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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ERLANGER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | OCTOBER 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

At my oncologist's appointment this Tuesday, he made it very clear that he believes faith, prayer and optimism do patients like me more good than any chemotherapy available. He was very specific about that, and quite frankly, I believed that before he said it, but I must say it was good to hear him say it. He led us in prayer as he finished our visit, and I left that appointment feeling much better than when I arrived.

So we are going to be about claiming the promises of God. I hope you will join me. There are several in our church that have ongoing, chronic health issues, so let's claim the promises together. Even if you don't have something going on in your life, God's promises are sure for daily living as well.

One of my favorite hymns is shared below. I think it reflects those promises of Scripture very well. Let's make it our inspiration for the month.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said—
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
“Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand.
“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not harm thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.
“The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

Thanks for everyone’s love and prayers.

God bless,



Pastor Mark



Mr. & Mrs. Mayo M. Taylor

MAYO TAYLOR AWARD

Award to be presented – Sunday, October 29, 2017

The Mayo Taylor Award was established in 1980 to honor Mayo Taylor, who gave of himself unselfishly to his church, community and the world. It is the desire of the Award establishers that the recipients should have given of their efforts in a way to depict the life of Mayo Taylor in their years of service and commitment to the Erlanger United Methodist Church. Their outstanding achievements will be acknowledged before the church on a designated Sunday each year by the “Search Committee”.

Mayo Taylor was a truly unique individual. He had very little interest in the prospect of being a wealthy, successful businessman. This attitude was puzzling to many aspiring young men who felt that financial achievement was the only way to gain respect.

He was deeply concerned and dedicated to the needs of the community and particularly of the Erlanger United Methodist Church. He believed sacrifice and service took precedence over comfort, convenience, and security. His faith and Christian leadership was an inspiration to all.

Guidelines to consider when nominating a person or married couple who most exemplify Mayo Taylor and previous recipients include:

1. A total love and commitment to the Lord and His church.
2. A member of the Erlanger United Methodist Church
3. A person or married couple whose dedication, through many years of volunteer service and love of the Lord, most depicts that of the life of Mayo Taylor.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Tim Healy	10/03
Tripp Love	10/03
Ralph Doyle	10/06
Trey Mulligan	10/06
Sandra Horne	10/07
Kimberly Belbot	10/11
Donald Alexander	10/12
Bradley Ziegleier	10/14
Amelia Morgan	10/16
Anne-Marie Lusk	10/20
Celine Steenken	10/22
Michael Palmer	10/23
Larry Royalty	10/29
Dave Abney	10/29

October Anniversaries

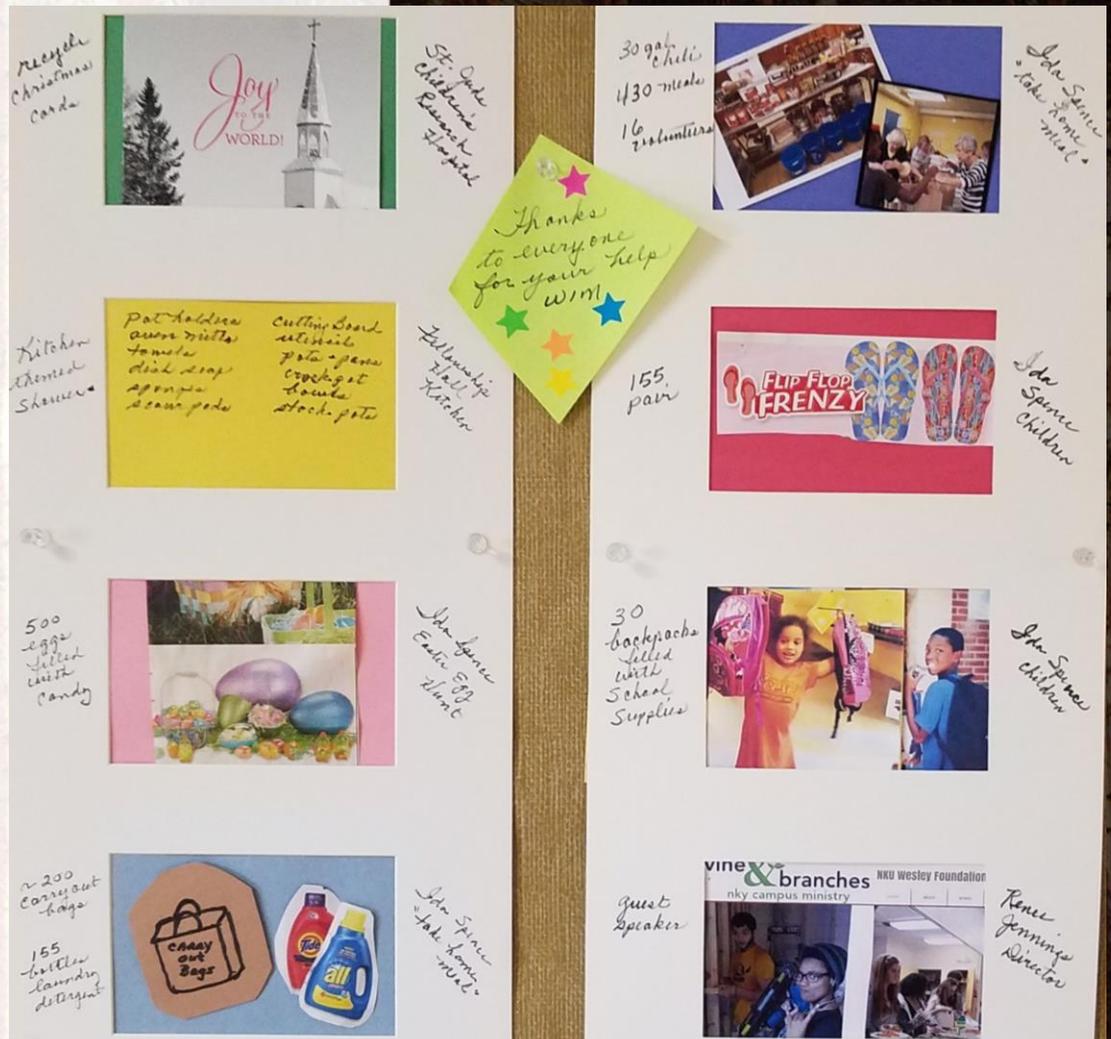
Garrett & Susanna Vance	10/04
Larry & Tina Royalty	10/09
Greg & Celine Steenken	10/15
Ted & Vanessa Schneider	10/22
John & JoAnne Gillespie	10/28
Donald & Karen Alexander	10/30

FINANCE NEWS: September has been a much better month for income, which is a wonderful thing. We do not know yet about expenditures and how they compare, but we are encouraged by the increase in income. Just the first 2 Sundays of September brought in more than the whole month of August – so that’s great. We will let you know soon about our overall situation. Remember, we were a little over \$20,000 behind as of the end of August. We do have some reserves, but we don’t want to use those unless absolutely necessary. We need to have some rainy day fund for emergencies, just like in our personal budgets. Thanks so much to those who have been doing some second mile giving, and please keep this in your prayers. We have a lot of headway to make before the end of the year.

SEPTEMBER 2017

Tithes	\$17,262.00
Sunday School	\$39.00
Loose Plate	\$371.68
GECDC	\$6,655.75
Interest/Dividends	\$8.87
Upper Room	\$1.00
GENERAL FUND	
TOTAL	\$24,338.30
Adult Ministries	\$20.00
Emmaus Emergency	\$23.00
Emmaus Various Proj.	\$43.00
Emmaus Zimmerman	\$43.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$663.00
Ida Spence	\$329.00
Manna Mission	\$149.54
Methodist Men	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$999.00
Reimbursements	\$135.00
UMCOR	\$1,341.00
Women in Mission	\$361.00
Youth	\$491.80
Building Fund	\$739.53
SPECIAL GIFTS TOTAL	\$5,387.87
GRAND TOTAL	\$29,726.17

Women In Mission News



We are winding down our WIM activities for this year. The snapshot of WIM bulletin board display shows some of the many collections and activities we participated in during this year. In 2017 our pledge donations increased.

We have dispersed donations to 10 missions and organizations, with more to come at our October meeting.

With the generous assistance of our congregation, we increased our collections of supplies and donations to various missions.

Thank you so much for surpassing our goals. Our next meeting is October 5th at 11:00 am in the church parlor.

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.

DO YOU WANT PEACE & PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE?

FOLLOW JESUS

His Spirit Is Alive...He
Forgives...Heals...Comforts...Guides

Plan now to attend, ALL OR PART of this

Gospel Event 2017

Great Music, Good Food, Dynamic Speaker

Fri., Oct. 13th, 5:30 pm - 10 pm / Sat., Oct. 14th 8:30 am - 10 pm
(Sponsored by the Emmaus Bible Class, Erlanger United Methodist Church)

Location: Florentine Event Center

8605 Haines Drive

Florence, KY 41042

Cost: Love Offering

Everyone Welcome

Call 859-727-2136 for more information

TIM PHILPOT - SPEAKER - (son of the late Dr. Ford Philpot, United Methodist Evangelist)

- Sitting Judge of the Circuit Family Court, Fayette County, KY.
- Past President of Christian Business Men's Connection, International. He has presented the Gospel in 66 nations
- Popular Speaker and Author

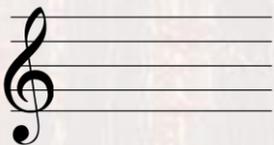


OCTOBER EVENTS

Sun	1	World Communion Sunday
Mon	2	7:00 p SPRC
Wed	4	12:00 p Caring Team
		7:00 p Manna Mission Meeting
Thurs.	5	11:00 a Women In Mission
		5:00 p See The Possibilities: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Teams
<p>Bishop Leonard Fairley is holding a leadership development seminar at Cynthiana, KY. If you are interested in joining in on this time of learning and growing, please see the Pastor.</p>		
Sat	7	2:15 p UMM Devotions
		3:00 p UMM Meeting
		5:00 p UMM Chicken Dinner: Menu: Fried, Baked Chicken or Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Drinks, Desserts. The cost is \$10 adults; \$6 6-12, under 6 is free. See a Methodist Man for your ticket today!!
Mon	9	7:00 p Council On Ministries
Wed	11	5:45 p Sunday School Meeting
Thurs.	12	6:00 p Prayer Group
Fri	13	Gospel Retreat – See flyer
Sat	14	
Sun	15	12:00 p FarmHaven – Youth
Mon	16	6:30 p Trustee Meeting
Tue	17	Mountain Mission Pick-up
Sun	29	5 th Sunday / Mayo Taylor Day : The Mayo Taylor Award Nominating Form will be in the October 1 st and 8 th Bulletins. All ballots MUST be in by Sunday, October 15 th to be considered, no nominations will be accepted after October 15 th . If you have any questions see one of the committee members Bill Howard, Ralph Doyle and Nancy Johnson.

Weekly Event

Sunday	9:00 a	Communion/Chapel
	9:15 a	Sunday School
	10:30 a	Worship
	4:30 p	Devotions
	5:30 p	Youth / Young Adult
Tuesday	7:00 p	Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 p	Choir Practice
Saturday	12:00 p	Cornhole



Save the date...Stephen Kidd is trying out for the directorship of the Cincinnati Community Orchestra. He will conduct a concert on May 5, 2018 as a part of his application. We hope to take a group to support Stephen in this undertaking.

From the Erlanger United Methodist Men

Hi Folks,

The annual Chicken Dinner will be held on October 7, 2017, Saturday from 5-7 pm. Tickets are available from any United Methodist Man or from the church office. Tickets are \$10.00 each, \$6.00 for children 6-12 years old, under 6 are free. The menu is chicken, fried or baked, nuggets for the children, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, drinks and dessert. Come meet "Skelly". He will be at the ticket table. He likes to have his photo taken with you and he won't eat your food. In fact, he doesn't eat food at all. Meeting "Skelly" before October 7, 2017 is not recommended. Scary!!! All proceeds go to help the mission programs of the UMM. Thank you very much for your support. Remember, Halloween is getting close.

The photos are some of "Skelly's" neighbors and last year's yard sale.

The annual yard sale is another great mission that the ladies take care of.



Canned goods update for the United Christian Volunteers. Thru September 26, 2017, 5008 food items have been delivered. Emphasis in October 2017 is on "Anything to Eat" 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 are going for another record this year. Our real goal is nobody going hungry.

We would like to invite all men to join the Erlanger United Methodist Men. Our next meeting is October 7, 2017, Saturday, 3:00 pm 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.



OPERATION **CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX** **MINISTRY 2017**

Kickoff date Sunday October 8th
Dedication Sunday November 12th

How do you participate? **PRAY!** For this ministry and for the children who will receive these gifts and that they will come to know the Greatest Love of All through Jesus Christ. You can also pack a shoebox. Or you can give a monetary donation to Operation Christmas Child to help with shipping boxes.

Since 1993 Samaritan's Purse has brought joy to 146 million boys and girls around the world through Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. Each one is an opportunity for the gospel. In the hands of local churches, they are tools for evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication. Many shoebox recipients also enroll in a 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program., The Greatest Journey, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. You can be a part of this worldwide effort to grow the kingdom of God even in places where the Gospel has never been heard. How you ask? By filling a shoebox with fun toys, school supplies, hygiene items and perhaps a picture and personalized letter from you and your family.

Shoeboxes, rubber bands, labels and informational materials will be available at EUMC starting on Sunday Oct 8th.

Several important things to know this year. 1. No candy of any kind is allowed in shoeboxes. 2. Toothpaste is no longer allowed either. Please do however pack a toothbrush along with soap, washcloth and comb. 3. Shipping is now \$9 per box. These are all new from last year.



WHAT SHOULD YOU PACK IN YOUR SHOEBOX?

Crayons, coloring books, flip flops, a ball, bandana, pencil and sharpener, pen, eraser, scissors, notebooks, markers, watercolor paint sets, stuffed animal, new clothing items such as socks, shirt, shorts, shoes, underwear, hat, cap, scarf, matchbox cars, finger puppets, sewing kit, fishing kit, duct tape, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, hairbrush, hair ties, tissues, Band-Aids, travel size games, yoyo, harmonica or other small musical instruments, small baby dolls, bracelets, necklace, rings, soccer ball and small pump, More ideas can found online at samaritanspurse.org

As you pack your items tape label on top and please include a check for \$9 per box to pay for shipping. If you pack multiple boxes you may write one check times number of boxes and place it in one box on top of your items so that it is inside the box. Please do not slide it under rubber band on outside of box.

For more information contact Emily Markey 859 918-5877, emilysmarkey@yahoo.com or Facebook



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Erlanger UMC

Thank you for your generous donations to support the Thailand Methodist Mission. The ministries of this mission, Blessing Home, Pioneer Pastors Program, Special Blessings, Global Theological Institute, and the Bright Futures Savings Groups all depend upon the prayers and faithful financial support of God's people like you. Sherri and I thank the Lord each day that the Lord has granted us the great privilege of serving on the front lines of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that so many people like you make it all possible. Please know our gratitude for your sacrifice for the Lord goes deep within our hearts.

May the Lord Bless You,
Mike and Sherri Morrissey

Youth News

The youth had a great time at Heritage Day, Sunday September 17th. They raised \$491.80, which was split between their mission fund and their general fund. They are looking forward to the Yard Sale, and the Erlanger Halloween Fest. Their Sunday evening group is growing, please pray for this ministry and the work they are doing for the next generation of our church. If you would like to be involved with providing food for the youth, see Bill or Cindy!

CORNHOLE NEWS

CORNHOLE REPORT as of 9-25-17: In last Saturday's league play there were few surprises. "the traveling trio" had fun in the Sun as they defeated "the singing slingers" who were singing to the Choir. "the old geezers" found the fountain of youth in their win over "the bad news browns" who thought they were in Cleveland playing football. "the misfits" looked organized in their win over "the cloud bursters" whom used umbrellas for shade. Records: misfits 3-0, Traveling trio 3-0, Old geezers 2-1, Cloud bursters 1-2, Bad news browns 0-3, Singing slingers 0-3 Woody
Also, we will be doubling up on the corn hole games on the following dates : Sat Oct 14th and Sat Oct 21st ? Thanks

