



# Circuit WRITER

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## FROM THE PASTOR.....

The 2017 session of the Kentucky Annual Conference will be held this month – June 12-15. Most of us are aware that this is the business session for the United Methodist Church in Kentucky. Our Conference covers most of the state, except for a small portion in the very west which for some reason belongs to Tennessee, and then a few counties in eastern Kentucky that is the Red Bird Conference.

Every pastor is a member of the Annual Conference. Every local church, no matter how big or small, has a lay delegate to Annual Conference as well. For every clergy member, there is a lay member – so some larger churches that have multiple pastors on their staff will send multiple lay persons as well. This year the Annual Conference will again be in Bowling Green, Kentucky. This is our third year there. Next year we will return to the Northern Kentucky Convention Center (so be prepared to volunteer and help staff that event!).

Each year there is a long list of business to address. The budget for the upcoming year must be approved. Progress reports from the camps, colleges, mission outreach centers (like Ida Spence) are heard, and reports are also heard from boards and agencies that our conference has concerning their work. We learn about conference level efforts of children, youth, United Methodist Men and Women, and several other groups as well. Each year we ordain new pastors and see a few retire, as well as memorialize those who have passed away during the year. We will have a night of mission emphasis (this year the focus will be on our church camps), and we will get

updates on missionaries our conference has supported across the world.

Annual Conference is relatively brief considering all the things that need to be considered. But this is an important time of networking and connecting and working together for the greater good. It is an interesting time to share ideas and hear what other churches and ministries are doing, and how we can bring new ministry ideas to our church.

Tim Healy and I will be the representatives from our church for 2017. This year Bill Slaven will be approved as a part time Local Pastor in the United Methodist Church, so he will become a member of the conference as well. Keep us in your prayers, especially June 12-15. We will have a report on what happens when we return.

Always keep the church in your prayers. It is especially hard to be the church in our day and time, and the best thing we can do to build the church is pray for the church. Pray for your pastor and for the church staff, too.

See you in church!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Mark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

#### Unity in the Body of Christ

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:1-11 (NRSV)

## JUNE

Thu	1	11:00am	WIM
Sat	3	8:15am	UMM Devotional Lesson
		9:00am	UMM Meeting
Sun	4	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	
		9:00am	Communion/Chapel
		9:15am	Sunday School
		10:30am	Worship
		4:30pm	Devotions
Mon	5	7:00pm	SPRC
Tue	6	7:00pm	Bible Study
Wed	7	12:00pm	Caring Team
		7:00pm	Manna Mission Meeting
		7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thu	8	6:00pm	Prayer Group
Sun	11	<b>Peace With Justice Sunday</b>	
		9:00am	Communion/Chapel
		9:15am	Sunday School
		10:30am	Worship
		4:30pm	Devotions
		5:30pm	Youth / Young Adult Ministry
Mon	12	Annual Conf.	
Tue	13	Annual Conf.	
		Mountain Mission Truck Pickup	
		7:00pm	Bible Study

Wed	14	All day	Annual Conf.
		10:30am	Children's Chapel
		7:00pm	Choir Practice
Sun	18	<b>Father's Day</b>	
		Methodist Men Award	
		9:00am	Communion/Chapel
		9:15am	Sunday School
		10:30am	Worship
		5:30pm	Youth / Young Adult Ministry
Mon	19	6:30pm	Trustee
Tue	20	7:00pm	Bible Study
Wed	21	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Sat	24	3:00pm	UMM – set up
		5:00pm	Manna Mission Meal
Sun	25	9:00am	Communion/Chapel
		9:15am	Sunday School
		10:30am	Worship
		11:30am	UMM - Ice Cream Social
		4:30pm	Devotions
		5:30pm	Youth / Young Adult Ministry
Mon	26	6:30pm	Vacation Bible School
Tue	27	Vacation Bible School	
		7:00pm	Bible Study
Wed	28	Vacation Bible School	
		10:30am	Children's Chapel
		7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thu	29	Vacation Bible School	
Fri	30	Vacation Bible School	

And I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid; I will remove dangerous animals from the land, and no sword shall go through your land.

From the Erlanger United Methodist Men

Hi Folks.

Mark your calendars. The Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, June 25, 2017 after the church service. Tickets will be available from any UM Man or from the church office. Tickets are \$8.00 and you get the ice cream with toppings, BBQ sandwich, cole slaw, chips and drinks. Thank you.



**Second Annual Car Show and Can Food Drive**

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Details on next page don't miss it!!!

Canned goods update for the United Christian Volunteers. Thru May 22, 2017, 2,561 food items have been delivered. Emphasis in June 2017 is on toiletries/food items. Our goal for 2017 is 7,000 food 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 June 3, 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.**

# EUMC CAR SHOW & CAN FOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \$10.00 ENTRY FEE**

**Erlanger United Methodist Church**   
31 Commonwealth Avenue  
Erlanger, KY 41018

**Registration 10 AM-12 PM Car Show 10 AM- 3 PM**

**DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 50 REGISTERED \* DJ RAY DOWERS**

**\*Trophies- Best in Show (Top 2), Best New Car, Best Muscle Car,  
Men's Group Choice, Pastor's Choice & Youth Choice**

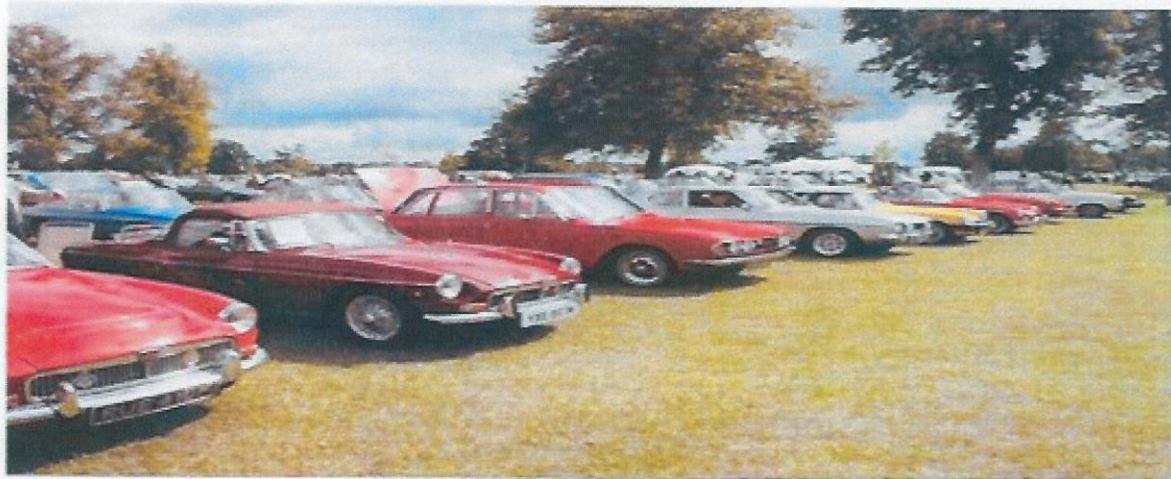
**SPLIT THE POT/RAFFLES DURING EVENT \* DOOR PRIZES**

**CONCESSIONS PROVIDED BY THE EUMC YOUTH GROUP**

**CONTACT EUMC OR DON ALEXANDER FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

**DON- 859-803-8431**

**EUMC- 859-727-2136**



## RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

The **Virginia Bevarly Educational Opportunity Fund** was established in 1979 with a bequest of \$5,000 from Ms. Virginia Bevarly, a retired teacher and long-time member of Erlanger United Methodist Church. For almost four decades, the honoring of graduates each year has been funded by Ms. Bevarly's gift.

For many years, the Committee made **loans** to graduating high school seniors, who are members of Erlanger United Methodist Church, to be used for continuing their education. Along with the **repayment of loans, interest income** of more than \$12,000 (from a \$100,000 CD given to EUMC by Oren and Jane Long, the interest income of which over a five-year period of time was divided between **VBEOF** and **Missions**), and **contributions to the Fund** have added significantly to the Fund.

The VBEOF Committee voted in 2004 to discontinue loans. In that 25 year period of time, about \$38,000 had been loaned. In place of loans, the Committee decided (1) to offer **scholarships** to EUMC members who are graduating from high school, (2) to help with the funding of **Vacation Bible School** educational materials, and (3) to provide an **age appropriate gift for graduates of Grace Edgett Child Development Center**. The amount of each of these is determined each year by the VBEOF Committee.

On May 21, 2017, we honored Ms. Lainey Sullivan, graduate of Beechwood High School. Lainey received a \$500 scholarship to be used at the University of Kentucky in the Fall term, 2017. In addition, she received a nice Study Bible with her name imprinted on the cover.

In addition, seven other graduates who currently have or have had connections with EUMC are listed below.

### OTHER GRADUATES

**Lindsay, Olivia, and Logan Beechem**, children of Brian and Tammy Beechem, are 2017 graduates of St. Henry District High School, Erlanger, Kentucky. The triplets attended Hinsdale Elementary School and Turkeyfoot Middle School, Edgewood, Kentucky.

**Olivia**, who ranked fourth in the graduating class, has received a four year, full tuition scholarship from Bellarmine College, Louisville, Kentucky, where she will be majoring in Accounting. Her scholarship includes some summer classes, so she will be starting at Bellarmine in June, 2017. Olivia also received a scholarship from the City of Erlanger, Kentucky.

**Lindsay**, the Salutatorian of her graduating class, will be attending the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, on a four year full tuition scholarship, where she will be majoring in Biology with an emphasis on Pre-Med classes. Lindsay will begin her classes in the Fall term, 2017.

**Logan**, who ranked within the top 20 of the graduating class has received a four year, 50% tuition scholarship to the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky. Logan will be working toward a Business degree, with a Finance major, and will begin classes in the Fall term, 2017.

## OTHER GRADUATES

**Devin Davidson** is a 2017 graduate of Dixie Height High School. He is a member of the churches young adults' ministry. He is currently employed with Taco Bell in Florence, KY. Some of the money he makes help provide for his family. Devin loves to cook, he is his family's cook, and is saving money to pay his way through trade school, and fulfill his dreams of becoming a chef. His favorite Bible verse is Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

**Jasmine Gadd** is a 2017 graduate of Dixie Height High School. She is a member of the churches young adults' ministry. She is going to have a gap year and travel before making plans for school or career choices. In her free time, Jasmine enjoys reading mysteries. She loves image traveling to the places she reads about.

**Summer Mullins** is a 2017 graduate of Lloyd Memorial High School. She is a member of the churches young adults' ministry. She is currently employed at McDonalds in Fort Wright, KY. Although she has not decided where she would like to go to school, she enjoys the Arts, and is interested in pursuing a career in sound and stage production. Her favorite scripture is Psalm 149:3 "Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre."

**Sierra Washington** is a 2017 graduate of Holmes High School. She is a member of the churches young adults' ministry. She plans on a career in the medical field as a caregiver. In her free time she enjoys music, and swimming. Her favorite scripture is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

## CONGRADULATIONS



**LAINey RAE SULLIVAN**, daughter of Amy Sullivan, and granddaughter of Kathy and Greg Sandel, was born in Edgewood, Kentucky, on March 24, 1999. Lainey is a 2017 graduate of Beechwood High School, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky.

Lainey was a student in the Beechwood School District her entire twelve years of education. During most of that time, she was on the academic honor roll.

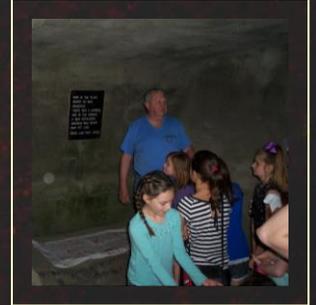
Lainey participated in the Spanish Club and Student Council during all four years of high school and Young Life during grades 10 through 12. She also played basketball from grades 3 through 12, holding the position of captain of the team during her senior year. She was a cheerleader for the Ft. Mitchell Spartans during grades 4 through 6, and for Beechwood Middle School during grade 7. Lainey played volleyball during grades 8, 9, and 10. She also participated in fundraising projects, such as babysitting, to raise money for her various teams.

Additionally, Lainey has held various jobs throughout her high school years to include much babysitting, working as a hostess at Barleycorn's Five-Mile House in Lakeside Park, and as a cashier at Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt in Ft. Wright. She currently works at Camporosso (a new Italian Restaurant) in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky.

Lainey has been accepted at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, and will begin her Freshman year in the Fall term, 2017. She plans to major in Biology, with the long-term goal of entering the University of Kentucky Medical School to specialize in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Words from Lainey, "I appreciate the love and support I have received from the Erlanger United Methodist Church from the time of my baptism to my college sendoff!"

# YOUTH TRIP TO GARDEN OF HOPE



## May Tithes and Offerings

Tithes	\$14,236.00
Sunday School	\$54.00
Loose Plate	\$257.00
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	
Emmaus Emergency	\$32.00
Emmaus Various Proj.	\$70.00
Emmaus Zimmerman	\$52.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$107.00
Ida Spence	\$54.00
Manna Mission	\$25.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,221.40
Mission	\$10.00
Reimbursements	\$20.00
UCV	\$100.00
Women in Mission	\$301.00
Youth	\$20.00
<b>SPECIAL GIFTS TOTAL</b>	
	\$3,012.40
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	
	\$17,559.40

### WOMEN IN MISSION

Our next meeting is June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 am in the church parlor. All women are welcome to join us.

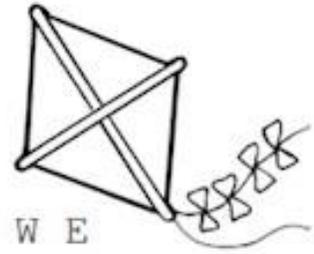
The collection of flip-flops for the Ida Spence Mission children is complete. We plan to deliver over 100 pairs on Wed, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you so much for your donations.

Other news: The collection of money for the “combs” will be completely by June 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be taken to the KY Annual Conference in Bowling Green, KY on June 11<sup>th</sup>. These combs will be added to the Health Care Kits being assembled and sent to Sager-Brown Depot. Thank you for your support.

**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.



# Father's Day



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CARING	FISHING	GOLF	
CHILDREN	FOOTBALL	HAPPY	PARENT
DAD	FOREVER	HUG	READ
DAUGHTER	FRIEND	JUNE	SON
FAMILY	FUNNY	KIND	SPECIAL
FATHER		LOVE	TOOLS



**Happy**



**Father's**



**Day!**

