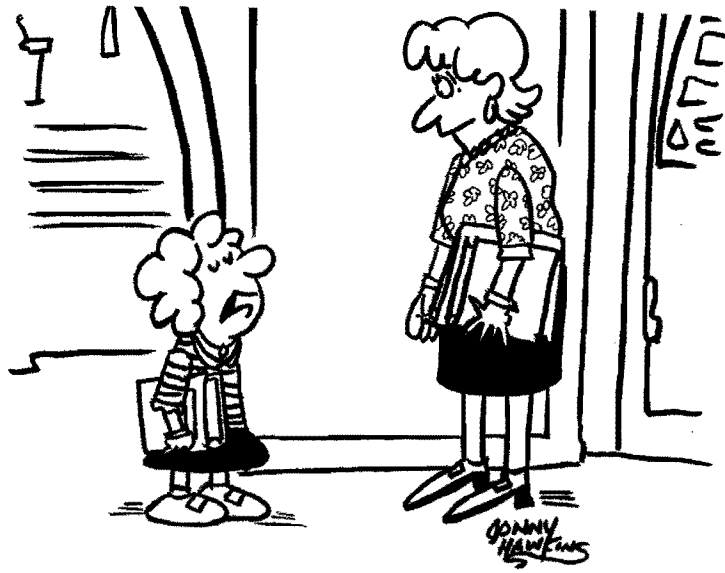
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. June newsletter information due. Email: lf_fraley@

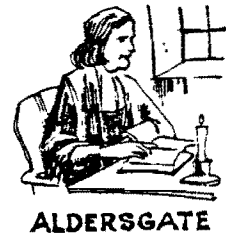
1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, May 29:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



"I've met Pretty Nice Polly and Friendly Fran...but who is this Amazing Grace I keep hearing about?"



The Holy Trinity

God is wonderful and hard to describe in just a few words. We Christians have come to know God as the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Shade in all the F, S, and H letters in these circles, and you will see symbols for the three parts of the Holy Trinity.

TRINITY SUNDAY

