

Dear Sisters of Stones River District,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. I pray this finds you enjoying the summer and God's bounty from nature that nurtures us all. Even my lack of Mama' green thumb is not evident with all the flowers blooming in the yard. Tom's raised bed garden is adding fresh produce to the table. Life is good!

### **Reflections on Rory**



As I write this a soft rain is falling, the house is quiet it **seems** so peaceful. And while life is good, **it is not peaceful**. So why is it not peaceful? There is a 4-pound 9-ounce wild dynamo inhabiting my home. For over a year we have been on a list waiting to receive said dynamo. In theory this was a good idea. Why is it not working out in reality? Why did I think a puppy was such a great idea?

How many times have I expressed regret over something that is actually good for me? I cannot count that high and I know I cannot be alone in this. Maybe you can help me as I turn this dilemma around. First, I want to thank God for the good life I have in Christ. Among the many fruits available to those who love Him are peace and patience. Lord, please send ASAP! Second, I need to remember to be more like my puppy who still loves me when I correct him and always greets me with enthusiasm. God, I know I need your correction and I will try to welcome it with enthusiasm. Third, I need to show more love to others and have the humility to acknowledge when I am the one falling short. Rory may be thinking he is not the problem, I am. According to scripture I certainly am falling short on fruit.

Consider this Word from Galatians 5:22-23, 25-26 CEB

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit. Let's not become arrogant, make each other angry, or be jealous of each other.

This is Word for the day I am living in and Word for us all in these times. Excuse me but I must go, Rory is eating my shoelaces. God bless and keep us all!

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### Tips and Topics from the Clipboard



Secretary/Treasurer Michelle Martin needs to know your unit Pledge for Mission for 2022. New officer lists should also be sent to Michelle Martin, 5302 Patience Dr. Smyrna, 37167 ; 615-516-9801 [memartin600@comcast.net](mailto:memartin600@comcast.net).

Work continues with the creation of a new TNWKY Conference. Work has gone smoothly as we plan for budgets, events and by-laws. It is good to work together with women of faith.

Just a reminder to register for the Conference Spritual Growth Retreat at Beersheba Springs September 10-12, 2021.




**Be Women who cultivate fruit! Live a life that seeks Christlikeness and you will produce fruits in abundance . Live by the Spirit!**

**Important Date! Save the Dates! Be There! Be Blessed!**

**September 25,2021 Memphis Conference Annual Day, Trenton TN**

**October 2,2021 Conference Annual Meeting, Crossville First**

**November 6, 2021, Annual Meeting of Stones River District, Tullahoma First**



**Stones River District United Methodist Women  
Invite you to Gather Together Again**

**Retreat for Fellowship and Renewal**

**Saturday, August 21, 2021**

**Shelbyville First United Methodist Church**

**Registration/Breakfast/ Fellowship Time 9-10AM**

**Program 10AM**

**Dismissal by 11:30**

Event will be held in the Fellowship Hall; Entrances are on the side and at rear of building into the Hall. Parking available in rear of building, nearby bank, and city hall lots as well as on the square (use the side entrance).

RSVP with the number attending from your unit by August 13<sup>th</sup> to Dinah Agnew 931-607-7469

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Breakfast: \$3.00