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### *The Kedron Connection*

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### *From Our Pastor*

Galatians 6:10- "So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all...."

Much of our social and church efforts now are like the old saying, "two steps forward and one step back." COVID concerns still affect communities, schools, work places, homes, and congregations.

Even so, it felt like a Great Leap Forward at Kedron Homecoming September 19. I was caught by surprise at the large number present for our "singing and testifying" worship service and most all stayed for BBQ and tenders lunch! There was much participation in worship and in grand fellowship that followed.

The opportunity presented itself and people came! I would like to think October also is Opportunity Month! We will have Men's Saturday Breakfast, likely a Wednesday night fellowship supper, and possibly a pizza lunch on or near the 31st.

The annual Charge Conference is on the 14th. Before the month is over we will celebrate Charles Wesley, hymn writer, and Francis Asbury, frontier circuit rider. And we haven't entirely ruled out the anticipated but postponed Kedron Car Rally!

Add to these opportunities, those moments and events that may come just to YOU! Moments you get to share your faith and times you get to invite someone to our life together at Kedron.

October Opportunities is a theme for the month. No doubt each one has numerous things to look forward to and hopefully unexpected good surprises as well. And whatever challenges continue or suddenly appear, God is able to see us through them.

Be of good cheer! Enjoy the gift of Autumn in and around life together at Kedron.  
Blessings!

Pastor Barry

## Men's Breakfast

Our First-Saturday Men's Breakfast will be on October 2. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for good fellowship and good food.

## Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday Fellowship Supper will be October 6. We will eat at 6:30 p.m. This is another opportunity for good fellowship and good food.

## Bucket Offerings

In October, the bucket collections at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Fisher House. This House provides a place to stay for families of patients in the Veterans Hospital in Murfreesboro.

## 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 October is juice. All non-perishable foods accepted.

## Where are these words found?

"May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."

-NRSV (hint – a Letter of Peter)

**Psalm 150:6** was the quotation in the September newsletter.

## Happy Anniversary to:

Rob and Delann Dunbar      October 5  
Myron and Teresa Palmer      October 10

## Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference will be October 14 at 6:00 p.m. This will be a Zoom meeting. Zoom contact information will be sent to Kedron participants. Reports can be sent on line or hard copies can be delivered.

Our District Superintendent will come to Kedron to address items involving Kedron if needed. He will also do this for other churches.

## Administrative Council

Our Administrative Council will meet on October 17. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

## 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

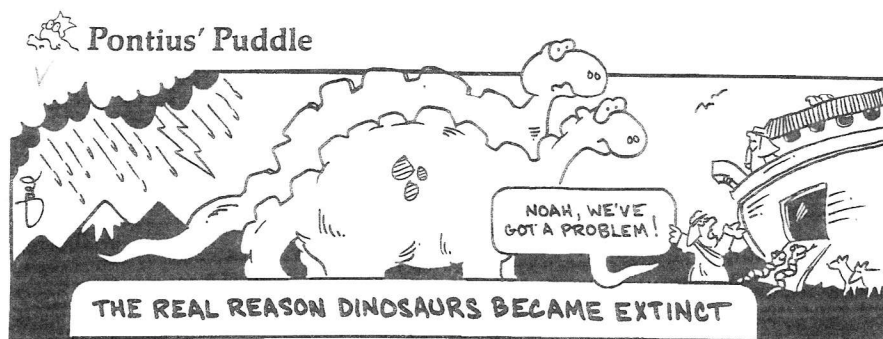
[www.umnews.org](http://www.umnews.org)

## Thank You


Thanks to all who helped with our Homecoming in September. Your help was much appreciated.

## Happy Birthday to:

Dee Rouse      October 10



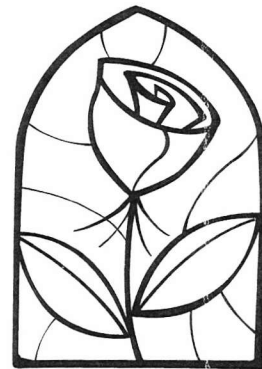
## October Calendar

Saturday, October 2 8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sunday, October 3 8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service
Wednesday, October 6 6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Supper
Sunday, October 10 8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service
Thursday, October 14 6:00 p.m.	Charge Conference
Sunday, October 17 8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Service Ad. Council
Sunday, October 24 8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service November 2021 newsletter info due call Fay
	
Sunday, October 31 8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service



I am reminded that one old saint was asked, "Which is the more important: reading God's Word or praying?" To which he replied, "Which is more important to a bird: the right wing or the left?"

— A. W. Tozer, "Jesus Our Man in Glory,"  
*Christianity Today*



## Loving Ways

Read the first word in Group A. Then look for a word in Group B that is the exact opposite attitude.

1. Draw a line to connect these two words.
2. Circle the word that describes the attitude that is most loving.
3. Cross out the word that is not loving. (The first one is done for you.)

### Group A

~~rude~~  
selfish  
humble  
bored  
kind  
forgiving  
deceitful  
lazy  
cheerful  
annoyed  
stubborn

### Group B

mean  
patient  
honest  
resentful  
grumpy  
flexible  
generous  
respectful  
prideful  
helpful  
interested