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## *The Kedron Connection*

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### *From Our Pastor*

John 9:4 "Work as long as it is day, for the night comes when no one can work"

May is a month you would have to work hard not to like! After the "April showers we will have May flowers." Here come proms, graduations, gardens, National Day of Prayer, Mothers Day, Memorial Day, Aldersgate Day (bonus to those who know immediately what we commemorate that day!), and vacations begin to appear more frequently!

May 1 may also escape many of us since it is recognized as International Workers Day in many historically communist countries. Yet, such a Workers Day recognition goes back to 1888 in the USA when limiting working hours and assuring worker's safety, just wages, and other benefits came to the forefront of a booming industrial revolution and economic progress within our democracy. Work is a "built-in" part of the life our Creator has given us. Work can be like a curse as well as a blessing. It can be hard but fulfilling. And along with work should come good rest.

So, in May we see both work and relaxation before us. It should not surprise us that our scriptures describe discipleship as work at times. It should be labor that is joyful even if full of struggle and challenge. Jesus also reminds us that work has its timeframe. There are days of light to go forth in Word and deed and that will come to end as night in its many forms comes upon us.

Therefore, celebrate the work we are given as people of faith. Celebrate the rest and peace that comes with those to whom God can say, "well done thou good and faithful servant." The work we do for family and church, community and the neighbor" and for every "tribe and nation under heaven." Pray that the labor of our hands, hearts, and minds is "acceptable to the Lord our God!"

Let this month of May be full of both your work for others as well as the rest and peace you need! Be restored in God in every season!

Blessings!

Pastor Barry

## Administrative Council

Our Administrative Council will meet on May 1. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

## Fellowship Supper

### Honoring Pastor Barry

Our Fellowship Supper will be May 4. We want to honor Pastor Barry for his service and wish him a healthy and happy retirement.

The meat will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts. We will eat at 6:30 p.m.

## Men's Breakfast

Our Men's Breakfast will be May 7. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m.

## Bucket Offering

In May the bucket offering taken at Sunday morning worship service will be donated to the local food bank.

## 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 May is peanut butter. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

## Where are these words found?

"Surely there is no one on earth so righteous as to do good without ever sinning."

-NRSV (hint – book of Ecclesiastes)

**Matthew 28:6** was the quotation in the April newsletter.

## Happy Birthday:

Travis Perry	May 8
Lynne Lee	May 12
Fay Fraley	May 19
Wayne Lee	May 20
Jeanne Neville	May 27
Linda Lee	May 30
Doug Rouse	May 31

## May Calendar

Sunday, May 1

8:45 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

1:00 p.m.

Ad. Council

Wednesday, May 4

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Supper

Thursday, May 5 National Day of Prayer

Saturday, May 7

8:00 a.m.

Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 8

8:45 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

Sunday, May 15

8:45 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

Sunday, May 22

8:45 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

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Thursday May 26

Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 29 Ascension Sunday

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

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The mother had been teaching her four-year-old the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. Finally, the child decided to go solo. She listened with pride as her little girl carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some email."



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

## Song Maze

Follow through the maze.

Write the words from the maze in the spaces below.

Some of the song words may be familiar to you.

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