

#### Dear Church Family,

Greetings in the wonderful and the mighty name of Jesus Christ. As we begin this new year filled with many possibilities, opportunities and uncertainties of life; let us take the time to Wait Upon God. To wait upon God means to pause and to be still in the presence of God. It also means to trust, hope, and rely completely upon Jesus Christ. As we take the time to wait; we will clearly hear the following words from the Lord.

<u>Word of Wisdom</u>- That will help us in making the right decisions in all aspect of life.

• **James 1:5**- "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

**Word of Direction**- To guide and help us in focusing on the things of God.

- **Isaiah 30:21-** "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." **Word of Correction** To make sure we are always walking in the Light of Jesus.
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Word of Encouragement**- To have the confidence that God is with us and for us.

• **Isaiah 41:10**- "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

We pray that God will bless each one of you in a mighty way and that we all will hold tightly to the promise of God for us this year from Isaiah 40:31- "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

All for Jesus, Pastor Andrew and Arpita













































# Happy Birthday

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Mike Markey	01/07	February	
Greg Steenken	01/07	Linda Martin	02/01
Patrick McMahon	01/09	Bill McCarty	02/04
Mary Sharp	01/10	Ch <mark>uck Lam</mark> bert	02/11
Sue Wells	01/13	Mike Fletcher	02/12
Sue Lambert	01/22	Martha Ashcraft	02/13
Tiffany Herbers	01/23	Clancy Barns	02/13
Wanda Ballmer	01/26	Vivian Frazier	02/14
John Gillespie	01/26	Jackie McPeters	02/16
Brenda Herbers	01/26	Cindy Slaven	02/19
Grace Herrmann	01/26	Ginny Allgeyer	02/20
Ryan McCarty	01/28	Andrew Buck	02/26
Connie Evans	01/29	Eloise Mulligan	02/28
Chuck Love	01/29	Jim Johnson	02/29



#### **February**

Bill & Sue Shumate 02/16 Greg & Kathy Sandel 02/19

## Women In Mission

We are about to launch into the New Year of 2019. Consider what we want to focus on participate in, and missions to support during this coming year. Bring your ideas and suggestions to our meeting Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am in the Church parlor (weather permitting).

We will certainly miss Mary Swanson who was a faithful member of our group. Our love and heartfelt sympathy goes out to Paul, Emily and their families.

#### The disbursement of donations in 2018 follows:

\$300.00 GECDC	\$200.00 UCV	\$112.00 Ida Spence
in memory of Ken Maynard	in memory of Linda Dolen	<b>Mission</b> detergent
\$200.00 Matthew 25 Ministries	\$200.00 Love girls trip	\$200.00 Pastors
local floods	Odyssey Of The Mind	cake auction
\$200.00 Church landscape planting in	\$200.00 Methodist	\$185.60 UCV
memory of Thelma Martin	Mountain Mission Truck	Knee Walker
\$100.00 Pastor Mark	\$50.00 Suzanna	\$125.00 Henderson
farewell gift	mother's funeral	Settlement
\$125.00 Kentucky Methodist Home	\$200.00 Zimmerman's	\$200.00 Morrissey's -
for Children and Youth in Nicholasville	- McAllen, TX	Thailand
\$125.00 Red Bird Mission	<b>\$200.00 Law's</b> - Congo	\$200.00 Master Provision
\$200.00 Vine and Branches NKU	\$200.00 UMCOR	Total \$3,422.60

#### Additional collections of items and supplies with the help of our congregation:

Ida Spence Mission "Take Home Meal" food & supplies, 281 Fall Festival, Yard, Craft,			
meals & 16 volunteers, 33 backpacks with school supplies, toiletries. and Bake Sale Baked goo			
Henderson Settlement	Chancel Choir from the First	KY Annual Conference	
Entemanns Little bite pouches	United Methodist Church of	combs (100) for the health kits	
	Plymouth, MI provide a meal	for Sager Brown	
St. Jude Children Ranch	Red Bird Mission	Family Promise	
Christmas and Greeting Cards	Labels for Educations	toiletries & cleaning supplies	
Operation Christmas Child	Erlanger Police Department	Erlanger Fire Department	
49 stuffed bears	11 stuffed bears	19 stuffed bears	

A Big, grateful Thank you to all for your support! Women of our church family come join us the 2st Thursday of each month. We are ready to start collection your old Christmas and other greeting cards (front of each only) Place in mission drawer #6-7. These will be sent to St. Jude Children's Ranch to be used in craft projects.

#### **Christmas Lunch**

Tousey House Tavern
Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018
Delicious food & Wonderful Fellowship





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CHILDREN'S ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
2018









#### **COMMUNITY KINDNESS**

19 Ridgeway Road, Florence, Kentucky 41042

Amy Henry Durham, Chair

Bill Howard, Co-Chair

January 5, 2019.

Dear Friends at Erlanger United Methodist Church,

The Community Kindness Team would like to express its appreciation for all the support and the assistance you provided for our Community Kindness Toy Drive in 2018.

The Toy Giveaway happened on December 15, 2018. Through your support and several other businesses and individuals we were able to make 36 families with a total of 108 children living in Erlanger and Elsmere have a much brighter Christmas this season. All the remaining toys were distributed through the Manna Mission Dinner that evening, following the toy drive.

Your donation of facilities and volunteers went a long way in reaching out to families who struggle daily to meet life's demands. Your willingness to donate half of your Christmas offering in 2018 gives us encouragement that our mission to provide for families and their children are not in vain or without merit. We look forward to brighter days for all our community children and the gifts you provided helped to make it happen. Thanks once again.

Thanks and Blessings,

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Community Kindness Chairman

Bill Howard

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Community Kindness Co-Chairman

## Community Kindness 2018



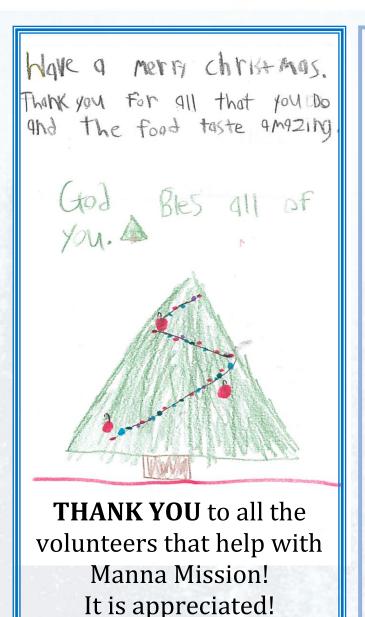






		Janua	ry 2019
Sun	$6^{\scriptscriptstyle  ext{th}}$	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship
		5:30 pm	Youth Group
Wed	$9^{\text{th}}$	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Γhur	$10^{\text{th}}$	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
Fri	$11^{\text{th}}$	UMM / N	KU Basketball Game
Sun	$13^{\text{th}}$	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship
		5:30 pm	Youth Group
Mon	$14^{ ext{th}}$	6:15 pm	Finance Committee
		7:00 pm	
Wed	$16^{\text{th}}$	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri 18 <sup>t</sup>	h - Su	n 20 <sup>th</sup> Yout	h Winter Blitz
Sun	$20^{\text{th}}$	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
n ns		9:15 am	Sunday School
Human Relations	Day	10:30 am	Worship
H			Youth Group
Mon	$21^{\text{st}}$		ther King - office closed
Tue	$22^{\rm nd}$		Children's Chapel
		7:00 pm	
Wed	$23^{\rm rd}$	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	$26^{ ext{th}}$	11:00 am	Hour of Prayer
			Manna Mission Meal
Sun	$27^{\text{th}}$	9:00 am	
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	
			ip & Grilled Cheese
			Youth Group
Tue	$29^{\text{th}}$	-	Bible Study
Wed	$30^{\text{th}}$	*	Choir Practice
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		Feb	ruary
Sat	$2^{\text{nd}}$		UMM Devotional
		9:00 am	UMM Meeting
		- Sat 9 Far	mily Promise Week
Sun	$3^{\rm rd}$		Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	
		10:30 am	Worship
		5:30 pm	Youth Group

Mon	$4^{ ext{th}}$	7:00 pm	SPRC
Tue	$5^{ ext{th}}$	Mountain	Mission Pick-Up
		7:00 pm	Bible Study
Wed	$6^{ ext{th}}$	12:00 pm	Caring Team
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Manna Mission Meeting
Thur	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	WIM
Sun	$10^{ ext{th}}$	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship
		5:30 pm	Youth Group
Mon	$11^{\text{th}}$	7:00 pm	Council on Ministries
Tue	$12^{\scriptscriptstyle  ext{th}}$	10:30 am	Children's Chapel
		7:00 pm	Bible Study
Wed	$13^{\scriptscriptstyle th}$	6:00 pm	Mission Committee Mtg
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thur	$14^{ ext{th}}$	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
Fri	$15^{\scriptscriptstyle th}$	8:00 pm	Winter Jam
Sat	$16^{\text{th}}$	11:00 am	Hour of Prayer
Sun	$17^{\text{th}}$	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship
		5:30 pm	Youth Group
Mon	$18^{\text{th}}$	6:30 pm	Trustee Meeting
Wed	$20^{\text{th}}$	5:45 pm	Worship Meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	$23^{\rm rd}$	5:00 pm	Manna Mission Meal
Sun	$24^{ ext{th}}$	9:00 am	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Conformation Class
		10:30 am	Worship
(Z)		5:30 pm	Youth Group
Tue	$26^{\circ}$	10:30 am	Children Chapel
		7:00 pm	Bible Study
Wed	$27^{\text{th}}$	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
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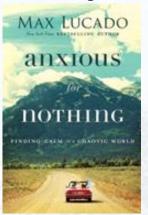


#### New Bible Study Starting Tuesday, Jan 22 at 7pm

Do you feel weighted down with worry? Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Are irrational fears your constant companion? Could you use some calm? In this five-session video Bible study, bestselling author Max Lucado explores God's treatment plan for anxiety found in Philippians 4:4–8. As you follow this prescription – celebrating God's goodness, asking for his help, leaving your concerns with him, and meditation on good things – you will experience God's peace. This is a peace that "transcends all understanding" and will help you reframe the way you look at your fears.

#### Sessions include:

- Rejoice in the Lord Always
- Let Your Gentleness Be Evident to All
- Present Your Requests to God
- The Peace of God Will Guard Your Heart
- Meditate on These Things



### **Monthly Hour of Prayer**

Acts 4:31- "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."

Every month we will gather for a time of corporate Prayer in the sanctuary. We will take the time to pray at the altar for our Church, Community and the World. We will also touch and pray over every pew in our sanctuary that God will bless each and every person seated in the pews on Sunday. We will close our time of prayer by praying a blessing over each other. This month's prayer meeting will be on Saturday, Jan 26 at 11am. From February till December we will gather for prayer on third Saturdays of each month. We hope you can join us as we wait upon the Lord in Prayer.