

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Blessing of Light
by Jan Richardson

Let us bless the light
and the One who gives
the light to us.

Let us open ourselves
to the illumination
it offers.

Let us blaze
with its
generous fire.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us remember to pause, to breathe, to open ourselves to illumination, to allow ourselves to be refined and transformed.

Pastor Angela

Fellowship Supper

Our April First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be April 2. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Come, join us for good fellowship and good food.

Men's Breakfast

The monthly First-Saturday men's breakfast will be on April 5. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come join us.

Handwork Ministry

The Handwork Ministry meets the third Wednesday of the month to knit and crochet. The next meeting will be April 16 at Dot Pressley's home. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. Please bring finger foods.

Choir Notes

We will continue to meet at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. We plan to practice Saturday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m.; Saturday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. We will adjust this schedule if necessary. Thanks choir members for your commitment.

Thank You

Thanks to those will participate in our Easter play. We will practice two Sunday afternoons, April 6 and April 13 at 2:00 p.m. If these practice times are not possible for anyone involved, please let Larry Fraley know.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group is now meeting at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Administrative Council

Our quarterly Administrative Council meeting on Sunday, April 27. We will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Bucket Offerings

In April the offerings placed in the buckets at the worship service be will contributed to the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank.

Good Friday

Our Good Friday service on April 18 will be at Kedron. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt and Activities

Our Easter egg hunt and other children's activities will be on Saturday, April 19. This event will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Children, we hope you can come to enjoy this time at church.

Easter Sunrise Service

Our sunrise service this year will be at Lock's Memorial UMC. We will begin at 6:30 a.m.

Attention Youth!

Linda Lee is leading a new class for our youth ages 10 and older. This is a class to learn about the church and confirmation. The group meets during Sunday morning worship, leaving the sanctuary after the children's chat. This is a great opportunity for our youth.

On Sunday afternoon, March 23, the class, Pastor Angela, and several other adults visited the mosque in Murfreesboro.

Rutherford County Laity

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet April 28 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be at Eagleville UMC. Please remember to bring hygiene items for the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center in Smyrna.

Face 2 Face – A New Experience on the "Walk to Emmaus"

Fridays April 25-May 16, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Fellowship UMC

Details and registration information on the bulletin board in the narthex

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month and they will be delivered to the Food Bank. The suggested item for April is peanut butter. The need is great. All non-perishable foods are accepted and donations are greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday to:

Evelyn Lee April 3
Jimmy Pressley April 3
Sue Harris April 9

Happy Anniversary to:

B. L. & Miranda Fraley Rhodes April 24
Josh & Melanie McCollum April 28

Who said this?

"...these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."

--NRSV (hint, The Gospel According to John)

Colossians 3:17 spoken by Paul was the quote in the March newsletter.

April Calendar

Tuesday, April 1:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 2:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, April 5:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, April 6:

5th Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Easter play practice

Tuesday, April 8:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, April 12:

3:00 p.m. Choir Practice

April Calendar continued

Sunday, April 13:

Passion/Palm Sunday

6th Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Easter play practice

Tuesday, April 15:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 16:

9:30 a.m. Handwork Ministry
at Dot Pressley's

Friday, April 18:

6:30 p.m. Good Friday service
at ~~Lock's~~ Kedron

Saturday, April 19:

9-11 a.m. Children's Easter egg
hunt and activities

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, April 20:

Easter Day

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Lock's

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, April 22:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, April 27:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

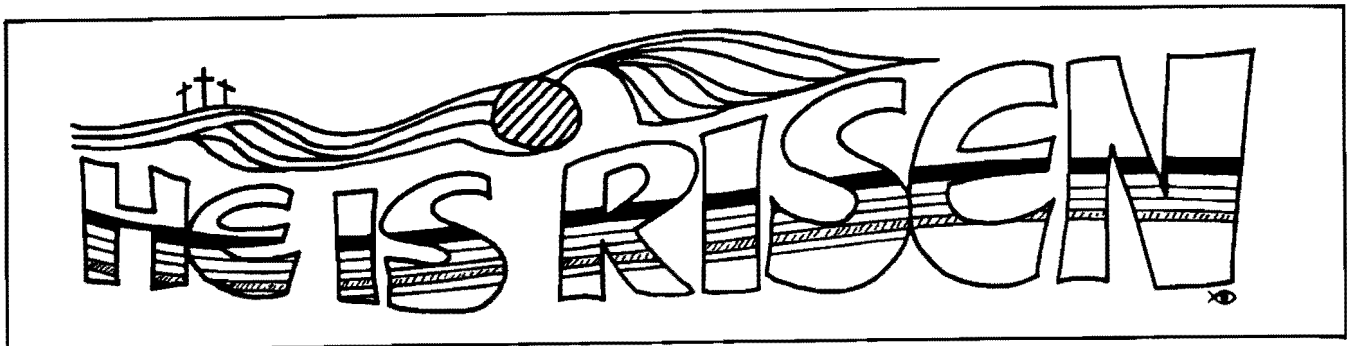
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. May newsletter
information due

1:30 p.m. Administrative Council

Tuesday, April 29:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



Readings for Holy Week April 13-19, 2014

Sunday, April 13

Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66
or Matthew 27:11-54

Monday, April 14

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 15

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:2-36

Wednesday, April 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Thursday, April 17

Exodus 12: 1-4 (5-10) 11-14
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 18

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

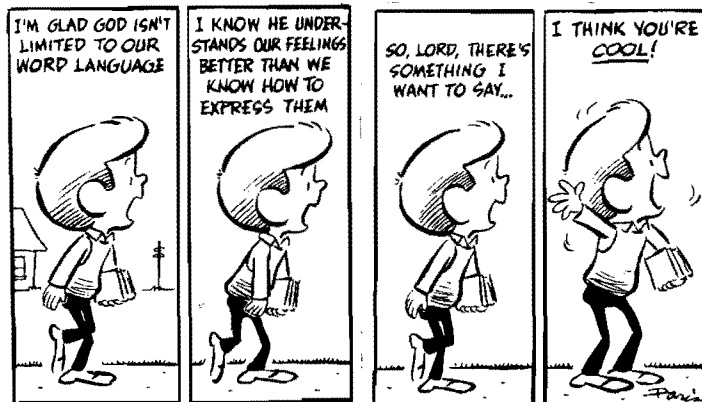
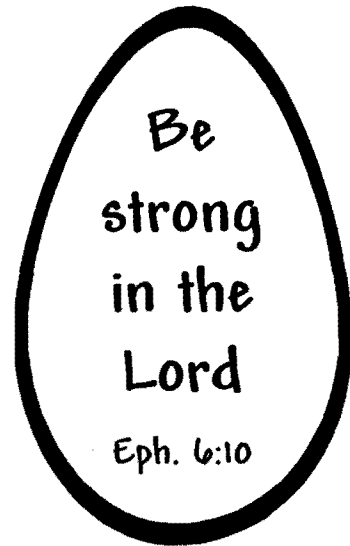
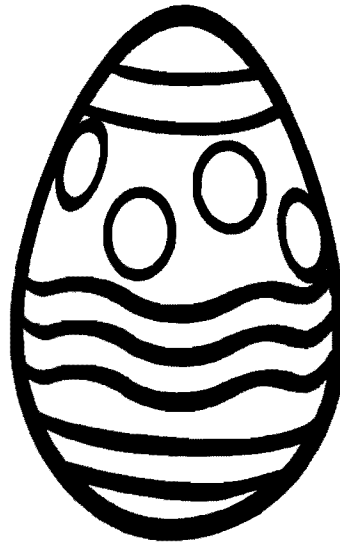
Saturday, April 19

Job 14:1-14
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66

Easter Eggs

Cut out Easter eggs from colored paper and write a Bible verse on each one. Decorate them with flowers or other designs and give one to family members. Some verses you might use:

Matthew 5:9	Proverbs 15:1
Matthew 5:8	Proverbs 15:13
Ephesians 6:10	Psalm 104:31
John 3:16	Psalm 100:1
Proverbs 15:20	Psalm 100:5
Ephesians 3:17	Psalm 92:1
Matthew 6:33	



What is your opinion?

It has been suggested that we construct a pavilion for picnics and possible other uses. It would have a concrete floor, open sides and a roof. The Administrative Council is seeking the thoughts of the congregation about this project. Would you please reply to this survey before the Council meeting on April 27. You may place the form in the offering plate on a Sunday morning, give it to Wayne Lee or mail it to 4604 Seminary Road, Smyrna, TN 37167. Thank you.

Please check the option or options that best express your opinions. You may sign or not sign the form, whichever you prefer.

I would want to use the pavilion. _____

I would not want to use the pavilion. _____

I think building the pavilion is a good idea. _____

I do not think building the picnic pavilion is a good idea. _____

I would like the pavilion built soon. _____

I would like to have the pavilion, but think the project should be delayed until later. _____

Any comments you would like to make?
