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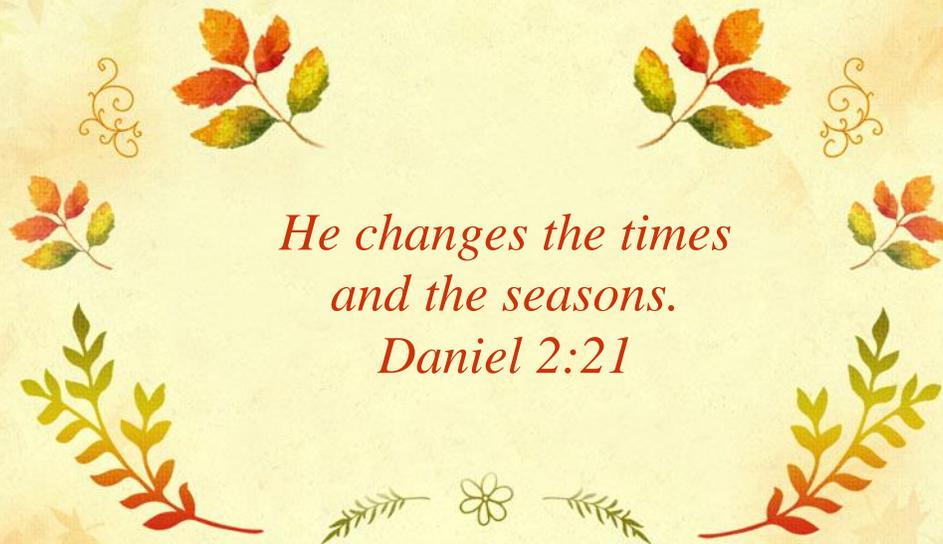
I preached Sunday in the park about being overwhelmed by God. When Christian Dockery sang a few weeks ago, one of the lines of the song went, “He loves like a hurricane, I am a tree.” That line has stuck with me ever since then. God’s love is overwhelming if we just open our eyes to see it. If you’ve ever watched a tree in a hurricane, you can see how it shakes things up and bends them over and even the tallest, strongest tree seems like a twig. We think of hurricanes as being destructive, and of course God’s love is not (except to the sinful things in our lives that he wants to blow away). God’s love is as **POWERFUL** as a hurricane, but as gentle and **CONSTRUCTIVE** as anything can be.

Many times I find myself overwhelmed with God’s love. I wonder how empty and listless life must be without it. I was overwhelmed with love as I held my father’s hand while he took his last breath. Was it sad? Of course it was, but more than that it was profound and sweet to know that my Dad was taking that step of **LIFE** to a place of **FAITH** and **LOVE**. I got to be a part of that transformational moment, and I was overwhelmed with the love of God who made that precious moment possible.

I have been overwhelmed with the love and support of friends and church people across the state as a result of my Dad’s passing. So many of you, and many of your family members, too, have sent cards or made calls or social media posts to express your prayers and concern for me and my family. **EVERY DAY** I have received cards and

letters from people in every church I've served and also from people I have never even met who were touched by Dad's life and ministry. That's God's love reaching out in a very special way to me and my family. Thank you all so much for that.

I am amazed and overwhelmed at this miracle of life - one we all take for granted all too much. I am amazed and overwhelmed at the miracle of faith - that God would reach out to us through Christ to draw us unto himself. That's loving like a hurricane when we are but trees. I am amazed and overwhelmed by Scriptures like Romans 8:38 (Living Bible) that says, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God." I am amazed and overwhelmed that God would give us life, but more than that, give us a



purpose in life that brings so much reward and passion and joy to every day.

It is a good thing to call Christ your friend. It is a good thing to have a wonderful church family from whom to draw strength. It is a good thing to know God's love, and to live God's way. Thanks be to God for his great gifts of life and love and faith to us.

See you in church!

Pastor Mark

ADULT

MINISTRY

NEWS

Yard Sale – Saturday, September 10, 2016 starting setting up at 7:00 am and will end at 3:00 pm, to help UCV. Booth rental \$15.00 for 2 car spaces bring your own tables, chairs, tents, and change. Coffee and sweets will be free until 8:00 am for our vendors. The Youth will be selling food and drinks all day. You may start bringing your items to donate now, just mark your boxes “YARD SALE” and put them in the garage next to the windows; we also need donations of bake goods for our bake sale, See Joy Hamilton (859-485-6624) if you have any questions.

Drawer #9 “Diapers & Wipes” for UCV can be dropped off anytime, no cut off time.

Ida Spence Cake Money

We are still collecting money; our goal is \$2,000.00.

MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

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This program is modeled after the Volunteer program for The Bengal’s and Reds concession fundraiser. The best thing about us is you are inside during the winter.

You will be picking and packing orders in our warehouse for our clients that include: Claires, Icing, Rockport, Puma, Avon, The Limited, Cole Haan, Tory Burch, Gordman’s, Speedo, Tommy Hilfiger and many more.

This work is located in Tri-County. We will meet at the church and ride the bus up to the location. We will be working on November 24th and then again December 10, from 7 – 11 am.

We would like to take at least 10 people per day. The 4 hour Thanksgiving Dayshift will benefit the mission team fund \$100.00 per person.

We will be sending out more Please see the sign up on the church office door or speak to someone on the Mission Team.

Tithes and Offering

August 2016

Tithes	\$12,164.00
Sunday School	\$38.00
Loose Plate	\$341.00
GECDG	\$4,643.54
Upper Room	\$3.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,189.54
Emmaus Emergency	\$29.00
Emmaus Various Proj.	\$51.00
Emmaus Zimmerman	\$47.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$44.00
Ida Spence	\$97.50
Manna Mission	\$50.00
Methodist Men	\$45.00
Memorials	\$25.00
Methodist Home	\$290.00
Missions	\$707.03
Miscellaneous	\$571.00
UMCOR	\$250.00
Women in Mission	\$327.00
Youth	\$174.55
Building Fund	\$515.95
SPECIAL GIFTS TOTAL	\$3,224.03
GRAND TOTAL	\$20,413.57

Thank you for your Faithfulness and your willingness to be a part of what is happening at the Erlanger United Methodist Church.

1 Corinthians 10:24 Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other.

CORN HOLE LEAGUE

Attention everyone, It is that time of the year where we start our corn hole league play right here on the Church grounds. Last year there were 6 teams entered with three members on each team. We want to get more teams and people involved and get crazy while choosing your team name. Team names last year were: Bad News Browns, Old Geezer, Handy Cappers, Besties, ABC-123, and the Buck Stops Here. The league will start on Sunday Sept 4th, and run through Oct 30th. All games will start at 2:00 pm after church in the parking lot. 1st place winners will be awarded trophies. You can enter your team by emailing Woody at woodyball@twc.com Call him at (859)760-4817 or tell him at Church. In Christ, Woody Robinson



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From the Erlanger United Methodist Men

Hi Folks.

The "Chicken Dinner" that was scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2016 has been postponed in respect for the Shepherd family's memorial service for Rev James Shepherd scheduled for September 17, 2016 in Frankfort. The chicken dinner will be held on a later date to be announced.



Tickets will be \$10.00 each and you get a great meal. Children 6-12 of age are \$6.00 each. Children under 6 are free. It will be served from 5 to 7:00 pm. See any Methodist man for tickets. They are also available in the church office. Meal includes chicken (fried or baked) mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, and drinks. Thank you very much.

Canned goods update for the United Christian Volunteers. Thru August 26, 2016, 3,799 food items have been delivered. Emphasis in September 2016 is on toiletries/food items. Our goal for 2016 is 6,000 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



EUMC Men wishing to thank everyone who volunteered and helped at the 1st Annual Car Show! Our first annual car show was held on August 13, 2016 in the church parking lot, It was a huge success. We made over \$300.00 for missions. We had 23 cars registered. The youth had a booth to sell food and drinks. We had a DJ playing music. We are very

thankful that the rain held off. Thank you very much for your support. Below are some photos from the event.



We would like to invite all men to join the Erlanger United Methodist Men. Our next meeting is September 3, 2016, 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.

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude as we write to you from Kentucky. The Lord has given us several weeks in the U.S. this summer to visit with our family. What a blessing to be together with all five of our children, sharing David & Julie's joy in the birth of their first son! We've had the pleasure of being with Tim almost daily, meeting Jenny's future father and mother-in-law, taking Lucas to his first campus visit as a prospective college student, and seeing Josh be a great uncle to Judah!

We have also had beautiful times together with our parents in these days. This has been a very challenging year for them as they each have health concerns and as Cynthia's mom grieves. Through it all the Lord has sustained them and been gracious to them. We thank God for His great faithfulness in every season of life.

As we enter this new season of grandparenting, several people have recently asked us how much longer we plan to work in Bolivia and if it would be worth it to stay there if all of our family is in the U.S.

Is it worth it to stay in Bolivia?

I remember asking myself that question in 1994 on the day we moved into our first apartment there. Perhaps we all experience moments when we question if it is really worth it to do what God has asked us to do. Perhaps we also need to ask if it was worth it to God to send His only Son into the world to be our Savior, and if it was worth it to Christ to bear our sins in His body on the cross.

How much longer will we be in Bolivia?
As long as the Lord allows.

Is it worth it? Absolutely! As long as that is what the Lord wants us to do and where He wants us to be.

What is God asking you to do?
Considering who He is and what He has done, is it too much for Him to ask?

Pathways

Kurt & Cynthia Zimmerman
World Gospel Mission
Bolivia
August 2016

I HAVE NO GREATER JOY
THAN TO HEAR THAT MY
CHILDREN WALK IN TRUTH.
3 John 4



Just as we delight to see our own children following the Lord, it is also a joy to see our SCCLC and Cristo Viene Church youth embrace the gospel and allow Christ to truly be their Lord.



As school starts at SCCLC in August we want it to be a place

- where our students receive a quality education,
- where they hear and see the gospel lived out and choose to allow Christ to redeem their lives,
- where God prepares them to transform society in Bolivia and around the world.

Would you join us in praying to that end?

Blessings to each of you at Exchange!
With love & prayers, Kurt & Cynthia

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

Mary Swanson	09/06	Todd Lusk	09/15	Ronda Brown	09/21
Brooklyn Doyle	09/06	Cherri McMahan	09/17	Ron Burgan	09/22
Sharon Houston	09/09	Lou Shelton	09/17	Ann Abney	09/27
Michele Martin	09/12	Bobby Martin	09/19	Ed Christiansen	09/28
Karen Neumeister	09/13	Tina Honican	09/19	Thelma Roberts	09/28
Maxine Wells	09/14	Carolyn Conley	09/19		
Charlie Hill	09/15	Nancy Johnson	09/20		



Whishing God's Sweet blessings
Not in droplets but a shower, To fall
on you throughout the day
And brighten every hour.

A collection of Blessings by Helen Steiner Rice

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kyle & Leslie Ward	09/17
Ben & Kim Belbot	09/18
Tom & Sharon Houston	09/18
Bobby & Michele Martin	09/14

Women In Mission News

Thank you to Mary Heck and Vena Delk for presenting the program to WIM Aug. 4th on the GECDC. Your dedication to the children and their families is very evident and much appreciated. Those attending found the information very interesting and now have a much better understanding of this very vital program.

Thank you to the congregation for your coins and bills placed in those buckets the children had at each entrance after church on Sunday Aug. 7th for purchasing more laundry detergent. This is an ongoing request from Gina, to help fill the needs of Ida Spence Mission. Together, this \$111.81 and all those bottles of detergent we collected will get us to our goal. They will be distributed at the “take home meal” our church will serve on Saturday Oct. 29th midday.

Our next project is to help Adult Ministries at the Yard / Craft / Bake Sale on Sat. Sept. 10th 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. We will be at the Bake Sale Table. We would appreciate any bake goodies you donate and hope you buy some other goodies too. All proceeds go to support United Christian Volunteers.

Join our WIM group the 1st Thursday of each month at 11:00 am in the church annex. Sept. 1st is almost here. see you then.

September

1 st	Thur	11:00 am	Women In Mission
		6:30 pm	Mission Committee Mtg.
		6:30 pm	Children's Ministry Mtg.
3 rd	Sat	9:00 am	Methodist Men Mtg.
4 th	Sun	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School / Tone Chyme
		10:30 am	Worship
		4:30 pm	Devotions
		5:30 pm	Youth
5 th	Mon	Labor Day (Church office closed)	
6 th	Tue	7:00 pm	SPRC
7 th	Wed	12:00 pm	Caring Team
		5:45 pm	Worship Mtg.
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
8 th	Thur	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
10 th	Sat	Yard Sale	
11 th	Sun	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School / Tone Chyme
		10:30 am	Worship
		4:30 pm	Devotions
		5:30 pm	Youth
12 th	Mon	6:15 pm	Finance Mtg
		7:00 pm	Administrative Board Mtg
14 th	Wed	10:30 am	Children's Chapel
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
17 th	Sat	2:00 pm	Children - Bowling
18 th	Sun	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School / Tone Chyme
		10:30 am	Worship
		12:00 pm	Youth – Heritage Day
		4:30 pm	Devotions
19 th	Mon	6:30 pm	Trustee Mtg.
21 st	Wed	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
24 th	Sat	5:00 pm	Manna Mission Meal
25 th	Sun	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School / Tone Chyme
		10:30 am	Worship
		4:30 pm	Devotions
		5:30 pm	Youth
28 th	Wed	10:30 am	Children's Chapel
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice



The Eleventh Of September

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We mourn their loss this day this
year. those now with God, no
danger near

So many loved ones left do stand
Confronting loss throughout our
land

My heart goes out to those who do
No one can fathom what they view

I firmly pray for peace of mind
Dear God please help each one to
find

And to our soldiers now at war
God guide above, at sea, on shore

They are the best, I have no doubt
Our country's pride, complete,
devout

The finest force you'll ever see
All freedom grown through liberty

One final thought comes clear to me
For what must live in infamy

Absolutely – We'll Remember
The Eleventh – Of September

IN RURAL CAMBODIA, UMCOR AND PARTNER PROVIDE STUDENTS

NEARLY 17,000 SCHOOL KITS

August 9, 2016

By Dam Tithiavan*

Ten-year-old Eang Eng eagerly opened the school bag he had just received at Lvea Primary School, located in a remote and impoverished district of central Cambodia. What he found inside made his eyes grow wide with excitement: notebooks, pens, pencils, a ruler, scissors, and more.

Like most children in rural Kampong Leang district beside the Tonle Sap River, Eang, a fifth grader, doesn't take his education for granted. He knows the uncertainties of living in a flood plain, the challenges of living where roads are scarce, and, with nine siblings, he understands his farmer parents' financial limitations.

"Before having this kit, I had only a half pencil and a thin notebook that would last just three months," he said. "Now I have everything I need to study for a whole year!"

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provided nearly 300 school kits to students of Eang's school. They were among more than 16,490 kits distributed to Cambodian students this year through UMCOR partner International Relief and Development (IRD).

Eang's classmate, Ban Ro, was equally enthusiastic when he peered inside his school kit. "My parents can't afford all the daily expenses of my studies, like notebooks and school bags. I love the school kit very much. My family will be very proud when I show it to them."

Students in Cambodia hold up their newly-received UMCOR school kits, which were distributed by partner International Relief

According to Cambodian government sources, in fiscal year 2015, 10.9 percent of primary school children in Kampong

Leang District did not advance to the next grade and 5.36 percent dropped out of



Students in Cambodia hold up their newly-received UMCOR school kits, which were distributed by partner International Relief and Development. Photo by Ven Rithy.

school, leaving the district literacy rate far below anticipated levels. Also, children skipped classes out of economic need or because their parents chose to migrate in search of work.

For these reasons, IRD targeted the distribution of UMCOR school kits among these vulnerable children who live in rural poverty. Each kit contained the necessary materials for a student to study for an entire year, enabling students not only to pursue their education but to do so at a lower cost to their parents.

UMCOR school kits are assembled by United Methodists and other people of good will, who gather the supplies, sew the schoolbags, and verify the contents at UMCOR relief-supply depots before shipping.

IRD delivered kits to students in 78 schools and one orphanage, all in Kampong Chhnang province. Lvea Primary School was one of the most remote. To reach it, you must travel first by ferry for two hours across the Tonle Sap River and then by motorcycle along mainly dirt roads. The long trip was clearly worthwhile.

Man Savart, a teacher, noted how happy the children looked as they waited anxiously for their turn to receive their kits. He said the kits were clearly a "way to motivate students to come to school confidently, without feeling shy because they do not have all the items they need for their studies."

Savart added, "I am thankful for UMCOR, which is keen to help us reduce school drop-out rates and the repetition of classes in our school."

YOUTH NOTES

September will be very busy for the Youth of the Erlanger United Methodist Church!

Saturday, September 10th, 2016

Yard Sale Food Booth

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Youth meet at the church at 8:00 am for set up and stay the break down.

Sunday, September 11th, 2016

Big Bone Cook-Out

Till Dusk

Meet at the church at 9:00 am if you would like to help set up, the bus will be at the church at 12:00 to take everyone else.

Sunday, September 18th, 2016

Heritage Day

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Food booth

Meet at the church at 9:00 am for set up, and stay for the clean up!

Children's News

We are going bowling!

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Florence Bowl

7500 Sussex Dr.

Florence, KY 41042

Be on the lookout for more information.