



# Circuit *Writer*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR  
THE ERLANGER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**JANUARY 2017**

## **FROM THE PASTOR:**

It's kind of exciting, and fun, and frustrating, and irritating, and it makes me think about making all things new. We are getting a new kitchen at the parsonage. Thanks to the generous benefactor who donated the money (this did not come out of church funds), and thanks to the installers who have worked quickly and professionally. But we have done something that makes the parsonage feel like a whole new house!! And it isn't even finished yet!

God talks about making all things new in his Holy Word. Revelation 21:5 says, "See, I am making all things new." Jesus spent his entire ministry giving people new starts and new perspectives and new joy - and most importantly, **NEW LIFE!** There is a list as long as your arm of people who were able to claim that new life because of encounters with Jesus. And that list has continued to grow each day since his ministry on earth was turned over to the Apostles. The people who were changed were male and female, rich and poor, young and old, and all nationalities and ethnic groups, too. Jesus didn't define people by their social status or any of the things that the world uses to define us. (Perhaps that is the biggest thing he did to bring new life to the world!)

He let God's love define us. His work in our hearts is often dramatic and often traumatizing, but it is ALWAYS something that gives to us a new and wonderful beginning.

What are you doing to invite that change in your life? A lot of times we think because we have become a Christian, we don't need to change any more. That's not true! That's just how the change begins. There is always more to learn, more ways to grow, deeper understandings of God's love, and richer experiences of God's grace. That happens as we open our hearts up to change. It's a life-long renovation process! John Wesley called it the path of Christian Perfection.

So this year start some renovation! Let go of something old that is holding you back. Pick up something new, something you've never done before, something that draws you closer to God. If you need help deciding what, give me a call! I guarantee you will be glad you did.

Pray for God to work in new ways in your life every day. Open your heart to the new life of Christ. And don't be afraid to make some changes. It's what the Christian life is all about!

See you in church!

*Pastor Mark*



## December Tithes and Offering

Tithes	\$24,670.00
Sunday School	\$33.00
Loose Plate	\$223.25
GECDC	\$8,246.65
Interest/Dividends	\$61.10
Upper Room	\$15.00
Miscellaneous	\$25.00
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,282.59</b>

Emmaus Emergency	\$26.00
Emmaus Various Proj.	\$42.00
Emmaus Zimmerman	\$56.00
Flowers	\$30.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$63.00
Holiday Offering	\$3,857.00
Ida Spence	\$120.00
Laws	\$10.00
Manna Mission	\$929.12
Miscellaneous	\$130.00
Miscellaneous	\$4,400.00
Reimbursements	\$980.00
UMCOR	\$50.00
UCV	\$2,020.00
Women in Mission	\$40.00
Zimmerman's	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$916.29
<b>SPECIAL GIFTS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,679.41</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,962.00</b>
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## Women In Mission News

Our first collection of the New Year is your old Christmas Cards. These are sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to be recycled into new projects with the children. They request front side only of the Cards. Congregation, help us in this project till January 29, 2017 by placing cards in Mission drawer #6-7.

We will meet January 5, 2017 at 11:00 am if weather permits.

We welcome women of the church to join us as we find ways of assisting those in need.

Women In Mission shall function as an organized ministry of Erlanger United Methodist Church women. Our purpose is to share God's Love through cooperative efforts that lend support to local, state and global missions.

## January Birthdays

Mike Markey	01/07	Wanda Ballmer	01/26
Greg Steenken	01/07	John Gillespie	01/26
Thelma Martin	01/08	Brenda Herbers	01/26
Patrick McMahon	01/09	Grace Herrmann	01/26
Mary Sharp	01/10	Ryan McCarty	01/28
Sue Wells	01/13	Connie Evans	01/29
Sue Lambert	01/22	Chuck Love	01/29
Tiffany Herbers	01/23		

We have no January anniversaries.



# 2017

## Adult Ministries

We had 25 join us at the Greyhound Tavern. We had a great time of fellowship and food. We look forward to more fun in 2017, starting in February!

## FOOD FOR THE BELLY, LOVE FOR THE SOUL

Melissa Reinert , [mstewart@communitypress.com](mailto:mstewart@communitypress.com) 1:17 p.m. EST December 7, 2016

“Everyone is welcome. If people are hungry we feed them and give them a bag of groceries,” Howard said. “If they need a place to cool off in the summer or stay to keep warm in the winter they’re welcome. If they need to talk or ask for prayer, there is always someone available to talk and pray with them.”

The program was birthed in September 2008 when a 10-person Bible study group saw a need within the communities of Erlanger and Elsmere to minister to families who were struggling to make ends meet.



According to Howard, the first meal drew 25 enthusiastic volunteers to cook and serve only two people.

“Rather than be discouraged the Manna Mission kept moving forward to the point where we are now serving our 100th meal on Dec. 17 with an average attendance of 125 people each month.”

In 2010 the program added a Grocery Give Away, where they give groceries to guests after the meal.

Howard said being involved with Manna Mission has been a reality check for him.

“I see all the good I have in my life, a job, a roof over my head, a loving family and friends,” he said. “Then I witness those who attend Manna Mission who struggle on

a daily basis to make ends meet. They always say, 'thank you.' I know I'm there to serve them, but in actuality many a time they're serving me with their gratitude."

For grocery coordinator Bill Slaven it's all about showing love.

"Manna Mission is about showing people in need, and those who are not, that God is in the world," he said. "Whether that need is a hot meal, a few groceries, a kind word, or a simple hello. God has a task for all of us to do, by taking care of each other despite our differences.

"Serving in Manna Mission each month's a way of showing the needy that they are still loved and important to God and in doing that He has provided me with new friends. In serving God, who am I but a servant."

Tim Healy, a founder of Manna Mission, enjoys seeing the positive impact on the community.

"Every month I see people come through our doors who are not that different from me," he said. "That reminds me that I need to reach out to them, and to try to meet their needs. If we can bring a modicum of relief and a few moments of happiness to their lives, that's a positive thing. That's what I believe we've been called to do. It's so often hard to tell when you're making a difference. I never wonder about that with Manna Mission."

Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

**Matthew 25:44-45**

Hi Folks.

As we look back on 2016, we realize our accomplishments would not have happened without you. Your participation in our events is much appreciated. Our donations for the year totaled \$4,550.00. Donations were made to Ida Spence, Master Provisions, EUMC Manna Mission, The Zimmerman's, The Law's, Sager Brown Youth, KYUMH for Children, United Christian Volunteers, NKU/Wesley Foundation, and Lloyd & Boone Sports Children. **Thank you for a great 2016.**

**Thank You!!!**

Sunday, January 22, 2017 we will have a soup/grilled cheese dinner after church with a free will offering. Our next fundraiser will be the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 4, 2017. More details will be provided later.



Photos from the 2016 Soup/Grilled Cheese lunch.

Canned goods update for the United Christian Volunteers. **Thru December 17, 2016, 5,853 food items have been delivered.** Our goal for 2016 is 6,000 food items. Emphasis in January 2017 is on "Breakfast Items". There are many folks in the local area that can't afford enough food for their families. Your support has gone a long way in helping this cause. Thank you. Whatever you bring will be greatly appreciated.

We would like to invite all men to join the Erlanger United Methodist Men. Our next meeting is January 7, 2017, Saturday, 9:00 am at Erlanger UMC in the Asbury Room.

**Thank you and GOD Bless you all.**

The mission of the General Commission on United Methodist Men is to assist men to know Jesus Christ, to serve Him, to grow spiritually and seek daily to do His will.



# 2017

Youth had a wonderful time at Christmas Town in December. They are now preparing for Winter Blitz!

The Following missions were supported by contributions from the Asbury Sunday School class of EUMC:

Methodist Mountain Mission	\$100.00
Vine and Branches	\$100.00
Ida Spence Mission	\$100.00
City Gospel Mission	\$50.00
25 meals for homeless	

Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day	
		9:15 am	Sunday School / Tone Chyme
		10:30 am	Worship
		5:30 pm	Youth
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	New Year's Day observance	
Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	SPRC
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm	Caring Team
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thur	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	Women in Mission
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	8:15 am	UMM Bible Study
		9:00 am	UMM Meeting
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School / Tone Chyme
		10:30 am	Worship
		4:30 pm	Devotions
		5:30 pm	Youth
Mon	9 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Finance Committee
		7:00 pm	Administrative Board
Tue	10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Bible Study - The Grand Sweep
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thur	12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
		6:30 pm	Trustee Meeting
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	Human Relations Day	
		9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School / Tone Chyme
		10:30 am	Worship - UMM Soup & Sandwich Lunch
		4:30 pm	Devotions
		5:30 pm	Youth
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King Day - church office is closed	
Tue	17 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Grace Edgett Board Mtg.
		7:00 pm	Bible Study - The Grand Sweep
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School / Tone Chyme
		10:30 am	Worship
		4:30 pm	Devotions
		5:30 pm	Youth
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Bible Study - The Grand Sweep
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Manna Mission Meal
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	
		9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School - Tone Chyme
		10:30 am	Worship
		4:30 pm	Devotions
		5:30 pm	Youth
Tue	31 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	Bible Study - The Grand Sweep

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for you for choosing to support Loucon! ***Our desire for all who come to Loucon is that they would know God and would experience the abundant life He has for them.*** It is generous donors like you who make it possible. Our ministry is God Centered, Neighbor Driven, and Growth Focused.

Thank you for your gift. Know that it will be utilized as you designated. If it is not designated Loucon will utilize your gift to support our mission. Often this is in the form of camper scholarships, new ministry opportunities, and facility improvements.

Loucon is your camp and retreat center. You make it possible for us to share the Love and Message of Jesus Christ. You make it possible for Loucon to draw people closer to the Kingdom of God. I hope you'll continue to support and utilize this ministry.

This letter acknowledges that Loucon has received the following gift from you;

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In Christ's Service,

Warren R. Hopper  
Loucon Director

*Thank you for being a blessing!*

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# *The Little Drummer Boy*

